





### Gospel Meditation A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

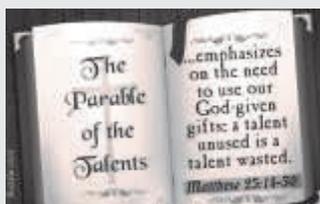
God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's

greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy. ©LPI



### Buried in Your Backyard

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was

at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

### Feast Day - November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**"Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived: loving God only, desiring God only, trying to please God only in all that we do."**

*Saint John Vianney*

**"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."**

*Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

Today is the feast day of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple. It is said that Saint Anne made a promise to God while she was still barren that if she could have a child she would dedicate her son/daughter to Him. So it is said that when Mary was 3 years old her parents took her to the Temple and offered her to God. This feast day was first celebrated in Jerusalem in the 6th century, and began to be celebrated in the western churches in the 11th century. It became a feast day in the Church universally in the 16th century.



### From the Diocese of La Crosse

#### Praying for the Dead: A Spiritual Work of Mercy

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the repose of the souls of the departed. For some excellent information on this practice and on the Church's teaching

about Purgatory, visit

[www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feastdays/all-souls-20378](http://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feastdays/all-souls-20378)

#### Pray for Our Country

With razor-thin margins and questions about the integrity of the process, the U.S. is much divided in the wake of the November 3 elections. Please hold our nation in your prayers, that all issues might be resolved righteously and peacefully.

Act: Ethical vaccines; Ending mail-order abortion; Ending Federal Executions

Find out how to make your voice heard on important issues highlighted by the US Bishops. Visit [www.voterveice.net/USCCB/home](http://www.voterveice.net/USCCB/home)

### The Importance of Thanksgiving



During this season of Thanksgiving, let us become more aware, throughout each day, of the things for which we can be thankful, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. The following Scripture passages help us to know how to express our gratitude to God. Take a

minute to stop and read these Bible verses aloud as you think about all the ways God has blessed you this past year!

- "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).
- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).
- "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1).

## 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, January 11: 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.dioc.org/live](http://www.dioc.org/live)
- [www.dioc.org/tvmas](http://www.dioc.org/tvmas);
- YouTube: [www.youtube.com/user/dioceseoflacrosse](http://www.youtube.com/user/dioceseoflacrosse)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pg/diolc/videos](http://www.facebook.com/pg/diolc/videos)

EWTN: [www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live](http://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](http://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.

## Subscriptions to "The WORD Among Us"



*The Word Among Us* magazine offers the daily Mass readings and meditations, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more! If you are interested in receiving a subscription to "The WORD Among Us" (for \$18/year - a discounted group rate), please call Dorothy at: 715-432-5519 or Judy at: 715-675-9215. Subscription will be starting soon, so let Dorothy or Judy know as soon as possible if you are interested.

## Ray's Breakfast Club

**Wednesday, November 18th at 9 am, "all men"**

are invited to breakfast at the Eagles Nest Restaurant. **Ray's Breakfast Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday** of each month at various locations.

All Men are Welcome!



## Visiting and Anointing of the Sick

With the current covid 19 situation, hospital and nursing home visits by a priest are not always allowed. If you or a loved one would like to receive the **Sacrament of the "Anointing of the Sick"**,

please call as soon as possible:

Dorothy at (715-432-5519) or the Parish Center (715-842-3148)

When you know in advance that you are going to the hospital for a procedure, it will be easier for a priest to come to your home to anoint you. The hospital and nursing homes may not always allow visitors.

Often we have not received information from the hospital when a parishioner has been admitted, so please call us to let us know. Even if Fr Bob or Fr Juan Pedro are not able to visit the hospital or nursing home, you and your loved ones can be prayed for. Critically ill patients may receive exceptions for a priest to come to provide them with the Sacraments, so please notify us. Thank you!



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

## Soup Sale Fundraiser in December



St. Matthew Parish would like to be able to hold the "Soup Sale" fundraiser in December. The exact date is still undetermined because we need volunteers for preparation and selling. All workers/volunteers would be required to social distance and wear masks.

If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Center, 715-842-3148, and we will write you in and then keep you informed.

## GREEN & GOLD RAFFLE

St. Ladislaus Parish, Bevent. First Prize: \$1,000 cash. 14 great prizes. Seven outlets to get tickets.

