

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 15, 2023

Fr. Marvin Enneking, Pastor Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor Fr. Arockiya Newton, Parochial Vicar

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

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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

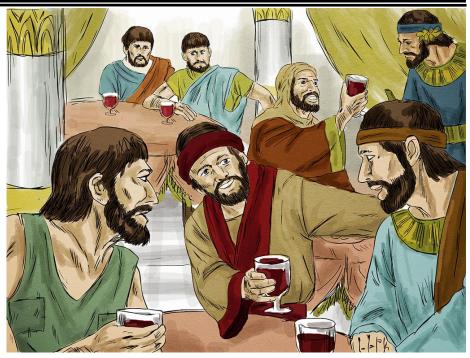
Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office before setting a date. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

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.



Reality vs. Appearance

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." Matthew 22:1–3

Do you refuse to come? Jesus spoke this parable to the chief priests and elders of the people because, even though they gave the impression to others that they were true followers of the will of God, they were, in fact, among those who refused to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. The chief priests and elders of the people were masters at portraying themselves as something they were not. They knew how to look good in the eyes of the people, how to avoid public criticism, and how to appear as holy men. But they were none of the above. Inside they were hypocrites, liars and murderers.

In this parable, three invitations are sent forth. The first two are given to the invited guests. Though these "invited guests" refer especially to the people of Israel who were raised in the faith handed down from Moses and the prophets, we should also see in it those who have been raised within the Christian faith today. After the first invitation, those invited refused to come. After the second invitation, some who were invited reacted with indifference, while others reacted with hostility. These responses are common today.

When Jesus sends forth His invitation to share in His wedding banquet today, there are many different responses. Some are indifferent to our Lord. These are those who are so consumed with worldly endeavors that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, is not important. Making money, obtaining material possessions, indulging in entertainment and other secular pursuits are far more the focus of their time and energy. Others, like the chief priests and elders, are good at playing the part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but they are actually hostile to the will of God. They are concerned only about their appearance and not

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ACC Mass Times and Intentions \sim October 16 - 22

ADORATION

St. Mary - Melrose		
Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español
	_	Por las almos del Purgatorio
Tu	8:30 am	SMS Mass
		†Sharon Gamradt
We	7:30 am	NO MASS
Th	7:30 am	NO MASS
*Fr	8:30 am	†Henry Pohlmann
Sa	5:00 pm	†Lucille Mae Moore
	•	For the People
*Su	10:00 am	††Joe & Amanda Klaphake
		†Roman Schneider
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español
	•	Por la familia Pesqueda Sanchez
		y Jimenez Pesqueda

SACRED HEART - Freeport

†Thomas "Tom" Borgerding Anniv. Su We 8:15 am †Art Van Heel 8:15 am Fr

Su 8:00 am ††Ed & Irene Harren Anniv. **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

8:15 am †Kimberly "Kim" Fuechtmann Sa 4:00 pm †Dennis Heidgerken

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

8:15 am †Steve Tschida 10:00 am For the People

St. Michael - Spring Hill Tu 8:00 am

Good Harvest 10:00 am St. Michael's Men's Society Su

St. Andrew - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Rosie Mever Sa 4:00 pm †Kim Fuechtmann

St. John - Meire Grove

8:00 am †Norbert Gramke

8:00 am ††Vincent & Rosie Schmiesing

*Mass will be livestreamed. Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.



St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - Melrose First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm

in Spanish (en Español)

Sacred Heart - Freeport NO Adoration Wednesday, October 18 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

- •The World Mission Sunday Collection will take place on October 21 & 22.
- •Fill the Truck Campaign was a success! Our four parishes gathered 436 pounds of non-perishable food and \$1,572. Thanks for Your Generosity! WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!
- Respect Life Month There will be areas set up in our churches for the month of October (Respect Life Month) to collect items for Options for Women in Sauk Centre. Donations can be brought to any of the four churches. Needed items include new boy and girl clothes size 3 month to 4T, diapers of all sizes, wipes, baby formula (Enfamil or Similac), new car seats, baby wash, and baby healthcare items. Envelopes for cash donations are available and can be put in the collection or mailed in.



