



ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of

St. Mary - Melrose, Sacred Heart - Freeport
Immaculate Conception - New Munich
St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa, St. Michael - Spring Hill
St. Andrew - Greenwald, St. John - Meire Grove

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2024

Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor
Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Parochial Vicar

**Melrose - Spring Hill -
Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org

Facebook: Tri Parish

Mailing Address: PO Box 155
Freeport, MN 56331

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date.**

*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & RCIA

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick,
Home Bound Communion
Pastoral Visitation
Joining/Leaving a Parish**

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.



Seekers of Truth

The scribe said to him, *“Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, ‘He is One and there is no other than he.’ And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”* Mark 12:32-33

This scribe got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus’ teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened carefully to Jesus’ answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn’t ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus’ answer. So he asked Jesus, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbor as ourselves.

We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world.

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Domingo Cardona
†Leonardo Cardona
Tu 7:30 am †Alfred Buschmann
We 7:30 am †Bernie Arceneau
Th 7:30 am †Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
Fr 7:30 am †Rich Boeckermann
†Brady Rademacher
Sa 5:00 pm †Eddie Bussmann
†Jeffrey Bussmann
*Sa 10:00 am †Veronica, †Elmer, & †Tom Ecker
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
Por el Pueblo

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Lois Rieland
Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Chad Toenyan
Su 10:00 am †Ron Leners

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Dean Fleischhacker
Su 10:00 am †MaryAnn Fleischhacker

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Peter Van Beck
Sa 4:00 pm †Rosie & †Perry Meyer

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Vern Meyer
Su 8:00 am †Raphael & †Dolores Imdieke

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

First Tuesday of the month
7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

First Thursday of the month
7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Thomes,
Gaebel, & Kuhlmann Families
Fr 8:15 am †Betty Goebel
Su 8:00 am †Roman & †Elaine Blommel

*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

~ St. Mary ~ St. Michael ~ St. Andrew ~ St. John ~

•Feast of All Saints and All Souls' Prayer Service Our Faith Formation families from the One in Faith: 4 cluster of parishes (St. Andrew, St. John, St. Mary, and St. Michael) invite you to join them in commemorating the feast of All Saints and All Souls with a brief All Souls prayer service on Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's in Melrose. We will remember in a special way the parishioners from our 4 parishes who have died in the past year (November 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024). Everyone is invited! Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Committed Adorers: We are looking for some individuals or couples to be committed adorers for the Wednesday Evening Praise and Worship Adoration Nights at Sacred Heart. The dates are November 6, 2024; December 4, 2024; January 8, 2025; February 12, 2025; March 19, 2025; and April 9, 2025 from 5:30-8:30 pm. If you are able to commit to 30 minutes or more one month, a few months, or several months, that would be great. Please contact Amy at 320-836-2143 to sign up.

Policies on Cemetery Flowers, etc.

According to the cemetery policy, all wreaths, flowers, and other objects not glued or cemented to the monuments need to be removed by Sunday, November 3. Anything left after this date will be removed and saved for a few weeks for those who wish to pick them up before discarding. Over the winter, items not glued or cemented to the monuments often blow off and get buried in the snow, ending up tangled in the snow blower when clearing a path for a grave.



Thank You to everyone who attended our Fall Bingo. Thank you to all the volunteers and to the people for their donations. It was a great success. Hope to see you all in the spring. Congratulations to Donna Sand for winning the quilt.

Wreaths, Centerpieces, and Poinsettias There's still time to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group Fundraiser. Poinsettias, wreaths, sprays, centerpieces, and table top trees are still available. Call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143 if interested or if you have any questions.



This is a great way to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group and enjoy beautiful Christmas décor.



NET Retreat Team Housing: We are looking for housing for the NET Team who are hosting a retreat on Thursday, November 21 for our 10th graders. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with these young adults who are on fire about their faith. They request that a minimum of 2 students are housed together. They bring their own pillows and sleeping bags. We would ask you to bring them to your home after the retreat at 9:00 pm on Thursday, November 21 in New Munich. Then on Friday morning share breakfast with them and bring them back to Immaculate Conception Church, the time will be announced. Please contact Chrystal if interested, 320-836-2143.

