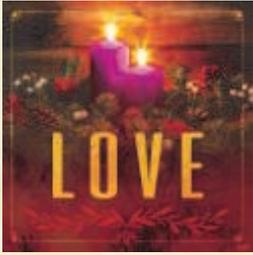


# Saint Matthew Catholic Church



December 6, 2020

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Mk 1:4



December 8th - Holy Day  
Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass - Monday, December 7th: 5 pm  
Holy Day - Tuesday, December 8th:  
8:00 am & 12:05 pm - English  
7:00 pm - Español-Spanish

\*\* Bishop Callahan has lifted the obligation to attend Holy Day and Sunday Masses due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.



December 12 - Feast of  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
6 am - Mañanitas  
7 pm - Mass (Español-Spanish)

Face Masks are Required in Church, the Parish Center, and the School.

### Parish Center Office (Oficina)

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)

221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

### Temporary Office Hours (call 1st):

Monday: 9 am - 3pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 1 pm - 3 pm

Wednesday & Friday: 9 am - 12 noon

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

YouTube: [St. Matthew Wausau](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStMatthewWausau)

Facebook: [St. Matthew Catholic Church](https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewCatholicChurch)

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

Online Donations to St. Matthew Parish:

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

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

### Mass Schedule - Horario de

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 live-streamed on YouTube.

### Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

### Guidelines for Attending Sunday Mass

- ❑ Face Masks are Required inside the Church to decrease the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Please bring your own face mask (some face masks & hand sanitizers are available at entrances).
- ❑ We welcome you to attend Mass. Please come 10 minutes early, so ushers can seat everyone before Mass begins. The ushers are insuring social distancing guidelines. Accommodations will be made if attendance is greater than 120 individuals (25% occupancy standard), which hasn't been exceeded.

## ABOUT THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE



According to an ancient tradition that has been the subject of many studies and proofs, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, an Aztec Indian, from December 9 to 12, 1531. She **asked “Juanito” to tell the bishop she wanted a church built on the site** of the apparition. When he did, he was ridiculed. The last day of the apparition, Juan Diego decided to take a different route to the city, because his uncle was sick and he wanted to fetch a priest for him. The Blessed Virgin appeared to him again and told him his uncle would be well. Then she told him to go up on the mountain and collect the red roses that were miraculously in bloom on the **mountainside. He wrapped the roses in his cloak “to keep them warm” and brought them to her. The Blessed Virgin Mary then rearranged the roses and told him to go to the bishop.** When Juan Diego saw the bishop he unfolded the tilma and the roses fell to the floor. The bishop and those with him fell to their knees in awe, for a beautiful image of the Blessed Virgin Mary was stamped on the tilma. Nearly 500 years later the tilma, which was made of corn fiber, is still on display at the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

The cult of *Our Lady of Guadalupe* later spread throughout the vast territory of New Spain and even beyond, and everywhere left very vivid manifestations of its presence. From a beautiful native Indian devotion, in the beginning, it was soon adopted by mestizos (people

of mixed Indian and Spanish blood) and then Creoles, and soon became a universal devotion. All this was attested to by the many reproductions of her image, by the churches and chapels that were erected in her honor, and by the devotional, theological, historical and literary works that were dedicated to her.

The *Virgin of Guadalupe*, to the great rejoicing of many, was soon recognized by the papacy and the Spanish monarchy as the patroness of New Spain. The new cult provided an autonomous spiritual foundation for the Mexican Church and many Aztec and native Indians converted to Christianity (over 5 million of them according to some sources). Thereafter the idea that American Christianity arose, thanks to the intervention of the *Virgin of Guadalupe*, was affirmed. Peoples of **all languages and races were united in their veneration of “La Guadalupana”, whose indigenous appearance represented their homeland.**

This veneration of *Our Lady of Guadalupe* became a factor of national unity. The image would be invoked and exposed as a remedy against droughts, floods and epidemics, and later it was adopted by the freedom fighters as a political banner. In this way, a national symbol emerged, recognized by the vast majority of the inhabitants of New Spain, a symbol that allowed them to identify with the land where they lived.