World Mission Sunday The weekend of October 21/22 we will join Catholic parishes all over the world in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call saying, "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move." We act in solidarity this day, as we pray and share our

gifts to help build-up the church around the world where the witness of Christ and support of the poor is still needed most. Envelopes are available in your monthly packets or as your Sunday collection. All funds collected on World Mission Sunday support the pastoral, catechetical, charitable and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,111 of the most in-need dioceses in 180 countries through the efforts of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society directed by Pope Francis and administered by the local St. Cloud Mission Office. Please plan to give generously. For more information on the mission needs of our world and mission activities of our diocese, visit: www.stcloudmissionoffice.com.

Young Adult Group The next young adult gathering is October 25 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Office in Freeport. We will be watching a video and discussing All Saints'/All Souls' Day! There will be snacks provided. We're looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces so bring friends! Contact Katie, 320-333-9871 or Alyssa, 320-429-0770 with questions or ideas for the next get together!

Parish News:

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

- •No Adoration at Sacred Heart on Wednesday, October 18.
- •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.
- Women's Book Study Would you like to become deeper in your faith with likeminded women? Would you like to find more peace in your life and fall in love with the Eucharist during this year of revival? If so, you are welcome to join the Gather in Grace Women's Book Study that meets one Sunday a month for seven months. We will be reading Why the Eucharist Matters in Your Life. The first gathering will be on Sunday, November 12 at 6:00 pm at the Noah & Sara Van Beck residence. We will discuss part one - Eucharistic Love. This group is led by Sara Van Beck, and all women ages 18 and older are welcome. The book study will run from November-May. Topics of discussion and dates are as follows: November 12 - Eucharist Love

December 3 - Eucharistic Presence January 14 - Strength For The Journey February 11 - Repentance & Forgiveness March 3 - Growing In Christ April 14 - The Family of God May 5 - Our Calling & Destiny

The cost will be \$16 to cover the cost of the book, if you need one purchased. Please contact the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143 to sign up.



Please Join Us For BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on Sunday, October 22 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.

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

********* Weekly Offerings *********		
Total	\$6,257.00	
Regular Adult Offering	4,830.00	
Plate/Loose	574.00	
Regular Adult Offering. Plate/Loose Designated Funds.	853.00	

		St. Mary's Calendar Raffle
		St. Wary's Calcidar Raine
10-08	\$25	Sara Christenson - Melrose
10-09	\$25	Dale & Deb Hellermann - Melrose
10-10	\$25	Tricia Klaphake - Melrose
10-11	\$25	Dave & Sue Ostendorf - Brooklyn Park
10-12	\$25	Lois Gaudette - Plymouth
10-13	\$25	Kenny Rademacher - Melrose
10-14	\$25	Pete & Susan Terres Jr Melrose

Baptized in Christ... Ella Rose Friedrichs

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Mary Ann Arnzen, 90 †Lydia Schulzetenberg, 100

Fellowship... There will be refreshments served after all the Masses this next weekend, October 21-22 at St. Mary's. Please plan to come and stay awhile!

Thank You Arturo for sharing your stewardship journey with us today. Next weekend after all Masses, there will be a "Building for the Lord" ministry fair in the gathering space before and after Mass. You'll have the opportunity to meet current members of ministries and ask any questions you may have about the ministry. Please come a few minutes early to Mass to learn about our valuable ministries at St. Mary's.

Rectory Update: The rectory is moving along! The ceiling is insulated and the painting of the garages is complete. Taping of sheetrock is in progress. Exterior work, including concrete, will follow. Your support of this project is very much appreciated!



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 8:30 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 it in the collection or bring it to the office. Or if you forget, there are mission envelopes in the gathering space for you to use. Please be generous in your support of the St. Mary's Mission Society! Thank you.

St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet Tuesday, October 17, at 6:00 pm in the conference room at the church.

