



March 13th, 2016  
5th Sunday of Lent

# Saint Matthew Catholic Church



Year of Mercy  
2015-2016

### MASS SCHEDULE WEEKEND/ HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday 4:30pm;  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am  
& 12:00pm Español (Spanish)

Weekdays: 8:00am Mon, Wed – Sat  
12:05pm on Tues & Thurs

### Holy Days/Días Santos

8:00am, 12:05pm, & 6:30pm

### Addresses/Direcciones

**Church** 229 S. 28th Ave.

**Office/Oficina:**

**Parish Center**

(behind the school/atrás de la escuela)

221 S. 28th Ave.

Phone/Teléfono: 715-842-3148

### Office Hours/Horas

Mon - Fri: 8:00am - 4:00pm

### Our Website:

stmatthewausau.org

### PARISH / PERSONAL DE LA STAFF PARROQUIA

**Pastor** Rev. Robert Thorn

**Associate Pastor** Rev. Dan Thelen

**Deacon** Rev. Mr. Tom Tierney

**Plant Manager** Jason Seliger

**DRE & Hispanic RE:** Patricia Cicha

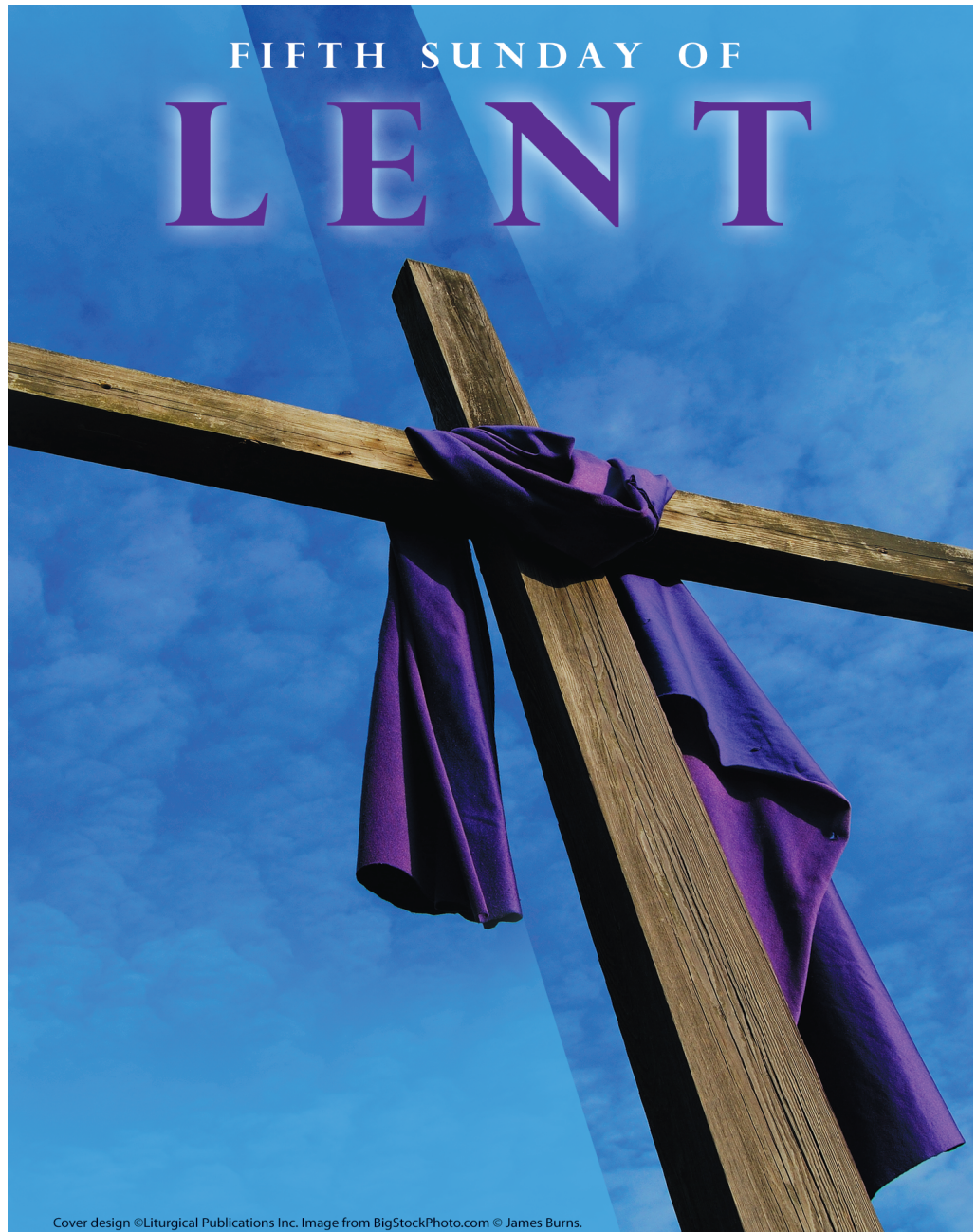
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**Secretary** Ann Graveen

