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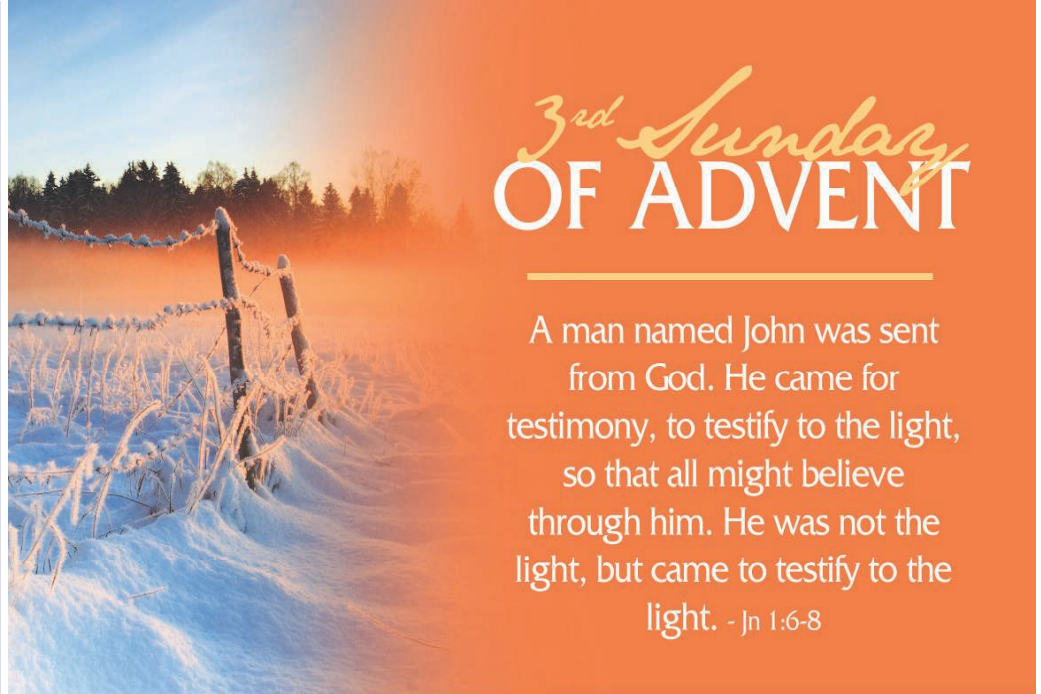
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December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 8:00am and 10:30am

Monday - 8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

Confessions

Saturday 3:00pm-3:45pm

Parish Center and Chapel Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Fridays 8:00a.m. - 12:00 Noon

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Fri. 12:00 noon, 1 week prior

bulletin@holynamewausau.com

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact Fr. Bob for preparation classes. These are required for parents and recommended for godparents.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact Fr. Bob 6 months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Fr. Bob for Information

Anointing of the Sick:

If you would like the Anointing of the Sick before entering the hospital for a scheduled surgery, or if you're at home or nursing facility, please contact Judy. If you would like Fr. Bob or Fr. Peter to visit you during your hospital stay, make sure to leave our church name upon registration.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 18th - December 24th

18 Monday	8:00 am	†	Communion Service
19 Tuesday	8:00 am	†	Shirley Koppa
20 Wednesday	8:00 am	†	Roger, David and Tom Zillman
21 Thursday	8:00 am	†	Anton Nowitzke
22 Friday	8:00 am	†	Aggie Stieber

4th Sunday of Advent

23 Saturday	4:00 pm	†	David Treu
24 Sunday	8:00 am	†	Erv & Delores Furger, Debra and Leo
		†	Living and deceased members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish
	10:30 am	†	Elroy Brandt

Christmas Eve

4:00pm	†	Bonnie Rehlinger
8:00pm	†	Richard and Florence Beilke

December 18th – December 24th

The Church Blessed Sacrament Candle:

Dedicated to: Donald Kratwell, Sharon and Bob
Dedicated from: The Kratwell Family

The Chapel Blessed Sacrament Candle:

Dedicated to: Carol Krueger
Dedicated from: John and Mary Kitzrow



Shout for Joy, sing joyfully, be glad and rejoice!

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Joyful Sunday or Gaudete Sunday in Latin, because the Church uses the joyful words of the Prophet Zephaniah as its Entrance Chant on the third Sunday of Advent; "Shout for Joy, sing joyfully, be glad and rejoice!"