Parish Ministry Fair before and after Masses next weekend October 21-22, you will have the opportunity, at our Parish Ministry Fair, to learn more about our parish ministries and talk to the people who are involved. The theme is "Building for the Lord." The fair will be in the gathering area before and after all masses. It will be after these masses, that you will receive your stewardship renewal packets. Please prayerfully review these materials and discern where God is calling you in the coming year. On Commitment Sunday, October 28-29, each parish family is asked to return their completed commitment card or complete a card online at our parish website, www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

******** Weekly Offerings ********		
Adult Envelopes	\$3,539.62	
Plate	652.55	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,192.17	
Other Donations Votive School Support All Souls Day. All Saints Day.	\$223.00 40.00 5.00 5.00	

			Parish Events
Su	10/15	8:30 am	Youth Music Ministry - SR
Su	10/15	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party
Su	10/15	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Mo	10/16	1:30 pm	SHS Prayer Service
Tu	10/17	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	10/18		NO Adoration
We	10/18	2:00 pm	World Mission Rosary
Fr	10/20	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	10/20	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	10/22	9:00 am	Baptism
Su	10/22	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Community Garden Please remove all items from the garden by Sunday, October 22 so it can be plowed. Thank you.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Maggie Ann Stassen**, the daughter of Matthew & Nicole Stassen, to our parish. Maggie Ann was baptized on Sunday, October 8.



Weddings... Congratulations to **Ryan & Anna (Meehl)**Meyer who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, October 7. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

Thank You to all who supported the Matching Grant Breakfast in Freeport last weekend for the benefit of Sacred Heart School. We had a very nice turnout. Thank you to the donors - Freeport State Bank, Magnifi, Gary Thelen/Swany White Flour, Pep's Pork and Catholic United Financial. **Raffle Winners were:**

\$100 - Angela Scherping \$25 Pep's Pork Certificate - Sam Toenyan \$25 Cenex - Isaac Hoeschen \$25 Coborns - Holly Grieve \$25 Walmart - Amy Engelmeyer \$25 Sinclair - Emily Zachman

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!







CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

♦♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering	****
Adult Envelopes	\$1,759.08
Plate	164.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,923.08
Other Donations	
Building/Maintenance	\$57.50
Cash Bazaar	275.00
Furnace Repair	100.00
Votive	20.00

Parish Events

Su	10/15	8:30 am Youth Music N 7:00 pm Men's Group - 1:30 pm SHS Prayer Se 7:00 am Adoration 3:30 pm Individual Con 7:00 pm Men's Group -	/linistry - SR
Su	10/15	7:00 pm Men's Group -	FR
Mo	10/16	1:30 pm SHS Prayer Se	rvice
Th	10/19	7:00 am Adoration	
Sa	10/21	3:30 pm Individual Con	fessions
Su	10/22	7:00 pm Men's Group -	FR

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Blake Robert VanDrehle**, the son of Jaron & Brittany VanDrehle, to our parish. Blake Robert was baptized on Sunday, October 8.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA *Physical Address*: 28905 County Road 17

St. Rosa, MN 56331

Church Basement 320-836-2537

♦♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering ♦♦♦♦♦		
Adult Envelopes	\$1,361.54	
Plate	204.01	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,565.55	

Parish Events

Su	10/15	8:30 am	Youth Music Ministry Men's Group - FR SHS Prayer Service Adoration Rosary Men's Group - FR
Su	10/15	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Mo	10/16	1:30 pm	SHS Prayer Service
Tu	10/17	7:00 am	Adoration
Fr	10/20	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su	10/22	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
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Weddings... Congratulations to William & Brianna (Herdering) Hays who were married at St. Rose of Lima on Saturday, October 7. May God bless you with many years of

happiness together.

New Addition Update Outside the dirt work and cement will start this week. Inside the electrical is wrapping up and insulating will begin.

Boiler Replacement The boiler needs to be replaced. The cost will be \$54,000 to update the heating for the church. Please prayerfully consider donating to help cover the cost of this update.

World Service Day The New Munich Lions Club will be hosting World Service Day on Wednesday, October 25 at the City Hall in New Munich. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon and Bingo will be played for prizes. All seniors are welcome.



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about the reality of their souls. If they are challenged in any way, they respond with anger and attack. They are not open to the truth of the Gospel and remain self-justified by attacking anything or anyone who dares to call into question the direction they have taken in life.