**Bulletin Editor** Lori Zimick

**Finance Secretary** Barb Splinter



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There will be a Mass today at 3:30pm  
followed by a Healing Service.  
Confession prior to Mass from:  
2:00pm to 3:30pm

**CYCLE C MARCH 13, 2016**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary**

Daily before Mass & Wed. 4:30 PM

**Prayer for Priests**

included with rosary Mon., Wed. & Fri.

**Vespers**

Wednesday 5:00 PM

**Benediction**

Wednesday 4:50 PM and after Mass on 1st Friday of the month

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Wed. after 8 AM Mass until 5 PM.

**Pax Christi Adoration Chapel-Marathon**

Tues. 9 AM-11 PM; Wed. 9 AM-Thurs. 10 PM; Fri 9 AM-6 PM; Sun. noon-10 PM.

**St. Therese-Rothschild**

Tues. after 8 AM Mass to Fri. 8:00 AM. Entrance available after 6 PM by ringing main entrance doorbell. Call 715-359-8352 to volunteer.

**CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS**

**Confessions :**

Saturday 10:30am-12:00 noon or by Appointment.

**Baptism:**

Arrangements must be made at the rectory office. **The next class is scheduled for May 9th, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.** Preparation classes are required of parents and recommended for god-parents. Contact Nancy 715-675-6796, to register for classes. Registration is accepted up to one week prior to the class session.

**Marriage:**

Arrangements for marriage must be made with the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance. Call Fr. Bob to arrange your marriage.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

If you are entering the hospital for a scheduled surgery and wish to celebrate this sacrament prior to your hospitalization, please contact Norma. If you would like Fr. Bob to visit you during your hospital stay, leave word upon entry as a patient.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**—Friday by 4:00pm

**Bulletin Editor:** lorizk@stmatthewausau.org

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"Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.'" To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus was literally a savior. She was about to suffer the death penalty, according to the law of Moses, but the Lord preserved her life. He did not pretend she was innocent or excuse her behavior. His protection was not the result of anything the woman did or said to earn his favor. Rather, his freely bestowed mercy became an opportunity for her conversion. He saved her and set her free—not only from the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees—but from her own destructive behavior. The woman's physical life was spared, and if she chose to follow Jesus' instruction to abandon sin, her spiritual life was also saved as a result of this dramatic encounter.

We also have access to this freedom. When he died on the cross for us, Jesus became our savior too. Instead of condemning us, he set us free from the power of sin. But like the woman in the Gospel, we have a choice to make. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to remove

the "death penalty" for us, but we are the ones who decide whether or not we will "sin anymore." We decide whether we will be slaves to selfishness, lust, and envy or whether we will pursue a life of generosity, self-control, and peace. Jesus does everything he can for us, short of taking our will captive. We, finally, have to decide: will I follow the path of Jesus, who has saved me, by resolving to sin no more? Or will I depart from my savior, and return to the same old self-destructive patterns?

The holy season of Lent is made to assist us in our decision to repent and to change for the better. There is no better time than now to sincerely resolve to begin anew.



**Intercessory Prayer:**

If you are in need of prayer, please call Peggy B. at 715-845-3321 or the Parish Center at 715-842-3148. Our prayer group is always ready to be of help when prayer is needed.