[www.stladislaus.weebly.com](http://www.stladislaus.weebly.com) and Facebook

Tickets: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 You need not be present to Win!

Drawing on January 3, 2021 at 11:30 am



Due to Covid-19, Court St. Rose #1062 of the Catholic Daughters has canceled all meetings through the end of December.

The situation will be reevaluated in January, 2021 to see when meetings will resume.



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

Tuesday, November 17

Bible Study - Church, Angelorum: 10:30 am - 12 noon  
Bible Study - Church, Angelorum: 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Buildings & Grounds Meeting - School Cafeteria: 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 18

**Ray's Breakfast Club** - Eagles Nest Restaurant: 9:00 am  
Staff Meeting - Parish Center: 9:30 am  
Catechist Meeting - Church, Angelorum: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 19

Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group - Church, Angelorum: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Parish Center Temporary Office Hours:



Mon, Weds, Fri: 9 am - 12 noon  
Tues, Thurs: 1 pm - 3 pm

221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

Please call before coming to the Parish Center to ensure it is open.

**Attention Key Holders**

Be aware that the alarm and surveillance system is operational.



**Sharing God's Blessings**

*Thank You for Your Continued Support!*

Minimum Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly.....\$9,612.00  
Sunday Collection.....\$8,085.46  
Contributions for School Boiler.....\$1,625.00

Calendar Raffle Winner: November 9 - Becky Fochs (#495)

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)

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  
Secretary:  
Finance Secretary: Barb Splinter - barbfinance@stmatthewausau.org  
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 16 - 22, 2020



Pray for Us

Monday 8:00 am - Living & †Deceased Butzen & Beaver Families  
Tuesday 8:00 am - †Michael "Mike" Lach  
Wednesday 8:00 am - †Bud and †Georgianna Flagel  
Thursday 8:00 am - Jack & †Margaret Shebuski  
Friday 8:00 am - †Frank and †Dorothy Butzen  
Saturday 8:00 am - †Marlene Ptaszynski  
4:30 pm - Special Intentions of St Matthew Parishioners  
Sunday 8:00 am - †Patricia Draeger  
10:00 am - Drefcinski Family  
12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

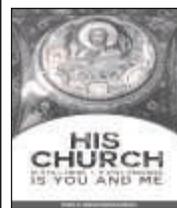
**Scripture Readings**

Monday, November 16 - St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude, Virgin  
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1/Lk 18:35-43  
Tues, November 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious  
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday, November 18 - Dedication of Basilicas of Saint Peter & Saint Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin  
Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday, November 19  
Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149/Lk 19:41-44  
Friday, November 20  
Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday, November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144/Lk 20:27-40  
Sunday, November 22 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



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

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



The diocese will be mailing your pledge cards in November. 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. Thank you for your commitment to our parish.

God bless and keep you healthy!

**Weekend - Liturgical Ministers**

Saturday November 21 4:30 pm	Sunday November 22 8:00 am	Sunday November 22 10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
Mary Holm	Theresa Stubbe	Mike Jilek
<b>Musicians</b>		
Lynn Meyer Anne Paul	Carla MacDonald Annette Southworth	Joel Stubbe Nancy Losinski

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Congratulations  
& God's Blessings  
on your  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Ray & Therese  
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*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:**



Mary Ruth Hanke  
She died Sunday - November 1, 2020  
She is the Sister of Carol Warosh

Glorianne Palm  
She died Monday - November 9, 2020

Larry Wiedenbenner  
He died Tuesday - November 10, 2020  
He is the Cousin of Rosemary (Kevin) Beever

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



**We're Hiring at St Matthew Parish**

Bookkeeper-Finance Secretary  
(30-35 hours/week)

We are looking for someone with experience to fill  
the position of "Bookkeeper-Finance Secretary". If you are interested in  
learning more about this position, please contact Fr Bob at:

715-842-3148 or email him at: [rcthorn@imap.cc](mailto:rcthorn@imap.cc)

Please send your resume with a cover letter and references to:

Rev. Robert Thorn  
St. Matthew Parish  
229 South 28th Ave.  
Wausau, WI 54401



**"The Book of the Dead"**

In November, "The Book of the Dead" is in the  
Angelorum by the Memorial Table. We invite you  
to add the names of family or friends who have  
died, especially those who have died in this past year.

