



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

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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.

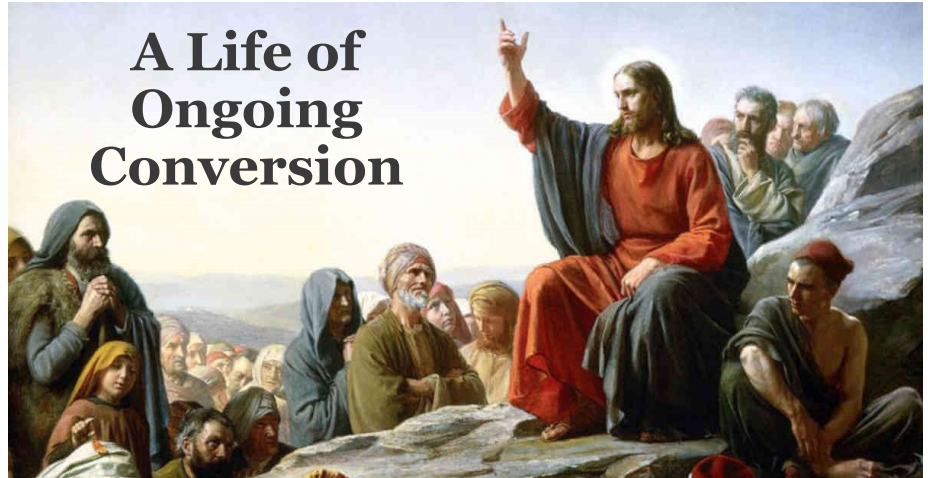
Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion

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.

A Life of Ongoing Conversion



Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: “What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go.” [Matthew 21:28-30](#)

This parable presents a message of great hope to those who find it difficult to follow the will of God. The first son, the one who said he would not obey the father but then changed his mind, refers to those who have initially rejected the will of God but then repented and turned back to Him. The second son represents those who claim to be faithful followers of the will of God, but are not. This second son presents us with a very dangerous trap we can fall into. He represents the interior disposition of the chief priests and elders of the people. They said one thing but did another. They acted as if they were righteous but were not. They might have even been fooling themselves.

Of course, there is another possible scenario Jesus doesn't present. Ideally, when the father asked his son to work in the vineyard he would have said “yes” and then followed through with his commitment. But this is not mentioned because no one falls into that category, except for our Blessed Mother. All people have sinned, and everyone needs to repent.

When we look at these two sons, we must humbly strive to be like the first one. We must begin by acknowledging that we have refused to obey the will of God in many ways throughout our lives. God has invited us to serve Him, and we have said “no.” Acknowledging this is an essential starting point for a life of true conversion and service of God. When we fail to humbly admit that we have sinned, we are acting like the second son. We are living a lie and are trying to convince ourselves that we are faithful to the will of God when we are not. This second son represents a very dangerous interior disposition that we must avoid with all of our might. It is the sin of impenitence, a sin against the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous because this type of self-righteousness keeps a person from truly serving the will of God. They believe their own lie and see no need to repent.

Which of these two sons are you most like? Are you keenly aware of your weaknesses and sins? Can you humbly admit them to yourself and to God? Or do you tend to present yourself as one who is holy and does not need to repent? Never be afraid to admit your sin. Never pretend to be someone you are not. Never allow yourself to be drawn into self-righteousness. We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Seeing that fact, admitting to it and striving for that conversion will win for us the glorious Kingdom of Heaven.

