Saint Matthew Catholic Church July 3, 2022 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Lk 10:20



Mass Schedule - Horario de Misas

**Mass live streamed on our website or YouTube

Weekends:

**Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am Español-Spanish: 12:00 noon

Weekdays:

**Monday, Wednesday - Saturday: 8 am **Tuesday: 12:05 pm

Confessions

Saturday: 11:00 am - 12 noon or by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday

9 am - 2 pm (in Emily's Room) 2 pm - 5 pm (in Church)

> Wednesday & Friday 9 am - 5 pm (in Church) Benediction at 4:50 pm

Diocese Weekend Mass on TV in Wausau

6 pm Saturday & 9 am Sunday:
Public Access Channel 980
6:30 am Sunday:

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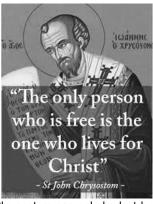
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Gospel Meditation A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

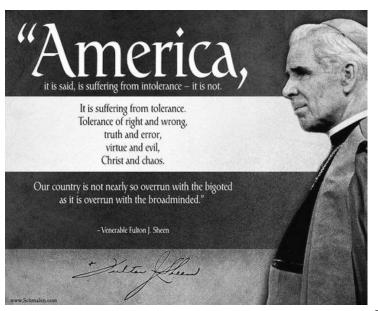
Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away.



The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.



True Freedom is in Acknowledging Dependence on God, says Archbishop Dolan

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As Americans across the country celebrate the nation's Independence Day..., they should humbly remember their dependence on their Creator, said Archbishop Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York

In a column written this week, he reflected on the celebration of Independence Day and called on the faithful to proclaim a "spiritual Declaration of Dependence" on God that is "downright revolutionary" in American society today.

The archbishop then spoke of the false contemporary understanding of freedom "as the right to do whatever we want, whenever we want, whenever we want, whenever we want." Our culture has lost the true understanding of freedom as "the liberty to do what we ought," he said.

He observed the modern trend of "freeing" oneself from "any sense of obedience to God, His revelation and the basic code of right and wrong He has engraved upon the human heart."

This false understanding of freedom has devastating consequences, he continued. "The Ten Commandments become a list of suggestions, the Eight Beatitudes a set of nice ideas, the Bible mere literature, the Church unnecessary, religion a crutch for the unenlightened, objective truth an outmoded oppression."

By adopting this distorted mindset, we elevate ourselves to the level of gods, the archbishop said. This is evident in today's culture, which claims dominion over life in matters such as abortion, euthanasia and embryonic stem cell research, he explained. Focused on consumption and convenience, the culture presumes to re-define marriage and family as it sees fit, revels in violence in its movies and music and resorts to war and terrorism without regard to the demands of morality.

This phenomenon is "curious," Archbishop Dolan said, because the very culture declaring itself independent of God and morality has become "terribly dependent" on "money, insurance, gas, weapons, security systems or even upon alcohol, pornography, lust, gambling and drugs."

The archbishop contrasted this false sense of freedom with the true independence that the founders of America fought so adamantly to gain.

"The patriots who won independence for us in 1776 had no trouble at all acknowledging their total dependence upon God," he said. "In fact, the normative documents of our beloved country presume the existence of a providential God, objective truth, moral duty and the right to life itself."

This acknowledgment of total dependence on God is something we must preserve, he said. We must boldly admit to the world "that every breath we take, each day we have, every opportunity we are given, come from an omnipotent God."

Offering a courageous witness to a hostile culture, we should "bask in the fact that we are totally dependent upon Him," the archbishop said. "He is sovereign, He is Lord, He has power and dominion."

Emphasizing Christ's teaching that "the Truth shall make you free," Archbishop Dolan invited the faithful to take seriously the words they pray at every Sunday Mass: "We believe in God, the Father Almighty..." Recalling a comment from Cardinal Francis George, he explained that this opening line of the creed is "perhaps the most revolutionary statement we can make these days."