Go and Make Disciples Anyone in grade 11 through adult are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. We will have a meal and discuss the Rosary and Sacramentals. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday, November 6. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

Eagle's Healing Nest Donation Drive

The Tri-Parish Faith Formation will be collecting items to help the Eagle's Healing Nest provide for the needs of our many veterans. How can you help? You can donate items such as cleaning supplies, toiletries, bed sheet sets, paper plates, paper towels, winter gloves, general art supplies, or a monetary donation. Please drop off items in designated boxes in the back of the Tri-Parish churches in Freeport, New Munich and St. Rosa, in the weekend collection with the envelope marked Eagle's Healing Nest, or at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport no later than Tuesday, December 10.



Thanks to all who came out for Theology on Tap last week! It was another success. We plan to have another event after the new year, so watch the bulletin and social media for more information.



Adoration with Praise & Worship Music

Wednesday, November 6 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Come spend time with the Lord in Adoration and music.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY
 Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
 Melrose, MN 56352

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$10,656.00
Regular Adult Offering	8,392.00
Plate/Loose	941.00
Designated Funds	1,323.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



10-27	\$25	Rick Moening - Melrose
10-28	\$25	Ervin & Sharon Muellner - Burtrum
10-29	\$25	Gail J. Eibensteiner - Melrose
10-30	\$25	Ali Arnzen - Grey Eagle
10-31	\$50	Chuck Schlicht - Grey Eagle
11-01	\$25	Mary Koopmeniners - Clearwater
11-02	\$25	Juliann Heller - Grey Eagle

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Arlene Pflipsen, 88
 †Joseph Rueter, 89

Fellowship... There will be refreshments served after all the Masses this next weekend, November 9 and 10 at St. Mary's. Please plan to come and stay awhile!!

Craft Sale and Dues Collection The St. Mary's Melrose Christian Women will have a craft sale and dues collection before and after both Masses November 16 & 17. Craft donations accepted!

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Mary's. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle Thanks to the community, our calendar raffle ticket sales are going very well! Tickets can be purchased at the parish office, Magnifi Financial-Melrose Branch, or Freeport State Bank-Melrose Branch. All tickets need to be purchased before 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 31!

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2191

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$6,780.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,756.85
Plate/Loose.....	1,160.00
Votive.....	87.00
School Support.....	552.00
Thanksgiving.....	100.00
Christmas.....	100.00
Christmas Flowers.....	25.00

Parish Events

We	11/06	4:30 pm	Marion Consecration Mini Session - NM
We	11/06	5:30 pm	Praise & Worship
We	11/06	6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	11/06	7:00 pm	Card Making Youth Service Project
We	11/06	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples
Fr	11/08	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	11/08	9:00 am	Adoration

May She Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †Cyrilla Michael, who passed away Tuesday, October 22. Her funeral was celebrated here on Wednesday, October 30.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Phil 2:1-4	Lk 14:12-14
Tu	Phil 2:5-11	Lk 14:15-24
We	Phil 2:12-18	Lk 14:25-33
Th	Phil 3:3-8a	Lk 15:1-10
Fr	Phil 3:17—4:1	Lk 16:1-8
Sa	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22	
Next Sunday - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44	

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

Look for more information about these and other events in Central Minnesota Catholic Magazine or Local Paper or Online

November 3, Sunday

◆**Annual Ham & Egg Breakfast & Bake Sale** at Ss. Peter & Paul Church Basement in Elrosa, MN. Serving from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Tickets: Adults \$10, Children 5-12 \$6, and children 4 and under are free.

◆**St. Agnes Holy Family Catholic United Financial Bingo Party** at 7:00 pm in St. Agnes church basement in Roscoe. \$5 for 10 games of Bingo and cash drawing. Light lunch served.

November 6, Wednesday

◆**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
 ◆**Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

November 10, Sunday

◆**Hunters Mass** hosted by The Haven of Mercy ACC at Holy Family Parish 18777 Riverwood Dr., Little Falls, MN. Mass is at 8:00 pm.

