



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024

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

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

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

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Facebook: Tri Parish

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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.



REJECTING FALSE ACCUSATIONS

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. Mark 7:1-2

What a foolish thing for these Pharisees and scribes to be concerned about! They were in the presence of the Son of God, the Savior of the World, a man of perfect virtue and pure goodness, and all they could do was to observe that some of Jesus' disciples failed to follow the scrupulous teaching on how they should wash their hands before a meal. The reason for this was their pride. These teachers of Israel had devised a large body of detailed, unwritten, human laws that they treated with the same binding force as the Law of Moses that they received from God. But the scribes' and Pharisees' human traditions were not from God; they were a body of regulations flowing from their own self-righteous need to act as interpreters of the Law. Therefore, whenever someone failed to follow the traditions the Pharisees and scribes taught as binding, they took it personally and reacted with judgment.

One lesson we can learn from these religious leaders is that we should never take things personally. Allowing ourselves to become personally offended at anything at all is, in fact, an act of our own pride. We do need to have sorrow for the sin we see, but that is different than allowing ourselves to become personally offended. For example, even if we were to teach the very Law of God and someone rejects that teaching, our response must be sorrow for them as we reject their error.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ SEPTEMBER 2-8 **ADORATION**

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Froylan, †Juvenal, y
 †Rafaela Hernandez
 Tu 7:30 am †Dale Wegleitner
 We 7:30 am †Marcy Blenker
 Th 7:30 am †Brenda Seanger & †Josh Mollner
Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass
 †Ervin, †Virginia, & †Dan Klaphake
 Sa 5:00 pm †Eddie Bussmann
 *Su 10:00 am †Lorraine Imdieke
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 Por el Pueblo

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Norbert & †Helen Holdvogt
 Sa 4:00 pm †Kim Fuechtmann

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Ambrose Herdering
 Su 10:00 am †Chad Toenyan

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Marcella Lieser
 Su 10:00 am †Werner Gruber

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Asha Gregory
 Sa 4:00 pm †Lloyd Lucken

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †John Nathe
 Su 8:00 am †Mary Yarke & †Frank Faber

***Mass will be livestreamed.**

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

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

Tu 10:00 am **First Day of School Mass**
 Leo Wiechman & Adalyn Wiechman
 We 8:15 am †Arnie Hoeschen
 Fr 8:15 am †Bob Hock
Sa 8:00 am First Saturday Mass
 The Rich Boeckermann Family
 Su 8:00 am For the People

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

- **We Are Celebrating!** Fr. Mitchell will be formally installed as pastor of St. Andrew, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary and St. Michael at a special Installation Mass at St. Mary's in Melrose at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 17, with Fr. Scott Pogatchnik, Vicar General of the St. Cloud Diocese, presiding. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments and fellowship will follow.
- **Accompanists and Cantors** are needed for the 4:00 pm Mass in Greenwald. Please contact Sara Woeste 256-9516 for more information.

Parish Offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Sacred Heart School 1K/5K Run and Walk



The 14th annual Sacred Heart School 1K/5K Fun Run and Walk is coming up soon. Join us on Saturday, September 28 for a fun event for the whole family. We are looking for individuals and businesses to help sponsor the event. We would like to get all expenses covered with donations so the registration fees can ALL go back to the school and to the children. If you are willing to donate, please send your donation to Sacred Heart School PO Box 39 Freeport, MN 56331. You can register online or pick up a registration form at school. Walkers are more than welcome, no need to run the race. Get active on a nice fall morning and support Sacred Heart School. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 28. The 1K starts at 10:30 am and the 5K will follow around 11:00 am. Freeport Fall Fest will have many family activities to keep you busy in the morning and after the race, so plan to stay in town and enjoy the day! If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact Amy Van Beck at amyvanbeck@hotmail.com or 320-290-8801.

One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting The One In Faith Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room. If you are wanting to be added to the agenda, please contact Lisa Wuertz at 320-219-3624 or plwuertz@meltel.net before September 9.

Parish News:

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

- **St. Cloud Novena Booklets** Please return them to the church after you are finished with them. Thank you. The Feast of St. Cloud is September 7.
- **Parish Fiscal Year Financial Reports** for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 are in the back of the church for anyone who wishes to view. On the back of the financial report are the parish statistics that are sent to the diocese annually giving the number of Catholics in the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at 320-836-2143.