Reflect, today, upon the many ways that you have initially said “no” to the will of

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 2 - 8 ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm NO Misa en Español
Tu 7:30 am NO MASS
We 7:30 am NO MASS
Th 7:30 am †Stanley Theis
*Fr 8:30 am SMS Mass
†††Leonard, Ervin, & Erma Walz
Sa 5:00 pm †Chad Toenyan
For the People
*SU 10:00 am †Louise Gieske
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Cristina Hernandez
†Ausencia Espinoza
†Refugio Hernandez
†Audencio Hernandez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am NO MASS
Fr 8:15 am †Thomas "Tom" Boergerding
Sa 8:00 am First Saturday Mass
†Agnes Job
Su 8:00 am †††Victor, Bruce, & Dan Elfering

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Catholic
United Financial Members
Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am NO MASS
Su 10:00 am †Anthony Hartung

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am NO MASS
Su 10:00 am St. Michael's Men's Society

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJSA School Mass
†Ruth Heinen
Good Harvest
Sa 4:00 pm †Gary Winter

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am NO MASS
Su 8:00 am †Dec./Liv. St. John's Parishioners
who were members of CUF



St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
NO Adoration Tuesday, October 3

Immaculate Conception - New Munich
NO Adoration Thursday, October 5

St. Mary - Melrose

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

NO Adoration Wednesday, October 4
Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

*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 ~

- Collecting Non-perishable Food Let's help those in need by collecting non-perishable food items for the Melrose Area Food Shelf.
Respect Life Month There will be areas set up in our churches for the month of October which is Respect Life Month.

Bulletin Deadline Change The bulletin deadline for the October 8 bulletin will be Monday, October 2 at 9:00 am.

Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser... The Tri-Parish Youth will once again be selling wreaths and poinsettias. Please support our youth by placing an order.



Advertising Scam We have been informed that some local businesses have received letters soliciting advertisements for local parishes.

St. Rose of Lima Parish History Book: An Epoch in Time is ready for Pre-Order. Pick up an order form in the gathering space at St. Rose of Lima church or print one from the Tri-Parish Facebook page or website.



Parish News: ~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~

- Adoration: There will be no Adoration October 3 - 5 in the Tri-Parish. There will be Adoration on Friday, October 6 at Sacred Heart.
Confirmation Social Saturday, October 14 after the 6:00 pm Mass in Freeport.

Presentation to Diocese about Our ACC Our 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.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY
*Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
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◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$7,098.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	6,192.00
Plate/Loose	524.00
Designated Funds.....	382.00
School Heaters (Goal: \$150,000).....	\$109,330.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

09-24	\$25	Sarah (Ella) Klaphake - Maple Grove
09-25	\$25	Griffen Thieschafer - Melrose
09-26	\$25	Jim & Carol Frericks - Melrose
09-27	\$50	Steve Nathe - Jordan
09-28	\$25	Bill & Mary Spanier - Melrose
09-29	\$25	Janell Tschida - Melrose
09-30	\$25	Lorena Juarez - Melrose



Baptized in Christ...

- Nyla Rose Cortez
- Mason Robert Frieler
- Tatum Joseph Engelmeyer

St. Mary's Mission Society Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10 at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 am. All are welcome!

Rectory Update: Insulation is complete and inspected. Natural gas has been installed. Sheetrocking started this week along with preparations for exterior concrete work. Thank you for the continued support of this project!

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.

Stewardship Renewal October is our parish's Stewardship Renewal. We are planning a ministry fair with the theme "Building for the Lord." More information to come.

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.

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,024.62
Plate.....	329.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,353.62

Other Donations

Votive	\$83.00
School Support.....	380.00
Building/Maintenance.....	20.00

Parish Events

Su	10/01	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Tu	10/03	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	10/04		NO Adoration
We	10/04	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	10/04	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-11
Fr	10/06	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	10/06	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	10/06	5:00 pm	Wedding Practice
Sa	10/07	11:00 am	Wedding Pictures
Sa	10/07	2:00 pm	Meehl/Meyer Wedding
Su	10/08	8:30 am	Catholic United Financial Breakfast
Su	10/08	9:00 am	Baptism
Su	10/08	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial #101 will be sponsoring a Matching Grant Breakfast for the benefit of Sacred Heart School on Sunday, October 8, serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Menu includes Pep's Pork sausage, Swany White pancakes, scrambled eggs, etc. \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-10 and 5 and under are free. All are invited to attend.