November 13, Wednesday

◆**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
 ◆**November Soup Luncheon** hosted by the Melrose Area Senior Citizens. Serving from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Melrose Senior Center, located in the lower level of the Melrose City offices. If you would like to contribute a pot of soup or bread, please contact Ruth Traeger at 320-492-4583. Free will offering, all are welcome!

November 20, Wednesday

◆**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

November 21, Thursday

◆**Freeport Senior Citizens meeting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

November 23, Saturday

◆**Harvest Supper** at Immaculate Conception Church basement, New Munich. Serving from after the 4:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm. Menu: Loin Chops, potatoes (German & small red), sauerkraut, beans, beverages, and desserts. Tickets: \$10 - Adult, Ages 6-10 - \$5, Age 5 and under are free. Parish raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds: Help meet ongoing parish expenses. For additional info please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

November 24, Sunday

◆**Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast** at Church of Saint Anthony of Padua in St. Anthony, MN 6 miles North of Albany. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. All you can eat old fashioned ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, breakfast breads, rolls, coffee, and milk. Tickets: Adults \$12, Children ages 4-10 \$6 and ages 3 and under are free.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Physical Address: 650 Main Street
 New Munich, MN 56356
Church Basement 320-837-5217

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA
Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
 St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL
Physical Address: 102 St. Michael Avenue N.
 Spring Hill, MN 56352
Church Basement 320-987-3405

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,136.21
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,405.69
Plate/Loose.....	247.00
Votive.....	358.90
Cash Bazaar	950.00
Building/Maintenance	174.62

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$6,140.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,428.85
Plate/Loose.....	2,301.00
Votive.....	196.00
Thanksgiving.....	50.00
Christmas.....	100.00
Special Needs.....	5.00
World Mission Sunday.....	20.00
All Saints.....	20.00
All Souls.....	20.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,658.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,160.00
Children.....	4.00
Plate/Loose	134.25
Fuel Fund.....	100.00
World Mission.....	10.00
Window Donation.....	100.00
Maintenance Fund.....	150.00

Parish Events

Mo 11/04 7:00 pm	Christian Women Meeting
We 11/06 4:30 pm	Marion Consecration Mini Session
We 11/06 5:30 pm	Praise & Worship - FR
We 11/06 6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation Grades 1-6 - FR
We 11/06 7:00 pm	Card Making Youth Service Project - FR
We 11/06 7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Th 11/07 7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 11/09 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Tu 11/05 7:00 am	Adoration
We 11/06 4:30 pm	Marion Consecration Mini Session
We 11/06 5:30 pm	Praise & Worship - FR
We 11/06 6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation Grades 1-6 - FR
We 11/06 7:00 pm	Card Making Youth Service Project - FR
We 11/06 7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Fr 11/08 7:30 pm	Rosary

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, November 10 - 10:00 am
 (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
 (L) Lisa Wuertz
 (U) Allen Lieser & Jeff Lieser
 (EM) (B) Nick Waldorf
 (EM) (C) Conrad & Sandra Gruber
 (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
 (RL) Kathy Welle
 (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
 (HK: Oct. 27 - Nov. 9) Cassie Schoenberg,
 Cindi Schoenberg, & Darlene Schoenberg

May They Rest in Peace...
 ♥Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Celestine "Cel" Rieland**, who passed away Monday, October 21. His funeral was celebrated here on Monday, October 28.
 ♥Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Kathleen "Kathy" Wolbeck**, who passed away Wednesday, October 23. Her funeral was celebrated here on Tuesday, October 29.

Vice President Needed St. Rosa Christian Women is looking for a Vice President for the 2025-2026 year. If interested, please reach out to Callie at 320-248-0643.


Thank You to everyone that helped to make our Worn-A-Bit Rummage and Bake Sale such a great success. All the help and all the donations are greatly appreciated.

St. Anne's Christian Women will meet on Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. All members are welcome to attend.

Winners:
 Quilt – Lou Spanier
 Doily Set – Carol Athmann
 Baby Quilt – Kathy (Ron) Welle
 Baby Afghan – Cyndi Schulzetenberg
 Tan Afghan – Betty Monson

God's Housekeepers for the month of November: Ann Uphoff, Mary Jo Rademacher, Kay Funk, Helen Poepping, Judy Gaebel, and Cindy Pundsack. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

Church Cleanup **Annual Fall Cleaning** Group 3 will be doing the annual fall church cleaning on Monday, November 11. The morning shift will begin at 9:00 am and the evening shift will start at 6:00 pm. If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement. Please contact Sandra Gruber with any questions.



