

# Saint Matthew Catholic Church

August 23, 2020  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Mt 16:19**



## Parish Center Office (Oficina)

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)  
221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148  
\* Call Parish Center Before Coming.

[www.stmatthewausau.org](http://www.stmatthewausau.org)

YouTube:

“St. Matthew Wausau”

Facebook:

“St Matthew Catholic Church”

Online Donations to St Matthew Parish:

[www.stmatthewausau.org/donations](http://www.stmatthewausau.org/donations)

Emailed Bulletins:

[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

Diocese of La Crosse: [www.dioc.org](http://www.dioc.org)

## Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

Weekends: Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am  
Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

**\*Bishop Callahan continues to dispense the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.**

**Sunday Mass can be viewed on our website any time after 4 pm Saturday and all day Sunday.**

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday: 8 am  
**\*Weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed on YouTube at 8 am.**

## Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9 am - 5 pm  
Benediction at 4:50 pm

## Guidelines for Attending Sunday Mass

### Sign Up Not Required for Attending Mass

- We welcome you to attend Mass. Accommodations for social distancing will be made if attendance is greater than 120 individuals (25% occupancy standard), which we haven't exceeded.
- Please wear a face mask while attending Mass due to government mandates. Please bring your own face mask (some face masks & hand sanitizers are available at entrances).
- Please come 10 minutes early, so ushers can seat everyone before Mass begins.

## Greetings from Our New Associate Pastor, Fr Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar



Hello, Everyone!

My name is Father Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar and I am from Mexico. My parents are José and María Luisa and I have 5 siblings, 3 sisters and 2 brothers and I have 9 nephews and 6 nieces. I grew up in a small town in the state of Jalisco in western Mexico. My hometown's name is **"Mezcala de la Asunción"** *Mezcala of the Assumption of Our Lady*, and our church is also dedicated to this title of Mary. I like to cook and learned it from my Mom. I love spicy food. My home community has a lot of religious traditions. It taught me to love, honor, trust, and imitate Mary, as well as expect from Mary her powerful intercession before her Son.

My path toward serving the Church began when I was asked if I wanted to be an altar server. I was only three years old. I was so **happy when I was told I would become one. Although thinking back now, I didn't realize at the time that they never told me "when"**. Only in my dreams I was an altar server, but I enjoyed it. Years later in seminary, I was able to serve Mass for the first time!

**At the age of 14, when my Pastor and parents drove me several hours to the seminary to begin my formation, I didn't realize that I would be sharing life with another 289 minor seminarians, who were complete strangers to me. I remember I often said to myself "I need to return home", but, little by little, I started enjoying Seminary life.**

I completed my priestly formation in the Archdiocese of Guadalajara, Mexico. A seminary classmate told me about the La Crosse Diocese in Wisconsin. He said I could find out if they needed priests willing to share their ministry with the Hispanic community, something I had thought about more than once. These considerations prompted me to think and pray. Finally, I decided to accept, although I was conscious that facing a new culture and learning a new language would be hard for me. God would never leave me, that is for sure.

I have been a priest for three years and my first assignment was as associate pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Sparta and St. John Baptist in Summit Ridge. Two years later, I was sent to La Crosse because the Diocese granted me the opportunity to study English and I tried to do my best. I really believe that in this way I will be able to serve the Diocese better.

**And then I came back to Wausau. I say "came back" because I was here almost nine years ago. This was the first parish I lived in.** The very first image of Wausau was it was a snowy town because it was winter when I arrived. Can you imagine how I felt? I almost froze. I am kidding. I can say I enjoyed each day while I was in Wausau.

I am so happy to be here again! I am very sure that God brought me to the right community and the right parishioners. I need to learn about your culture and your language. Please, help me speak English because it will be easier for me to serve you. Please pray for me. Be sure I will pray for all of you.

God bless you!

