



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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 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.



Jesus then said to the Twelve, *“Do you also want to leave?”* Simon Peter answered him, *“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”* John 6:67-69

These words of Saint Peter present us with the conviction we must have when fidelity to the will of God becomes difficult. God is demanding. He wants everything from us. We will only obtain Heaven once we surrender everything over to the will of the Father and believe all that He has revealed. If we fail to do so before we die, we will need to be purified in Purgatory. There is no way around this. God is a demanding God to the greatest extent possible.

The truth is that this is all good. It is good that God demands complete submission to His perfect will and teaching because these are exactly what is best for us. From time to time, because of our weak and fallen human nature, we can perceive God’s will as too demanding and His teaching as too difficult. Do I really have to forgive everyone completely? Do I really have to lay my life down without reserve? Do I really have to keep the Commandments to perfection? Do I really have to be perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect? Yes. But as we try to do so, we will experience many temptations to give up, thinking that God’s will is too hard.

Today’s Gospel comes at the end of the beautiful Bread of Life Discourse in which our Lord taught clearly, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” At the beginning of today’s Gospel, upon listening to Jesus’ new teaching, many of His disciples murmured among themselves saying, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” This teaching of Jesus is “hard” in the sense that it requires a profound faith to understand completely. But just because something is hard to accept does not mean that we should not accept it.

Peter’s statement quoted above gives us the words we should say whenever we find God’s will or His teaching difficult to accept. When that happens, we must hear Jesus ask us the same question He asked the Twelve: “Do you also want to leave?” Jesus will not try to manipulate us. He will not back down when He sees we are struggling. He will not lessen the requirement of being His faithful follower. Instead, He will give us the freedom to either believe or leave. And when we feel like leaving, we should always remember Peter’s words, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1 **ADORATION**

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Jose Luis Montañez
 †Daniel Montañez Martinez

Tu 7:30 am †Donna Kociemba
 We 7:30 am †Jan Barth
 Th 7:30 am †Dolores Maleska
 Fr 7:30 am †Dick, †Rose, & †Dale Van Beck
 Sa 5:00 pm †Paul Spaeth
 *Su 10:00 am †Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Belester Vazquez Sobreyra

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †LeRoy "Lee" Wolbeck
 Sa 4:00 pm †Alan Van Drehle

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Art & †Jack Engelmeyer
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am Spring Hill Men's Society
 Su 10:00 am †Dan Schwieters

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Luella Marthaler
 †Joan Marthaler-Gerads
 Sa 4:00 pm †Peter Van Beck

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Deceased/Living Members
 of Poor Souls Society
 Su 8:00 am For the People

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

First Tuesday of the month
 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

First Thursday of the month
 7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - Melrose

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Fred Overman
 Fr 8:15 am †Robert "Bob" Hoeschen
 Su 8:00 am †Bernie Laing

***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 ~

•Liturgical Ministers Fr. Mitchell asks all current liturgical ministers, and those wanting to join one of these ministries, to attend one of our upcoming ministries. Your attendance at these training sessions is important since Fr. Mitchell will both confirm some current practices and introduce some new ones. Parishioners of Saint Mary's are asked to attend the Saint Mary's practice; parishioners of Saint Michael's, Saint Andrew's and Saint John's are asked to attend the one at Saint John's. Thank you for your help, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday, August 27

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Sacristan Training at St. Mary's
 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Communion Minister Training at St. Mary's

Wednesday, August 28

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Sacristan Training at St. John's
 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Communion Minister Training at St. John's

Thursday, August 29

7:00 - 8:15 pm - Server Training at St. Mary's

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE: 2024 Stewardship Day is Thursday, October 17 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The day will feature Bernie Evans, professor emeritus from Saint John's University in Colleeville. His presentation will draw from his book *Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call*. All are welcome.

Parish News:

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

•The Feast of St. Cloud is September 7. Novena booklets for anyone who would like to pray a novena in honor of St. Cloud are in the back of the church in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. The novena begins on August 29.

•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!

Thank You to all of the people who came out to give the precious gift of life on August 13. The American Red Cross blood drive at the Freeport Community Center had a great turn out with 79 units of blood collected. This was 2 units over our goal. Thanks to the three new donors. This is an awesome amount and helps to save hundred of lives. A great HUGE thank you goes out to my workers who volunteer their time year after year. See you February 11, 2025.

