



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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2024

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

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Mailing Address: PO Box 155
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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.

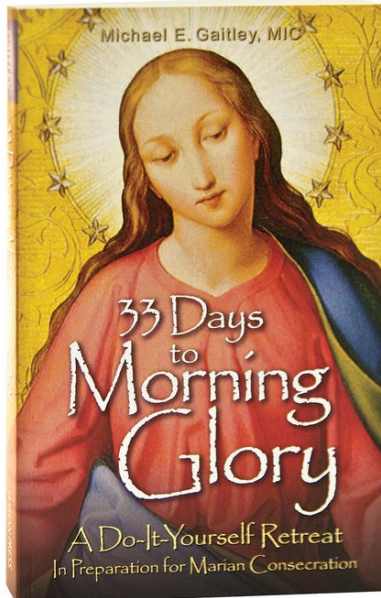
Baptism & RCIA

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.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary



Want to transform your work, your marriage, your family ... your life? Looking for the quickest, surest, and easiest way to grow in holiness, but don't know where to begin? Saint John Paul II and Saint Mother Teresa, inspired by the writings of St. Louis de Montfort, knew the quickest way to grow in holiness is through a cherished relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Beginning on Tuesday, November 5, parishioners from the One in Faith Area Catholic Community Churches are invited to begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. This consecration is a solemn dedication of one's life to

Jesus through Mary's prayerful intercession. This devotion dates back centuries and, I can attest, has transformed my life of faith in numerous ways.

We will be guided by individual daily reading and reflections from Fr. Michael Gaitley's acclaimed book, '33 Days to Morning Glory.' You may also participate in optional Small Group Retreat Days at Immaculate Conception, New Munich - Wednesdays, November 6 - December 4 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm, or St. Mary's Church, Melrose - Saturdays, November 9 - December 7 from 8:30 - 10:00 am.

A consecration ceremony will occur at St. Mary's, Melrose on Sunday, December 8, following the 10:00 am Sunday Mass, and at Immaculate Conception, New Munich, on Monday, December 9, following the Solemnity Mass of the Immaculate Conception. Please sign up after Mass, or call your parish office by Tuesday, October 22 and a book will be ordered for you at a cost of \$15.

If you're looking for a simple way to be spiritually renewed, to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and Mary, and to grow in holiness, join us in this '33 Days to Morning Glory' Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

May God bless you,

Fr. Mitchell Bechtold

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Sergio Hernández Chavez y Familia Hernández Montañez
 Tu 7:30 am †Archie Meemken
 We 7:30 am †Lucille Mae Moore
 Th 7:30 am †Stacy Meyer
 Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
 †Ervin, †Virginia, & †Dan Klaphake
 Sa 5:00 pm †Dolores & †Richard Hiltner
 *Su 10:00 am †Ralph Wessel & †Lois Taphorn
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Javier Accvedo

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Peggy Daly
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Merv Steen
 Su 10:00 am †Richard Austing

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am Spring Hill Men's Society
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Otto & †Fran Thelen
 Sa 4:00 pm †Peter Van Beck

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †John Nathe
 Su 8:00 am †Aloys Leukam
 †JoAnn Leukam Shepherd
 †Rodney Shepherd

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 †Betty Hennen
 Fr 8:15 am †Christopher "Chris" Welle
 Su 8:00 am †Lori Scherping
 †Hubert, †Florence, & †Marvin Lange

*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 ~

•Respect Life Month October is Respect Life Month and to contribute to a culture of life, bassinets will be placed in our churches to collect new baby items which will be given to Options for Women in Sauk Centre as they offer material assistance to women facing unplanned pregnancies as well as classes to learn to care for themselves and the baby. Items needed are clothes (especially for boys) sizes newborn to 4T, diapers sizes 1 to 5, and Enfamil (yellow & purple) baby formula.



Parish Office Closure The Parish Offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Friday, November 1 in observance of All Saints' Day.

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.

Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed

who were confirmed this past Saturday by Fr. Tom Knobloch at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.
Sacred Heart, Freeport: Brayden Blenker, Audrina Burg, Jorja Canfield, Owen Feldewerd, Allison Fiedler, Jeremiah Goebel, Mara Hollenkamp, Kaitlyn Klasen, Isabella Kuechle, Noah Moening, Brinley Ritter, Brynn Shaw, Thatcher Van Beck
Immaculate Conception, New Munich: Addison Christenson, Riley Elfering, Addison Kemper, Sophia Schmiesing, Ava Smith, Izabel Van Beck
St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa: Jordan Arnzen, Tyler Herdering, Collin Herkenhoff, Allie Hoppe
St. Anthony, St. Anthony: Mason Geise, Emily Sand



Mass of Hope & Healing on Thursday, October 24. Held at St. Mary's in Melrose at 7:00 pm. This special Mass is for couples who are experiencing infertility as well as those who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, SIDS, illness, accident, or abortion. Part of this event consists of a candle-lighting ceremony remembering those who have died. Refreshments will be served after Mass.