## LENTEN MISSION

### Join us! 2 Parishes – 2 Days

Tuesday, March 15th  
St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Wednesday, March 16th  
St. Joseph, Galloway

6:30pm Each Night

Speakers: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Fr. Sam Martin

Refreshments served each night.

Everyone welcome! Bring the Family!

### NEEDED: Custodian at St. Michael's School

We have an immediate opening for a part-time custodian to clean the school 20 hours per week. We will consider one person or a possible husband/wife team. Please contact our Parish Office at 715-842-4283, ext. 2, or send a letter of interest (or resume) to, [info@eastsideparishes.org](mailto:info@eastsideparishes.org) or 611 Stark St., Wausau, WI 54401

### Seminars—Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home

This FREE legal, financial and funeral pre-planning seminar will feature Attorney Janet Lattyak of Lattyak Elder Law, Joel Pergolski, Financial Planner with Ameriprise Financial and Mary Miller, Certified Pre-Planning Specialist at Peterson/Kraemer.

Topics covered will include wills, trusts, powers of attorney and guardianship, Medicaid considerations, financial planning for retirement as well as funeral pre-planning and pre-funding.

The seminar will be offered at three different times and locations:

- **Tuesday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Memories Ballroom in Marathon**
- **Wednesday, March 16 at 12:00 noon at the Athens Fire Station Meeting Room**
- **Thursday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the Korner Kitchen in Edgar**

A complimentary meal will be served at each seminar.

Reservations are required as space is limited. 715-845-6900

Mary Miller, Certified Pre-Planning Specialist

### Lakefront Learning Sessions—Helke Funeral Home

You work hard for your money and you want it to last a lifetime. When it comes to retirement planning, estate planning and final wishes planning, people have a lot of questions. Valerie, Ashley, and Mary will provide specific answers on how to protect your assets during our free educational programs.

Please join us for one of our FREE presentations on

**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**10am-12:30pm or 5pm-7:30pm**

**Gulliver's Landing, 1701 Mallard Lane, Wausau, WI**

Pizza will be served and door prizes will be given.

Please reply by April 1st by calling 715-842-3993 or email [helke@helke.com](mailto:helke@helke.com).

## LENTEN RETREAT

Saint Therese Parish will be holding a Lenten Retreat on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00am and concluding with 5:00pm Mass.

The retreat will feature 7 one hour video presentations by Father Larry Richards and is entitled *Surrender!*

Please consider joining us for this wonderful Lenten event. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is necessary.

For more information or to register, please visit [www.sttheresecatholicchurch.com](http://www.sttheresecatholicchurch.com) or call Mike at 715-359-9006.

## FORGIVENESS REFLECTION

Forgiveness can be very difficult at different times in our lives. Sometimes we don't know where to begin.

Stop by for a talk about forgiveness by Fr. Greg Bohren. It will be Tuesday, March 22, from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Agnes Parish in Abts Hall (enter through the main doors of the church).

We will be reflecting on how to forgive others, how to forgive ourselves, and how to forgive during daily struggles.



## Diabetes Workshop Offered

Healthy Living with Diabetes—  
Wednesdays, March 23-April 27  
1:00-3:30 pm

The Aging & Disability Resource Center, Wausau

Six week workshop for people with type-2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or living with someone who has diabetes.

Call Peggy at ADRC, (715)261-6070 for more information.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### Licensed Child Care Teachers

Child Care Teacher positions available in positive and caring work environments; benefits, flexible scheduling; competitive pay rates. To apply contact:

NCECC: St. Michael Site -  
email [jlepak@newmancatholicchools.com](mailto:jlepak@newmancatholicchools.com) or call Jacci at 715-848-0206

NCECC: St. Therese Site -  
email [tmeyer@newmancatholicchools.com](mailto:tmeyer@newmancatholicchools.com) or call Tina or Amy at 715-355-5254

### After-School Child Care Provider

2 Positions - Perfect part-time job; (12-17 hrs/wk) - school days only - no weekends. To apply contact:

NCES: St. Mark in Rothschild, Tina Meyer, Principal -  
call 715-459-9662 or email  
[tmeyer@newmancatholicchools.com](mailto:tmeyer@newmancatholicchools.com)

NCES: St. Anne in Wausau, Terry Vechinski, Principal - call 715-845-5745 or email  
[tvechinski@newmancatholicchools.com](mailto:tvechinski@newmancatholicchools.com)

For more information go to:

<http://www.newmancatholicchools.com/pages/NCS/AboutNCS/Employment>

## Lenten Soup Suppers

The Soup Supper crew is stirring up some **Corned Beef & Cabbage Soup and Cheesy Potato w/Ham** for your enjoyment, on 3/16. Sandwiches, salads, & jello.