For Mexicans, the celebration of the *Virgin of Guadalupe* is of great importance nationwide. A large number of people from different parts of the country go on pilgrimage to the sanctuary or Basilica of Guadalupe using different means of transport in order to give thanks for the favors received, to request help or simply because it is a tradition.

On the esplanade outside the temple you can see the pre-Hispanic dances, from the colonial or somewhat modern times. **All those attending and participating agree on one thing, the great love they profess for “La Morenita” (an endearing term for a girl with brown skin). The night before the big day (December 12th) the Virgin receives “mañanitas” (a traditional birthday song)** at her shrine from a large number of people, all of them happy to express that great love they feel for her through songs.

In 1754, the *Virgin of Guadalupe* was proclaimed patron of New Spain; in 1758, patron saint of Puerto Rico. In 1910, Saint Pius X declared her *Celestial Patroness of Latin America*; In 1935, Pius XI extended her patronage to the Philippine Islands and Pius XII called her in 1945, *Empress of the Americas*. Finally, in 1999, Saint John Paul II proclaimed her *Patroness of America* and ordered that December 12 be celebrated with the liturgical category of feast in all the Churches of the continent.

Juan Diego was canonized on July 31, 2002. His feast day is celebrated on December 9th, the first day of the apparitions.

Fr. Juan Pedro and 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/dioceesoflacrosse](http://www.youtube.com/user/dioceesoflacrosse)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pg/diocl/videos](http://www.facebook.com/pg/diocl/videos)



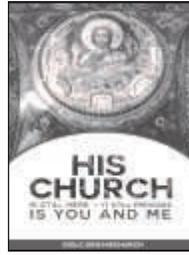
EWTN: [www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live](http://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live); EWTN App; YouTube Channel, & TV Sunday and daily Masses are at 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm & 11 pm

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.

## Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2020-2021

Target of \$72,700

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



Thank you for your support in helping St Matthew Parish reach their diocesan target by contributing what you can, small or large to the annual appeal.

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".



### 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!



### 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!

## 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 preparaci3n. 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 - 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



## From the Heart Virtual Music Concert Fundraiser

December 1st - December 15th

Featuring: Jacleen Marie



Tickets: \$20 or \$50 (includes a Jacleen Marie CD)

We invite you to enjoy this pre-recorded virtual concert from the comfort and safety of your home.

The concert will launch and be available  
December 1st at 6pm - December 15th at 10pm  
to watch whenever is most convenient.

A link to the concert will be provided upon ticket purchase.

Learn more by visiting: [www.StableHandsTherapy.com](http://www.StableHandsTherapy.com)



### Lost and Found Items

Please look through the "Lost & Found" items on the table in the Angelorum! Items not claimed will be donated or thrown away. Thank You!



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

Monday, December 7

Advent Virtual Parish Mission - Angelorum: 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Happy Birthday Fr Bob!

Bible Study - Church, Angelorum: 10:30 am - 12 noon

Bible Study - Church, Angelorum: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 9

Confirmation Class #4 - Church, Angelorum: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 10

Advent Virtual Parish Mission - Angelorum: 9 am

Saturday, December 12

Mañanitas - Church: 6 am

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

2nd Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious at 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 13

Confirmation Rite of Enrollment at 10 am Mass

2nd Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

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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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 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 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 Nov 22.....\$9,021.75

Sunday Collection Nov 29.....\$11,062.25

Calendar Raffle Winner: November 23 - Julie Cushman (#1186)

November 30 - Brittany Zelenka (#353)

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

December 7 - 13, 2020



Pray for Us

Monday 8:00 am - †Geraldine Radtke

Holy Day - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday-Vigil 5:00 pm - Beever Family

Tuesday 8:00 am - Fr Bob Thorn - Happy Birthday Blessings

Tuesday 12:05 pm - †Michael "Mike" Lach

Tuesday 7:00 pm - St Matthew Parishioners

Wednesday 8:00 am - †Lawrence & †Helen Mocello

Thursday 8:00 am - †Michael Mosure

Friday 8:00 am - †Richard Piaszak

Saturday 8:00 am - †Poor Souls in Purgatory

4:30 pm - †Alicia Orozco

7:00 pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday 8:00 am - †Scott Zernicke & †Mike Zelenka