~Janet Butkowski

Bishop's Annual Appeal The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit www.stedio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

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

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

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

Total.....	\$11,041.00
Regular Adult Offering	8,524.00
Plate/Loose	892.00
Designated Funds	1,625.00

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

Total.....	\$4,432.35
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,983.85
Plate/Loose.....	362.00
Votive.....	143.50
School Support	50.00
Assumption Plate.....	198.00
Assumption Envelopes.....	695.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



08-18	\$25	Bob Braun - Melrose
08-19	\$25	Betty Dickhaus - Melrose
08-20	\$25	Mary Philippi - Brainerd
08-21	\$25	Melanie Wensmann - Melrose
08-22	\$25	Kenneth S. Hinnenkamp - Melrose
08-23	\$50	Cammi Bueckers - Melrose
08-24	\$25	Andy Rademacher - Melrose

Parish Events

Tu	08/27	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - NM
We	08/28	9:00 am	Private Event
We	08/28	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 11
Fr	08/30	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/30	9:00 am	Adoration

The Fall Liturgical Schedule for St. Mary's is being created. The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass needs Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, and Altar Servers. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries. Training will be provided and scheduling is flexible. For more information contact Sarah Woeste in the parish office 320-256-9516.

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.

The St. Mary's Parish Raffle drawing is in less than a month! Tickets are being sold before and after Masses throughout August. They can also be purchased at Magnifi - Melrose, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, Kraemer Lumber, and the parish office.

Construction Update: The maintenance shed project continues. The interior framing is finished. Plumbing and electrical rough-in will follow and then overhead doors will be installed. Thank you for supporting our building project!



Weddings... Congratulations to **Isaic & Audrey (Eiynck) Kulzer** who were married at Sacred Heart on Friday, August 16. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**David Soenneker**, who passed away Sunday, August 18. His funeral was celebrated here on Friday, August 23.

Welcome Brenda Goebel to the Sacred Heart Finance Council.

Thank You to Jerry Mayers for his years of service as Trustee for the parish of the Sacred Heart. Thank you to Sharon Thelen for serving for two years on the finance council and now taking the role of trustee.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

August 25, Sunday

◆**26th Annual Quilt Bingo** at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center in Richmond 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Cost \$15 per packet good for 15 regular games. Paper bingo cards. Bring your dabbers. Special game sheets \$3 each. Quilt Raffle. Must be 18 to play. No checks please. Food and refreshments available. Prizes are queen size quilts.

August 27, Tuesday

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

August 28, Wednesday

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

August 29, Thursday

◆**Cream Can Supper** hosted by the Melrose Area Senior Center. Serving from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the Melrose Senior Center. The cost will be \$10 per person, the count is limited to 60. Sign up at the Melrose City Center. **Cut off date to sign up is Monday, August 26.** Must pay when signing up, cost is non-refundable. All are welcome.

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. The event is coordinated by The Catholic Community of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi & St. Mary. 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.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,744.01
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,729.69
Plate/Loose	240.00
Building/Maintenance	124.62
Assumption Plate.....	128.70
Assumption Envelopes.....	496.00
School Support.....	25.00

Parish Events

Tu 08/27 7:00 pm	Christian Women Meeting
Tu 08/27 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
We 08/28 7:00 pm	FF Grade 11 - FR
Sa 08/31 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Baptized in Christ...

- We welcome **Henry Gilbert Roerick**, the son of Tyler & Katie Roerick, to our parish. Henry Gilbert was baptized on Saturday, August 17.
- We welcome **Vayda Lynn Frieler**, the daughter of Christopher & Brittany Frieler, to our parish. Vayda Lynn was baptized on Saturday, August 17.

Thank You to Tatum Holdvogt for serving on the Immaculate Conception finance council.

Welcome Lisa Maus to the Immaculate Conception Finance Council.

Christian Women Meeting ...

St. Anne's Christian Women of Immaculate Conception will have a meeting on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. All are welcome to attend.

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.



"You have the words of eternal life."
Could God be calling you to be a vessel of his eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Follow Him into a life of service to others as 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.stedio.org.