Soup Supper is served from **4:15pm – 6:30pm** in the school cafeteria. The cost is a free-will donation.

**Please consider helping out with this parish project. Here are some suggestions to consider:**

**DONATE SUPPLIES—VOLUNTEER TO WORK—BRING A DESSERT**

**COME AND ENJOY A MEAL:** Bring your family and friends to join your fellow parishioners for the best soup in town!

Any questions contact Faye at 715-845-3302.

## **Discernment Retreat**

On behalf of Fr. Felix, Director of Deacon Formation. A reminder about the Discernment Retreat on

**Friday-Saturday, April 1st-2nd,**

for men who feel they may be called to the permanent diaconate.

Those attending will gain first-hand experience of the program since it will coincide with a regular weekend of formation at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon. They will be able to sit in on some classes, including a Scripture class being taught by Msgr. Mark Pierce, as well as attend specifically diaconal conferences and mingle with the men currently in various stages of formation and those wives who are present.

We ask that spouses of those registering for the Discernment Retreat attend as well. On the diocesan website, we have an [overview of the Discernment Retreat](#), the [schedule](#), and a registration form.

We also have general information on the [Permanent Diaconate](#) and on our [Deacon Formation Program](#). Participation in a Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite for application to the Deacon Formation Program. New Classes begin every other year, so the next class will begin in the fall of 2017.



## **FREE EASTER DINNER**

Alone this Easter?

Why not join the owners and staff of the Wausau Mine Company for a free Easter dinner, to be held

March 27th, 2016 at the restaurant, 3904 W. Stewart Ave, Wausau. The doors will open for seating between 12:30pm and 2:00 p.m.

For those unable to attend, carryout meals or deliveries will be available between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To arrange for delivery or a carryout, please call (715)675-9836 or (715)845-1329, beginning March 21st thru March 25th, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Please do not call the restaurant.** All are Welcome!! !



## **Easter Decorations for Church**

We are accepting donations for flowers/pillar candles to decorate the church for the Easter season.

Please consider a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Place your donation in the offertory collection in an envelope marked **"Easter decorations"**.

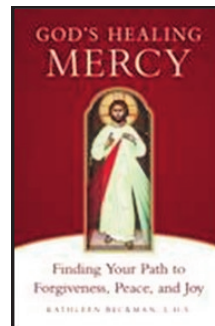


Memorials will be listed in the bulletin during the Easter season.

If you prefer, you may donate **flowering plants in pastel spring colors.**

Please bring plants to church on Good Friday before 3 PM.

## **Kathleen Beckman Books**



Kathleen Beckman is an outstanding international Catholic evangelist, author, and radio host who will be at St. Matthew in April for our Lenten Mission on God's Mercy.

We are making Kathleen's books available to you for suggested spiritual reading during Lent.

These books could also be given as gifts to friends and relatives.

With your purchase it will help St. Matthew parish pay for the mission and give you excellent reading material. Books will be made available after weekend Masses until we are sold out. They are priced from \$8.00 to \$20.00. Thank you for your support and enjoy your books.

