





## Seasoning



Shortly after my mother's second marriage in 1975 she moved to Hemet, California. I followed a couple of days later with my youngest sister, Virginia, in tow. I found a job washing dishes at a "retreat center" and prepping the food ... you know the usual slicing carrots, grating cheese, kneading bread dough, chopping up chickens, peeling potatoes, etc. Within a year I was promoted to chef, and as such, in charge of those prepping the meals and ensuring the food tasted just right. It was during that time that I learned the incredible secret of spices.

Spices, or seasonings as they are called by some, can make or break a delicious bowl of soup or a main dish. And you need just the right amount. I enjoyed experimenting with the various spices and their ability to heighten the flavor of food.

God also uses seasoning to spice up the lives of us northerners. What would we do without the four seasons of the year? Each adds a different flavor and affects us in a different way. In fact, I like to think of it as 8 seasons of the year – chilly fall, freezing cold winter, mushy cold winter, muddy spring, fragrant spring, mild summer, muggy summer, and then crispy, splendiferous fall with all its colors.

The Church in her wisdom also spices up our lives as we move through the year. This Advent weekend we begin a new Church year – and Cycle B (there are three one year cycles – A, B, and C) with its focus on the Gospel of Mark. During each new cycle the first reading (usually from the Old Testament) and the second reading (usually from the letters of Paul) also change; in fact, if you attended Mass every Sunday and weekday for three years, you would hear nearly the entire Bible read during Mass – an often unknown fact that slips by many practicing Catholics.

The rhythm of the Church year creates a flavor, as each season impacts us in a different way, spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally. The Advent season color purple creates a sense of majesty and beauty as we move from Ordinary Time (green) into the season of anticipation of the coming of the Messiah. In the ancient Church it was a time of fasting and prayer, like Lent.

This time of the Church year is flavored with excitement and anticipation. The Gloria, which is a hymn/prayer of praise and petition to the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is omitted from the liturgy to emphasize that we, like the ancient Israelites, are awaiting the coming of the promised Messiah. We anticipate the birth (day) of Jesus, the Son of God, but even more profoundly, as Christians, we await and we anticipate with longing the second coming of the Messiah, the establishment of the new kingdom of the reign of God on earth.

Like you, I am also praying for an end to this Covid pandemic that has caused such havoc, suffering, fear, and loneliness. Our hope is in the Lord and we await His coming into our lives in a profound way this Christmas, to bring us the best gift of all – Peace and Healing.

Let us prepare our hearts, minds and souls to open the doors of our hearts, to allow the Lord to shape and mold us **into the holy people we are called to be.** **"O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay and You the potter: We are all the work of Your hands.**

Fr Bob

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/diocl/videos](http://www.facebook.com/pg/diocl/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.



This Christmas Shop at  
**“AmazonSmile”**



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**“donation gift” from AmazonSmile at no extra cost to you.** All you have to do to sign up is go to: [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)  
 In the search bar for choosing your  
**“charitable organization” type:**  
 St. Matthew Parish Wausau

Then choose *St. Matthew Parish* as your *charitable organization.*  
 AmazonSmile has the same products as Amazon.  
 Merry Christmas Shopping!



**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!

**Attention Key Holders**  
 Be aware that the alarm and surveillance system is operational.

**Four Reasons to be Thankful**



1. Those who cultivate the habit of thankfulness **experience true Christian joy. And isn't this something that we desire?** When we count our many blessings, our attitude can turn away from any discouragement and lead us to be more generous with others.
2. **The more we hear “thank you” come from our mouth, the more we notice what people are doing for us and it can help to shift an attitude of discouragement as well.** Consider a person in your family you need to verbally thank for something specific; or thank a family member for who they are and what they mean to you. Growing in the habit of being thankful to God and others is well worth the effort.
3. We have every reason to be thankful. Jesus gave His life for us, experiencing the worst possible pain on the Cross, so that we can have eternal life with Him forever. And the Cross is in the shape of the **letter “T” which reminds us of the word “thanksgiving.”** Giving thanks to Jesus will foster greater humility as we recognize His incredible love for us.
4. Being thankful leads to peace and calm, which keeps us healthy. **When we focus on what we do have, rather than what we don't have,** stress diminishes, our shoulders relax and we can function better in so many ways.

**Celebration of Sacraments**

Confession - Saturday: 10:30 am - 12 noon  
 or by Appointment

Baptism - A Baptism Preparation Class must be attended by the parents. 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 at 715-842-3148.

Marriage - Contact Fr Bob 6 months in advance for arrangements.

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

**“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!

We Are the Hands of Your Charitable Hearts

**Collecting Calendars for Nursing Homes**



If you have extra calendars you would like to donate for nursing home residents, please put them in labeled box by the Blue Bins in the Angelorum. Thank You!