Yet, too many are deaf and blind to the joy and light that is in our world; a joy and peace that can only be experienced by having an active relationship with Jesus. If we allow our spiritual life to be choked off, we can be easily overwhelmed and lose the hope of heaven. Our eyes can grow dim, failing to see the beauty and goodness of God, and His work and His promises. Poverty, greed, corruption, political games, people taking advantage of others and senseless violence can cause some to withdraw into cynicism and into darker places of despair. Such things, if we allow them, can totally drain the sense of goodness and joy from our lives.

Certainly, every normal person will experience a certain amount sadness, loss and grief in the face of death and tragedy. And yet, the Entrance Chant today, during this penitential season of Advent, reminds us of a counterweight to such sadness, loss and grief. The counterweight of Christian joy and inner peace, is a very necessary counterweight to maintain the joy of God's presence within us. Our Lord lives among us and is present here in His Church and in His Sacraments. He can be present within us as well, if we welcome Him into our lives, so that our soul can be alive and made holy. For some of us, Advent may be that time to once again rekindle that happiness and love in our lives.

Leon Bloy, a famous Catholic philosopher and writer, once wrote that joy is the infallible mark of a Christian. And in our times there is a great need for real Christians who are filled with joy even when the dark forces of terrorism, sin and evil work against us. It was on a dark night that the Angel's song of joy and glad tidings broke through the deep gloom of our world announcing the light and joy of a Savior.

Our Lord came into our world to be a light in the darkness of evil, sin and tragedy. You and I have the capacity to bear within our hearts, the power to make the joy of Christ's birth alive in our world despite the difficulties and uncertainties that surround us. If Christmas has any meaning for us, it ought to be that we have a Savior to show us how to live through the darkness of this world by allowing His Light to shine within our hearts. May each one of us Rejoice in the Lord always, so that God's peace will strengthen, protect and guard our hearts and minds throughout our journey in life.

Holy Name of Jesus Holiday Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve
Christmas Day**

**Sunday, Dec 24th
Monday, Dec 25th**

**4:00pm and 8:00pm
9:00am**

**(Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God)
New Years Day**

Monday, Jan 1st

9:00am



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

On many Sundays, especially during Advent and Lent, we hear a reading from one of the prophets. What is significant about them for us? Didn't Jesus fulfill all their predictions?

Answer:

Lent and Advent are the times of the church year when the prophetic word forms an important part of the liturgical season. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Baruch, and Zephaniah are just some of the prophets who offer powerful and essential lessons for Christians of any era. Prophets do not predict the future--they are very much concerned about the present, calling Israel to follow once again the word of God.

The prophets witness to a life of faith. In the midst of an intense relationship with God, the prophets are very aware of their unworthiness to embrace this call from God, and struggle to accept the mission God entrusts to them.

The prophets speak on behalf of God. Each testifies that the word spoken is not from them, but from God. This lands them in trouble, at times, with their audience. Jeremiah, for example, felt betrayed by God as the prophetic message was delivered. People did not like the message because of their sin-filled lives and their displeasure was taken out on the prophet. While tempted at times to throw in the towel, the prophets remained true to the life of faith and persevered in the proclamation of God's word. In modeling these virtues and calling us to greater fidelity, the prophets offer an example and message that are still important to us today.

St. Anthony Spirituality Center-Marathon, WI.

New Year's Eve Retreat

Monday, Dec 31 to Tuesday, Jan 1st. Cost \$90

Invite God into your New Year with this popular St. Anthony's tradition. Join old and new friends as we prayerfully and joyfully welcome 2018. Insightful conferences will give you food for thought. A Holy Hour of Adoration and time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation precedes a social to ring in the New Year. Jan 1st brings more... including Mass and an elaborate brunch to close out this special retreat. Begins with Sunday evening supper at 6:30 p.m. and concludes by 1 p.m. on Monday.

Presenter: Deacon Peter Burek of Wausau.

Contact: 715-443-2236, info@sarcenter.com for reservations.



Retirement Fund for Religious Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Thank you for supporting senior religious.

A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



St. Matthew Bible Study

St. Matthew will be offering a Bible Study, "The Bible and the Virgin Mary". *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* is based on the work of world-renowned theologian Dr. Scott Hahn and presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard. It teaches Catholics how Marian doctrine and devotion are firmly rooted in Scripture and answers common objections from non-Catholics.

Class starts: Tuesdays, January 9th. 1:00-2:30pm or 6:30-8:00pm. Ends: Tuesday, March 27th. 12 week session

The day class facilitator is Kay Washebek. The evening class facilitator is Kris Tierney. Participant workbook fee is \$20.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 2nd.