For all those chosen to take up their cross union with Christ as a priest or consecrated religious so that others might have eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,074.99
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,968.85
Plate/Loose	393.63
Votive	32.00
Assumption Plate.....	239.51
Assumption Envelopes.....	441.00

Parish Events

Su 08/25 11:00 am	Baptism
Tu 08/27 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - NM
We 08/28 7:00 pm	FF Grade 11 - FR
Fr 08/30 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 09/01 10:00 am	Parish Festival

Reminder: Pink Cash Raffle tickets, if you have them sold please return before Mass or at St. Rosa Lumber. There are still tickets available if anyone needs more to sell. Contact Lillian 320-293-8333. All tickets need to be returned by Sunday, August 25. We appreciate you selling and buying!!



Festival Information:

- Parishioner Parish Festival envelopes/tickets** are available to pick up in the gathering space of church.
- Please review the work schedule** and if you are unable to work your shift, please assist with finding a replacement.
- If anyone has any ice cream pails** that they would like to get rid of, please drop them off in the church basement. These are utilized for the offering during the outdoor Mass, as well as holders for napkins at food stands. Thank you in advance.
- Albany Bakery is willing to make cakes** and deliver them on Saturday prior to the festival if a parishioner prefers/orders. Please call them to order. They are limiting this to 20 cakes this year.
- Tomatoes** If you have any tomatoes to donate for the taco in a bag stand for the festival, please bring them to the church basement the Saturday before the festival.
- Meal Assistants** If anyone is willing and available to assist with the meal set up on Saturday, August 31, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$813.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	380.00
Plate/Loose	75.00
Maintenance Fund.....	100.00
Assumption.....	258.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, September 1 - 10:00 am

- (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Allen Lieser & Jeff Lieser
- (EM) (B) Darlene Schoenberg
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
- (HK: September 1-14) Ruth Moscho, Mary Nietfeld, & Amy Orbeck



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.

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

- I Kendra Lange♥Zach Austing, 9-10 SR
- II 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. Mary's 320-256-3878

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,069.00
Regular Adult Offering	880.00
Children.....	1.00
Plate/Loose	138.00
Assumption.....	50.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, August 31- 4:00 pm

(S) Gretta Kasper & Leo Kasper
 (L) Isaiah Gilk
 (U) Bob Worms & Jon Worms
 (GB) Joe & Sharon Schwieters
 (EM) (B) Herman Lensing
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - September) *Margaret Silbernack,
 Jen Stepan, Amy Stueve, & Linda Trisko

Accompanists and Cantors are needed for the 4:00 pm Mass in Greenwald. Please contact Sarah Woeste at 320-256-9516 for more information.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,483.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,710.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	188.00
Votives.....	47.00
Assumption.....	538.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, September 1 - 8:00 am

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
 (L) Doug Meyer
 (U) Karl Meyer & Kurt Meyer
 (GB) Gary & Irene Marthaler
 (EM) (B) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - September) *Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, Kathy Illies, Darlene Imdieke, Joni Imdieke, & Sharon Imdieke

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.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

¿Eres adulto y aún no has recibido todos tus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión)?: 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.

Inscripciones Para la primera comunión y la Confirmación: Las inscripciones para estos sacramento están a punto de concluir, si usted aún no ha registrado a su hija o hijo en edad de recibir estos sacramentos debe hacerlo cuanto antes, llamando a la oficina parroquial o pidiendo una hija de registro después de misa. Las clases inician en Septiembre.

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.

¡Necesitamos servidores!
 La comunidad Hispana de la Iglesia de Santa María crece más constantemente, y como Iglesia estamos llamados a servirnos los unos a los otros, por eso queremos invitarlos a que se unan a cualquier Ministerio Hispano. Ejemplos: Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra, Ministerio de Audio y Video, Ministerio de la Sagrada Eucaristía, Ministerio de Música, entre otros. Todos podemos involucrarnos más en nuestra Iglesia y servir a Dios y a nuestros Hermanos de una manera especial. "El que quiera ser primero, que se haga servidor de sus Hermanos" - Marcos 10, 44


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.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12	Mt 23:13-22
Tu	Saint Monica 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17	Mt 23:23-26
We	Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18	Mt 23:27-32
Th	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Cor 1:1-9	Mk 6:17-29
Fr	1 Cor 1:17-25	Mt 25:1-13
Sa	1 Cor 1:26-31	Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 4:1-2, 6-8		
		Jan 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson
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- ♥**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.
- ♥**Teachers and Admin Staff** attended the St. Cloud Diocesan day last week Monday to kick-off the new school year.
- ♥**Sacred Heart School Staff** back to school Mass and brunch will be on Wednesday, August 28.
- ♥**Open House** for Toddler and Pre-K will be Wednesday, August 28 from 4:00-7:00 pm and Open House for Kindergarten - 6 will be on Thursday, August 29 from 4:00-7:00 pm.
- ♥**First Day of School** will be Tuesday, September 3.