Fr Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar

Live-Streamed/Prerecorded Sunday & Daily Mass  
La Crosse Diocese Live-Stream Schedule:

diolc.org/live & diolc.org/tvmass; diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook, and Wausau TV channels (Ch):



- Cable & Satellite: Ch 12 at 6:30 am Sunday  
 Public Access: Ch 980 at 6 pm Sat & 9 am Sunday
- **Monday-Saturday English Mass: 8:00 am**
  - **Monday-Saturday Spanish Mass: 8:30 am**
  - **Sunday English Mass: 9:30 am**
  - **Sunday Spanish Mass: 10:30 am**

EWTN: www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live; EWTN App; YouTube Channel, & TV Sunday and daily Masses broadcast at 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm & 11 pm  
Relevant Radio: www.relevantradio.com and on Relevant Radio App  
 Live-streamed Sunday and daily Masses: 12 noon Sunday - Saturday.  
 Previous Masses available 30 minutes after live broadcast in their archive.



HOPE Life Center's Operation Baby Bottle

Please pick up a baby bottle in the Angelorum and fill it with your coins, cash, or checks.

Return your filled baby bottle to the Angelorum on the weekend of August 29th & 30th. Thank you for your support!



Annual Evening of Reflection Cancelled

We are cancelling our Annual Evening of Reflection this year. We have high hopes of having it next year, 2021. It had been scheduled for October 1st so please take it off your calendars.

Pray for an end to this Co-Vid19. Thank you.



Coming this September to St. Matthew

20 week Bible Study-Acts by Jeff Cavins

**The Compelling Story of the First Christians**

Acts is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

*The Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* study program traces how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

The 20-session *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* study program will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ.

Good Fellowship, Discussion, Growth in Faith

Class starts: Tuesday, September 8th

Select a time that fits your schedule:

10:30 am or 6:30 pm, Tuesdays

RSVP: by August 23rd so we may order the Acts workbooks.

Call Janet at 715-575-4264

Group facilitator is Lyonel Wisnewski

Celebration of Sacraments



Confession

Saturday: 11:00 am - 12 noon or by Appointment

Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Class must be attended by the parents and the Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center at 715-842-3148.

Next Baptism Class: Monday, September 14: 6:30 pm-Parish Center Patio Rm

Bautismo

Para Bautismos los padres y padrinos deben tomar una clase de preparación. Generalmente las clases son el primer martes de cada mes a las 6:30 pm en el centro parroquial. Para mayor informes y registrarse para la clase llame a Joy al 715-842-3148.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with Fr Bob.

Anointing of the Sick

Call Dorothy at 715-432-5519 to make arrangements for:

- Anointing of the Sick - available when you are seriously ill or before a scheduled surgery.
- Visits to the Homebound - visits to your home, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

Hospital Visits - Let the hospital know when you are admitted that you would like to have Fr Bob or Fr Juan Pedro visit you.

In Need of Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you when you need extra prayer. Call Bonnie at 715-675-9876.

\* You may also call the Parish Center at 715-842-3148



Scrip Gift Cards are Still Available to Buy at St Matthew Parish Center!!!



Call the Parish Center at 715-842-3148

or Stop by Monday-Thursday 8 am - 4 pm

Shop with *Scrip Gift Cards* in everyday categories including groceries, gas, restaurants and more. Over 100 Wausau Area Businesses have *Scrip Gift Cards* available for purchase.

Buy cards for you and your family for everyday purchases and **don't forget they make perfect gifts for that hard to buy for person!**

Help support St Matthew Parish without spending extra money by using Scrip when you shop. When you buy a \$25 Texas Roadhouse Scrip Gift Card you get \$25 to spend at Texas Roadhouse Restaurant and the Texas Roadhouse gives St Matthew Parish a 15% **rebate. It's a win-win situation.** You get to eat good food and St Matthew Parish receives a rebate! (Rebate percentages vary from 1.5% to 25% depending on the business. If you buy Scrip directly online that you choose St Matthew Parish as the beneficiary.)