When the third invitation was sent forth to all people, some responded. How completely do you respond to Jesus' invitation? To answer that question properly, we must "read" the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the center of our lives and concludes by making His will the sole purpose of our lives. True charity will have the effect

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

**** Weekly Offering ****		
Total	\$1,220.95	
Regular Adult Offering	1,113.00	
Children	11.95	
Plate/Loose	61.00	
Human Development	35.00	

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, October 22 - 10:00 am

- (S) Sam Orbeck or Jack Orbeck
- (L) Katherine Orbeck
- (U) Stan Heinen & Dan Hemmesch
- (EM) (B) Stan Heinen
- (EM) (C) Jeanette Kalthoff & Melvin Kalthoff
- (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
- (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
- (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
- (HK: October 15-28) Karen Rademacher, Betty Schmidt, & Rhonda Schmidt

WORN-A-BIT RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH 9 am to 1 pm SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 9 am to 12 pm

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BASEMENT SPRING HILL

LUNCH AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

of purging all selfishness from our lives. This is why some were hostile to the invitation. When God invites us to a life of charity, we will be faced with a need to change. For some, this is very difficult. They react either with indifference or become defensive and lash out in hostility so as to protect the life of sin they have chosen.

The parable concludes with one of the invited guests being cast "into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth" because he doesn't have on a proper wedding garment. But this wedding garment is a symbol of true charity that flows from an authentic worship of God.

Reflect, today, upon how charitable you are toward others, for that will determine whether you are fit to share in the banquet of the Lord. True charity always seeks to lavish the greatest good upon others. It seeks to do everything necessary to help others grow in love of God. True charity never leads a person to gaze upon themselves. It is always outwardly focused and selfless in its choices. As you reflect upon your charity, or lack thereof, be open to the purifying invitation from Jesus and do not react in hostility. Welcome His invitation to change and allow your wholehearted worship of Him to transform you into a gift of love for others.

Lord of perfect charity, You have invited all people to share in the glorious banquet of Heaven. The only requirement is that we allow all sin and selfishness to be purged from our lives so that we are covered with the garment of charity. I accept Your invitation this day, dear Lord, and commit myself to the purifying fires of Your perfect love. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering **♦♦♦♦**

**** Weekly Offering	* * * * *
Total	\$804.00
Regular Adult Offering	645.00
Plate/Loose	27.00
Votives	12.00
Fuel Fund	120.00

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, October 21 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Gretta Kasper & Leo Kasper
- (L) Herman Lensing
- (U) Roger Schoenberg & Mark Silbernick
- (GB) Arnold & Alma Nietfeld
- (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
- (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Dustin Gregory
- (HK October) *Rose Ann Rademacher, Joyce Schoenberg, Sharon Schwieters, Margaret Silbernick, Amy Stueve, & Sheri Thull

Died in the Hope of Resurrection... †Charlene Ohmann, 93

Basement Clean Out Sale We need to



clean out some of the basement for school needs and will be selling some pots, pans, roasters, and coffee pots we no longer need. The sale will be

Friday, October 20 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm and Saturday, October 21 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

**** Weekly Offering ****			
Total	\$1,629.25		
Regular Adult Offering	1,185.00		
Children	3.25		
Plate/Loose	363.00		
Votives	38.00		
Fuel Fund	20.00		
Options for Women	20.00		

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, October 22 - 8:00 am

- (S) Isaac Zenzen
- (L) Karen Meyer
- (U) Doug Meyer & Elmer Meyer
- (GB) Daryl & Abby Zenzen
- (EM) (B) Daryl Zenzen & Nick Kelzer
- (EM) (C) Jim Leukam & Dan Meyer
- (HK October) *Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, & Joy Silbernick

Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper

Today (October 15) St. John's Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper. Serving from 3:00 to 7:00 pm in the



St. John's church basement in Meire Grove. Adults: \$12 advance or \$13 at door. Children 10 and under: \$6. Pre-school free.

Tickets available from any St. John's Parishioner. On the menu: Potato Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, Cinnamon Bread, Potato Salad, and Desert. Take-outs available. Come and enjoy a great meal! This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1,000.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Formación en la fe: Información de contacto: Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- •No hav clases el 18 de octubre debido a las vacaciones de MEA
- •Grados 9-10: Meire Grove Potato Pancake Supper (15 de octubre), or St. Mary's Bingo (22 de octubre).
- Día de la Juventud de la Escuela Secundaria Los jóvenes en los grados 9-12 están invitados a unirse a nosotros en el Día de la Juventud de la Escuela Secundaria de la Diócesis de St. Cloud el domingo 29 de octubre de 11:30 am a 7:45 pm en el Centro Cristiano Lake Geneva en Alexandria, MN. Los permisos están disponibles en todos los tablones de anuncios de la iglesia o en los sitios web de la iglesia. Los formularios de permiso deben presentarse antes del lunes 18 de octubre.