54-day Rosary Novena Please join other faithful Catholics in praying a 54-day Rosary Novena starting on September 11 and ending on November 3 (the Sunday before the Presidential Election). The 54-day Novena is split into two parts, praying the first 27 days in Petition to God for favors or blessings, and last 27 days in Thanksgiving to God for His many blessings and those coming from praying this novena. Let's offer this novena for all families, world peace, peace in our hearts, our country and our homes, and for the United States to elect politicians that will protect religious freedoms for Catholics and Christians to continue to practice their faith, and that will protect the rights to life for the most vulnerable, the unborn, the elderly, and the infirmed. Our Blessed Mother Mary has spoken of the need to pray the Rosary in many of her apparitions on Earth, especially in Fatima, Portugal, and has said that many graces and promises are granted to the faithful from our Lord to those who pray the Rosary. The families that pray together, stay together!

Do You Have Questions About the Catholic Faith?

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? 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. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact one of the parish offices or Deacon Ernie Kociemba at kociemba@meltel.net or call 320-248-5124.




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

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

Total.....	\$5,758.50
Regular Adult Offering	4,198.00
Plate/Loose	950.50
Designated Funds	610.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

08-25	\$25	Dave & Heather Fraser - Rosemount
08-26	\$25	Ron & Cindy Middendorf - Melrose
08-27	\$25	Cleo O'Brien - Osakis
08-28	\$25	Brenda Klaphake - Sauk Centre
08-29	\$25	Rita Gerding - Melrose
08-30	\$25	Pat & Sara Christenson - Melrose
08-31	\$25	Gail Schlicht - Melrose




Baptized in Christ... Emilia Kaeli Raya Botello

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Mildred "Millie" Toenyan, 90 †Joanne Butkowski, 75

Adult Altar Servers Needed Fr. Mitchell is looking for two adult altar servers to assist with funerals at St. Mary's. In addition to the usual duties, the altar server will help with preparing the incense for the end of Mass. For more information please contact Fr. Mitchell.



St. Mary's Parish Raffle drawing is next weekend! Tickets are being sold before and after Masses throughout the day of the event until sold out. They can also be purchased at Magnifi - Melrose, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, Kraemer Lumber, and the parish office.

Construction Update: Thank you for the ongoing support of our building project! The plumbing and electrical rough-in is complete and inspected. Insulation of the heated area will follow.

New Ministry Schedules are available in the kiosks for those who do not receive it via email.

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

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

Total.....	\$3,763.35
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,921.85
Plate/Loose.....	437.00
Votive.....	89.50
School Support	195.00
Assumption Envelopes.....	120.00

Parish Events

Tu	09/03	10:00 am	First Day of School Mass
We	09/04	5:30 am	Faith Formation Grade 2 Student/Parent Interviews
We	09/04	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 11
Fr	09/06	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	09/06	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	09/07	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass
Su	09/08	9:00 am	Catholic United Financial Meeting

Children's Liturgy is offered during most Sunday Masses throughout the year. Children, pre-k through those preparing for First Holy Communion, are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy. For those who have received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we ask that they remain and are active participants in the Mass.

Catholic United Financial #101 will be having a quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 8 after the 8:00 am Mass in Freeport. Coffee and Rolls will be served. Topics of discussion will include the Matching Grant Breakfast and suggestions/ideas for upcoming activities. All members are invited to attend.

Mark Your Calendar Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 13 in Freeport.

You're Invited

To St. Mary's Parish Get-together and Our Parish Raffle drawing!

All are welcome!

Sunday, September 8th, 2024
 4:00 to 7:00pm at St. Mary's Church

Come for food, music, entertainment and fellowship!

Brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, Mexican rice, pickles, chips and beverages.

Children's Games

Parish Drawing at 6:30 pm!!!
 Need not be present to win.