Parish News:

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

•November Ministry Schedule was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish.
•Food Shelf Collection The Tri-Parish Youth will be trick or treating for the food shelf on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. They will be going door to door collecting non-perishable items in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. If you are able, please consider having items available for this cause.

End-of-Year Giving: Stock, IRA's and QCD's Gifts of stock are always appreciated, and there are significant tax benefits available to those who give appreciated stock held longer than a year. Those who choose to donate stock are generally entitled to a tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the stock at the time the gift is made, not just the original cost. Additionally, donors do not incur any capital gains tax when stock is given away rather than sold. Please consider a stock gift when donating to your church, Sacred Heart School, St. Mary's School, or St. John's St. Andrew's School. When making a charitable rollover through IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), we always recommend that you seek professional advice in these matters. If you have any questions about this type of contribution, please contact the parish office in Melrose and Freeport with questions.

All Souls' Remembrance St. John's Abbey has invited our parishes to submit names of deceased loved ones as part of their All Souls' Remembrance ministry. In the entry of our parishes, there is a sign-up sheet to add deceased loved ones' names. We will collect these names through the month of October and submit them to St. John's for them to pray for these individuals during the month of November.

Policies on Cemetery Flowers, etc. According to the cemetery policy, all wreaths, flowers, and other objects not glued or cemented to the monuments need to be removed by Sunday, November 3. Anything left after this date will be removed and saved for a few weeks for those who wish to pick them up before discarding. Over the winter, items not glued or cemented to the monuments often blow off and get buried in the snow, ending up tangled in the snow blower when clearing a path for a grave.

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

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

Total.....	\$11,959.76
Regular Adult Offering	9,935.00
Plate/Loose	915.76
Designated Funds	1,109.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



10-13	\$25	Nathan Klaphake - Maple Grove
10-14	\$25	Eric & Jocie Meyer - St. Joseph
10-15	\$25	Veronica Hellermann - Melrose
10-16	\$25	Larry Droogsma - Melrose
10-17	\$25	Mel Roehrl - Melrose
10-18	\$50	Karen Westendorf - Rochester
10-19	\$25	Marcie Welle - Melrose



Thank You to the 2024 Parish Raffle Committee (Jim & Rosie Athmann, Fred & Joyce Meyer, Rich & Char Van Drehle, Deb Klaphake, Jim & Deb Welz, Rick & Jenny Mayers, and Lenore Jenc) for their time and dedication. The raffle profit was \$53,877.93! Many thanks to the Melrose American Legion for providing the gambling permit for this year's Parish Raffle. 100% of the proceeds were distributed to St. Mary's Parish.

Maintenance Shed is almost ready to use! The final walkthrough will happen as soon as the plumbing is complete. Storage shelves have been acquired and set up. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project that will benefit our church, school, and cemetery!

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday Next weekend is Commitment Sunday. Every parish household is asked to bring their completed Commitment Card to Mass or complete a card online at our parish website, www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys. We are striving to become the Stewardship Parish that God intends us to be — intentionally committed to prayer, parish ministry, and the sharing of our financial gifts. Each parishioner has a unique and vital part to play and is needed in this mission. What is your part this year? Put it in writing and turn in your Commitment Card next Sunday!

Fall Quilt Chances Members of the Mission Society will be present to sell chances for their **fall quilt** before and after the Masses on the weekend of October 26-27. Tickets are \$1.00/chance. Please consider supporting the missions with this fundraiser.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle \$12,000 in cash prizes will be given away! The drawing will take place at St. Mary's Parish Center on Tuesday, December 31, at 9:00 am. All names are returned to the drawing for more chances to win. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at Magnifi Financial - Melrose, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, and St. Mary's Parish Center.

Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: 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

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$4,257.54
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,538.85
Plate/Loose.....	402.69
Votive.....	139.00
School Support	127.00
Building/Maintenance.....	50.00

Parish Events

Mo	10/21	6:30 pm	Youth Group Pumpkin Night
Tu	10/22	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg. - SR
We	10/23	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	10/23	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-11
Fr	10/25	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	10/25	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	10/26	12:00 pm	Set up for Sunday Event
Su	10/27	10:00 am	Private Event

Thank You to all who supported the Catholic United Financial #101 Matching Grant Breakfast this past weekend. We had a very nice crowd and hope you all enjoyed the meal!