Habrá Adoración al Santísimo cada Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.

Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser

querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento

de bautismo omatrimonio, favor de hablar



Rosario y Oración con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los últimos tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús Hernández. O llama a la oficina 320-256-4207.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

October 15, Sunday

•"500" Card Party at Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport. Start time is 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served. All are welcome to join.

October 18, Wednesday

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

October 19, 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 20, Friday

◆ The Melrose American Legion will host a fish fry. Please join us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated!

October 21, Saturday

◆Faith in Action Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids at the Sauk Centre Fire Department from 9:00 am - 12:00pm noon. Call Dennis at 320-493-8455 with questions.

October 25, Wednesday

- ◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ♦ World Service Day hosted by the New Munich Lions Club at the City Hall. Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm and Bingo will be played for prizes. All seniors are welcome.

October 28-29, Saturday-Sunday

◆ Annual Worn-A-Bit Rummage/Bake Sale at St. Michael's in Spring Hill.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Phil 4:13

The Scriptures This Week Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo Rom 1:1-7

Lk 11:29-32

Tu Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 1:16-25

Lk 11:37-41

We Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b

Lk 10:1-9

Th Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests and martyrs, and their companions, martyrs

Rom 3:21-30

Lk 11:47-54

Fr Rom 4:1-8

Lk 12:1-7

Sa Rom 4:13, 16-18

Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- •Grades 1-11: NO Class on Wednesday, October 18.
- •Grade 1, 3-6 Next Class: Wednesday, October 18. Home Lesson.
- •Grade 2: Next Class: Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00 pm. Meet in the parish office.
- •Grade 7-10: Next Class: Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- •Grade 11: Next Class: Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm. Pizza party. Please meet in the school gym on the mezzanine.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- •No Classes October 18 due to the MEA Break
- •Grades 9/10: Help with Meire Grove Potato Pancake Supper (October 15) or St. Mary's Bingo (October 22).

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

<u>csand@catholic-centered.org</u> or <u>faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com</u>

- •Bible & Breakfast meets each Wednesday (if there's school) at the Melrose High School Media Center at 7:15 am. All students grades 7-12 are invited. We will not meet October 18.
- ♦ High School Youth Day Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us at the St. Cloud Diocese High School Youth Day on Sunday, October 29 from 11:30 am 7:45 pm at the Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria, MN. Permission slips are available on all church bulletin boards or on the church websites. Permission forms are due by Monday, October 16.
- ◆Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf Students in grades 7-9 will be Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf on Tuesday, 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, sacredheartfreeport.org.
- **◆Card Making Service Project** will be on Wednesday, November 15 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, <u>sacredheartfreeport.org</u>. Deadline is Wednesday, October 25.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
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- **▼There WILL be school** at SHS on Wednesday, October 18. There will be **No Busing** that day.
- ♦ We will have our monthly "Sacred That Surrounds Us" Teaching Mass on Wednesday, October 18. During the homily, Fr. Dan will talk about the significance of these items used every time a Mass is offered: Bread & Wine, Chalice, Paten, Pall, and Purificator.
- ♦SHS students and staff will be praying the World Mission Rosary on Wednesday, October 18 at 2:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church. We will be praying for people who live and work in all parts of the world. All are invited to join us.
- ◆There will be **No School** at SHS on Thursday and Friday, October 19-20 due to Education Minnesota days.
- ◆Sacred Heart students will participate in their Care-A-Thon on MONDAY, October 16 instead of this past Friday due to weather. They still plan to visit all the tri-parishes and Tree of Life, clean cemeteries and hold a prayer service at 1:30 in each community. We appreciate all your donations, support and prayers!