- ♦**New Staff at St. Mary's School:**
 - Nate Schreiber: 6th grade teacher
 - Jenn Ellering: Media teacher
- ♦**Help Wanted:** Volunteer(s) to help serve lunch on Thursdays and prepare trays on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. Contact Autumn if interested. 320-256-4247, anelson@smsmn.org.
- ♦**Open House** for parents and students is Tuesday, August 27, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.
- ♦**The First Day Of School** for all preschool - 6th grade students will be Tuesday, September 3.
- ♦**SMSS\$4Kids** is once again available for pick up at school. How does SMSS\$4Kids work? You purchase a card at full value, and the merchant donates a portion of the card value to St. Mary's School. Example: A card value is \$100, and the merchant donates 4%, \$4 goes back to the school. Call or stop by the school for a list of vendors and more information. Thank you for your support with the SMSS\$4Kids program.
- ♦**School Supply Lists** can be found on School Speak or our school website, www.smsmelrosemn.org.
- ♦**SJSA Teacher Workshop** is Monday, August 26 - Thursday, August 29.
- ♦**Mark Your Calendars!** SJSA Open House for Preschool is Wednesday, August 28 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. We still have openings for preschool. Please call the school at 320-987-3133 for information. Open House for grades K-6 is Thursday, August 29 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm with a parent meeting at 6:00 pm.
- ♦**SJSA First Day of School** for grades K-6 is Tuesday, September 3. First day of preschool is Wednesday, September 4.

Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!

08/18	\$25	Ben Atkinson - Freeport
08/19	\$25	Katelyn Duclos - Freeport
08/20	\$25	Lisa Moscho - Freeport
08/21	\$25	Krissy Squillace - Shoreview
08/22	\$25	Leon Klaphake - Melrose
08/23	\$50	Bethany Worms - Albany
08/24	\$25	Jayne Hartung - Melrose

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 Sunday, September 1st, 2024



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4:00 pm- 7:00 pm Evening Music by JMD3
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7:00 pm Grand Raffle & Cash Raffle Drawing
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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, August 28 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:** Saint Report is due Wednesday, August 28.
 - **The Rite of Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, October 12 at 4:00 pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.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!

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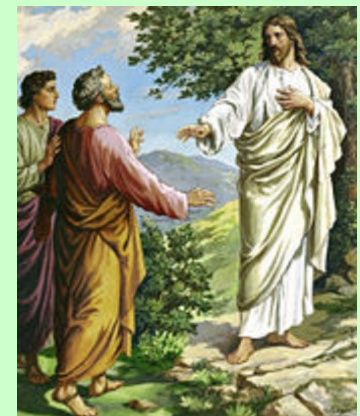
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- **Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays starting September 11 through the end of the school year, from 7:15-8:00 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!

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of Eternal Life."

-John 6:68



UNWAVERING FIDELITY ALWAYS con't. from page 1

Peter's statement says all we need to know in the face of any interior conflict of faith. Sure, we could leave our Lord and do our own thing. But where would we go? To embrace the passing pleasures of the world? To what end? If we believe and are convinced that Jesus is the Holy One of God, then no matter how hard, no matter how demanding, no matter how difficult, we must embrace fidelity to God in all things. That act of fidelity, especially when we struggle with some interior conflict, is the key to unlocking the transforming power of God in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have felt God's will or any of His revealed truths to be difficult and demanding. When you face such an interior challenge, what do you do? If your response is to turn from God and become lax in your fidelity to Him, then reflect upon Peter's words to Jesus. Make those words your prayer, and let that prayer strengthen your conviction to become an unwavering and faithful follower of God.

My demanding Lord, in Your great love and mercy You require everything of me. You ask me to give You my life in total surrender and service of Your perfect will. When I am weak, give me strength. When I doubt, give me faith. Help me, Lord, to always deepen my resolve and to follow You with complete fidelity. Jesus, I trust in You.

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