How to Order Scrip Gift Cards

1. St Matthew Parish Center: Call 715-842-3148 to order Scrip. To get Scrip by Thursday, call in your order by 9 am Monday. *No transaction fees when you pay St Matthew Parish directly!*
2. Newman Catholic Schools Scrip Office - Online Only: Call: 715-849-7713 Email: scrip@newmancatholicschools.com  
 If you pay with a credit card there is a 2.6% fee per transaction, or to order online you will need to set up a PrestoPay account.

Summer Scrip Hours: Monday and Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm



## This Week at Saint Matthew

### Tuesday, August 25

Family Life Committee Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 6 pm

### Wednesday, August 26

Confirmation (Confirmandi) Parent Meeting #1 - Angelorum: 6 pm

### Thursday, August 27

**Men's Club Meeting** - School Cafeteria: 7 pm

*Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement*  
Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference  
Saturday, August 29th: 9 am - 5 pm  
Freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life  
the "cage" of everyday discouragement we all experience.



Live-streamed presentations by Fr Timothy Gallagher, a world-renowned

teacher and spiritual director. For details with a downloadable brochure and to register online, go to: [www.dioc.org/witness](http://www.dioc.org/witness)

**Cost is \$15 which includes Fr Gallagher's book shipped to your home. Read "Facing Our Greatest Obstacle in Life" that explains why you would want to attend this important Conference.**

### Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Thorn      Finance Secretary: Barb Splinter  
Associate Pastor:                      Plant Manager: Jason Seliger  
    Rev. Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar      DRE & Hispanic RE: Joy Orozco  
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Tom Tierney      Bulletin Editor: Rosemary Beever  
Pastoral Care: Dorothy Giallombardo      **Bulletin Deadline - 3 pm Monday:**  
Secretary: Ann Graveen                      [rosemarybulletin@stmatthewausau.org](mailto:rosemarybulletin@stmatthewausau.org)



### Sharing God's Blessings

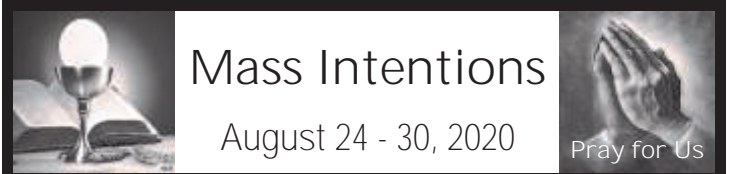
Thank You for Your Continued Support!

Minimum Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly.....	\$9,612.00
Sunday Collection (Aug 8th & 9th).....	\$8,766.09
Debt Reduction.....	\$795.11
Parish Fundraiser.....	\$1,100.00
Sunday Collection (Aug 15th & 16th).....	\$8,609.90
Debt Reduction.....	\$761.81
Parish Fundraiser.....	\$12,966.15
SCRIP (both weeks).....	\$2,565.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: August 17 - Kevin Malovrh (#1421)

Parish Contributions: Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations - staff payroll, insurance payments, utility bills, building maintenance, etc. While public Masses are limited at this time, our daily work of parish and pastoral ministry will continue on. Please consider sending your weekly donations by:

- Mail (St Matthew Parish, 221 S 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401)
- Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer from your bank (to set up, contact Barb at: 715-842-3148 or email: [barbsr@stmatthewausau.org](mailto:barbsr@stmatthewausau.org)).
- Bill Pay through your Bank (contact your bank to set up).
- Online Giving: (via credit card or direct debit)
  - [www.stmatthewausau.org/donations](http://www.stmatthewausau.org/donations) (one-time donations)
  - [www.stmatthewausau.org/payments](http://www.stmatthewausau.org/payments) (recurring donations available)