Seekers of Truth continued from page 1

Are you a seeker of truth? Do you recognize the holy truths of God when you hear them? If so, do you have the courage you need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others? Evangelization is different from proselytism. Proselytism is a hostile and forceful preaching of the truths of God. It is argumentative and lacks basic respect for the freedom and dignity of others. Evangelization, on the other hand, is an essential practice that every follower of Christ must engage in. At the heart of evangelization is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. One who evangelizes does not attack another. They do not criticize and condemn. Instead, they seek to understand the full truth themselves and then openly share that truth with those who are open to it.

In many ways, this scribe did just that. He listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good. Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others and Jesus praised Him for his good work.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. If you do, others will discover in you the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate your truth-seeking in their own lives.

Lord of all Truth, in You and You alone will we discover the truths that set us free. Give me the grace and courage I need to always seek out the truth You teach. As I discover and understand all that You teach, help me to express my discoveries with joy and enthusiasm so that others will also be drawn to You. Jesus, I trust in You.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
Physical Address: 211 W 2nd Avenue N.
 Greenwald, MN 56335
Church Basement 320-987-3160

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,222.00
Regular Adult Offering	690.00
Plate/Loose	110.00
Candles.....	27.00
Cemetery.....	290.00
Fuel Fund.....	100.00
Maintenance.....	5.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, November 9 - 4:00 pm

(S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms
 (L) Herman Lensing
 (U) Harold Rademacher & Roger Schoenberg
 (GB) Jason & Angie Barten
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) Mary Opatrny & Mike Barten
 (HK - November) *Carol Winter, Kris Winter, Laurel Worms, & Steph Worms

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN
Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.
 Meire Grove, MN 56352
Church Basement 320-987-3631

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,946.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,269.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	371.25
Votives.....	46.00
Maintenance Fund.....	130.00
Cemetery.....	130.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, November 10 - 8:00 am

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
 (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Jayme Klaphake & Tom Loxtercamp
 (GB) Ken & Linda Schneider
 (EM) (B) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
 (EM) (C) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (HK - November) *Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Heidi Meyer, & Karen Meyer


National Vocation Awareness Week
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stedio.org.

That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor and follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest or religious sister, we pray to the Lord.

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...
 †Aloysius Luetmer, 95

Thank You... A sincere thank-you to all who worked, donated and attended our Potato Pancake supper. Your support is greatly appreciated. We served 963 meals. Donating \$16,000 to the parish along with the \$1,000 Catholic United Financial matching grant for a total of \$17,000. The winner of the quilt was Carol Zenzen. Once again thank-you all and God Bless.



Prayer Requests...
Please call the parish office to be added to this list.

For the Sick: Dorothy Schneider, Joan Schlicht, John Niehaus, Joyce Hauser, Laura Beuning, Lori Austing, Petra Oevermann, Regine Muellner, Sandy Welle, Tony Niehaus

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:


- ◆Sacred Heart
 -Judy Caveny 320-248-8830
- ◆Immaculate Conception
 -Bernice Zink 320-837-5321
- ◆St. Rose of Lima
 -Kayla Harren 320-333-8461
- ◆St. Michael
 -Sharon Schulzetenberg 320-248-7702
- ◆St. Mary's 320-256-3878

Public Rosary...
We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.
All are invited and welcome!


- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Tuesdays at 7:00 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.

HISPANIC MINISTRY


¡Celebración de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe! El Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria está realizando los preparativos para la más importante y significativa celebración de nuestra comunidad. Por lo que estamos aceptando donaciones para llevar a cabo esta celebración. Si ustedes gustan apoyar, los invitamos a que tomen un sobre especial y lo depositen en las colectas dominicales.