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

- Banns of Matrimony:**
- I Mikayla Von Wahlde♥Dylan Fleischhacker, 9-21 SR
 - I Kasey Bertram♥Nicholas Topp, 9-21 SH
 - II Kendra Lange♥Zach Austing, 9-10 SR
 - III Kaitlyn Barten♥Adam Snyder, 9-7 SH

For the Sick: Regine Muellner, Joan Schlicht, Tony Niehaus, John Niehaus, Alex Hoppe, Sandy Welle, Joyce Hauser, Ron Heinen, Lori Austing, Petra Oevermann

- 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

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.....	\$2,195.32
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,637.69
Plate/Loose	251.01
Building/Maintenance	34.62
Votive.....	272.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,270.41
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,578.85
Plate/Loose	282.00
Votive	384.56
Assumption Envelopes.....	25.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,769.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,143.00
Children.....	0.85
Plate/Loose	50.00
Votives.....	136.00
Maintenance Fund.....	420.00
Assumption.....	20.00

Parish Events

We 09/04 5:30 pm FF Grade 2 Student/
Parent Interviews - FR
We 09/04 7:00 pm FF Grade 11 - FR
Th 09/05 7:00 am Adoration
Sa 09/07 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Su 09/01 10:00 am Parish Festival
Tu 09/03 7:00 am Adoration
We 09/04 5:30 pm FF Grade 2 Student/
Parent Interviews - FR
We 09/04 7:00 pm FF Grade 11 - FR
Fr 09/06 7:30 pm Rosary
Su 09/08 11:00 am Catholic United Financial
Meeting

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, September 8 - 10:00 am

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
(L) Pete LeClarie
(U) Roger Meyer & Mark Schoenberg
(EM) (B) Mark Schoenberg
(EM) (C) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
(Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
(HK: September 1-14) Ruth Moscho, Mary
Nietfeld, & Amy Orbeck



God's Housekeepers for the month of September: Robin Neal, Sandi Feldewerd, Judy Thielen, Lisa Hennen, Jan Fuechtmann, & Judy Olmscheid. Since we have the new gathering space we will have six people cleaning each month. 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.

Save the Date: Catholic Order of Foresters Court, St. Leo Court #786 of New Munich Annual Matching Fund Breakfast on Sunday, October 6 in the church basement.



Choir Practice The New Munich Choir is practicing on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 pm. This is a wonderful time to join the choir. Adults and students 9-12 grade are welcome. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about music ministries in our parish, call Calli at 320-290-4583. Thank you!

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Alaina Marie Kemper**, the daughter of Devin & Elisha Kemper, to our parish. Alaina Marie was baptized on Sunday, August 25.



**Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!**

08/25	\$25	David Hess - Paynesville
08/26	\$25	Dan Krueger - New Munich
08/27	\$25	Craig Roering - Albany
08/28	\$25	Carol & Roger Engle - West Union
08/29	\$25	Tiffany Klaphake - Melrose
08/30	\$25	Jeff Kunstelben - Albany
08/31	\$25	Travis Lambrecht - Cottage Grove



Breakfast and Bake Sale

St. Michael's Matching Grant Catholic United Financial Council #126 will be hosting a breakfast and bake sale in the church basement on Sunday, September 8 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. They will be serving sausage, eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, peaches, and coffee cake. Adults \$9 in advance or \$9.50 at the door. Children ages 6-12 \$4 and 5 and under are free. Anyone wishing to donate to the bake sale please bring baked goods to the church basement by Sunday morning. All donations are appreciated.

Parish Leadership Council will meet Tuesday, September 3 at 7:30 pm in the church basement.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

September 4, Wednesday

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

September 5, Thursday

◆ **Vianney**, the inspiring live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Edward's Church, Elmdale at 7:00 pm. Experience the gripping story of Saint John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Filled with all of the elements of professional theater, the production runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 9 and up. Admission will be a free-will offering. For additional information, contact The Catholic Community of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi & St. Mary at 320-573-2132 or 238catholic.org.

September 7, Saturday

◆ **Lake Henry Legion Post 612** on County Road 32 invites all to their pork chop, sweet corn, and trimmings supper. They will be serving 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Free will offering appreciated.

September 8, Sunday

◆ **St. Michael's Matching Grant Breakfast and Bake Sale** hosted by St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Council #126 in the Spring Hill church basement. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Adults \$9 advance or \$9.50 at door. Children 6-12 \$4 and 5 and under are free.
◆ **2024 Forever Young Let There Be Peace** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Melrose at 4:00 pm. Freewill offering and food shelf item.

September 10, Tuesday

◆ **2024 Forever Young Let There Be Peace** at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Albany at 7:00 pm. Freewill offering and food shelf item.