## **St. Matthew Parish Mission**



*Kathleen will be happy to autograph any of her books for you when she arrives in April for the Parish Mission on the 17th, 18th & 19th. Mission to be held from 7:00pm-9:00pm.*

**A special session for Women, will be held on April 19th at 1:00pm, Kathleen will speak on Spiritual Motherhood of Priests. A related book "Praying for Priest" is available for \$20.00.**

**Mark your calendars!**

## **Lent in the Year of Mercy – Make it Meaningful.**

Visit the diocesan website, [www.diolc.org/mercy](http://www.diolc.org/mercy), where you can view and download resources, including:

- *Embracing the Year of Mercy*, the diocesan booklet for the Year of Mercy;
- Accompanying simple study guides for families, small groups or youth;
- Lenten messages from Pope Francis and Bishop Callahan;
- Beautiful posters with the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy;
- Pilgrimage guide to Diocesan Holy Door sites;
- Devotional and Confession resources;
- Ideas and activities for living the call to Mercy;

**2015-2016  
Religious Education Calendar  
Wednesdays 6:15-7:30pm**



- 3/16—**Session #25**—Brown Scapular Enrollments in Adoration Room 6:30pm—First Communicants.
- 3/23—**Session #26**—Living Stations (grade 4 Project) 7:00pm in church.
- 3/30—**No Session**—Spring Break 3/28-4/1
- 4/6—**Session #27**—Catechist Connection 7:45-8:15pm
- 4/13—**Session #28**—1st Communion Practice, 6:30pm, Church



**First Holy Communion Family Retreat**

**Saturday, March 19, 2016  
9:00am-1:30pm  
Meet in school cafeteria**

The retreat is designed for all students preparing for their First Eucharist.

- Each student must attend the family retreat with at least one parent/guardian.
- Please remember to bring your completed workbook and banner.
- Also, bring with you your designated food item for the meal we will share as a faith family.

If you have any questions please contact Patricia Cicha at 715-842-3148.

**Looking forward to seeing you on this Special Day!**

**Stations of the Cross Offered During Lent**

- ✠ Monday, Wednesday-Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass
- ✠ Saturday, after 4:30PM Mass
- ✠ In Spanish after 12 noon Mass

**YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**

**Totus Tuus**

Coming July 24-30, 2016 at St. Matthew Parish, Wausau, WI

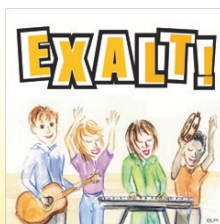
**1st grade through 12th grade**

Middle school and high school youth will meet in the evenings

**What is Totus Tuus?**

TOTUS TUUS is a Catholic youth program dedicated to helping young people develop their relationship with Jesus Christ and to understand their faith through catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship so that they may live it in today's world.

To accomplish this, the Totus Tuus team of four, trained young adults emphasizes devotion and love for our Lord in the Eucharist and for Mary our Mother in such a way that it is fun for both teachers and youth alike.



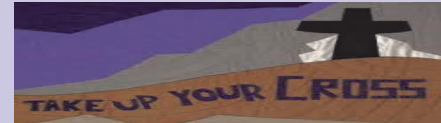
**St. Matthew Families & Friends**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*Living Stations of the Cross*

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016  
7:00pm-7:30PM in Church

Please join us for this Religious Education Program Tradition Presented by the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class



**Attention: ALL 2016 First Communicant Families**



**Eucharistic Family Retreat**

+Saturday, March 19, 2016 9:00AM-12:00PM with rehearsal in church at 12:30-1:30PM  
(We will hold an additional practice on April 13, 2016 during Rel Ed)

**Celebration of First Holy Communion**

+Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 10:00AM and 12:00 Noon Masses

**Blessed Virgin Mary May Crowning**

+Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 10:00AM and 12:00 Noon Masses

**First Eucharist Mystagogy**

+Sunday, May 21, 2016 2:00-4:00PM behind the rectory  
(A Communion Scavenger Hunt)

**Retreat at St. Lawrence Seminary High School**

For 7th, 8th and 9th grade boys, currently enrolled in 6th, 7th, & 8th.

June 20th-23rd, 2016  
Registration due by June 15th  
Cost: 50.00

The Summer Action Retreat will be held at St. Lawrence Seminary High School, which is located in Mt. Calvary, WI. This retreat is designed to give young men an opportunity to have an enriching, team building, faith-based experience. This retreat is a great way for all young men, while in community with others, to grow as adults in Catholic Faith.