¿Eres adulto y aún no has recibido todos tus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunion)? El programa Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos dará inicio el día 12 de Noviembre del presente año a las 6:00 pm. ¡Aún tienes tiempo de registrarte! Llama a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a viernes de 8:00am - 12:00 pm para asistencia en español o habla con alguno de los diáconos hispanos después de la Misa dominical.



Preparación Matrimonial: Invitamos a todas las parejas hispanas que están planeando recibir el sacramento del Matrimonio el próximo año a que se registren para recibir la entrevista con el Sacerdote y comenzar con su preparación. Para más información hable con el Diácono Jorge Carrillo después de Misa o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.



Preparación Bautismal: El ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa María invita a todos los padres que desean que sus hijos reciban el sacramento del bautismo a que se registren para recibir la preparación bautismal. Que se llevará a cabo el día sábado 9 de Noviembre a la 1:00pm en la iglesia de Santa Maria en Melrose. Si usted está interesado o tiene algunas preguntas llame a la oficina parroquial de lunes a viernes de 8:00am -12:00pm para asistencia en español.




FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 pm. Classroom Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 10: NET Retreat 2024-2025** 10th graders save the date of Thursday, November 21 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm for the required NET Retreat. This retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception in New Munich.

Service Projects:

- **Card Making** will be on Wednesday, November 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Students in grades 6-12 will be making Christmas Cards. Permission slips are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Feast of All Saints and All Souls' Prayer Service** Our Faith Formation families from the One in Faith: 4 cluster of parishes (St. Andrew, St. John, St. Mary, and St. Michael) invite you to join them in commemorating the feast of All Saints and All Souls with a brief All Souls prayer service on Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's in Melrose. We will remember in a special way the parishioners from our 4 parishes who have died in the past year (November 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024). Everyone is invited! Refreshments will be served afterwards.


YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org
or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♥ **Bowling: On the Narrow Path.** Grades 6-12 are invited to go bowling on Thursday, November 14 at Albany Bowling Center. Leave the Sacred Heart Church parking lot at 5:30 pm and return around 7:30 pm. Bowling, shoes, pizza, and pop will be \$20. Contact Alyssa 320-429-0770 with questions and turn in permission forms to Alyssa at Sacred Heart School or Chrystal at the parish office in Freeport by Wednesday, November 6.
- ♥ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 28-30 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 52 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$200. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 5 with a \$100 nonrefundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 with questions.
- ♥ **Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays, from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.

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♥ **The SHS Students participated in "Lids for Lori."** The students brought in donations for the Austing Family to earn the opportunity to wear a hat to school on Thursday, October 24. They raised \$1,034.31 for the Austing Family!

♥ **Mrs. Benson and Her 5th Grade Class** performed a Top 20 performance on Wednesday, October 30.

♥ Thank You:

- **Famo Feeds** for your donation of the transportation for our field trips to Vintage Village and Camp Ripley!
- **Corner Pub** for supplying SHS with more than 30 pumpkins for the kids to decorate for Halloween.
- **Fire Chief, Andy Grieve**, for coming out to SHS to celebrate our Care-A-Thon goal by giving cotton candy to every student!

We appreciate your time, dedication and generosity to SHS.

- ♥ **SHS Students enjoyed** their Halloween Themed Vocabulary Parade on Thursday, October 31 at 1:30 pm.
- ♥ **Let's wish our AMAZING Principal** a wonderful Birthday on Sunday, November 3! She does so much for our school and is a great leader to all. Let's spoil her with Birthday wishes!
- ♥ **Wednesday, November 6** we will collect food at Mass for the Melrose Area Food Shelf.
- ♥ **Thursday, November 7** is the end of the 1st Quarter.
- ♥ **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, November 8.
- ♥ **SHS Will Have Conferences** the week of November 11.
- ♥ **SHS Veterans Day Program** will be on Monday, November 11 at 12:30 pm.

♦ **Thursday, November 7**, is the last day of the 1st quarter.

♦ **Friday, November 8**, is a teacher work-shop day. No School for students.

♦ **Conferences** are Tuesday, November 12 and Thursday, November 14.

♦ **St. Mary's and SJSA students will hold a Veterans' Day program** on Monday, November 11, at 8:30 am in the St. Mary's school gym. All are welcome!