10:00 am - †William D Radtke

12 noon - St Matthew Parishioners

Scripture Readings

Monday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of Church  
Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9 - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10  
Is 41:13-20/Ps 145/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 11 - Saint Damasus I, Pope  
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:39-47

Sunday, December 13 - 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Is 61:1-2, 10-11/Lk 1:46-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Holy Day Liturgical Ministers

Lectors

Musicians

December 7th:

5:00 pm - Mike Jilek

Nancy Losinski and Joel Stubbe

December 8th:

8:00 am - Deacon Tom Tierney

Gordon Crow & Annette Southworth

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers

Saturday December 12 4:30 pm	Sunday December 13 8:00 am	Sunday December 13 10:00 am
<b>Lectors</b>		
Mary Holm	Peggy Bant	Joel Hynes
<b>Musicians</b>		
Cindy Blair Anne Paul	Marie Stubbe Annette Southworth	Gordon Crow Nancy Losinski

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:**

Phyllis Blume  
She died Tuesday - November 24, 2020  
She is the Sister of Diane (Bob) Fitzke

Steve Bogie  
He died November 2020  
He is the Cousin of Marie Exon

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



**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 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  
December 7, 14 & 21

Thursday Mornings at 9 am  
December 10, 17 and  
December 22 (Tuesday)

Week 1 - Nov 30 & Dec 3  
*St Joseph: The Man  
selected by God  
to be closest to  
Mary and to Jesus*

Presenter:  
Msgr Joseph Diermeier

Week 2 - Dec 7 & 10  
*Joseph and Mary:  
A Holy Love Story*

Presenter:  
Msgr Joseph Hirsch

Week 3 - Dec 14 & 17  
*The Holy Night through  
Joseph's Eyes*

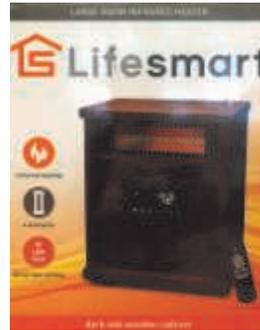
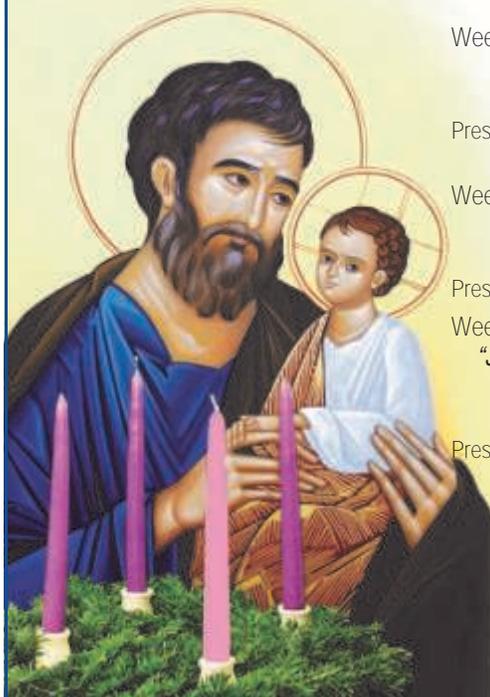
Presenter: Fr Woodrow Pace

Week 4 - Dec 21 & 22  
*"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)



**Heaters for Sale**

Heaters used to heat the school when boiler was out are available for sale. Original cost: \$80.00

Make an Offer!

If you are interested, call Jason at:  
715-581-2005



Give in Thanksgiving  
"I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in

thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.



Soup Sale Fundraiser in January

St Matthew Parish would like to be able to hold the "Soup Sale" fundraiser in January. 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.

This Christmas Shop at **"AmazonSmile"**  
St. Matthew Parish will get a **"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!



**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