RSVP to Janet at 715 842-3148 or

janetns@stmatthewparish.org

This will allow us time to order the books.



Readings for the week of December 17, 2017

Sunday-17 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday-18 Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday-19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday-20 Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday-21 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Friday-22 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday-23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Sunday-24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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Let's work to end this shameful scourge.

Two Marches for Life – Washington, D.C. or Chicago

There are two opportunities to march for life again this year. **The Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C.,** sponsored by the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, runs Jan. 17-21.

Visit www.diolc.org/yva and click on "Pilgrimage for Life".

The March for Life Chicago is one day only, Jan. 14, and you can sign up by visiting www.prolifewi.org and scrolling down to the link. Both pro-life marches have buses leaving from locations around our diocese.

Volunteer for mission trip to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey

A group of volunteers from St. Henry Watermark Mission, an ecumenical initiative out of St. Henry Parish in Eau Galle, will be traveling to Houston, TX, this spring to help the rebuilding efforts of residents most in need in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. They will assist with carpentry, sheetrock, mud, tape, insulation, some electrical/plumbing, paint, flooring, finish work, and landscaping. For more information, contact Gary Asher at 715.283.4451 or rasher@wwt.net.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

December 23rd and 24th
4th Sunday of Advent

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
EM	Allen Foster Beth Gorski JoAnn Heinz Mary Joswick Jan Klosinski Mic Klosinski Karie McAuliffe	Lois Murphy Sara Lewitzke Jim Cherek	Jodi Kurtzweil Pat Herdina Jeanne Lang
Lectors	Doris Martin	Jim Schroeder	Scott Fritsche
Servers	Christopher Medvecz Thomas Medvecz Ronald Medvecz	Jacan Boehm XXXXXXXXXX	Russell Harder Stella Harder
Ushers	Steve Sleeter Marlene Zorowski Pat Hiatt Wally Legenza	XXXXXXXXXX John Borowicz Scott Lau Cindy Boehm	Mike Tomsyck Phil Harder XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

December 17th - December 24th

- Sun-17 Children's Liturgy during 10:30 Mass C
Holy Name of Jesus Combined Advent Penance Service at St. Matthew 6:30pm
- Mon-18 NCS Basketball 3:00-7:00
- Tue-19 NCS Basketball 3:00-7:00 G
- Wed-20 Mass at Mt. View 2:00
Religious Ed Nativity Play 6:15-7:30 C
- Thur-21 NCS Basketball 4:45-6:15 G
- Fri-22
- Sat-23
- Sun-24 No Children's Liturgy

Advent Penance Service for Holy Name of Jesus and St. Matthew will be at St. Matthew Church Sunday, December 17th at 6:30 pm



Area Penance Services

December 18th 6:30pm St. Therese

Free Christmas Dinner, December 25th at 12:00 Noon

Greater Wausau area residents who would be alone on Christmas Day are invited to share in the 49th Annual Community Christmas Dinner at noon on December 25th. The Community Christmas dinner, sponsored by area churches and community volunteers, is served free of charge. A free will offering is welcome. Anyone wishing to volunteer please give us a call at 715-551-4166. Located at St. Paul's Church ~ 426 Washington Street, Wausau.



HOLY NAME PARISH WINTER FELLOWSHIP GATHERING



Please join us for a delicious Chili Dinner at **5:00pm on Saturday, January 6th in Simmons Hall.** This is St. Catherine's way of thanking everyone who supports our group all year and especially at our All Holiday Sale. This includes all Bakers, Contributors of sale items and Buyers! There will be socializing and good food with a few door prizes. **ALL ARE WELCOME FREE OF CHARGE!** We'd love to see you there. Served by the Ladies of St. Catherine's Council

CHRISTMAS CHEER THIS YEAR - 2017

WOW! Another amazing response from our parish members to our 8th Annual "Christmas Cheer This Year"! We had 45 parish families donate 200+ gifts for some of the precious children of our parish. The parents were overwhelmed when they saw how generous and kind you were.



Because of your generosity, we are able to help children from our parish have a Christ-filled Christmas. The Spirit of the Season was definitely shining at Holy Name of Jesus Parish! Thank you so much!

Thanks goes out to Meganne (Cynkar) Sann for her help in putting all the gifts together for each of the children.