September 11, Wednesday

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

September 15, Sunday

◆ **Breakfast** at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall in Swanville. Sponsored by Grey Eagle/Swanville Knights of Columbus. Serving from 8:00 - 11:00 am. Freewill donation. All proceeds will go to help fund local Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

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

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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,292.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,155.00
Plate/Loose	49.00
Votives.....	3.00
Maintenance Fund.....	5.00
Assumption.....	75.00
School Subsidy.....	5.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,860.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,510.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	166.00
Votives.....	34.00
Maintenance Fund.....	110.00
Assumption.....	40.00

¡Registrate 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.

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, September 7- 4:00 pm

(S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
 (L) Linda Heinze
 (U) Jeff Ahrens & Jason Barten
 (GB) Jim & Lee Uphoff
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
 (EM) (C) Dustin Gregory
 (HK - September) *Margaret Silbernack, Jen Stepan, Amy Stueve, & Linda Trisko

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, September 8 - 8:00 am

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
 (L) Kurt Meyer
 (U) Marvin Meyer & Tim Meyer
 (GB) Dan & Char Meyer
 (EM) (B) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
 (EM) (C) Elmer Meyer & Abby Zenzen
 (HK - September) *Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, Kathy Illies, Darlene Imdieke, Joni Imdieke, & Sharon Imdieke

¿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.



Accompanists and Cantors are needed for the 4:00 pm Mass in Greenwald. Please contact Sara Woeste 256-9516 for more information.

Save the Date: Potato Pancake and Sausage supper in the church basement. Sunday, October 20. Serving from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Sponsored by Catholic United Financial.

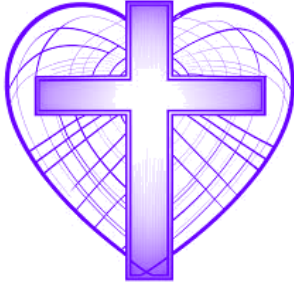
Clases de Formación en la Fe: ¡Se invita a todos los padres con hijos en los grados 1-12 a inscribir a sus hijos a las clases de Formación de Fe que llevarán a cabo los miércoles por la noche (menos los de primera comunión, ellos asistirán los sábados)! ¡Oramos, aprendemos y hacemos proyectos de servicio juntos! Los estudiantes de primaria y sus padres asistirán un miércoles por la noche al mes de 6:00 pm a 7:00pm. Los estudiantes y padres de 7.º a 10.º grado: asistirán diferentes miércoles por la noche durante todo el año, de 7:15 a 8:15.

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.

Sr. Mary Rosemunda passed away August 20, 2024. She was a longtime teacher at St. John's School in Meire Grove. Please keep her in your prayers.




Aprendiendo a Evangelizar: Invitamos a todas las personas que hablan Español a una clase que nos prepara y nos enseña a conocer más a profundidad nuestra Fe Católica. Si usted está interesado o interesada, los esperamos aquí en la iglesia todos los Sábados de 8:00 a 9:30 am.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

Navigating the Extremes of Human Experience According to Biblical Sages How do we find meaning in our lives? Is it a calculus of joy and sorrow, of victory and defeat? What is worth dying for? These deep questions lie just below the surface of our daily experience and can crop up when we least expect them. How we address these questions of meaning can make all the difference as to whether we are happy or sorrowful. How do I handle disappointment? How do I keep my elation over significant accomplishments in perspective? Maintaining balance in our lives as

we strive to know and love God and our neighbor requires ongoing attention in the confidence that God is accompanying, guiding, and strengthening us. We will focus on Psalm 90 and Ecclesiastes 12 to better understand what it means to "gain wisdom of heart" in the limited number of years granted to us on this earth. Friday, September 13, presentation from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Synchronous. Registration is required: www.theologyday.com, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Amy Van Beck
SJS 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
SJS 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
SJS BOARD: Kathy Gilk, Adam Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Kurt Meyer, Trista Meyer, Jenny Wilson, and Kristi Zimmer
 Phone: 320-987-3133
 www.sjsaschool.org

♥**Our NEW Toddler Room is Fully Staffed** and we have room for a few more toddlers to join the group. Please contact the school office if you are interested or have any questions. The toddler building phone number is 320-836-2585 and school main office is 320-836-2591.

♥**Open House for Toddler and Pre-K** was on Wednesday, August 28th from 4-7pm and Open House for K - 6 was on Thursday, August 29th from 4-7pm. If you were unable to attend Open House, please contact the school office and we can get you the information you need.

♥**First Day of School** will be Tuesday, September 3. We will have an all school Mass at 10:00 am in Freeport.

