



Gospel Meditation
A Deeper Understanding of Scripture
All Saints

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail

demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. **They are ordinary people who in their “extraordinary ordinariness”** capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the “more” of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith.



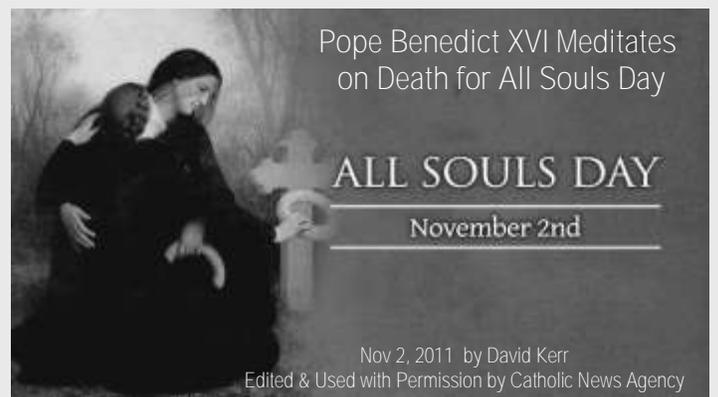
Everyday Saints

Growing up I thought saints were larger than life people with extraordinary stories. The thought that I could one day be revered as a saint by anyone seemed crazy. I wrote my essays on different saints

every year in Catholic school right around All Saints Day. These were stories about people I had never met, and I assumed I would never meet anyone like them going forward.

Now that I am older, I realize that I was wrong back then and my immaturity of both mind and heart did not allow me to see that there are saints among us all the time. I have met many people in my life that I would call living saints. They are holy people who give of themselves to God and others in profound ways. Their relationship with Jesus is evident and they live their lives in ways that people witness the transformative power of love.

As a child I was wrong about saints, but even more importantly, I didn't fully realize that all of us are called to be saints! Me, a saint? Holiness is not something simply studied in books. It is the way of life we are all called to live. The call comes from Jesus Christ and each of us must respond. If we are still thinking like children, we may choose to stay silent and live accordingly. If we are more mature in our faith then we might not only respond, we might one day have a school child write a report about us. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



“As human beings, we have a natural fear of death and we rebel against its apparent finality,” Pope Benedict said to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the weekly general audience.

“Faith teaches us that the fear of death is lightened by a great hope, the hope of eternity, which gives our lives their fullest meaning. The God who is love offers us the promise of eternal life through the death and resurrection of His Son.”

Therefore, said the Pope, “in Christ, death no longer appears as an abyss of emptiness, but rather a path to life which will never end.” In the Catholic Church, the month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead. Today priests around the world are given special permission to say three Masses – one for the Pope, one for the dead and one for a personal intention. It is also customary to visit family graves on this day. In some Spanish speaking countries – such as Mexico – this has evolved into a pious national festival known as the “Day of the Dead.”

The Pope said that a visit to the cemetery “to pray for loved ones who have left us” is a good reminder of the “Communion of Saints” and that there is a “close link between we who still walk upon the earth and our countless brothers and sisters who have already reached eternity.”

And yet many of us still fear death, observed the Pope, giving three reasons why this is the case. He pointed to fear of the unknown, the apparent destruction of “all that was beautiful and great” in our lifetime, and also a fear of judgement, particularly for those actions that “with skill, we often remove or attempt to remove from our consciousness.”

The Pope said that modern society often tries to approach death using the “criteria of scientific experimentalism,” so that the “great question of death must be answered not with faith, but with testable, empirical knowledge.”

But this approach, he cautioned, can end up in a form of spiritualism where, in an attempt to have contact with the world beyond death, we almost imagine “a reality” that is “a copy of the present.”

This worldview reduces man to “a horizontal dimension” and causes life to lose “its deeper meaning.”

The life of a person is understandable, Pope Benedict said, “only if there is a love that overcomes all isolation, even that of death.” The practical impact of this is that “only those who can recognize a great hope in death, can also live a life based on hope.”

The Pope then reminded pilgrims of the numerous occasions where Christ confirmed the reality of life after death, including upon the Cross on Calvary when He “addressed the criminal crucified on His right,” with the words, “Truly I tell you, with Me today you will be in Paradise.”

“Christ is the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Him will never die,” Pope Benedict said in conclusion.

