



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

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

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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.

The Greatness of Holiness

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.
Mark 9:33-34



One of the desires that we all have is for greatness. This is a good and natural desire. This desire is manifested in competitiveness in sports and games. It becomes a driving force in business and politics. It drives us to do better in life, such as in school, artistic endeavors, and hobbies, working hard to perfect various skills and talents so as to excel. The problem is that every good and natural desire we have is now disordered to a certain degree because of original sin. As a result, the desire we have for greatness can become an obsession, a cause of discouragement when we fail, a source of jealousy when others appear to do better, and can lead us to pursue empty and fleeting goals in life.

Even within the life of faith, we can be affected by both the natural desire for greatness and the fallenness of that desire. The natural desire for greatness, when mingled with faith, will lead us to the desire to be a saint and to do great things for the Kingdom of God. But as a fallen natural quality, we can also fall into the trap of seeing ourselves in competition with others within the Church, and we can become jealous of those who appear to be holy and who are recognized for their good work for Christ.

Just prior to the passage quoted above in which the disciples were discovered to have been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest, Jesus predicted to them, for the second time, that He would suffer and die. Recall that after the first prediction of His passion, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. Perhaps some of the other disciples became jealous of this apparent special treatment. Then, after Jesus predicted His passion to them for the second time, they might have wondered if some of them would likewise share in a similar experience as the Transfiguration.

Regardless of what motivated the disciples to argue among themselves about who was the greatest, the fact remains that they did so. This was not the result of a holy and purified desire. It was the result of a good desire for greatness that became distorted and turned into an unholy competition based on jealousy and selfishness.

In Heaven, we will all know who is the greatest. Interestingly, the Scriptures, the official Church teachings, and many of the saints reveal to us that there will be levels of glory in Heaven. This is why Jesus said elsewhere, "Store up treasure in Heaven" (Matthew 6:20). In Heaven, each of us will be perfectly happy. But each of us will also share in God's glory in varying degrees, based upon the merit of our charity on earth. The classic example of this is that if every soul is like a glass of water in Heaven, then every glass will be full. But some glasses will be larger than

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Belester Vazquez Sobreyra
 Tu 7:30 am †Archie Meemken
 We 7:30 am **No Mass**
 Th 7:30 am †Tom Seanger & †Josh Mollner
 Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
 †Margaret, †Jerry, & †Sandy Sand
 Sa 5:00 pm †Mary Ann Primus
 *Su 10:00 am †Arlene Arnzen
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Maria Faranillo & †Juia Cervantes

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
 †Genevieve "Jenny" Dumont
 Fr **10:00 am SHS Grandparent's Day Mass**
 †David Soenneker
 Su 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Job Family
***Mass will be livestreamed.**

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Paul Heinen
 Sa 4:00 pm †Deceased/Living Catholic United Financial Members

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Claude Toenyan
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Lawrence & †Mary Ann Fleischhacker
 Su 10:00 am †Viola Bertram

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Tony, †Darlene, & †Mark Kulzer
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †John Nathe
 Su 8:00 am †Cyril & †Darlene Meyer

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

No Adoration Friday, September 27



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Do you

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

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

Eucharistic Adorers Needed The Tri-Parish Community is seeking people who are willing to be committed adorers as well as substitutes for weekly Eucharistic Adoration. **We are especially in need help on Fridays from 9:00 - 10:00 am.** Even if you can only commit once a month, contact the office because we could put a team of adorers together. Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with our Lord. Contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to sign up.



Adoration with Praise & Worship Music Wednesday, October 2 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Come spend time with the Lord in Adoration and music.

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

Parish News:

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

- **Adoration and Confession** There will be no Adoration or Confession on Friday, September 27 due to Sacred Heart School celebrating Grandparent's Day.
- **October Ministry Schedule** was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you would like to share your time and talent with your parish, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport.

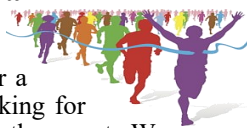
Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance

The mental health ministry team of the diocese is offering a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud on Saturday, September 28. This 5:00 pm parish liturgy is open to everyone with a special invitation to those who have lost loved ones or community members to suicide. Please come and pray with us! For more information, visit the Mental Health Ministry page of the diocesan website: <https://stcdio.org/event/2024-mass-for-suicide-healing-and-remembrance/>



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 320-290-8801 or amyvanbeck@hotmail.com.




