



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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024

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

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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.



"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Mark 10:24-27

Have you ever been "exceedingly astonished" by the demands of the Christian life? Hopefully you have been. And if you have been, hopefully you are no longer. Being exceedingly astonished is one of many purifications we must go through in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

The "eye of a needle" is a reference to one of the gates in the wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. After dark, the gate would be closed and the only way to enter was through a small door in the center of that gate. A person could pass through by ducking down, but a camel could not enter unless it got down on the ground and literally crawled through. This took much effort and direction from the master of that camel, but it was possible.

The point of this story is to emphasize that we will not be able to easily stroll into Heaven. In this case, Jesus was speaking about how easy it is for a person with money to become so attached to that money that they fail to obtain the riches of Heaven. The rich young man, to whom Jesus was just speaking, went away sad because Jesus lovingly invited him to detach from his earthly wealth so as to obtain the riches of Heaven. Jesus said to him, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." To that, the rich young man went away sad.

Greed and an all-consuming attachment to material wealth clearly have the potential to destroy your soul. That's a fact. There is no way around it. But this teaching applies to every other form of attachment also. When we are attached to any sin to a serious degree and refuse to separate ourselves from that sin, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, if love of God does not motivate us to turn from sin, perhaps fear of hell will.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 14 - 20

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Maria Sanchez
Tu 7:30 am †Stacy Meyer
We 7:30 am †Irene & †Sue Pundsack
Th 7:30 am †Mary Ann Arzen
Fr 7:30 am No School Mass
†Ralph Roelike
Sa 5:00 pm †Lucille Orth
*SU 10:00 am For the People
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Jaime Orozco

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Joe Rieland
Sa 4:00 pm †Lois Rieland
ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa
Tu 8:15 am †Gerald Arzen
Su 10:00 am For the People
ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill
Tu 8:00 am †John Loehr
Su 10:00 am †Bob Terres
ST. ANDREW - Greenwald
Th 8:00 am Good Harvest
Sa 4:00 pm †Viola Berscheid
ST. JOHN - Meire Grove
We 8:00 am †Joyce Yarke
Su 8:00 am Emily & Denis Schnieder

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 †Jim Nykodym
Fr 8:15 am †Neil Middendorf
Su 8:00 am †Ed & †Irene Harren

*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 ~

•Bookkeeper Contact Information Katie Roerick has returned from maternity leave and can be reached at katie@stmarysofmelrose.com or 320-256-9502. Thank you to Judy Caveny for being our interim bookkeeper. She was very much appreciated!

•Respect Life Month October is Respect Life Month and to contribute to a culture of life, bassinets will be placed in our churches to collect new baby items which will be given to Options for Women in Sauk Centre as they offer material assistance to women facing unplanned pregnancies as well as classes to learn to care for themselves and the baby. Items needed are clothes (especially for boys) sizes newborn to 4T, diapers sizes 1 to 5, and Enfamil (yellow & purple) baby formula.



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.

Thank You to all who made the 100-year anniversary celebration of the current church building in Meire Grove such a beautiful celebration, especially Abbott Doug Mullen from St. John's Abbey. There are extra blessed St. Benedict medals at the church entrances for those that didn't receive one last Sunday.

Stewardship Day 2024 Stewardship: Living the Biblical; Call All are welcome to attend this event and are encouraged to share this information with your staff, stewardship committee and other interested parties. Join Bernie Evans, professor emeritus, Saint John's University, to delve into key questions of the age, such as ecological stewardship and care for body, mind and spirit through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. Explore the communal and personal actions that help every believer proclaim the reign of God in this presentation based on his book, "Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call." October 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Louis Church, Paynesville. This location will also feature Spanish translation. To register visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKTYHKB.



Parish News:

~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~

•All Souls' Remembrance St. John's Abbey has invited our parishes to submit names of deceased loved ones as part of their All Souls' Remembrance ministry. In the entry of our parishes, there is a sign-up sheet to add deceased loved ones' names. We will collect these names through the month of October and submit them to St. John's for them to pray for these individuals during the month of November.