♥**Thank You** to Catholic United Financial for the \$500 grant that we will use for our Toddler Center technology needs.

♥**We would like to welcome** a few new teachers to our staff. Please welcome Ms. Gwen Welle who will be teaching 1st grade, Mrs. Tatum Holdvogt who will be teaching 3rd grade, Mrs. Christie Zink who will be teaching 6th grade, Mrs. Darcy Schmitz who will be an assistant in our PreK rooms, Ms. Hannah Welle, Ms. Sianna Mayers and Mrs. Kate Kalthoff who will be working in our Toddler Center. We are very excited to welcome you all to our staff!

♦**Welcome Back!** The first day of school for all students in preschool - 6th grade will be Tuesday, September 3.

♦**The First School Mass** will be on Friday, September 6, at 8:30 am. All are welcome!

♦**St. Mary's Staff for the 2024-2025 School Year:** *3-4 year olds Little Saints Teacher* Ms. Heidi Hoppe, *3-4 year olds Little Saints Assistant Teacher* Ms. Amy Primus, *4-5 year olds Little Saints Teacher* Ms. Dana Finken, *4-5 year olds Little Saints Assistant Teacher* Ms. Ruth Johnson, *Kindergarten Teacher* Mrs. Jennarae Barten, *First Grade Teacher* Mrs. Peggy Stowe, *Second Grade Teacher* Mr. Zachary Thell, *Third Grade Teacher* Mrs. Kathy Wolff, *Fourth Grade Teacher* Mrs. Amy Kloth, *Fifth Grade Teacher* Mrs. Holly Scholz, *Sixth Grade Teacher* Mr. Nate Schreiber, *Administrative Assistant* Ms. Bri Worms, *Intervention Specialist & Kids Time Coordinator* Ms. Amanda Hellermann, *Intervention Specialists* Mrs. Ali Arnzen & Mrs. Joan Kuefler, *Lunch Supervisor* Brenda Primus, *Media Teacher* Jenn Ellering, *Custodians* Matt Grossinger and Roger Althaus, We are also fortunate to have three *Foster Grandparents* Julie Boeckers, Linda Klein, and Linda Kraemer

♦**Welcome Back! First School Mass** is Thursday, September 5 at 8:00 am at St. Andrew's.

♦**Harry's Pizza Sale** SJSA is selling Harry's Pizza now until Thursday, September 19. If you would like to order pizzas, please call the school office at 320-987-3133 or contact an SJSA family. Pizza pick-up will be Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 - 10:00 am in the school basement.

♦**Thank You** to everyone who helped pick up aluminum cans after Barley Days. SJSA received a check for \$165.46 for the recycling.

♦**SJSA received a check** from Coborn's MORE Rewards Program for \$271.12. Please remember to designate the school of your choice if you have a MORE Rewards account. Thank you to all who have chosen SJSA.

♦**Congratulations to the SJSA School Board Officers for 2024-2025:** *President* Kate Kelzer, *Vice President* Kathy Gilk, *Secretary* Kurt Meyer, *Finance Committee* Kurt Meyer, Adam Kalthoff, & Trista Meyer, *Public Relations Committee* Kathy Gilk & Kristi Zimmer, *Personnel Committee* Jenny Wilson & Kristi Zimmer, *Recycling Committee* Kate Kelzer, *Representatives to the Parish Councils* *St. John's* - Kurt Meyer, *St. Andrew's* - Kathy Gilk, *St. Michael's* - Adam Kalthoff.



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Jesus went on to respond to the Pharisees and scribes by quoting to them the Prophet Isaiah: *"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts"* (See Isaiah 29:13). What's interesting is that Jesus didn't really engage them in conversation about this, defending Himself or His disciples in their eyes. Instead, He rebuked the Pharisees and scribes in a general way so as to dismiss their criticism as false, and then turned away from them and addressed the crowds.