**Sacred Heart School
 Calendar Raffle Winners**

09/24	\$25	Marlene Blommel - Freeport
09/25	\$25	Corey & Manda Blenker - Albany
09/26	\$25	Amanda Hartung - Freeport
09/27	\$25	Chris Donabauer - Albany
09/28	\$25	Donna Bueckers - Freeport
09/29	\$25	Ron & Kathy Welle - Melrose
09/30	\$25	Jesse Job - Freeport

The Scriptures This Week
 Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	The Holy Guardian Angels	Zec 8:1-8	Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tu		Zec 8:20-23	Lk 9:51-56
We	Saint Francis of Assisi	Neh 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
Th		Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12	Lk 10:1-12
Fr		Bar 1:15-22	Lk 10:13-16
Sa	Our Lady of the Rosary	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29	Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			
		Is 5:1-7	Phil 4:6-9
			Mt 21:33-43

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,548.08
Plate.....	313.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,861.08

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$37.50
Votive.....	63.00
Human Development.....	50.00

Parish Events

Su 10/01 7:00 am	Breakfast Setup
Su 10/01 8:30 am	COF Breakfast & Bake Sale
Su 10/01 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 10/03 6:30 pm	CUF Meeting
We 10/04 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 10/04 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-11 - FR
Th 10/05	NO Adoration
Th 10/05 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 10/07 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 10/08 3:00 pm	Baptism
Su 10/08 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

May She Rest in Peace... Our Parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Florence "Flossie" Hoppe**, who passed away Friday, September 22. Her funeral was celebrated here on Tuesday, September 26.



Breakfast & Bake Sale

Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Fund Breakfast sponsored by St. Leo Court #786 & Bake Sale sponsored by the St. Ann's Christian Women on Sunday, October 1. Serving in the Immaculate Conception Church basement from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Proceeds go toward Sound System Update.

New Addition Update The elevator equipment room, landing, and stairs are being constructed. Step by step this project is coming along. Thank you to all those putting their time and talents into this project. Also, a big thank you to all of those who have financially supported this project.



God's Housekeepers for

the Month of October: Darlene Revermann, Mary Zink, Paula Schwieters, and Ann Holdvogt. 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.

Boiler Replacement In late winter 2023 one of the boilers went down. The search has been ongoing to find replacement parts or a compatible boiler. The final bids have come in and 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.

Confirmation Social Saturday, October 14 after the 6:00 pm Mass in Freeport. St. Ann's Christian Women of New Munich will host a social in the Freeport church basement. Servers requested: Steven & Brenda Berling, Elmer & Juliana Boecker, Roger & Stephanie Boecker, James & Diane Boeckers, Ken & Pat Bushman. Please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving. Please join us in honoring the confirmands of our Tri-Parish confirmation class. Everyone is welcome.

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	\$1,936.54
Plate.....	253.75
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,190.29

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$198.00
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Parish Events

Su 10/01 11:00 am	Jubilee Open House & Lunch
Su 10/01 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 10/03	NO Adoration
Tu 10/03 6:30 pm	Christian Women Mtg.
We 10/04 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 10/04 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-11 - FR
Fr 10/06 4:00 pm	Wedding Practice
Fr 10/06 7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 10/07 10:30 am	Wedding Pictures
Sa 10/07 2:00 pm	Herdering/Hays Wedding
Su 10/08 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Morgan Rose Olson**, the daughter of Austin & Ashley Olson, to our parish. Morgan Rose was baptized on Sunday, September 24.

Festival News... Thank you to all who came and supported the St. Rose of Lima Festival. Even the excessive heat did not stop you. Overall, the festival brought in \$64,574.49. Mark your calendar for next year's festival, September 1, 2024.