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

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

Total.....	\$8,738.33
Regular Adult Offering	6,188.00
Plate/Loose	960.13
Designated Funds	1,590.20

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



09-15	\$25	Audrey Hiltner - Melrose
09-16	\$25	Mary Gebeke - Melrose
09-17	\$25	Eric Budde - Pflugerville, TX
09-18	\$25	Joe Hennen - Freeport
09-19	\$25	Chloe & Sam Viere - Freeport
09-20	\$25	Jane Scherping - Freeport
09-21	\$25	Nick Klaphake - Melrose

Baptized in Christ... Lionel Alexis Patron

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

- †James "Jim" Matchinsky, 85
- †Ronald "Ron" Heinen, 72

St. Mary's Parish Leadership will meet on Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 pm in the church conference room.



Construction Update: The overhead doors have been installed, natural gas has been hooked up, and interior work is almost complete. Final inspection should follow. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Prv 3:27-34	Lk 8:16-18
Tu	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13	Lk 8:19-21
We	Prv 30:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Th	Ecc 1:2-11	Lk 9:7-9
Fr	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Ecc 3:1-11	Lk 9:18-22
Sa	Ecc 11:9—12:8	Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Nm 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	

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

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

Total.....	\$4,228.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,517.85
Plate/Loose.....	430.00
Votive.....	186.00
School Support	50.00
Human Development	45.00

Parish Events

Mo	09/23	6:00 pm	Christian Women Meeting
Tu	09/24	6:00 pm	Messy Wiffle Ball & Games Youth Event
Tu	09/24	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tu	09/24	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - NM
We	09/25	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	09/25	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-11
Fr	09/27		No Individual Confessions
Fr	09/27		No Adoration
Fr	09/27	10:00 am	SHS Grandparent's Day Mass
Fr	09/27	6:00 pm	Convalidation Rehearsal
Sa	09/28	3:30 pm	Convalidation

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Odin Gene Irsfeld** and **Kade Lane Irsfeld**, the sons of Preston Irsfeld and Adrienne Engel, to our parish. Odin Gene and Kade Lane were baptized on Saturday, September 14.

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor one candle by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print. There are also candles in the upcoming months that are available for sponsorship. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.



Annual Meeting Freeport Christian Women are hosting their Annual Meeting on Monday, September 23 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. Join us for a light meal, a quick year in review and a fun round of Trivia. All Freeport Christian Women and those interested in joining are invited attend. Door prizes will be given out as well.



The Greatness of Holiness continued from page 1

others and will be able to contain more water (glory). For this reason, we must remember that the natural desire for greatness is good, but it must be properly ordered by grace. That desire must not become as it was among the disciples who saw each other as competitors. Instead, it must be directed to the deepest desire for holiness and charity. In Heaven, we will all be in awe of those holy souls who are filled with the greatest depths of glory forever. Most likely, they will be widely unknown on earth, but loved and admired in Heaven for the greatness of their holiness.

Reflect, today, upon the desire within your own soul for greatness. Pray that this desire will not fall into selfishness or lead you to see others as competitors. Instead, pray that your desire for greatness will lead you to holiness so that you will be able to store up for yourself the most abundant treasures in Heaven and radiate that glory forever.

Most glorious Lord, You are Greatness Itself. You are our eternal glory. I thank You for the natural desire for greatness that has been instilled within my soul. Please purify that desire, and help me to direct it toward holiness so that I will be able to store up in Heaven the many treasures You wish to bestow.

Jesus, I trust in You.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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.....	\$2,877.81
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,435.19
Plate/Loose	291.00
Building/Maintenance	117.00
Human Development	34.62

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,416.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,833.85
Plate/Loose	528.00
Human Development	55.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,284.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	665.00
Plate/Loose	88.00
Votives	131.00
Fuel Fund	375.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Deve.....	25.00

Parish Events

Tu 09/24 6:00 pm	Messy Wiffle Ball & Games Youth Event - FR
Tu 09/24 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
We 09/25 6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 09/25 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-11 - FR
Sa 09/28 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Tu 09/24 6:00 pm	Messy Wiffle Ball & Games Youth Event - FR
Tu 09/24 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - NM
We 09/25 6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 09/25 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-11 - FR
Fr 09/27 7:30 pm	Rosary

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, September 29 - 10:00 am

- (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
- (L) Lisa Wuertz
- (U) Chico Welle & Ron Welle
- (EM) (B) Jenny Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
- (HK: September 15 - 28) Betty Orbeck, Kim Orbeck, & Mary Ann Orbeck

BAKE SALE



Bake Sale: St. Ann's Christian Women will hold a bake sale Sunday, October 6 in conjunction with the Catholic Order of Forester's Breakfast in the church basement. Parish members with the last names beginning with N-Z are asked to bring baked items to the church basement Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. If you choose not to bake, you are asked to please donate \$10.