Diocese of St. Cloud Parent Survey Our ACC is participating in the NCCL Parents & Families at the Center of Faith Formation grant. This grant will help explore ways to strengthen faith at home, in parish communities, and to support parents and the family as they live out their faith. We ask that parents of children birth through high school graduation complete this survey. The Catholic Family Survey will help your parish better understand your family and your life as a parent. The survey results are very important. They will be used to create a parish plan for supporting parents of children and young people, and for engaging the whole family in faith formation - from birth through high school graduation. The survey will only take 8-10 minutes to complete. We appreciate your time and contribution! Please complete the survey prior to Friday, October 18, using the following link, https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StCloudParentSurvey.



BINGO Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on Sunday, October 27 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch includes hot turkey sandwich, chips, pickle and cookie. Beverages are available for sale. Variety games such as Good Neighbor Bingo and Blackout. There will also be a quilt raffle. Fun for the entire family. Sorry, no checks, cash only. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Society of Melrose.

An Invitation From Saint John's Abbey - All Saints Vigil Abbot Douglas Mullin, OSB, and the monks of Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, invite you to attend the All Saints Vigil liturgy and reception at the Abbey Church on Thursday, October 31. The Vigil of All Saints liturgy begins in the church's baptistry at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow the liturgy in the Great Hall. All are invited. We hope you will join us.

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

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
*Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2191*

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


Total.....	\$6,655.85
Regular Adult Offering	3,789.00
Plate/Loose	941.50
Designated Funds	1,925.35

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Total.....	\$10,943.88
Regular Adult Offering.....	9,705.85
Plate/Loose.....	523.03
Votive.....	170.00
School Support	500.00
Building/Maintenance.....	25.00
Ascension.....	10.00
All Saints Day.....	10.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

10-06	\$25	Terry Braegelmann - Melrose
10-07	\$25	Dr. Jim & Nancy Mohs - Melrose
10-08	\$25	Linda & John Kociemba - Grey Eagle
10-09	\$25	Harriet Froelich - Melrose
10-10	\$25	Alice Loxtercamp - Melrose
10-11	\$25	John & Jan Kilpatrick - Alexandria
10-12	\$25	Susan Myers - Melrose



Parish Events

Su	10/13	8:30 am	Catholic United Financial Breakfast
Th	10/16	9:45 am	Pilgrimage Tour
Fr	10/17	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	10/17	9:00 am	Adoration

Baptized in Christ...

- ♥Luz Maria Juarez Hernandez
- ♥Luz Yamileth Gutierrez Diaz

St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm in the conference room at church.

Fall Quilt Chances Members of the Mission Society will be present to sell chances for their fall quilt before and after the Masses on the weekend of October 19-20. Tickets are \$1.00/chance. Please consider supporting the missions with this fundraiser.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle is Underway! A pink flier was mailed to all parishioners last week. \$12,000 in cash prizes will be given away! The drawing will take place at St. Mary's Parish Center on Tuesday, December 31, at 9:00 am. All names are returned to the drawing for more chances to win. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at Magnifi Financial - Melrose, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, and St. Mary's Parish Center. Please consider purchasing tickets to help make this year's raffle a success.

October is Mission Month All parishioners are members of the Mission Society. All, both male and female, are encouraged to attend our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 8:45 am at St. Mary's. We are asking all parishioners to donate a free will offering to the Mission Society. We used to call it "dues." As we reflect on our MANY blessings, we realize we have been given much. We are called - as a parish - to respond to those in need. Place your donation in any envelope, write "mission" on it, and place in the collection or bring to the office. Please be generous in your support of the St. Mary's Mission Society! Thank you.

Stewardship Renewal Continues Next Weekend Next weekend, we continue our parish Stewardship Renewal with hearing from a fellow parishioner who has embraced stewardship as a way of life and the difference it has made for them. Reflect on how *you* are involved at Church of St. Mary. Do you serve in parish ministries? Do you come to parish-wide events? Are you taking steps to improve your spiritual life and further study our Catholic Faith? This past weekend, you received your Stewardship Renewal packet. Please prayerfully review these materials and discern where God is calling you in the coming year. On Commitment Sunday, October 26-27, each parish family is asked to return their completed commitment card or complete a card online at our parish website, www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys.