The St. Rose Christian Women will be meeting on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. We are looking for a Vice President and Treasurer. Please plan to attend. Any questions contact Marilyn Bergmann 320-836-2880.

125th Jubilee St. Rose of Lima Parish invites you to join us as we celebrate our 125th Jubilee on Sunday, October 1. Mass at 10:00 am with an Open House and Luncheon from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Invite your family and friends.



CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$4,384.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	797.00
Children.....	20.00
Plate/Loose	167.00
Fuel Fund.....	120.00
Maintenance Fund.....	270.00
CUF.....	3,000.00
Human Development.....	10.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, October 8 - 10:00 am

- (S) Shantel Gruber & Kenny Niehoff
- (L) Lisa Wuertz
- (U) Randy Bertram & Robert Bertram
- (EM) (B) Ruth Heinen
- (EM) (C) Conrad Gruber & Sandra Gruber
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire
- (HK: October 1-14) Cheri Poepping, Melissa Poepping, & Amanda Primus

Rummage/Bake Sale St. Michael's Annual Worn-A-Bit Rummage and Bake Sale is set for October 28 & 29. Volunteers needed!!



New Well Spring Hill parish recently dug a new well. They hit water at 110 feet. The approximate cost is \$13,000 with everything complete.

**One In Faith ACC
America Needs
Fatima Rosary
Rally**



Praying the rosary for America:

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through His holy Mother asking His urgent help. The rosary will be prayed publicly at the following times and locations:

- Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 am** by the depot pavilion in downtown Freeport.
- Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 am** at the St. Michael's Church by the grotto.
- Saturday, October 14 at 11:00 am** on the Immaculate Conception parking lot. In case of rain, it will then be moved into the church.
- Saturday, October 14 at noon** in the front of the St. Rose of Lima church next to the public kiosk.

Please try to attend at least one of the above public rosary rallies. Bring a lawn chair if needed.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$25,875.00
Regular Adult Offering	685.00
Plate/Loose	94.00
Votives.....	26.00
Fuel Fund.....	5.00
Maintenance.....	30.00
CW Barley Days.....	25,000.00
Human Development.....	35.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, October 7 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Logan Frieler & Megan Frieler
- (L) Cassandra Kettner
- (U) Dave Nathe & Arnold Nietfeld
- (GB) Dave & Doris Nathe
- (EM) (B) Kris Winter
- (EM) (C) Dustin Gregory & Herman Lensing
- (HK - October) *Rose Ann Rademacher, Joyce Schoenberg, Sharon Schwieters, Margaret Silbernack, Amy Stueve, & Sheri Thull

Thank You to everyone who worked and supported Barley Day!

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	\$1,113.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	835.00
Children.....	3.25
Plate/Loose	102.25
Votives.....	33.00
Maintenance.....	90.00
School Subsidy Support.....	50.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, October 8 - 8:00 am

- (S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
- (L) Kurt Meyer
- (U) Nick Kelzer & Jayme Klaphake
- (GB) Matt & Joy Silbernack
- (EM) (B) Jim Leukam & Dan Meyer
- (EM) (C) Elmer Meyer & Karl Meyer
- (HK - October) *Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, & Joy Silbernack

Potato Pancake Supper Prep Work



All parishioners are invited to join us on Saturday morning, October 14 starting at 7:30 am to peel potatoes for Sunday's Potato Pancake Supper which is Sunday, October 15, serving from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. The work schedules have been handed out so if you did not get yours, please see Cindy or Linda Schneider. Let's make this year's supper another successful and fun fundraiser.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- Grados 9-10:** Ayuda con Food Shelf Fill-the-Truck (7/8 de octubre), OR Meire Grove Potato Pancake Supper (15 de octubre), OR St. Mary's Bingo (22 de octubre).
- Confirmación:** Próxima clase: miércoles 4 de octubre de 7:00-8:30 pm. Pasión y Resurrección - ¿Dónde hay muerte y resurrección en mi vida? Estudiante y adulto (padre o patrocinador/mentor). Fecha límite para traer el cuestionario/hoja de información del boletín.
- 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 tableros 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.