HOLY NAME PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Report for December 10, 2017

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 5,720.00
ACH Weekly Deposit	\$ 460.00
Student.....	\$ 2.00
Offertory.....	\$ 615.36
Maintenance.....	\$ 222.00
Weekly Collection	\$ 6,599.36

Year End Contributions for 2017

To be included on your 2017 contribution statement: Parish contributions must be received in the Parish Center by 11:00am on Friday December 29th or in the collection basket Sunday, December 31, 2017.

And, if you haven't done so already, consider getting your Diocesan Appeal Contribution as a 2017 deduction also.



Happy 100th Birthday to Aliva Jacobi Tuesday, December 19th



Our sympathies and assurance of prayers to the families of

Kathleen Kinney
and
Chien Nguyen

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



Bishop Callahan's prayer requests.

Bishop Callahan's prayer intention resource is available throughout the year! If you would like to leave a prayer intention, please call 608-352-9565 or visit www.dioc.org/pray to fill out an online request.



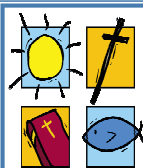
Christmas Flowers

We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers. If you would like to give a donation in memory of a loved one, please clearly print their name on your envelope or insert a piece of paper with their name on it. Thank you!

Simmons Hall Painting Project



Volunteers needed Wednesday, Jan. 3rd and Thursday, Jan 4th to paint Simmons Hall, basement dining hall. Workers are needed at 8:30 AM Wednesday to move tables and chairs, and set up equipment and drop cloths. Painting will start as soon as workers arrive on Wednesday and will stop at 5:30 as religious education classes will be held in the hall. Work will resume Thursday. Work will continue on Friday if needed. Even an hour or two of help is appreciated. All materials will be provided. College students and adults are encouraged to volunteer. Donuts, lunch and supper will be provided. **FUNERALS AND BAD WEATHER MAY IMPACT DATES AND TIMES.** Call Denis Lang at 715-432-3024 for more information or to check schedules.



Religious Education

2017-2018 Schedule
Classes on Wed. 6:15-7:30
(unless otherwise noted)



Dec	20	Rel Ed & Nativity Play—all grades
Dec	27	No Rel Ed—Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Jan	3	Rel Ed & 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg # 1
Jan	10	Rel Ed
Jan	17	Rel Ed & NO High School—Finals week (Gr 9 & 10 only)
Jan	24	Rel Ed

Don't miss the Religious Education Nativity Play

Holy Name and St. Matthew's Parents, families and friends are invited to join the entire Religious Ed program as we enjoy the Nativity Play on

**Wed, Dec 20th from 6:25pm-7:15pm
at Holy Name (in church)**

We hope you are able to join us as the students remind everyone of the true reason for the Christmas season.



Christmas Schedules

No CLOW on Sun, Dec 24th & Dec 31st
No Religious Ed on Wed, Dec. 27th
Have a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



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Next meeting:
SUNDAY NIGHT,
January 14th at 6:30pm-8pm
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Kindergarten – Grade 5

St. Mark: 602 Military Road, Rothschild, 715-359-9662

St. Anne: 604 N. 6th Avenue, Wausau, 715-845-5754

Grades 6 – 12

Newman Catholic MS/HS: 1130 W. Bridge Street, Wausau, 715-845-8274

Central Office – 715-845-5735

www.newmancatholicschools.com

Please save your box tops, Milk Moola, and soup labels!

All Newman Catholic Schools sites appreciate your saving "Box Tops", Campbell's soup labels, and Kwik Trip Milk Moola. You may drop them off in any school office as you have them. You would be surprised what wonderful things we've been able to acquire for our schools with your help. Thanks for clipping!

Youth Ministry Annual

2018 Spaghetti Dinner



All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for the costs of World Youth Day in January 2019 by the Holy Name & St. Matthew teens & chaperones attending.

When: Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, 2018

Time: 4pm-7pm

Where: Simmons Hall - *Church basement*

Cost: \$7.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for kids 3-10 yrs
Free for 2 yrs & under

Includes: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert & juice, milk or coffee

Donations Help us Raise More!

Donations help us keep the costs down and raise the most money for the teens who are working so hard to be able to celebrate our faith, and Mass with Pope Francis in January 2019. If you are able to donate any of the items listed below, your donation can be dropped off at the Religious Ed office or the Parish Center. *Monetary donations are always appreciated to purchase items not donated.*

Supplies with largest amount needed are:

Spaghetti Sauce (cans or jars)	Tomato Paste
Spaghetti Noodles	Ground Beef
Garlic Bread	Lettuce (1# or 2 # bags)
Desserts—Homemade sweets are greatly appreciated!	

Thank you for your continued support of this, and all of our youth programs.



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