**ADVENT VIRTUAL PARISH MISSION**

Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St Joseph

There will be four presentations, one for each week of Advent. The  
length of the talks will be roughly 30-40 minutes and discussion  
questions will be provided. The purpose of the Parish Mission is to  
bring parishioners together to prepare for Christmas and to strengthen  
the community.

St Matthew Parish Angelorum  
Monday Evenings @ 6:30 pm

November 30, December 7, 14 & 21

Thursday Mornings after the 8 am Mass

December 3, 10, 17 and  
December 22 (Tuesday)

Week 1

*St Joseph: The Man  
selected by God  
to be closest to  
Mary and to Jesus*

Presenter:  
Msgr Joseph Diermeier

Week 2

*Joseph and Mary:  
A Holy Love Story*

Presenter:  
Msgr Joseph Hirsch

Week 3

*The Holy Night through  
Joseph's Eyes*

Presenter: Fr Woodrow Pace

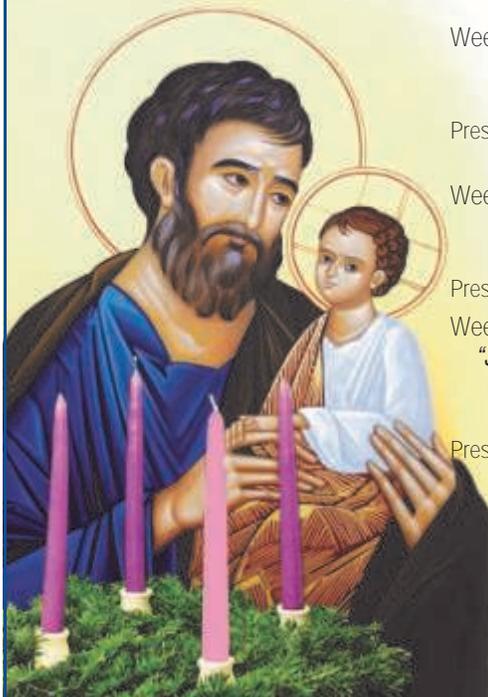
Week 4

*"Joseph, Son of David...  
You are to give Him  
the Name Jesus"*

Presenter:  
Bishop William Callahan

For information call:  
Kitty @ 715-297-7988 or  
Kathy @ 715-571-4495

To view online please  
visit: [diolc.org/advent](http://diolc.org/advent)



Update From the Wausau West  
Side Circle of Joy



Thanksgiving Basket Project

Due to the increase in Covid-19 virus presence in this area, we will NOT  
be assembling "BASKETS" as we've done for the past 48 years. There  
are many families, however HURTING and HUNGRY. We would like to  
help as many as possible, at least in having a nice meal for  
Thanksgiving. Therefore, we are asking anyone who would like to help  
us in this mission to donate cash, checks (made out to "The Wausau  
West Side Circle of Joy"), or gift cards to area grocers, meat markets, or  
KWIK TRIP and dropped off in the collection baskets at Mass or the  
Parish Center. Any personal paper or cleaning supplies we may receive  
will be stored for future requests.

NOTE: If you or any household of which you may know is in need of  
food for Thanksgiving or anytime, please call Karen at 715-842-3717  
or Lou at 715-848-4177. All donations are tax deductible and very  
much appreciated. We recently received an anonymous cash  
donation for \$50, Thank You Very Much! God knows who you are!  
Thank you again for each and every dollar.

**"We Are the Hands of Your Charitable Hearts"**



From the  
"Wausau West Side  
Circle of Joy"



The Salvation Army Shelter is collecting Blankets, Spreads, Quilts, &  
"Snuggles" to give to their Homeless Residents so that they may have  
something in which to wrap themselves for the night once they leave the  
shelter. NONE of these have to be new, however, they do have to be  
clean and in good repair.

If you have any extra blankets etc. (any size) to spare, please drop  
them off in the BLUE BINS in church or call Lou at 715-848-4177 for  
other arrangements. We are very concerned about the HOMELESS in  
our area especially now that cold weather is setting in. Thank you very  
much!

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