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

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!

Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo o matrimonio, favor de hablar con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

October 1, Sunday

- ◆**Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Fund Breakfast** sponsored by St. Leo Court #786. Serving in the Immaculate Conception Church basement from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- ◆**Albany Legion Post 482 Smorgasbord Breakfast** at the Church of Seven Dolores Parish hall. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- ◆**St. Margaret's Catholic United Financial Breakfast** in Lake Henry. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Adults \$9 in advance and \$9.50 at the door. Children ages 6-12 \$5, 5 and under are free.
- ◆**St. Alexis Church, West Union, Annual Sausage Supper** Serving from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

October 4, Wednesday

- ◆**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ◆**Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. New appointments please call 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

October 5, Thursday

- ◆**Mass of Hope & Healing** at 7:00 pm at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Long Prairie.

October 8, Sunday

- ◆**Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast** for the benefit of Sacred Heart School, Freeport. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. \$10 adults, \$5 for ages 6-10 and 5 and under are free. All are invited to attend.
- ◆**Melrose Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** at the Melrose Fire Station. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Adult tickets are \$10, Children ages 5-13 \$7, and 5 and under are free. Kids coloring contest 2 random winners chosen to tour the fire station and ride to school in a fire truck. Open to kids in grades K-6. Pickup coloring sheet at Melrose City Office. One entry per kid. All proceeds go to Melrose Fire Relief Association.



A Life of Ongoing Conversion

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God. Sometimes we do so in grave matters, and sometimes we do so in less serious ways. The humble truth is that we all refuse to fully embrace the will of God every day. The invitation we have been given to obey Him is much more than a black-and-white, yes-or-no answer. God's call to obedience goes deep and is a call on a continuously deepening level. Keep looking into your soul and confess the ways you reject the will of God. The more clearly you see your sins and confess them, the more fully you will be in a position to say "yes" to the will of God with all your heart.

Most merciful Lord, You continuously call us to repentance. We have all sinned against You and do so every day. Please give me the gifts of humility and honesty so that I will be aware of the ways in which I refuse to say yes to Your perfect will and so that I can repent of those sins and daily turn back to You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grade 1, 3-6 Next Class:** Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 pm. Classroom Lesson. Meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 pm. Meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart Church basement.
 - **The Rite of Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, October 14 at 6:00 pm at the Church of the Sacred Heart.
- **Notice of Safe Environment Training** Each year the United States Conference of Bishops in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People require that our Catholic Schools and Faith Formation programs offer training for all children about personal safety. We will be having this training for grades 1-6 on October 4. If a parent chooses not to have their child(ren) take part in this program, a Declination Statement must be signed and returned to the Faith Formation office prior to the date of training. You can find the Declination Statement form on our website under the Faith Formation tab.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 9/10:** Help with Food Shelf Fill-the-Truck (October 7/8), OR Meire Grove Potato Pancake Supper (October 15), OR St. Mary's Bingo (October 22).
- **Confirmation: Next class:** Wednesday, October 4 from 7:00-8:30 pm. Passion & Resurrection - Where is there death and resurrection in my life? Student and an adult (parent or sponsor/mentor). Due Date for bringing in bulletin questionnaire/info sheet.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

csand@catholic-centered.org or
faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **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 18.