## Mass Intentions

August 24 - 30, 2020

Pray for Us

Monday 8:00 am - †Marlene Ptaszynski  
Tuesday 8:00 am - †Rick Henrichs  
Wednesday 8:00 am - †Don Southworth (St. Bernard Circle)  
Thursday 8:00 am - †Robert & †Julie Bourguignon and  
    †Deceased Schauer & Bourguignon Families  
Friday 8:00 am - †Tom Connolly  
Saturday 8:00 am - †John Ludkey  
    4:30 pm - †Margaret Shebuski  
Sunday 8:00 am - †Martha Stencil  
    10:00 am - †Claude Witzeling  
    12 noon - Priest's Intention

## Scripture Readings

Monday, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle  
Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145/Jn 1:45-51  
Tuesday, August 25 - Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
2 Thes 2:1-3, 14-17/Ps 96/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday, August 26  
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday, August 27 - Saint Monica  
1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday, August 28 - Saint Augustine, Bishop/Doctor of Church  
1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday, August 29 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist  
1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33/Mk 6:17-29  
Sunday, August 30 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



### Would You Like to be Visited While in the Hospital?



If you would like Father to visit you or a family member when admitted to the hospital, please call the Parish Center (715-842-3148) or Dorothy (715-432-5519).

Also, notify the hospital to put you on the St Matthew parishioner list. It is important to notify St Matthew Parish when you are in the hospital, as we cannot guarantee the hospital will always notify us. Currently, Father is able to visit those in the hospital but not in nursing homes.

### Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday August 29 4:30 pm	Sunday August 30 8:00 am	Sunday August 30 10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
Norm Howe	Mike Jilek	Cathy Ortscheid
<b>Musicians</b>		
Lynn Meyer Dorothy Giallombardo	Marie Stubbe Annette Southworth	Joel Stubbe Nancy Losinski

Sacrament of Baptism

*"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*



We welcome into the Catholic Faith:

Baptized Sunday, August 16, 2020

Liam Rocha Reyes

Ariana Rocha Reyes

Evelyn Rocha Reyes

Children of Sarahi Rocha Reyes

Congratulations!

May Jesus be your dearest companion!



Thank You Very Much to the Peacemakers Quilters for your generous donation to St Matthew Parish Fund Raiser!



**Men's Club Picnic**

Has Been Canceled on Thursday, August 27th



If you have not yet done so, please register your child for classes as soon as possible. Families and students must be enrolled by the last week of August. You will find the registration form on our webpage: [www.stmatthewausau.org](http://www.stmatthewausau.org)

This year classes will be held on the first Wednesday of each month September – May for grades k-9th.

Confirmation preparation (10th grade) will be the second Wednesday of each month.

Please call Joy at (715) 842-3148 for more information.

**PLEASE HELP US!!!**



Our Religious Education Department is in need of a Kindergarten catechist.

Please consider giving an hour and a half on a Wednesday, **once a month** to

help the families and children of our parish grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus.

Call Joy at (715) 842-3148 for more information or to sign up.

**With Sincere Thanks!**



I can't express how grateful I am for all the love that poured out to me and my family from St. Matthew parishioners at the time of Don's death. I am truly grateful to call you all my family. It has been very traumatic for me and my family but you all helped make it better.

The funeral was beautiful!

Thank you, Bill for cantoring, Mike for reading, and Gary for serving Mass. Fr Bob and Fr Peter were wonderful, of course. Dorothy is certainly in the right vocation and I thank her for all the caring I felt from her. Thank you all again!

May God bless you all and keep you safe. Annette

Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?



Join Our RCIA Classes Starting at the End of September and Grow in Understanding and Faith.

Are you someone you know interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? We invite you to join our RCIA classes which

will be starting at the end of September. If you are an adult catholic who has not been confirmed and would like to go through the confirmation program to be confirmed, please attend the RCIA classes.

Call 715-842-3148 or talk to Fr Bob to sign up.

Photos from Fr Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar  
Mi Parroquia: Nuestra Señora de la Asunción  
My Parish: Our Lady of the Assumption



La celebración de la solemnidad de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción  
The celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady of the Assumption