Join Music Ministry! Do you like to sing? Have you been told you have a nice voice? We can use you in the choir, as a psalmist, or as a cantor. The choir's role is to enrich the celebration of the Mass by adding musical elements beyond the congregation's capabilities alone. Choir rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Psalmists proclaim the Psalm after the First reading and sing the verse for the Gospel Acclamation. Cantors are singers and leaders of congregational songs. Often the roles of psalmist and cantor are entrusted to the same person. Psalmists and cantors may have individual rehearsals to rehearse the Psalm and work on their skills. Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship states, "Singing is one of the primary ways that the assembly participates actively in the Liturgy " (paragraph 26)." The roles of the choir, psalmist, or cantor are to encourage the participation of the congregation. For more information contact Sarah Woeste at 320-256-9516.

Community Garden Please remove all items from the garden by Monday, October 14 so it can be plowed. Thank you.

Catholic United Financial Breakfast Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial #101 will be serving a Sausage/Pancake breakfast today, Sunday, October 13 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church basement. Proceeds are donated to Sacred Heart School.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

♥**Pumpkin Youth Night** Students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us for a night of painting, games, food, and more. Monday, October 21 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart basement. If you have questions, please contact Alyssa 320-429-0770.

♥**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.

♥**Youth in grades 9-12 are invited** to join us for the High School Youth Day on Sunday, October 27, at Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria, MN. This event is put on by the St. Cloud Diocese and has a world renown speaker/musician, PJ Anderson, who has even lead worship at multiple World Youth Days! Please fill out a youth interest form (available in the back of the churches or St. Cloud Diocese website) and return them to Pam at St. Mary's church office or drop it off at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.

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.....	\$3,035.73
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,267.69
Plate/Loose	143.42
Cash Bazaar	480.00
Building/Maintenance	144.62

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$1,644.72
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,328.85
Plate/Loose	247.87
Votive.....	48.00
Building/Maintenance.....	20.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,509.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,377.00
Plate/Loose	112.00
Parish House Sales.....	20.00

Parish Events


Tu 10/15 DCCW Meeting Set Up
 We 10/16 9:00 am DCCW Board
 Th 10/17 7:00 pm Choir Practice
 Sa 10/19 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
 Sa 10/19 5:00 pm Social

Parish Events

Fr 10/18 7:30 pm Rosary
 Su 10/20 11:00 am Baptism

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, October 20 - 10:00 am

(S) Gabby & Celia Schoenberg
 (L) Gary P. Lieser
 (U) Pat Bertram & Randy Bertram
 (EM) (B) Jeanette Kalthoff
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboeger
 (HK: October 13-26) Karen Rademacher,
 Betty Schmidt, & Rhonda Schmidt

 **Thank You** to the New Munich Lions for their generous donation of \$5,300 to cover the cost of sealing the road to the cemetery.

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

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

The Worn-A-Bit Sale is just around the corner! Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to offset the cost of the making of pies and/or luncheon, please contact Amy at 320-980-4780 by Friday, October 18.

New Addition Social: Saturday, October 19 To celebrate the completion of the elevator and gathering space, Bishop Neary will bless the new addition at the 4:00 pm Mass in New Munich. Following Mass, there will be a social to celebrate. All are welcome. **Servers Requested:** Chairs: Melvin & Linda Feldewerd, Co-Chairs: Paul & Sandra Feldewerd, Servers: Nancy Feldewerd, Wilfred & Dorothy Feldewerd, Travis & Charlene Fread, Christopher & Brittany Frieler, Christopher & Tracy Frieler. All servers please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.

Deacon Sunday: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"
 Pray for those men who serve us as deacons. By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to serve as a deacon, speak with your paster or contact the Office of the Diaconate.
 That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as deacons, we pray to the Lord.