Weekly Giving Weekly Minimum Amount Needed per Budget: \$9,612.00

| Envelopes (June 26th) | \$8,439.50 |
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| Youth Envelopes | |
| Offertory | \$837.00 |
| Debt Reduction | |
| Chalice of Mercy | \$735.00 |
| Candles | |

Parish Contributions: Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations. If you are not attending Mass in person, 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 Jerry at: 715-842-3148 or email: jerryg@stmatthewwausau.org).
- Bill Pay through your Bank (contact your bank to set up).
- . Online Giving: (via credit card or direct debit)
 - www.stmatthewwausau.org/donations (one-time donations)
 - www.stmatthewwausau.org/payments (recurring donations available)

St. Mary-Torun Picnic. Join us Sunday, July 17 for our Picnic.

The day begins with Mass at 10:30 am with an outdoor Mass with Polka Music followed by a day filled with music, fun, and fellowship.

For more information visit www.toruncatholic.org

St Francis Xavier in Knowlton is looking for a part time Youth Minister

Do you love Jesus, working with teens and having fun? We are looking for someone to be available when young people are present: Wednesday evenings at Faith Formation, Saturday/Sunday before/after Mass, help with family events such as Breakfast in Bethlehem, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, etc. and offer youth events throughout the year. Flexible schedule/flexible options. No experience required other than a love for Jesus, teens and sharing the faith.

If interested, please call or email Fr. Jim Trempe for more details. 715-693-3120 or frjimtrempe@gmail.com

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www.diolc.org/evangelization/entertainment



Praying Together as a Family

An important component of summer is taking the time for your family to pray together each day. Check out the downloadable prayer card for each grade level. This simple process helps prayer to become more personal.

Visit www.diolc.org/prayer

"The family that prays together stays together."

Are you looking for ways to LIVE your FAITH? RE IGIOUS Our Religious Education Department is in need of catechists.



Are you looking for a way to BE the hands and feet of Christ? A way to learn more about your faith? Then consider giving an hour of your month to help the children of our parish grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus.

There is absolutely no planning or preparing on your part. Joy makes sure you have lesson plans and all supplies and materials you need for class.



Please prayerfully consider helping out in this ministry.

For more information call Joy at (715)842-3148



Healing Conference: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World! with Dr. Mary Healy

Through the generous donation of a donor, this Healing Conference is free. Join us Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse for this Healing Conference.



Dr. Healy is professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, an international speaker and author. Most importantly, Mary speaks at a level that everyone can understand. All are welcome. This Healing Conference is hosted by Living Water! Prayer Community. For questions, contact Deacon Kent Jacobson at livingwaterprayercommunity@gmail.com.

When we, or a family member or friend, are faced with an injury or illness, physical or emotional, our thoughts turn to God in prayer for healing. We want to believe that God will grant healing, but we wonder. And if we as Catholics have doubts, what does this mean to a hurting world, also in need of healing? Dr. Mary Healy will answer such questions as:

- Is Jesus still healing people today?
- Are these healings real and do they last?
- How do we know if God wants us to pray for healing?
- Isn't God asking us to endure suffering and hardships instead of asking for healing?
- How can we pray for healing?
- Can my broken heart be healed as well as my body?



This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

Monday, July 4 - Happy 4th of July, Independence Day!

Parish Center Office Closed No Adoration Today

Thursday, July 7

Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm



Men's Club Men's Fellowship-Game Night on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

All Adult Men of the Parish are Welcome!

The next Fellowship-Game Night: July 12th from 6 - 9 pm in the School Cafeteria.

Everyone is asked to bring cards, games or whatever one wishes to play. Refreshments will be available. For any questions or concerns, contact **Glen** Yeager at 715-848-1106 or Pat Ruesch at 715-845-1160.

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Celebration of the Sacraments

Confession

Saturday: 11am - 12 noon or by Appointment

₹ Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: Monday, July 11th: 6:30 pm The Baptism Class must be attended by parents - Godparents are encouraged to attend. You must register one week before the class by calling the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.

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 Contact Fr Bob 6 months in advance for arrangements.
- Anointing of the Sick and Home Communion Visits

To make arrangements, call Dorothy: 715-432-5519 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148

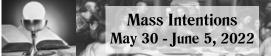
Notify Dorothy if you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

* It's important to contact the care team or social worker at the hospital to request authorization to be visited by a priest.

Anointing of the Sick - for those seriously ill and before a scheduled surgery.

Communion Visits to the Homebound - notify us if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your home, rehab center, assisted living facility, or nursing home.

In Need of Extra Prayer? - Our prayer group is always ready to pray for you! Call Bonnie: 715-675-9876 or the Parish Center: 715-842-3148.