This year's retreat focuses on "Loving Like Jesus." In the spirit of St. Francis, the retreat reflects on the role of service, community living, and personal prayer with Jesus in order to learn to love like Him. In small groups under the guidance of St. Lawrence Seminary's staff and current students, participants will engage in Adoration, Reconciliation, athletic and trivia competitions to develop the framework to begin to "Love Like Jesus." Get details & register Email us at [stlawrence.edu/retreats](mailto:stlawrence.edu/retreats) or call 920-753-7570.

**The Week Ahead at the Parish**

**Mon. 3/14:**

RCIA, 6:30-8:00pm, Parish Center, Library

**Tue. 3/15:**

**Corinthians Bible Study**, 10:30-12 Noon, Parish Center, Library, Dr. Tim Gray, DVD Series

**Wed. 3/16:**

**TMIY—That Man Is You**, 6:00-7:30am, Parish Center

**Religious Education—Session #25**, 6:15-7:30pm

Brown Scapular Enrollment/Adoration Room, 6:30pm

**Confirmation—Lesson #21—“Why wait?”**

6:15-7:30pm, Parish Center, Patio Room

**Sat 3/19:**

**Eucharistic Family Retreat**, 9:00am-12:30pm, Cafeteria

**Rehearsal**, 12:30-1:30pm, Church

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Total Records: 678

Parishioners Pledging 319

Not Pledged: 359

Please respond to this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Please be counted!

Thank you for your generosity.

St. Matthew’s needs everyone to be included.

Ann Graveen

**Weekly Scripture**

Readings for the Week of March 13, 2016

**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday/St. Patrick:** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday/St. Cyril of Jerusalem:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday/St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Sunday 3/20:** Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk: 23:1-49

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Parishioners of St. Matthew, we invite you to consider making your weekly contribution by electronic transfer.

Your contribution is transferred monthly for whatever amount you designate. You will continue to receive envelopes to put in the collection basket.

Write EFT for the amount. For more information, please contact Barb at 715-842-3148.

**stewardship** Financial Stewardship

Minimum budgeted amount needed weekly.....\$9,612.00

Stewardship last weekend.....\$9,107.23

Amount under budget.....\$504.77

Thank you for generously supporting St. Matthew Parish

**Mass Intentions**

**MARCH 14TH, 2016-MARCH 21ST, 2016**

**Mon** 8:00 AM †Donna Anderson (Ladies Council)

**Tue** 12:05 PM †Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Wed** 8:00 AM †Lawrence & †Helen Mocello

**Thur** 8:00 AM †Arthur Hummer

12:05 PM †Ray Kirschhoffer

**Fri** 8:00 AM †Marie Hummer

**Sat** 8:00 AM †Donald Washebek

4:30 PM †Michael “Mike” Lach

**Sun** 8:00 AM †Jeff Writz

10:00 AM †Marjorie Marquardt

12:00 Noon Living & †Deceased

St. Matthew Parishioners

(Misa en Español/Mass in Spanish)

**Liturgical Ministers**

**March 19th & March 20th**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

Kelly Ziegelbauer

**Lectors**

**4:30 pm** Jeanne Alexejun

**8:00 am** Lee Peek

**10:00 am** Pat Loy

**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion**

**4:30 pm** J. Alexejun, M. Matsick, K. Matsick, D. Baxter, M. Beattie, C. Vircks\* J. Woelfle\*

**8:00 am** J. Ptaszynski, A. Seubert, J. Zernicke, T. Hynes, G. Dederich, J. Low\*, S. Low\*

**10:00 am** P. Loy, B. Cveykus, J. Fergot, R. Keen, K. Tierney(P), M. Jelinek\*, B. Jelinek\*

**Ushers & Greeter**

**4:30 pm** Dave Burish, Marie Burish, Justin Kitzrow

**8:00 am** D. Lannigan, Susan Lannigan, Tom Fischer

**10:00 am** R. Krueger, K. Malovrh, Chuck Miller

**Servers**

**4:30 pm** Anthony Lewis, Bobbi Jo Zimick

**8:00 am** Maren Peek, Joey Huebsch

**10:00 am** K. Malovrh, Z. Malovrh, Arianna Malbone

**Musicians**

**4:30 pm** Dan Larson, Ellen Schumann

**8:00 am** Annette Southworth, Marie Stubbe

**10:00 am** Nancy Losinski, Dorothy/Choir

**St. Therese Needs Help in Adoration**

If you would like to visit Jesus weekly in our chapel please call as soon as possible.