Exceedingly Astonished continued from page 1

When the disciples witnessed this rich young man preferring his wealth over Heaven, and then Jesus standing His ground and making it clear that it is very hard to make it to Heaven, their astonishment would have challenged them personally. But that is good. It is good because it reveals that they were also convicted of their own unholy attachments and their astonishment arose from a holy fear within. As they saw the rich young man walk away, they would have thought about those things that they also held onto that needed to be purged from their lives. "Astonishment" in this case is the holy realization that they needed to change. The good news, however, is that when a person does change and becomes freed from the attachments that keep them from God, then they will no longer have any attachment that will lead them to be astonished at God's demands. The ultimate goal is to overcome the astonishment caused by the demands of discipleship so that conformity to these demands becomes a way of life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has taught that is difficult for you to face. Is there any commandment that you tend to ignore? Any teaching that you attempt to rationalize? Any demand that appears to you to be too much? If you are to enter the eye of the needle, you must be wholeheartedly committed. Jesus will not shy away from demanding a total surrender of your life to Him. Reflect upon those attachments that you continue to hold onto and try to see Jesus speaking to you about those attachments as He spoke to this rich young man. Overcome all astonishment and make unwavering submission to the will of God your way of life. This is the only way to enter the gates of the Kingdom of God.

Most demanding Lord, Your invitation to discipleship is an invitation to surrender every sinful attachment over to You so as to be freed of those sins. You ask and demand of me everything, dear Lord. May I accept Your demands of holy love and respond generously, holding nothing back, so that I can share in the riches of the Kingdom. 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	\$25,984.00
Regular Adult Offering	847.00
Plate/Loose	123.00
Votives.....	9.00
School Subsidy.....	5.00
Barley Days.....	25,000.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, October 19 - 4:00 pm

(S) Leo Kasper & Claire Kasper
 (L) Linda Heinze
 (U) Matthew Kasper & Herman Lensing
 (GB) Jon & Laurel Worms
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatry
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - October) *Kay Van Beck, Judy Wehlage, Ruth Wehlage, & Bev Winter

Calendar Raffle 
 The Catholic United Financial Council #324 is having a calendar raffle for the month of November, with a Matching Grant of up to \$1,000. All proceeds will be going to the parish. Parishioners have received tickets to sell. Drawing will be every day in November, with the largest amount on Thanksgiving.

 **Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper** St. John's Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper will be held Sunday, October 20, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the St John's church basement in Meire Grove. Adults: \$14 advance or \$15 at door. Children 10 and under: \$6. Pre-school free. Tickets available from any St. John's Parishioner.
 •Work Schedule: Please check the work schedule. If you are unable to work, please find someone to work for you.
 •Prep Work: We will be starting at 7:30 am on Saturday, October 19 in preparation for the supper. Your help is greatly appreciated!
 •Sold/Unsold tickets and donations need to be turned in by October 20.
 "This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial."

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.


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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,949.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,445.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	202.00
Votives.....	52.50
School Subsidy.....	85.00
Maintenance Fund.....	105.00
Church Lighting.....	60.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, October 20 - 8:00 am

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
 (L) Doug Meyer
 (U) Daryl Zenzen & Chad Funk
 (GB) Jeron & Brenda Nathe
 (EM) (B) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - October) *Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, & Sheri Luetmer

All St. John the Baptist Parishioners
 We need your help to clean the church basement on Monday, October 14, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Prayer for Life
A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

¡Inscribite en la parroquia! Si asistes frecuentemente a la celebración de la Misa en nuestra parroquia y no te has registrado como miembro de está, te invitamos a que te registres y formes parte de nuestra gran comunidad hispana registrada. ¡Ya somos casi 500 feligreses hispanos registrados en la parroquia de Santa Maria! Si tienes preguntas al respecto llama al 320-256-9500 de 8:00am-12:00pm para asistencia en español.

¿Eres adulto y aún no has recibido todos tus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunion)?: el Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria cuenta con el Programa RICA que ayuda a preparar a todos aquellos adultos que aún no han recibido los sacramentos de iniciación y de igual manera prepara aquellas personas que no eran católicas pero desean entrar en total comunión con la Iglesia Católica. Si a usted le interesa entrar a este programa o conoce a alguien que desea prepararse para recibir sus sacramentos, hable con los diacono Jorge Carrillo o Jesus Hernandez para registrarse o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.




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. Si tiene preguntas al respecto hable con el Diacono Jesus Hernandez o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para atención en Español.