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- ◆A HUGE Thank You to all who have donated to the St. Mary's School Heating campaign in the past and recently; thanks to the Hispanic Festival for hosting an event where all proceeds were donated back to the heating campaign. SMS appreciates all your support: past, present, and future!
- •Thank You to Magnifi Financial for volunteering at St. Mary's School on Monday, October 9. We appreciated their help organizing the library, phy-ed room, and paperwork for upcoming events.
- •Grandparents Day will be celebrated at St. Mary's School on Tuesday, October 17. Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin the day with Mass at Church at 8:30 am, followed by a program at 10:15 am at Church (Little Saints will join us at this time), and ending the day with lunch at 12:00 pm at school.
- •There will be NO school on Wednesday -Friday, October 18-20, due to Education MN and a District 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 25, at 1:00 pm. All are welcome
 to join us as a community for this prayer.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kristen Pattinson

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- •SJSA Annual Oktoberfest is Tuesday, October 17 from 5:30 8:30 pm in the St. John's Church basement in Meire Grove. There will be a live polka band, great food, fellowship, and a student performance at 7:30 pm. Come join us for a fun evening!
- •SJSA 5th and 6th Grade Students helped the Greenwald Lions with their roadside/ ditch clean-up on October 4. Thank you to Woody's for treating the children to pizza after the clean-up.
- •No School at SJSA Wednesday Friday, October 18 - 20 due to Education Minnesota and a District workshop day.
- •SJSA School Board Meets Tuesday, October 24 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

10/08 \$25 Virgil Schleper - Freeport

10/09 \$25 Adam & Ashley Meyer - Melrose

10/10 \$25 Nicky & Matt Depute - Melrose

10/11 \$25 Lori Rubin - Albany

10/12 \$25 Michelle Novotny - Ramsey

10/13 \$25 Oliver Standacher - Freeport

10/14 \$25 Cynthia Nord - Blackduck

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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.

Men On Fire Men's Breakfast & Retreat Saturday, October 28 from 8:00 - 11:30 am at The Church of St. Mary, Alexandria. Breakfast, Music, Keynote Speaker Fr. Peter Anderl "Men as Spiritual Leaders," Mass with Bishop Neary. Featured speakers: Randy Kinney, Mike Lentz, Mike Sponsler, Russ Craigmile, Jake Mach and Fr. Matt Kuhn. Register at stmaryalexandria.org

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An Invitation From Saint John's Abbey - All Saints' Vigil Abbot John Klassen, 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 Tuesday, 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.

Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is a three-day retreat weekend. The experience of TEC brings alive the heart of our Christian Faith – that being the life of Jesus, his death, and his resurrection. But it's not just about who Jesus was or what Jesus did. A TEC retreat makes that experience real and relevant for each person. In that sense, the retreat is a "lived experience" - deeply personal yet very much part of a larger loving community. TEC has influenced the lives of over 41,000 youth, young adults, and adults in Central Minnesota and beyond. You are invited to check out a TEC weekend and encounter

Christ in perhaps a new and most profound way. For information,

retreat dates, and registration, go to **CMTEC.org**.

Bishop's Annual Appeal The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese. To provide even better support and coordination for these ministries, the diocese has recently named an Associate Director for Respect Life. This change allocates more time and resources to respect-for-life initiatives. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/ annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

> Good for the Body, Great for the Soul! Learn about the benefits of NFP as you plan your family in harmony with nature and God's plan for your marriage. NFP is effective, wholesome and healthy. October 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!

Theology on Tap Fr. Dan will be giving a small presentation and have a O & A session on Tuesday, October 24 at Pooch's Corner Pub in Freeport. Watch for more information. All are welcome.

Your Input Is Greatly Needed for a presentation to the **Diocese.** Our One In Faith ACC (Area Catholic Community) of 7 parishes is asked to present information to the diocese in late November as to our greatest strengths, priorities, and some of the struggles we are enduring. The ACC Pastoral Council is asked to seek information from parishioners of all 7 parishes. This information will be reviewed and consolidated into the presentation. We welcome comments and concerns you may have and ask you to share them with your parish ACC Pastoral Council team member. The ACC Pastoral Council members are listed below for your convenience. You can also call the Parish Office at 320-256-4207 (Melrose) or 320-836-2143 (Freeport).

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Public Rosary

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.

All are invited and welcome!

- 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.



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