The hours are:

Wednesdays: 9:00-10:00am

Wednesdays: 6:00-7:00pm

Wednesdays: Midnight to 1:00am Thursday

If you are interested please call Mary at 715-359-8352. God Bless You



**Ministro Hispano:** P. Roberto Thorn  
**Dirección:** 229 South 28th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401  
**Teléfono:** 715-842-3148

**Directora de Educación Religiosa:** Patricia Rodriguez Cicha  
**Teléfono:** 715-842-3148  
**Correo Electrónico:** patriciaca@stmatthewwausau.org

Horario de Misas en español: Cada domingo a las 12 PM

**Catequesis para niños de Jardín Infantil (Kinder) hasta el 9° grado:** En inglés cada miércoles de septiembre a mayo de 6:15-7:30pm en la escuela.

**Catequesis en español:** Favor de hablar con el párroco.

**Bautismo:** Favor de informarnos 6 semanas antes de celebrar el bautismo. Es necesario para los padres y padrinos asistir una clase de preparación bautismal. Las siguientes clases se ofrecen: **Sábado el 16 de abril de 2016 a las 2:00pm**

Uno de los padrinos tiene que ser católico confirmado en la fé Católica y practicándola- es decir, que no vive en unión libre, Que asiste la misa los domingos, y que recibe los sacramentos.

**Matrimonio:** En la mayoría de los casos es necesario informarnos seis meses en adelante.

### Ofertorio

Ofertorio de 6 de marzo 2016: \$136.05

**¡Abre tu corazón a Cristo!  
¡Atrévete a ser feliz!**

**QUE NO TE LO CUENTEN  
¡VIVE UN CURSILLO DE CRISTIANIDAD!**

En Appleton

Mujeres-Marzo 31-Abril 3, 2016

Hablen con Mariela Patiño o Patricia Rodríguez

715-842-3148



Atención  
Hermanos en  
Cristo...

Para dedicar una Misa, favor de llamar a la oficina con dos semanas de anticipo. El libro se llena rápido.

(Estipendio de \$10)

## CICLO C 13 DE MARZO DE 2016 5° Domingo de Cuaresma

A lo largo de la Cuaresma se nos muestra un camino que nos lleva a la cruz de Jesús, el camino de la muerte a la vida que también nosotros nos disponemos a compartir, al estar unidos a él. El cómo lo hacemos ya depende de cada persona la novedad de renovarnos interiormente implica compromiso. La liberación de la esclavitud personal, interior, familiar, social, comunitaria y política viene desde el Antiguo Testamento. Este camino cristiano es semilla de esperanza de todos los tiempos. Las prácticas cuaresmales actuales nos preparan para celebrar una liberación que sea para siempre. No de un ratito. Para lograrlo tenemos la gracia de Dios dada en el sacramento de la reconciliación.

El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy está cargado de la misericordia de Dios, la figura de Jesús es prominente en testimonio vivo y auténtico de su promesa liberadora hacia los marginados. En este caso la mujer adúltera representa a los más vulnerables de la sociedad de su tiempo. A Jesús, no le importa que

hayamos caído, sino que seamos personas determinadas sabiendo que con su ayuda nos levantaremos, para no volver a pecar. ¿Estás dispuesto a levantarte?

¿Eres de los que te quedas caído en el

pecado? El Papa Francisco nos pide en este Año de la Misericordia que seamos valientes y acudamos a Cristo en cada circunstancia de la vida. "¡Este es el tiempo oportuno para cambiar la vida! Este es el tiempo para dejarse tocar el corazón" (Misericordiae Vultus, número 19). Cuaresma: ¡Tiempo de dejar a Dios que toque nuestro corazón!



*Seamos valientes y acudamos a Cristo*

### MINISTROS LITÚRGICOS – 20 DE MARZO

**Introducciones**—Lulu P.

**Lectura/Sal**—Letty M.

**Lectura/Pet**—Irma

**Monaguillos**—Jasmin/Raulito

**Acomodador/Colecta**—Raul/Eudel

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