Raffle Winners were: \$100 Cash - Gerald Hartung
 \$50 Coborns Card - Bev Wiechman
 \$25 Walmart Card - Fr. Dan
 \$25 Charlie's Gift Cert - Judy Olmscheid
 \$25 Pep's Pork Certificate - Derek Ullmann



ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS' MASS SCHEDULE

All Saints' Day Masses
 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, October 31

7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill

Friday, November 1

8:00 am	SJSA School Mass, Greenwald
8:15 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
8:30 am	SM School Mass, Melrose
11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)
7:00 pm	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa

All Souls' Day Masses

Saturday, November 2

8:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
9:00 am	St. Mary, Melrose (Bilingual)
9:00 am	St. Michael, Spring Hill

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.....	\$2,378.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,766.69
Plate/Loose	377.00
Cash Bazaar	200.00
Building/Maintenance	34.62

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,032.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,788.85
Plate/Loose	228.00
Votive.....	16.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,801.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,940.00
Children.....	23.00
Plate/Loose	86.00
Votives.....	202.00
Fuel Fund.....	50.00
Windows.....	500.00

Parish Events

Mo 10/21	6:30 pm	Youth Group Pumpkin Night - FR
Mo 10/21	7:00 pm	Harvest Supper Comm. Mtg.
Tu 10/22	7:10 pm	K of C Mtg. - SR
We 10/23	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
We 10/23	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-11 - FR
Sa 10/26	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Su 10/20	11:00 am	Baptism
Mo 10/21	6:30 pm	Youth Group Pumpkin Night - FR
Tu 10/22	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Tu 10/22	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 10/23	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
We 10/23	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-11 - FR
Fr 10/25	5:00 pm	Setup for Halloween Party
Fr 10/25	7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 10/26	9:00 am	Setup for Halloween Party
Sa 10/26	10:00 am	Jaycee Kids' Halloween
Sa 10/26	6:00 pm	Setup for CUF Breakfast
Su 10/27	8:30 am	CUF Breakfast

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, October 27 - 10:00 am
 (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
 (L) Lisa Wuertz
 (U) Robert Bertram & Tyler Bertram
 (EM) (B) Melvin Kalthoff
 (EM) (C) Allen Lieser & Gary P. Lieser
 (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
 (RL) Kathy Welle
 (CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
 (HK: October 13-26) Karen Rademacher, Betty Schmidt, & Rhonda Schmidt

Thank You We wish to express our "Thanks" to everyone who helped work for the "Matching Fund Breakfast" held Sunday, October 6 and also, to all who supported our fund-raising efforts for helping pay for the new Mass Times Sign and by coming to eat. Congratulations the winner of the quilt was Bernie Holdvogt. ~The Officers of the Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Leo Court, # 0786, of New Munich.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Quinn Ann Toenyan**, the daughter of Daniel and Samantha Toenyan, to our parish. Quinn Ann was baptized on Saturday, October 12.

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Leo Eveslage**, who passed away Friday, October 11. His funeral was celebrated here on Saturday, October 19.

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor one candle on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand for the months of November. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

Breakfast... St. Rose Catholic United Financial Breakfast will be Sunday, October 27 serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima church basement. Menu: pancakes with toppings, eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee cake, fruit & beverages. Everyone is welcome! Free will offering.

WORN-A-BIT RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 9 am to 1 pm
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 9 am to 12 pm

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BASEMENT SPRING HILL

LUNCH AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS

One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money! A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase. ***Gift cards are great gift ideas!**

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

October 20, Sunday ♦ <u>Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper</u> serving from 3:00 - 7:00 pm at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Adults \$14 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children 10 and under \$6. Preschool free! This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1,000.
October 23, Wednesday ♦ <u>Quilting</u> at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
October 26, Saturday ♦ <u>Lori Austing Benefit</u> at the Freeport Community Center from 4:00 - 9:00 pm, to help raise money for a wonderful family. Please join us for Dinner & Drinks, Entertainment, Silent Auction, and 50/50 Raffle. You can also donate to the Austing Benefit Account set up at the Freeport State Bank. ♦ <u>Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale</u> 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, St. Michael's church basement, Spring Hill. Lunch available.
October 27, Sunday ♦ <u>St. Rose Catholic United Financial Breakfast</u> serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima church basement. Everyone is welcome! Free will offering. ♦ <u>Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale</u> 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, St. Michael's church basement, Spring Hill. Lunch available.
October 30, Wednesday ♦ <u>Quilting</u> at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.


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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,139.00
Regular Adult Offering	945.00
Plate/Loose	181.00
Votives.....	13.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, October 26 - 4:00 pm

(S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
 (L) Cassandra Kettner
 (U) Tim Lucken & Dave Nather
 (GB) Scott & Kristen Young
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) Mike Barten & Clarine Beier
 (HK - October) *Kay Van Beck, Judy Wehlage, Ruth Wehlage, & Bev Winter

Rosary & Raffle 
 The officers of the Catholic United Financial Council #324 will be leading the rosary before the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, October 26. After Mass there will be coffee and cookies in the church basement. The Raffle drawing will take place at that time. Be sure to get your raffle tickets sold and returned prior to or at that time. All raffle tickets must be accounted for. Thank you in advance.