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.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Bexley Nicole Salber**, the daughter of Mitchell and Ashley Salber, to our parish. Bexley Nicole was baptized on Sunday, September 15.

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Dean and Donna Lange to our parish.

Festival News... Thank you to all who came and supported the St. Rose of Lima Festival. Overall, the festival brought in \$76,931.32. Mark your calendar for next year's festival, August 31, 2025.



Feast of St. Michael To celebrate St. Michael's Feast Day, Sunday, September 29 following the all school Mass in Spring Hill. Catholic United Financial will sponsor coffee and rolls in the church basement. All are invited, please join us in the church basement.

Confirmation Social Saturday, October 12 after the 7:00 pm Mass in New Munich. Everyone is welcome. **Servers Requested:** Chairs: Cory & Heidi Feldewerd, Co-Chairs: Jim & Deb Feldewerd, Servers: David & Deb Feldeverd, Alyssa Feldewerd, Leon & Susan Feldewerd, Mark & Bethany Feldewerd. All servers please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

◆ **The Melrose Senior Center** will begin hand quilting early in October and will accept quilts to be hand quilted at that time. Contact Ruth Traeger at 320-256-3887 or 320-492-4583.

September 22, Sunday

◆ **Do You Like to Sing?** The Grey Eagle Community Chorus is seeking singers for the annual Advent/Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 1 at 3:00 pm. Rehearsal begins today at 3:00 pm at the Grey Eagle United Methodist Church 30422 County Rd 2 Grey Eagle, MN.

September 24, Tuesday

◆ **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Melrose American Legion from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Melrose to schedule an appointment.

◆ **Bologna Daze** at Elrosa Bar & Lounge serving from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Music by Rueben Nathe & Friends. \$10 all you can eat bologna, potato wedges, sauerkraut, baked beans, homemade bread and dessert. Sponsored by: Elrosa Senior Citizens.

September 25, Wednesday

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

September 28, Saturday

◆ **Fifth Annual Holy Family School Fall Festival** to feature fun for the whole family from 3:00-9:00 pm. Music, scavenger hunt, outdoor games, and so much more. Outdoor family movie will start at dusk, approximately 7:00 pm. Please bring chairs or blankets for the movie. Food and beverages available to purchase. Raffle tickets, \$100 each for the \$10,000 grand raffle drawing are available from Holy Family School families, Magnifi Financial in Albany, Seven Dolours Parish Office, and Holy Family School. Only 799 tickets will be sold. Raffle drawing will be at 6:30 pm that night.

September 29, Sunday

◆ **Feast of St. Micheal** To celebrate St. Michael's Feast Day following the all school Mass in Spring Hill. Catholic United Financial will be sponsoring coffee and rolls. All are invited, please join us in the church basement.

◆ **Smorgasbord Breakfast** hosted by the Albany Legion Post 482 will be serving at the Church of Seven Dolours Parish Hall, Albany from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

◆ **Sunday Breakfast** at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Traditional Mexican breakfast of eggs, chorizo, potatoes and onions, freshly made tortillas, and salsas. Make your own breakfast burritos. Children ages 4 and under are free. Children ages 5-9 \$8. Ages 10+ \$12.

October 2, 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.

October 6, Sunday

◆ **St. Margarets Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast** in Lake Henry. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm in the church basement. Serving sausage, eggs, fried potatoes, pancakes, applesauce, and cinnamon bread. Adults \$9 in advance or \$9.50 at the door. Children ages 6-12 \$5. Children ages 5 and under are free.

◆ **Melrose Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** served by the Melrose Fire Department from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Pancakes with toppings, sausage, hashbrowns, cinnamon bread, and refreshments. \$10 tickets, 5 & under eat free. Your support is appreciated.