One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs
 A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money!
 A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.
 *Gift cards are great gift ideas!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Amy Van Beck
SHS BOARD: Myranda Beuning, Julie Job, Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle, Lindsay Frieler, and Jenelle Herkenhoff
 www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591
 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Briana Worms
SMS BOARD: Cory Ellering, Bob Arceneau, Jenn Lubarski, Cindy Hemmesch, Jake Primus, and Pat Christenson
 Phone: 320-256-4257
 www.smsmelrosemn.org



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD: Kathy Gilk, Adam Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Kurt Meyer, Trista Meyer, Jenny Wilson, and Kristi Zimmer
 Phone: 320-987-3133
 www.sjsaschool.org

♥**Our Annual Care A Thon Fundraiser** for SHS was on Friday, October 4. The kids participated in service projects and had a prayer service in the Tri-Parish Community. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a student at SHS for this fundraiser. Donations are still being accepted. Let's help the students reach their goal of \$16,000 and their Cotton Candy reward! They are SOOOO close!

♥**The Kindergarten and 1st Grade Students** had a great time at the Great Theatre performance of Winnie the Pooh on Tuesday, October 8.

♥**Our Caring Coats Drive Began** on Monday, October 7. If you have any gently used fall/winter items (coats, hats, mittens scarves, etc.) that you are no longer using, we would love to have you bring them to SHS. All donations stay in the area. Thank you in advance for your donations.

♥**SHS Celebrated World Mission Rosary** day on Wednesday, October 9. Thank you to all that joined us at the Sacred Heart Parish for the Rosary.

♥**Our Catholic United Financial Breakfast** is today, Sunday, October 13. We will be serving from 8:30 am until noon in the Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport.

♥**Thank You** to Fire Chief Andy Grieve and crew for a fun visit for the Kindergartners at the Fire Hall last week and for coming out this week to the school to talk to the students about fire safety.

♥**Congratulations** to all Tri-Parish Confirmants that made their Confirmation on Saturday, October 12. We are always so excited to see our alumni continue to grow in their faith.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ♥**SHS WILL have school** on Wednesday, October 16.
- ♥**MEA break will be** Thursday and Friday October 17 and 18.
- ♥**October Birthday Dinner** will be on Thursday, October 24.
- ♥**Vocabulary Parade** will be on Thursday, October 31.

♦**SMS Families Will Sell Harry's Pizzas** now through Wednesday, October 23. Pepperoni, sausage, cheese, 4 meat, chicken bacon ranch, breakfast, and chicken alfredo - \$12 a pizza. Contact any SMS family, the school at 320-256-4257, or stop in the Church office. The delivery date is Thursday, November 7.

♦**Grandparent's Day** will be celebrated at St. Mary's School on Tuesday, October 15. Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin the day with Mass at church at 8:30 am, followed by a program at 10:15 am with preschool-6th grade at church, and ending the day with lunch at school.

♦**There Will Be NO School** on Wednesday-Friday, October 16-18, due to Education MN and a workshop day.

♦**The Catholic Church Recognizes** October as Mission Month and the Month of the Rosary. St. Mary's School children will pray the World Mission Rosary at Church on Wednesday, October 23, at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join us as a community for this prayer.

♦**SJSA 5th and 6th Grade Students** helped the Greenwald Lions with their roadside/ditch clean-up on Wednesday, October 2. Thank you to Woody's for treating the children to pizza after the clean-up.

♦**SJSA Oktoberfest** is Tuesday, October 15 in the St. John's Church basement in Meire Grove from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Come join us for great food and music. We will have a live polka band and the student performance at 7:30 pm.

♦**Greenwald Elevator Softener Salt Sale** The Greenwald Elevator is having a salt sale with proceeds going to SJSA. Salt can be ordered now through Tuesday, October 15 and can be ordered by the bag or pallet. The pick-up date is Thursday, November 7 at the Greenwald Elevator. Salt can be ordered through any SJSA family, by calling the school at 320-987-3133, or by calling or stopping by the Greenwald Elevator 320-987-3159. Thank you for supporting the Greenwald Elevator Salt Sale!