Mon, Jul 4 - 8:00 am - †Jim Schnelle

Tue, Jul 5 - 12:05 pm - †Deceased Members of Seubert Family

Wed, Jul 6 - 8:00 am - †Colleen Dresser

Thu, Jul 7 - 8:00 am - †Lila and †Erick Radandt

Fri, Jul 8 - 8:00 am - †Marcie Will

Sat, Jul 9 - 8:00 am - †Fr Joe K

4:30 pm - †Mary Louise Erickson

Sun, Jul 10 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - Helping Hands Supporters & Volunteers

Spanish - 12 noon - †Consuelo Maldonado Rodriguez

Daily Mass Readings

Monday, July 4

Hos 2:16-18, 21-22/Ps 145/Mt 9:18-26

Tues, July 5 - St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St Elizabeth of Portugal

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115/Mt 9:32-38

Weds, July 6 - Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 7

Hos 11:1-4, 8-9/Ps 80/Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 8

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51/Mt 10:16-23

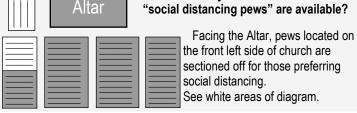
Sat, July 9 - St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs Is 6:1-8/Ps 93/Mt 10:24-33

Sunday, July 10 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

| Weekend - Liturgical Ministers | | |
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| Saturday July 9 4:30 pm | Sunday July 10 8:00 am | Sunday July 10 10:00 am |
| Lectors | | |
| Jeanne Alexejun | Patty Thomson | Lynn Meyer |
| Ushers and Greeters | | |
| Marie Burish Mike Lawrence Dave Mayer | Jody Babl Ted Stencil Kathie Stencil | Kevin Ellenbecker Randy Krueger Kevin Malovrh |
| Musicians | | |
| Todd McDonald Dorothy Giallombardo | Marie Stubbe Annette Southworth | Joel Stubbe Sara Schmitt |

Did you know that



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 and Sympathy go to the Family and Friends of:



Lillian Burish

She died Tuesday - June 21, 2022 She is the Mother of David (Marie) Burish and the Grandmother of Fr Jesse Burish

Margaret Butzen

She died Tuesday - June 28, 2022 She is the Mother of Rosemary (Kevin) Beever and Grandmother of Michael & Therese Beever

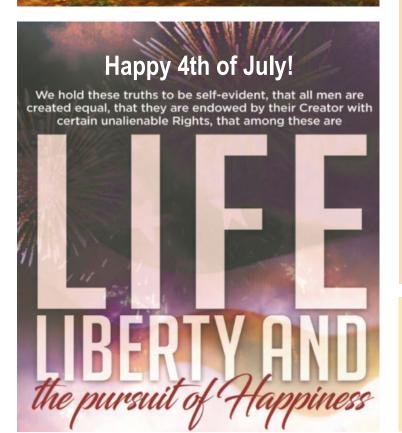
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

Bulletin Editor Position Open at St Matthew Parish

Would you like to work at St Matthew Parish doing the weekly bulletin? This position is for 8 hours/week.

If you enjoy being creative on the computer, have good spelling and typing skills, have worked with Microsoft Publisher or have good knowledge of Microsoft Word, then you will be able to learn how to complete the bulletins on Microsoft Publisher. You will be working with a wonderful staff and contributing to St Matthew Parish!

For more information or to apply for the position, please call the Parish Center at 715-842-3148 or come to the Parish Center to pick up an application.



Sacrament of Baptism

"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."



We welcome into the Catholic Faith:

Baptized Sunday, June 26, 2022

Levi Henry Lemanski Son of Anthony and Meghan

Congratulations!

May Jesus be your dearest companion!



Sacrament of Matrimony



Jeff Hagedorn and Kelly Huebsch

were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at St Matthew Catholic Church

Congratulations!!

May God pour out His blessings on you and all newlyweds!



Welcome Father Sebastian Kolodziejczyk with coffee & donuts in the Angelorum on Sunday, July 10th, following the 8 and 10 am Masses.

Summer Flowers for the Sanctuary



We would love to have flowers from your garden for the sanctuary this summer, if you have any you'd like to share!

To make arrangements for drop-off or for questions please call:

Nancy at 715-675-6796



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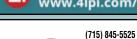
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