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	\$1,405.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,125.00
Plate/Loose	96.00
Votives.....	9.00
Cemetery	100.00
Fuel Fund	5.00
School Subsidy	50.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Deve.	20.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,002.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,590.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	179.00
Votives.....	28.00
Fuel Fund.....	130.00
School Subsidy.....	10.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Develop.	65.00

¡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 28 - 4:00 pm
 (S) Matthew Dehmer & Noah Dehmer
 (L) Herman Lensing
 (U) Eric Dehmer & Duane Frieler
 (GB) David & Marilyn Welle
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - September) *Margaret Silbernack, Jen Stepan, Amy Stueve, & Linda Trisko

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, September 29 - 8:00 am
 (S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
 (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Dennis Schmiesing & Don Schneider
 (GB) Karl & Geri Meyer
 (EM) (B) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (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.

St. Andrew's Christian Women will have a meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 24, in the SJSA School basement. The agenda will include Barley Days follow up and dissolving of the club.

Parish Leadership & Finance Council
 Parish Leadership will meet Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00 pm. The Finance Council will meet at 6:30 pm.

100 Year Anniversary Please join us for Mass to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the present St. John the Baptist Church building on Sunday, October 6. Abbott Doug Mullen from St. John's Abbey will preside. We are proud of our current Benedictine structure and heritage. Come celebrate with us! Fellowship and Refreshments immediately following Mass.



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



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

Banns of Matrimony:
 I Allison Keller♥Cody Jacobson, 10-12 SH
 I Hope Schreifels♥Jacob Klein, 10-12 M
 II Abby Hinnenkamp♥Adam Van Beck, 10-5 M

For the Sick: Alex Hoppe, Beatrice Massmann, Dorothy Schneider, Joan Schlicht, John Niehaus, Joyce Hauser, Lori Austing, Petra Oevermann, Regine Muellner, Sandy Welle, Tony Niehaus

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

Mark your Calendar: St John's Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper! Sunday, October 20 serving from 3:00 - 7:00 pm at St. John's Church Basement in Meire Grove.

"The Lord upholds my life."
 He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org.
 That all men and women be receptive to the divine call to serve Him as priests, brothers, or sisters, we pray to the Lord.

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.

Preparación Bautismal: El ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa María invita a todos los padres que desean que sus hijos reciban el sacramento del bautismo a que se registren para recibir la preparación bautismal. Si tiene preguntas al respecto hable con el Diacono Jesus Hernandez o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para atención en Español.

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!

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- ♥ **We Celebrated our first Birthday Dinner** this past week with the September birthdays.
- ♥ **Thank You** to the Melrose High School Homecoming for visiting our school. We love seeing our alumni representing their classes.
- ♥ **Grandparent's Day** is coming up on Friday, September 27. Information went home with the students last week. We look forward to celebrating with Mass at 10:00 am, a short program, and lunch following.
- ♥ **The 14th Annual SHS 1K and 5K** is coming up on Saturday, September 28! Registration is open and forms are available at the school. Hope to see you there!
- ♥ **Our Annual Care A Thon Fundraiser** for SHS is on Friday, October 4. The kids will participate in service projects and have prayer time as well.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

09/15	\$25	Linda Cadotte - Superior, WI
09/16	\$25	Scott Shaw - Melrose
09/17	\$25	Bernice Zenzen - Elrosa
09/18	\$25	Rick Klaphake - Freeport
09/19	\$25	Paul & Deb Meyer - Grey Eagle
09/20	\$25	Eric Mayers - Freeport
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- ♦ **We Are Pleased To Announce** that \$1,900 has been received from the Living the Promise funds for Catholic schools, which are facilitated by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of St. Cloud. We will use the money to purchase a new laptop for one of our staff members.
- ♦ **The Diocese of St. Cloud Gifts Parishes** (from Annual Appeal proceeds) to help abate parish costs for Catholic school subsidies. The gifts come from a withdrawal of roughly 20-25 percent of the Appeal earnings from July 1 to June 30, divided out to all parishes according to census counts. The 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal education distribution check to St. Mary's School was \$4,620.
- ♦ **We Have Two Weeks Left** until our Marathon/Prayer-a-thon. We are grateful for the donations and we've received so far. Our goal is to raise \$23,000, which is included in our school budget for the 2024-2025 year. Along with fundraising, we believe in the power of prayer and would love to pray for you and your families. Donations and prayer requests can be sent to St. Mary's School, 320 5th Ave. SE Melrose, MN 56352.
- ♦ **Grandparent's Day** will be celebrated at St. Mary's School on Tuesday, October 15.