• **Softener Salt Sale Pick-Up** is Thursday, November 7 from 12:00 - 5:30 pm at the Greenwald Elevator. Thank you to everyone who supported the salt sale!

• **End of the First Quarter** is Thursday, November 7.

• **No School** on Friday, November 8 - Teacher Workshop.

• **Veterans Day Program** SJSA students will join St. Mary's students for a Veterans Day Program on Monday, November 11 at 8:30 am at St. Mary's School in Melrose.

• **Parent Teacher Conferences** are Thursday, November 14 from 2:30 - 7:00 pm.

• **No School** on Friday, November 15.



ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting... The One In Faith Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room. If you would like to be added to the agenda please contact Lisa Wuertz at 320-219-3624 or plwuertz@meltel.net before November 12.



Fall Quarter Craze The Freeport Christian Women will be hosting a Fall Quarter Craze on Monday, November 18 at the Freeport Community Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm and Auction will begin at 7:00 pm. Come for a fun evening of prizes, laughter and fellowship. Tickets are \$5 each and will go on sale on Friday, November 8. They can be picked up at the Freeport State Bank (ask for Brenda) or at Decor & More gift shop in Melrose.

End-of-Year Giving: Stock, IRA's and QCD's Gifts of stock are always appreciated, and there are significant tax benefits available to those who give appreciated stock held longer than a year. Those who choose to donate stock are generally entitled to a tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the stock at the time the gift is made, not just the original cost. Additionally, donors do not incur any capital gains tax when stock is given away rather than sold. Please consider a stock gift when donating to your church, Sacred Heart School, St. Mary's School, or St. John's St. Andrew's School. When making a charitable rollover through IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), we always recommend that you seek professional advice in these matters. If you have any questions about this type of contribution, please contact the parish office in Melrose and Freeport with questions.

Theology Day at Saint John's University in Collegeville is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper spiritual life or understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives to learn from and interact with the theologians of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. It offers a chance for these scholars to gain insights and grow in their faith, as well. Enhance your spiritual life with one of the events listed below. All events are held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Emmaus Hall. For more information or to register, please call 320-363-3560 or visit www.theologyday.com.



- The Eucharist, Divinization, and the Regeneration of the World - Friday, November 8
- True Happiness: Wisdom of the Heart - Friday, November 22



Time to Expand Your Circle of Friends? Try a TEC Retreat. "God has a wonderful way of connecting the dots in our lives to people that will honor who we are, right where we are" (Tiffany Wilson). A TEC retreat will expand your circle of friends with those who will lift you up, support you, encourage you, and bring you closer to God. Come meet some new friends. Register for one of our three-day TEC retreats. www.cmtec.org. Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open to both youth (age 16+) as well as adults and is located just north of Little Falls.

Natural Family Planning... Faithfully Yours: Discover Natural Family Planning (NFP)! NFP cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. The Billings Ovulation Method is a natural, highly effective method for postponing or achieving pregnancy without the use of drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursday, November 21 and Thursday, December 19 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health - Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Young Adult Ministry: "From Minister to Mechanic: Finding God in all the Places" The Office for Ministry with Young Adults is partnering with three different areas in our diocese to sponsor some Theology on Draft evenings this fall, "From Minister to Mechanic: Finding God in all the Places." Our speaker for the evenings is Cathy Heying, the founder and executive director of The Lift Garage, a nonprofit auto repair shop that provides low-cost car repair for low-income Minnesotans. Cathy has a rich history of social service and mission. In 2015, Cathy was named both a CNN Hero and the Irwin Tools Tradesperson of the Year. Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to these evenings to learn and share faith, fellowship, food and refreshments. Appetizers will be served, and participants may purchase refreshments. Next event is:
• Thursday, November 14, 6:00-8:00 pm at Iron Street Distillery, St. Cloud



Bishop's Annual Appeal Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of October 21, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,345,284 toward our goal of \$1,450,000(96.09%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 7,461 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stedio.org/annualappeal.


Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We meet at 7:00 pm on the second Saturday (November 9) of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo holds retreats throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com.

- Women's Silent Retreat - November 5-7 (Midweek)
- Men's & Women's Silent Retreat - November 8-10 (Weekend)

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