# Saint Matthew Catholic Church July 24, 2022 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

Lk 11:1-4



#### 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**

\*\* SCHEDULE CHANGE: Adoration will no longer be on Mondays.

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:

Cable/Satellite Channel 12

#### Parish Center Office - Oficina

(Behind school/atrás de la escuela)
221 S 28th Avenue - 715-842-3148

#### Office Hours - Oficina Horas

Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm Friday: closed through Labor Day

#### Website: www.stmatthewwausau.org

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#### **Gospel Meditation - A Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father". We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the *Lord's Prayer* the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.



#### St James the Apostle - Feast Day: July 25th

Saint James the Apostle is also called *James, son* of *Zebedee*, or *James the Greater* to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in

the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in the 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of Saint James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



Feast Day: July 26th
St Joachim & St Anne
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ.

The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne and their daughter.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the *Protoevangelium of James*, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' ... And he brought her to the chief priests; and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever."

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

St Joachim and St Anne have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The Eastern churches, however, celebrate Saints Joachim and Anne on a different date, September 9th.

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- 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).
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Pregnancy Support page: cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant

The Pregnancy Support Program at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse offers free, confidential, and unbiased life-options counseling through-out the Diocese. Our Program serves expectant mothers/fathers making a life-choice for their unborn baby as well as those who are already parenting but struggling. We provide case management by connecting clients with community resources for services such as: medical, financial, mental health, parenting skills, housing, etc. Another program service is to educate and empower the clients in their decision-making to parent, make an adoption plan, or place their baby with someone they know (kinship/guardianship care). For those who choose not to parent, the social worker prepares and supports them through the legal process of terminating parental rights, as well as the emotional aspects of that decision.

Our staff understand those who made an adoption plan, will process their grief/loss/acceptance at various times throughout their life, thus we welcome clients reaching out months/years after our services cease, and we hold bi-monthly birth parent support groups. For those choosing to parent, we are able to support them through providing parenting education, caring support, and baby supplies.

A Social Worker staffs our hotline which is available 24/7 by calling 888-212-HELP or by texting 715-600-6391.

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Please consider donating baby supplies or financially via our website or mailing a check. Contact: Melissa Bowe, Family Services Director

#### 2. Hope Life Center

605 24th Ave. S. Ste 20; Wausau, WI 54401 Phone: **715.843.4673** Text: **715.843.4673** Email: **info@hopewi.org** Website: **hopewi.org** 

Hope Life Center provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support in a confidential, judgement-free environment. We offer free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, STD testing and treatment, abortion recovery support through weekend healing retreats, health information, and pregnancy and early parenting education. All of our services are provided free of charge due to the generous support of churches, organizations, and individuals. We have been serving Wausau and North Central Wisconsin for over 18 years.



## This Week at Saint Matthew Parish

#### Thursday, July 28

Peacemakers Quilters - Parish Center Patio Room: 1:00 pm Jubilee House Free Community Meal - School Cafeteria: 4:30 - 6:00 pm Men's Club Summer Picnic - School Gym: 5 pm Social, 6 pm Meal

## Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 24th - 30th

#### Called to the Joy of Love:

Natural Family Planning supporting God's plan for love and life!

Come experience the Joy of Love and find a NFP class (in-person and online) at **diolc.org/nfp**. Have questions about using NFP in your marriage? **Call 608.791.2658 to connect with Christy**.

#### **Celebration of the Sacraments**

#### **₹** Confession

Saturday: 11am - 12 noon or by Appointment

#### **₹** Baptism

Baptism Preparation Class: Monday, September 12th: 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.

#### Parish Staff (715-842-3148)

Pastor: Rev Sebastian Kolodziejczyk

Parish Secretary: Patricia Lahr patl@stmatthewwausau.org Plant Manager: Jason Seliger

DRE & Hispanic RE: Joy Orozco joydre@stmatthewwausau.org

**Bulletin Deadline: 3 pm Monday** 

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#### Mass Intentions July 25 - 31, 2022



Mon, July 25 - 8:00 am - Judith Lundquist

Tue, July 26 - 12:05 pm - †Karen Olson

Wed, July 27 - 8:00 am - †Gail Burwell

Thu, July 28 - 8:00 am - †Gail Burwell

Fri, July 29 - 8:00 am - Jerry & Sandy Guralski (50th Anniversary)

Sat, July 30 - 8:00 am - †Gail Arlen

4:30 pm - †Deceased Family of Carol Adler

Sun, July 31 - 8:00 am - St Matthew Parishioners

10:00 am - †Deceased Tanck & Krautkramer Families

Spanish - 12 noon - † Jose Alonso Perez

#### **Daily Mass Readings**

Monday, July 25 - Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126/Mt 20:20-28

Tues, July 26 - St Joachim & St Anne, Parents of the Bl Virgin Mary

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 27

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 28

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 29 - Saint Martha, Saint Mary, and Saint Lazarus

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69/Lk 10:38-42

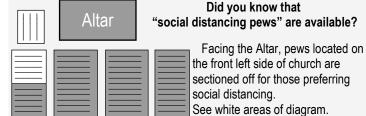
Saturday, July 30 - St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop/Doctor of Church

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, July 31 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Weekend - Liturgical Ministers		
Saturday July 30 4:30 pm	Sunday July 31 8:00 am	Sunday July 31 10:00 am
Lectors		
Joe Calderaro	Mike Jilek	Lynn Meyer
Ushers and Greeters		
Marie Burish Mike Lawrence Dave Mayer	Tom Mullaley Al Seubert Nic Schmitt	Randy Krueger Kevin Malovrh Jack Reeves
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Jerry and Sandy Guralski

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#### Chris Stefanick to Speak on "Living Joy"

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**7:30 pm**. Cost is \$10 per person. The first 80 people to register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy," retail cost of \$24. To register, download a brochure and/or poster, visit diolc.org/witness-joy

## Have you registered your family for Religious Education 2022 - 2023?





Registration is now open on our website. Click on Youth and Adult Formation and go to Religious Education. There you will find our calendar, Parent Handbook, and other pertinent information and as you scroll down, you will find the Registration.

Please register as soon as possible as we are beginning to plan for the new Academic year.



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Registrations are due by August 5th
to allow time for room reservations to be guaranteed.

Late registrations may be accepted if there is a cancelation.



#### Men's Club Summer Picnic

For Men's Club Members, Spouse, & Guest

Thursday, July 28th St Matthew School GYM 5:00 pm Social with Meal at 6:00 pm

**Cost:** \$13.00 per person (includes \$1 for 50/50)

Meal: Burgers, Brats, Chicken, Baked Beans, Grilled Corn, Salads, Desserts, Refreshments

#### What to Bring:

Members A to L: Please bring a Dessert

Members M to Z: Please bring a Salad, Fruit, Chips/Dips, Vegetables, or Pickles/Relishes.

Please RSVP by Sunday July 25, 2022 Request Hamburger, Brats, Chicken or all.

#### **RSVP** to:

Glen Yeager 715-848-1106 or sheilay@charter.net Pat Ruesch 715-845-1160 or rue04of15@gmail.com

\*\* Please note...Picnic will be at the Gym because the Jubilee House will be using the Cafeteria.

#### Are you looking for ways to LIVE your FAITH?

Our Religious Education Department is in need of catechists.



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Everyone is invited to come and listen to some great music, and enjoy the company of family and friends. \*No pets please.

Help us spread the word about our summer concerts concerts.

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