We will all experience unjust condemnation at times. If we are in the wrong, then we must receive the condemnation as if it were from God and repent. But if the condemnation flows from someone's wounded pride or error, then Jesus set the example on how we ought to respond. The best response is to reject their error and then refuse to become engaged in the conversation further. Too often when we are criticized unjustly, we also take it personally. We tend to fight back and justify ourselves, trying to prove that the other person is wrong. But when we do that, we are most likely acting out of our own wounded pride. This will result in angry sulking feelings and the experience of oppression that the evil one inflicts upon us. Jesus' model is to reject the lie and then refuse to engage it further. The reason for this is that the unjust condemnation is actually the seed of the evil one. The person delivering it is only the instrument. So we rebuke the lie of the evil one and refuse to get into a personal battle with the person delivering the lie. Doing so brings freedom from oppression and allows our hearts to remain at peace, no matter what we endure.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have taken some conversation personally, allowing it to oppress you with anger, becoming defensive or argumentative. Know that whenever that happens, this is an attack from the evil one as he seeks to oppress you. Do not accept that abuse. The guide for each of us is the peace and joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. Even the greatest martyrs remained at peace and felt joy in the midst of their persecution. Reflect upon any ways that you have allowed the evil one to agitate you and leave you upset with your wounded pride. Do not fall into his trap. Hold on to the truth and remain at peace, and that will be all the defense you need to make.

My persecuted Lord, You endured much criticism in life, but You never allowed it to steal Your peace. You remained perfectly strong, rejecting the lies and turning from them. Please give me the grace I need to always turn away from the lies of the evil one and to listen only to Your clear and gentle voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, your registration packet was mailed to you. Please call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 if you still need to register.
- **Grades 1-11:** Wednesday, September 11 beginning of the year Mass at 6:30 pm. Families are encouraged to attend with their students. **All students are expected to attend Mass.**
- **Grade 2: First Communion Student and Parent Interviews** Wednesday, September 4. Please see the schedule that was mailed with beginning of the year information or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.
- **Grade 10: NET Retreat Save the NEW Date** 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, September 4 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart School gym. Enter using the door on the east side of the building by the gym.
 - **Reminder:** Meet the Candidate is due Wednesday, September 4.
 - **The Rite of Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.
- **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 7-10 on Wednesday, September 18 and grades 1-6 on Wednesday, October 2. 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@stmarysofamelrose.com

- **Grades 1-10: Opening night of Faith Formation!** St. Mary's Church Melrose. Wednesday, September 4 6:00-7:00 pm OR 7:15-8:15 pm (please choose whichever time works best for your family). Blessing of families! Kahoot quizzes (and prizes)! Calendars for the year! Ice cream sundaes! We ask that all students attend with at least 1 parent/guardian. See you there! (PS: come early or stay late to play some bean bags!)
- **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist:** Students and parents, please attend the **6:00 - 7:00 pm session on Wednesday, September 4** (opening night of Faith Formation). There will be a (required) orientation for First Communion students & their parents/guardians during this opening session. If you have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please bring it with you!
- **Confirmation (11 or 12 graders):** Opening night of Confirmation! St. Mary's Church Melrose. Wednesday, September 11 7:15 - 8:15 pm. To begin the Confirmation year, we will have a special blessing of Confirmation candidates and their parents/guardians, so if both parents can attend, that would be fabulous! Please at least have 1 parent attend. We'll also share information about the calendar & Diocesan Confirmation requirements. Kahoot quiz (and prizes) and ice cream sundaes!
- **Grade 10 and 11: Save the Date!** The Diocese of St. Cloud requires that all Confirmation candidates attend a retreat before celebrating the Sacrament Confirmation (they may attend in their 10 or 11 grade year). Our One in Faith ACC is offering a NET retreat at Immaculate Conception Church in New Munich on Thursday, November 21 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Please plan on attending, unless you have a different Diocesan retreat (e.g., a 2-day Castaway or 3-day TEC retreat) in mind!

The Scriptures This Week

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	1 Cor 2:1-5	Lk 4:16-30
Tu	Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and doctor of the Church 1 Cor 2:10b-16	Lk 4:31-37
We	1 Cor 3:1-9	Lk 4:38-44
Th	1 Cor 3:18-23	Lk 5:1-11
Fr	1 Cor 4:1-5	Lk 5:33-39
Sa	1 Cor 4:6b-15	Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Is 35:4-7a	Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- **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 starting September 11 through the end of the school year, 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.
- **Mass in the Haybarn** to kickoff the new school year! Sunday, September 22. Event starts with 4:00 pm Mass at Hellermann Acres 31969 Co Rd 175 Melrose, MN 56352. All Youth in grades 6-12, along with their families, are invited, for Mass, followed by a meal and yard games, including kickball!

“Keep the commandments of the Lord.”

Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling you to become a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.studio.org.

That there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests and religious brothers and sisters in this vineyard, we pray to the Lord.

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