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

Monday, November 30

Finance Committee Meeting - Parish Center Patio Room: 6:00 pm  
Advent Virtual Parish Mission - Angelorum: 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 1

Bible Study - Church, Angelorum: 10:30 am - 12 noon  
Bible Study - Church, Angelorum: 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Parish Council Meeting - ZOOM: 5:45 pm

Wednesday, December 2

**Religious Education: "Family Formation K-6th" and 7th, 8th, 9th Grades**  
- School Cafeteria: 5:50 pm

Thursday, December 3

Advent Virtual Parish Mission - Angelorum: 9 am  
Healing Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group - Angelorum: 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 5

Confessions During Advent - Church: 10:30 - 12 Noon

Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

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Bulletin Submission Deadlines Until January 3, 2021

If you have a bulletin announcement, please submit it by 2:00 pm according to the following holiday submission dates. Send announcements to: rosemarybulletin@stmatthewausau.org

For Bulletin on This Weekend:	Deadline to Submit Announcements:
December 6	Monday, November 30 by 2:00 pm
December 13	Monday, December 7 by 2:00 pm
December 20	Sunday, December 13 by 2:00 pm
December 27	Thursday, December 17 by 2:00 pm
January 3	Sunday, December 27 by 2:00 pm



**Sharing God's Blessings**

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

Minimum Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly.....\$9,612.00  
Sunday Collection.....To Be Announced

Calendar Raffle Winner: November 23 - To Be Announced

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)



Mass Intentions

Nov 30 - Dec 6, 2020



Pray for Us

Monday 8:00 am - †Alicia Orozco  
Tuesday 8:00 am - †Rick Henrichs  
Wednesday 8:00 am - †Marge Rosnostick  
Thursday 8:00 am - †Betty Nass  
Friday 8:00 am - Special Intentions  
Saturday 8:00 am - †Poor Souls in Purgatory  
4:30 pm - †Joseph Berndt  
Sunday 8:00 am - Living & †Deceased Butzen & Beever Families  
10:00 am - †George Drefcinski  
12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

Scripture Readings

Monday, November 30 - Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2

Is 25:6-10/Ps 23/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4 - St John Damascene, Priest/Doctor of Church

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8

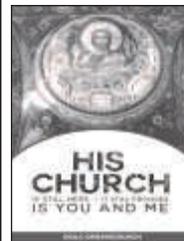
Sunday, December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



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

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



Please return your completed pledge cards in the envelope from the Diocese and put in the "Collection Basket" at weekend Mass or in the "Contribution Safe" in room by the entrance across from the school, or "Mail to the Diocese". Any contribution you can make will help us reach our parish target. We appreciate all donations.

Thank you! for your support!

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday December 5 4:30 pm	Sunday December 6 8:00 am	Sunday December 6 10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
Mary Holm	Bernie Dohr	Patty Thomson
<b>Musicians</b>		
Ellen Schumann Nancy Losinski	Bill Dohr Annette Southworth	Barb Britten Mary Lenard

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:**

Alicia Orozco

She died Friday - November 13, 2020  
She is the Mother of Jaime (Joy) Orozco

John Parker

He died Wednesday - November 18, 2020  
He is the Husband of Dorothy Parker

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

Condolences for John Parker may be sent to his wife at:

Dorothy Parker  
2100 East 6th Street - Room 427  
Merrill, WI 54452



Lost and Found Items  
Please pick up your  
"Lost and Found" items in the  
Angelorum!

**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 at 6:30 pm

November 30, December 7, 14 & 21

Thursday Mornings at 9 am

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

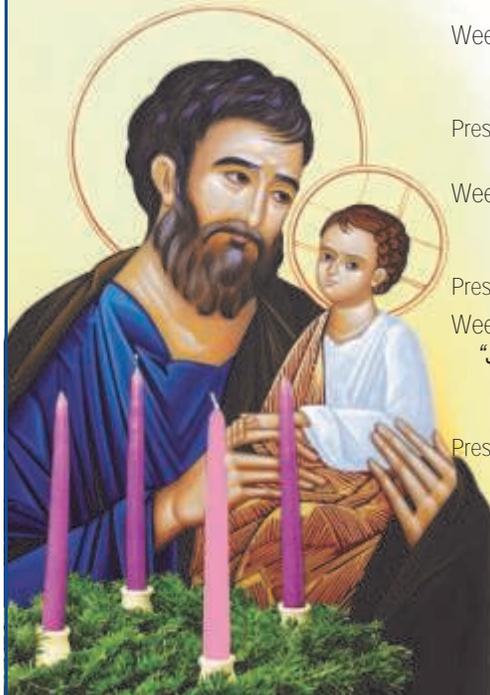
Week 4

*"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)



Buy **SCRIP Gift Cards** for Everyone  
this Christmas!!!  
They make great gifts & help the parish!  
Please submit your special orders for  
Christmas Presents by December 7 by 11 am  
to be sure they will arrive in time.

We still have our regular selections in the Parish Center.  
Please call 715-842-3148. Looking forward to selling  
on weekends in the Angelorum when it is safer for everyone.  
We are working on it!

Thank you for buying SCRIP! Merry Christmas!



Donations for Advent and Christmas  
Candles and Flowers

To beautify the church and sanctuary and to  
honor the birth of Jesus you may donate a  
candle or flowers in memory of loved ones.

Place your donations in an envelope, include your name and the name of the  
person you are remembering and put in the collection basket at Mass or mail to:  
(St Matthew Parish Center, 221 S. 28th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401)

Thank You and May You have a Blessed Christmas Season!!!



Advent Candles and Wreaths

Available for purchase in the Angelorum.

\$4.00 - Advent Candles  
(1 box/4 candle set)

\$7.00 - Metal Wreath

Please place payment in the box on the table or in an envelope  
(with note for what money is for) and put in the Collection Basket.

*The Advent Wreath*

*When you have a simple Advent Wreath on your family dinner  
table and light a candle for each week of Advent, and you pray  
together, you will enter more deeply into the proper preparation for  
Christmas.*

*A wreath can be assembled by simply using evergreen limbs from  
a tree in the yard and four candles.*

*May you have a blessed Advent!*



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 the soup.

All workers/volunteers will 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 keep you informed.



**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