♦**No School** October 16 -18 at SJSA for the Education Minnesota break.

♦**SJSA School Board meets** Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!

10/06	\$25	Heather Eisenschenk - Cold Spring
10/07	\$25	Jan Herzog - Melrose
10/08	\$25	Justin Middendorf - Osakis
10/09	\$25	Gary Harren - Freeport
10/10	\$25	Ruth Bertram - Sauk Centre
10/11	\$25	Frank Gerads - Freeport
10/12	\$25	Ethan Van Beck - New Munich

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

October 13, Sunday

♦**Sausage/Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by Catholic United Financial #101. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement, Freeport.

♦**Chicken & Ham Dinner** sponsored by Holdingford Knights of Columbus #9307. Serving from 3:30 - 6:30 pm at the Pelican Lake Ballroom, St. Anna. Adults \$15. Children ages 5-12 \$10. Take outs available.

October 16, Wednesday

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

October 17, Thursday

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

October 18, Friday

♦**"All You Can Eat" Fish Fry** at the Melrose American Legion. Please join us from 4:30 - 8:00 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated!

October 20, Sunday

♦**Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper** serving from 3:00 - 7:00 pm at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Adults \$14 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children 10 and under \$6. Preschool free! This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1,000.

October 23, Wednesday

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

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 16. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm.
- **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.
- **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart School gym.

Service Projects:

- **Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf** Students in grades 6-12 will be Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We will meet at Sacred Heart Church basement and will cover the towns of Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. Permission forms are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is October 23.
- **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. Deadline is Wednesday, October 30.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **No Faith Formation classes due to MEA Break** but please join us for Potato Pancakes in Meire Grove on Sunday, October 20, serving from 3:00 - 7:00 pm.

The Scriptures This Week Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1	Lk 11:29-32
Tu	Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	
	Gal 5:1-6	Lk 11:37-41
We	Gal 5:18-25	Lk 11:42-46
Th	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	
	Eph 1:1-10	Lk 11:47-54
Fr	Saint Luke, Evangelist	
	2 Tm 4:10-17b	Lk 10:1-9
Sa	Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	
	Eph 1:15-23	Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Is 53:10-11	Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but haven't been confirmed? We will have an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Melrose. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptized Catholics. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. Please contact one of the parish offices or come to this meeting if you are interested in learning more about this program.

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.

Theology on Tap Join us on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm at the Freeport Community Center in Freeport. Fr. Dan will be giving a small presentation on the topic "The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist." Following that presentation, he will have an open Q & A. Any questions are welcome; they do not need to relate to the topic previously discussed. There will be a freewill offering meal from 6:00 pm until gone, as well as a cash bar.



House Blessing... If you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan call the Tri-Parish Office, Freeport (320-836-2143).

Reboot a Life Changing Event Join us for an inspiring night with Catholic speaker and author, Chris Stefanick! Reboot! Is the fun, inspiring, and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. Sunday, October 20 at 6:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary 420 Irving Street, Alexandria, MN. Tickets are \$33. Limited availability! Get your tickets soon! For ages 12+. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit www.RealLifeCatholic.com.

Great Marriages Don't Just Happen - Couples create them!

Begin creating your awesome marriage by attending the October 19-20 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of additional retreats or call 651-454-3238.

Are You Ready? Adult Day with PJ Anderson Join us on Saturday, October 26 in St. Joseph, MN for three events designed for adults. There's something for everyone: a morning of reflection (9:00 - 11:00 am), and afternoon for parents and families (2:00 - 4:30 pm, children's session for ages 4-12) and a FREE concert (7:00 - 8:30 pm). Register at: <https://stcdio.org/event/are-you-ready-foor-pj-anderson/>

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.

- Holiness of the Saints - October 16 (Day)
- Married Couples Retreat - October 18-20 (Weekend)

Bishop's Annual Appeal "Behold who you are. Become what you receive." The beauty of Catholic tradition and liturgy draws people in. Those discerning Catholicism seeking to return to the catholic faith are invited to engage in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. To learn more, use your smartphone to view our video or visit <https://youtu.be/pxS5kuNzfFo>. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



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