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- ♦ **Greenwald Elevator Softener Salt Sale** The Greenwald Elevator is having a salt sale with proceeds going to SJSA. Salt can be ordered now through Tuesday, October 15 and can be ordered by the bag or pallet. The pick-up date is Thursday, November 7 at the Greenwald Elevator. Salt can be ordered through any SJSA family, by calling the school at 320-987-3133, or by calling or stopping by the Greenwald Elevator 320-987-3159. Thank you for supporting the Greenwald Elevator Salt Sale!
- ♦ **Animal Blessing** The Blessing of the Animals will be Friday, October 4 at 2:00 pm between the church and school. All are welcome to bring their pets to be blessed. Farm animals are welcome too! We hope you can come and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with us.
- ♦ **SJSA Workathon** is Friday, October 11. The students will be raking leaves and doing outside clean-up in Greenwald. If you would like your yard raked, please call the school at 320-987-3133. Please support our students as they seek pledges to reach our goal of \$18,000 for this school fundraiser. Thank you for supporting SJSA students!
- ♦ **All-School Mass** The SJSA students will celebrate an all-school Mass on Sunday, September 29 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's in Spring Hill.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 2 at 6:00 pm. Classroom Lesson. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 pm.
 - **Grade 7:** Meet in the parish office.
 - **Grade 8:** Meet in the Sacred Heart School Art Room.
 - **Grade 9:** Meet in the Sacred Heart School Auditorium.
 - **Grade 10:** Meet in the Sacred Heart Church Basement.
- **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 25 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.
- **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 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@stmarysofmeire.com

- **Grades 9-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 25 from 7:15– 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Service Project. Students and some parents.
- **Confirmation: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 25 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students with an adult.
- **1st Reconciliation/1st Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 - 10:30 am. Students only.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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♥**Mass in the Haybarn** to kickoff the new school year! Today, 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!

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

♥**Messy Wiffle Ball and Games** All youth grades 6-12 are invited to play messy wiffle ball (with shaving cream), kickball, or bean bags. A meal will be served after the fun. Tuesday, September 24 from 6:00-7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish grounds. Text Alyssa Hoeschen if you plan to attend 320-429-0770.

♥**Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays, from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.

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Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser... The Tri-Parish Youth will once again be selling wreaths and poinsettias. Please support our youth by placing an order. Orders can be placed by contacting one of our youth or by calling the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.

Rosary Coast to Coast Please join in praying for our nation on Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 pm at St Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. The Rosary will be prayed *simultaneously* with Rosary Rallies across the United States being led by the National Rosary Rally at the nation's capital. The Divine Mercy Chaplet for our nation will follow, as well as time for silent prayer. This is a great time to come together to pray with our brothers and sisters across our country asking for God's mercy upon us and the conversion of our country. God Bless the United States of America!

Low Gluten Hosts are available for individuals that have a gluten intolerance. Please note, these hosts still contain gluten, less than 0.001% gluten, and are not completely gluten free. If you would like to have more information about the low gluten hosts, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport. When you are planning to have a low gluten host for Mass, it will be necessary to have the host within a pyx (the parish can provide a pyx) and placed upon the altar for consecration. You will need to let Father know that you are present prior to Mass, and that you will be in his Communion line.

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

•Thursday, September 26, 7:00-8:30 pm at Depot Smokehouse and Tavern, Alexandria



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

- Women's Silent Retreat - September 24-26 (Midweek)
- Men's Silent Retreat - September 27-29 (Weekend)

Natural Family Planning... Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage. Natural Family Planning is a loving way for couples to cooperate with nature and God's plan for married love. It is a natural and highly effective way to achieve and postpone pregnancy. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursday, October 17 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!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE "POP" Back into the Culture of Life: Prayer, Outreach, & Presence will be offered during 40 Days for Life Wednesday, September 25 to Sunday, November 3. Please come join us at the St. Cloud Vigil Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. There is a great need for more people to join us as we pray peacefully every hour at the Planned Parenthood facility in East St. Cloud. May God bless & keep our unborn babies, their moms & dads and the whole family in His loving care. When our families can be supported with protection of their 'baby in womb' as well as throughout their lives in a loving home, we will have returned to a culture of life. For this we pray, do outreach and are present. May life will be chosen! If you haven't signed up yet to pray and march, please do so at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>.

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.

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