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1 Corinthians 13:5

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- ♥ **Midquarter Reports** will be sent home on Monday, October 2.
- ♥ **Mrs. Maus and the Kindergarten class** will visit the Freeport Fire Hall on Monday, October 2.
- ♥ **Ludwig Photography** will be at SHS for school pictures on Tuesday, October 3.
- ♥ **On Wednesday, October 4** Sr. Janine, Mrs. Benson, and the 5th and 6th grade students will be going on a Field Trip to Kathio State Park and the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Mission church.
- ♥ **On Friday, October 6** Ms. Blashack, Mrs. Berg, and the 1st and 2nd grade students will be attending a GREAT theatre performance of "The Frog and the Toad."
- ♥ **Sacred Heart School Students** are in the process of collecting donations to support them in the SHS Care-A-Thon, our first major fundraiser of the year. On Friday, October 13 the students in grades 1-6 and staff will be cleaning in each of the cemeteries in the Tri-Parish. Mrs. Maus and the Kindergarten students will be visiting at the Tree of Life in New Munich. As the students ask for donations, they are also collecting prayer requests from their donors. Students will be praying for these requests in each of the Tri-Parish churches after they have finished cleaning. Thank you for supporting the children in their Care-a-Thon.

- ♦ **The next School Board meeting** will be on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm in the school lounge.
- ♦ **Grandparents Day** will be celebrated at St. Mary's School on Tuesday, October 17. Little Saints 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, and ending the day with lunch at 12:00 pm at school.
- ♦ **A flyer explaining** the St. Mary's Education Endowment Fund will be inserted in the bulletin next weekend. Please consider taking a minute to look through how you can create a better tomorrow for our youth and community by contributing to the SMS Endowment Fund.

- ♦ **Greenwald Elevator Softener Salt Sale** The Greenwald Elevator is having a salt sale with proceeds going to SJSA. Salt can be ordered now through October 13 and can be ordered by the bag or pallet. The pick-up date is November 2 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!
- ♦ **Animal Blessing** The Blessing of the Animals will be Friday, October 6 at 2:00 pm between the church and school. All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis!
- ♦ **SJSA Oktoberfest** is Tuesday, October 17 from 5:50 - 9:00 pm. The student program is at 7:30 pm. There will be great food, a live polka band, and fellowship. All are welcome!
- ♦ **Thank you to everyone** who supported the SJSA meat raffle at CB's on September 20. The next meat raffle is Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30 pm at CB's in Meire Grove. Hope to see you there!

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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.



Save The Date! Freeport Christian Women are hosting our Holiday Quarter Craze on Monday, November 13 at the Freeport Community Center. Ticket information will come at a later date. Keep the date open for a fun night!

All women of the West Central Deanery are invited to Fall 2023 General Meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Richmond. We will begin with Mass at 6:00 pm, followed by registration and beginning of Silent Auction with a meal at 7:00 pm and a meeting at 7:30 pm. Please RSVP for the meal to Jean Hopfer, President 320-837-5239 or ecthull@albanytel.com of Elaine Silver, Host Parish President 320-597-2062 or noelsilve@meltel.net. All parishes are asked to donate one \$20, or two \$10 items for auction.

Rite Of Christian Initiation For Adults (RCIA) Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA will meet Tuesday, October 10 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 come to this meeting if you are interested in learning more about this program.



"But what think you? A certain man had two sons; and coming to the first, he said: Son, go work today in my vineyard. And he answering, said: I will not. But afterwards, being moved with repentance, he went."

Matthew 21:28-29

The parable of two sons illustrates that genuine commitment to God involves deeds, not just words. We're entrusted with time and abilities - using them faithfully reflects our role as responsible stewards in God's kingdom.

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*Gift cards are great gift ideas!



respect life
month

OCTOBER 2023

Prayer for Life



O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.

October is Respect Life Month. The first Sunday is designated as Respect Life Sunday. We are called to support mothers in need and their children, reminding us of our responsibility to put our love for them into action.

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Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: Shari Salina, Joe Salina, Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Beatrice Massmann

Banns of Matrimony:

- I Haley Van Beck♥Austin Schoenberg, 10/21 Melrose
- II Sydney Mahler♥Matthew Silbernick, 10/14 Freeport
- III Brianna Herdering♥William Hays, 10/7 St. Rosa
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