

"the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ."

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.

May we all be ever-vigilant to keeping our hearts and minds open to the freedom of living for Christ.

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Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD. PSALM 33:12

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Sundays: 9:30am

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CHURCH NEWS

Starting this month some changes will take place at

Mass. 1) Communion stations will return to their three normal locations at the end of each of the main aisles that lead to the sanctuary, with two Eucharistic Ministers distributing together. The Body of Christ will continue to be the only species distributed. 2) Those who have pyxes to bring Holy Communion to the homebound are asked to come up to the sanctuary directly after Mass to receive the Eucharist for their ministry. We will no longer distribute Communion to homebound ministers during Mass. For any questions, please call the parish office at 651-777-8116.



Spend time with Jesus!

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." -Matthew 18:20

New adoration hours are now open Monday through Friday, 2:00 p.m. to Midnight.

Contact Barb Kleiter at 651-774-1172 or log on to https://presentation.weadorehim.com to sign up for an adoration hour or scan the QR code below.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass for our Nation

In honor of Independence Day we will have a Mass on Monday, July 4th at 9:30am. Please join us to pray for our Nation!

Our next Sunday Fun Day is coming up!

Please join us in the Lower Parking Lot from 11am-2pm on Sunday, July 10th for a fun afternoon the whole family can enjoy. We will be having a parish picnic with a cookout and lawn games! Free will offerings accepted. Bring a chair or blanket for seating and your favorite lawn games to share!

Grief Ministry Support Program Information Night

You are not alone. Anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one and looking for comfort and support is welcome to attend a meeting to learn more about this ministry on Thursday, July 14, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Call Kay Mottaz for more information at 651-842-6022.

Archbishop Hebda's response to the overturning of Roe v Wade

You can read or watch Archbishop Hebda's statement regarding the United States Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v Wade at

https://www.archspm.org/statement-regarding-dobbs-ruling-by-u-s-supreme-court/.



Please note that the Parish Center and Divine Mercy Chapel will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

PANTHER NEWS

We are hiring! Presentation of Mary School is searching for a great Second Grade teacher! Spread the word to anyone you know looking to join a phenomenal staff, spend time with amazing students, and find deep fulfillment in their work. Take a peek at the full job description and how to apply at https://careers.archspm.org/job/2nd-grade-teacher-ft/.

Our Summer Care kiddos have been having so much fun together! They are getting lots of outside playtime and have even enjoyed a field trip to Dairy Queen!







Do you know anyone looking for a welcoming community and an excellent academic environment for their children? Presentation of Mary School welcomes children from infancy through eighth grade. Visit our website at presentationofmaryschool.org for more information.

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MASS INTENTIONS AND CALENDAR

<u>Sunday, July 3 - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time; St</u> Thomas

9:30am Mass Intention († David Mike)

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

9:30am Mass Intention (For our Nation)

Parish Center & Divine Mercy Chapel Closed <u>Tuesday, July 5 - Sts Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth</u> <u>of Portugal</u>

8:00am Mass Intention (Priest Intention) 5:00pm Reconciliation (C)

Wednesday, July 6 - St Maria Goretti

8:00am Mass Intention (Julie Wright)

Thursday, July 7

Mass Intention († Bill Sandercock)

5:00pm Reconciliation (C)

Friday, July 8

8:45am Mass Intention († Monica Perez)

Saturday, July 9

4:00pm Reconciliation (C)

5:00pm Mass Intention († Pedro Herrera)

Sunday, July 10 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass Intention († David Mike)

11:00am Sunday Fun Day (For the People)



HEO Welcomes Food Donations

Donations of canned and dry goods can be brought to church or the parish office to help feed those in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers

Norma Fitzsimons & Maxine Monno.

Our sympathy to their families and friends.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JULY 4TH - JULY 10TH

Monday, July 4

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

Tuesday, July 5

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 6

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 7

Hos 11:1-4, 8-9/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 8

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday, July 9

Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday, July 10

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14-17, 30-37 or Ps 19:8-11/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



Divine World Missionaries

Fr. Akizou Gerard Kamina SVD will be at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish on July 16-17 to speak about the many ministries of his religious community, Divine Word

Missionaries. They are an international religious community of missionary priests and Brothers serving in 79 countries helping to build chapels, celebrate the sacraments, and spread the Word of God in remote mission communities.

Nearly 6,000 active Divine Word Missionaries minister in the far corners of the world. They build hospitals to care for the sick and schools to educate the poor. They teach the hungry to farm, and they provide life's necessities - water, food, and shelter - in impoverished communities. These priests and Brothers help those neglected and forgotten by society to build a better future. They also foster vibrant Catholic communities of service and faith around the world.

This mission appeal is part of the Missionary Cooperative Program of our Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Please be generous with your prayers and contribute to the second collection to help support the work of Divine Word Missionaries. To meet some of the people Divine Word Missionaries help, please read the stories at https://missionimpact.svdmissions.org/mission-update.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend contributions for June 18 & 19, 2022

	WEEKLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
Sunday Offertory	\$6,489	\$384,414
Electronic Contributions	\$6,284	\$223,155
Total Contributions	\$12,773	\$607,569
Budget	\$11,713	\$597,304
Variance	\$1,060	\$10,625

Renew Funds Collected \$216

Weekend contributions for June 25 & 26, 2022

	WEEKLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
Sunday Offertory	\$6,598	\$391,012
Electronic Contributions	\$1,628	\$224,783
Total Contributions	\$8,226	\$615,795
Budget	\$11,713	\$609,017
Variance	(\$3,487)	\$6,778

Renew Funds Collected

<u>\$418</u>

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