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, November 9: 6:30 pm

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



La Crosse Diocese Televised Mass

Wausau TV channels (Ch):

Cable & Satellite: Ch 12 at 6:30 am Sunday
Public Access: Ch 980 at 6 pm Sat, 9 am Sun

La Crosse Diocese Weekday Mass:

Mass is available any time of day at:

- www.diolc.org/live

- www.diolc.org/tvmass;
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/dioceseoflacrosse
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/pg/diolc/videos

EWTN: www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live; EWTN App; YouTube Channel, & TV Sunday and daily Masses are at 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm & 11 pm

Relevant Radio: www.relevantradio.com & on Relevant Radio App
Live-streamed Sunday and daily Masses: 12 noon Sunday - Saturday.
Previous Masses available 30 minutes after live broadcast.

Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004.

Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.

PRO-LIFE ROSARIES WITH THE BISHOPS OF WISCONSIN



To participate visit www.diolc.org/live
7:30 - 8:00 pm November 1st

Live-Streamed Pro-Life Rosary

Archbishop Jerome Edward Listcki, Archdiocese of Milwaukee will lead the closing rosary on the Feast of All Saints, concluding with his invocation through the Litany of the Saints. The bishops of Wisconsin have been praying to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. **May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.**



Come Follow Me!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, **"Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord** continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me:

Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!



THE 2020 WINTER WONDERLAND VIRTUAL MASQUERADE AUCTION



Silent Auction
November 4 - 15, 2020

Live and Fund-A-Need
November 12, 2020

Virtual Silent Auction: Closes on Nov 15th at noon. Prior to Nov 4, setup your online bidding account at: <https://newman2020auction.ggo.bid>
To bid in the Silent Auction, log in to your account. Bid on items that are available - You can set max bids and receive text alerts when someone has outbid you or use the buy it now option.

Item pickup: Tues, Nov 17th - Fri Nov 20th at the high school.

Live Auction and Fund-A-Need - Nov 12th - 6:30PM: Setup your online bidding account at: <https://newman2020auction.ggo.bid> by Nov 12th. **You will need two devices to participate.** Log in to your account on your phone to bid. Using a tablet, laptop or desktop log in to our virtual live streamed auction event at: <https://www.avstream.me/winterwonderland2020>
Watch the virtual live streamed presentation while bidding on your phone!

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Thank you for Supporting St. Matthew Parish!!!



This Week at Saint Matthew
(Please bring a mask.)

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day

Adoration - Church: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Bible Study - Canceled Today

Wednesday, November 4

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm
Religious Education: "Family Formation K-6th" and 7th, 8th, 9th Grades
- School Cafeteria: 5:50 pm

Thursday, November 5

Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group - Angelorum: 6:00 pm



Sharing God's Blessings

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

Minimum Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly.....	\$9,612.00
Sunday Collection Oct 17-18.....	\$7,160.74
Sunday Collection Oct 24-25.....	\$6,373.85
3rd Sunday Collection.....	\$1,391.00
SCRIP.....	\$1,455.00

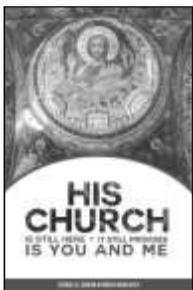
Sincere "Thanks" are given to those who have generously contributed \$2,470.00 towards the Boiler needed in the school.

Calendar Raffle Winner: October 26 - Keith Ziegelbauer (#158)

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: barbfinance@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 (one-time donations)
 - www.stmatthewausau.org/payments (recurring donations available)

Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2020-2021 Target of \$72,700



His Church is Still Here,
His Church Still Provides,
His Church is You and Me.

Parishioners, when you receive your pledge cards, please fill them out and send to the Diocese in the envelope with the pledge card and your pledge amount. Your contribution is very important to the success of our parish target, which will be published at a later date. Thank you for your commitment to our parish. God bless and keep you healthy!

Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

Pastor: Rev Robert C Thorn - frbob@stmatthewausau.org
Assoc Pastor: Rev Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar- frjuan@stmatthewausau.org
Deacon: Rev Mr Tom Tierney
Pastoral Care: Dorothy Giallombardo - dorothy@stmatthewausau.org
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Plant Manager: Jason Seliger
DRE & Hispanic RE: Joy Orozco - joydre@stmatthewausau.org
Bulletin Editor: Rosemary Beever - rosemarybulletin@stmatthewausau.org
Bulletin Deadline - 3 pm Monday



Mass Intentions

November 2 - 8, 2020



Pray for Us

Monday	8:00 am	†Sharon & Allan Seubert
Tuesday	8:00 am	†Rick Henrichs
Wednesday	8:00 am	†Bud & †Georgie Flagel
Thursday	8:00 am	Therese Beever
Friday	8:00 am	†Marge Rosnostik
Saturday	8:00 am	†Joseph Berndt
	4:30 pm	†Deceased Parents of Don & Mary Radtke Baur
Sunday	8:00 am	†Don Southworth
	10:00 am	Blessings on the Marriage of Gary & Judy Koy
	12 noon	St Matthew Parishioners

Scripture Readings

Monday, November 2 - **All Souls' Day**

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23/Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday, November 3 - Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 5

Phil 3:3-8/Ps 105/Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 6

Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 7

Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 8 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13



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 November 7 4:30 pm	Sunday November 8 8:00 am	Sunday November 8 10:00 am
Lectors		
Mary Holm	Mike Jilek	Joel Hynes
Musicians		
Cindy Blair Anne Paul	Marie Stubbe Annette Southworth	Joel Stubbe Nancy Losinski

Adoration
Tuesday, November 3rd
9 am - 8 pm
Come and Pray

Adoration *for our* Nation

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain...Rev 21:4*

Our Prayers & Sympathy go to the Family & Friends of:



Loretta "Lottie" Gustafson
She died Monday - October 19, 2020
She is the Mother of Paulette McDonald
and Kristi (Matt) Lorge and
Granddaughters: Kelly (Keith) Ziegelbauer
Melissa (Justen) Willemon

Karl Williams
He died Sunday, October 25th

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen*

Dear St. Matthew Parishioners,
Happily I have returned home a month ago on October 17th. You cannot imagine how grateful I am for all your prayers and concerns that helped me through the almost four months working hard in therapy, etc. to gain back all my abilities I had lost due to my accident. Now I am able to walk and continue my work in our Central Services as I had done when living in Stevens Point. I love you all and God's blessings for all you have done for me now and in my past in Wausau.
A Mass will be celebrated for your intentions at St. Matthew Church on November 21st at **4:30 pm as a "Thank You"**. Sr. Angelora Grossman



"Family Formation"

St Matthew Religious Education

Wednesday, November 4th

Please come to School Cafeteria at 5:50 pm.

Classes begin at 6:00 pm for all students K-9th grades.

Family Formation: K-6th Grade and Grades 7, 8, 9 will meet at St Matthew School every 1st Wednesday of the month.

*Note: There will NOT be *Family Dinners* for families and students in K-6th grade until further notice.

"The Book of the Dead"

On November 1st, "The Book of the Dead" will be placed near the banner with the names of our deceased parishioners and family members of parishioners. We invite you to add the names of family or friends who have died, especially those who have died in this past year.



November Election & Faithful Citizenship

ELECTION In these turbulent times, and with the election just a few days away, what should a Catholic be thinking about and weighing?
For a reflection on "Voting as a Christian," a comparison of Republican and Democratic Party Platforms, and a wealth of resources from the US Bishops and the Wisconsin Bishops, visit diolc.org/faithfulcitizenship

Voter Guides and Candidate Comparisons

For purposes of voter education, there are many voter guides and candidate comparisons that can be consulted. In the sampling below, the first two links are from explicitly Christian organizations and the second two are from secular sources.
Many more can be accessed through a simple Internet search.

- ivoterguide.com
- prayvotestand.org/guides
- knowyourvote.io
- votesmart.org

* A Free E-Book "Vote your Conscience" can be obtained at www.relevantradio.com

* In the Angelorum, is a simple *Presidential Voter Guide* that gives a comparison of how each candidate stands on different issues.



**SAVE THE DATE
JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL
NIGHT IN PERU
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020
6:30 pm-7:15 pm**



Though we will not be together in person this year for our annual benefactor dinner, we invite you to join us in "traveling" to Peru for a night to connect with the children, families and staff at Casa Hogar in a new way. Please save the date for an evening filled with music, Peruvian food, house tours and of course some international smiles during our Night in Peru!

Register online at: www.homeajpm.org/events
For information: 608-791-2653 or email: ssceery@ajpm.org.pe