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.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$4,440.48
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,434.83
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	269.00
Votives.....	36.40
Donation.....	200.00
Water Softener.....	500.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, October 27 - 8:00 am

(S) Isaac Zenzen & Collin Kelzer
 (L) Kurt Meyer
 (U) Gene Imdieke & Herb Imdieke
 (GB) John & GERALYN Primus
 (EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (EM) (C) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
 (HK - October) *Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, & Sheri Luetmer

Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper
 today, Sunday, October 20
 St. John's Catholic United Financial Matching Grant
 Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper. Serving from 3:00 to 7:00 pm in the St. John's church basement in Meire Grove. Adults: \$14 advance or \$15 at door. Children 10 and under: \$6. Pre-school free. Tickets available from any St. John's Parishioner. On the menu: Potato Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, Cinnamon Bread, Potato Salad, and Desert. Take-outs available. Come and enjoy a great meal! This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1,000.



"What do you wish for me to do for you?"
 Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Let the grace of prayer encourage you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org.
 For more men to accept the gift and mystery of a vocation to the priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

¡Inscríbete 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.



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.


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.



Prayer for Life
A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

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
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Briana Worms
SMS BOARD: Cory Ellering, Bob Arceneau, Jenn Lubarski, Cindy Hemmesch, Jake Primus, and Pat Christenson
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♥**Our Annual Care-A-Thon Fundraiser** for SHS was on Friday, October 4. The kids participated in service projects and had a prayer service in the Tri-Parish Community. We are happy to announce that we have met our goal of \$16,000 and even surpassed it!! The students are very excited that they will receive their Cotton Candy reward soon! Thank you again for your generous donations.

♥**The 3rd and 4th Grade Students** went on a field trip to Vintage Village in Osakis on Wednesday, October 16. What a great day to learn about how things “used to be” and all the wonderful ways that our parents and grandparents used the resources they had at the time.

♥**Our Caring Coats Drive** began on Monday, October 7. If you have any gently used fall/winter items (coats, hats, mittens, scarves, etc.) that you are no longer using, we would love to have you bring them to SHS. All donations stay in the area. Thank you in advance for your donations.

♥**Our Catholic United Financial Breakfast** was on Sunday, October 13. Thank you to everyone that helped put on the breakfast and all those that came to enjoy the delicious food. We had a very nice crowd the whole time. We appreciate your support to Sacred Heart School!

♥**Thank You** to Famo Feeds for your generous donation to pay for transportation for our Care-A-Thon, the PreK Field trip to Fall Farm Fest and K/1st field trip to the Great Theatre presentation of Winnie the Pooh.

LOOKING AHEAD:
 ♥**October Birthday Dinner** will be on Thursday, October 24.
 ♥**5th and 6th Grade** will go on a field trip to Camp Ripley on Friday, October 25.
 ♥**Vocabulary Parade** will be on Thursday, October 31.

♦**Thank You** for your support in our recent marathon/prayer-a-thon. We have surpassed our goal of \$23,000 and raised \$27,031. We have also collected over 530 prayers, which will be compiled into a book and prayed daily in the classrooms. We appreciate your continued dedication to a Catholic education for students in the Melrose Area.

♦**Thank You** to Magnifi Financial for volunteering at St. Mary's School on Monday, October 14. We appreciated their help preparing bags for preschoolers and kindergartners to be shared at church once a month, putting together task baskets for the kindergarten students, and helping us get ready for Grandparents Day.

♦**SMS Families Will Sell Harry's Pizzas** now through Wednesday, October 23. Pepperoni, sausage, cheese, 4 meat, chicken bacon ranch, breakfast, and chicken alfredo - \$12 a pizza. Contact any SMS family, the school at 320-256-4257, or stop in the Church office. The delivery date is Thursday, November 7.

♦**The Catholic Church Recognizes** October as Mission Month and the Month of the Rosary. St. Mary's School children will pray the World Mission Rosary at Church on Wednesday, October 23, at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join us as a community for this prayer.

♦**Fall-o-Ween Jesus** All children ages 2-12, accompanied by a guardian, are invited to the SMS faith-based Halloween event with crafts, games, and treats on Thursday, October 31, from 3:00-5:00 pm.

♦**The All Saints Day Mass** with the SMS students will be celebrated on Friday, November 1, at 8:30 am. All are welcome!

♦**Fr. Mitchell Celebrated World Rosary Day** with the 5th and 6th graders on Thursday, October 10.

♦**World Mission Month** Peg Ohmann Mercer will present a program on Thursday, October 24 to the 3rd - 6th graders on her uncle Fr. Danny Ohmann's experience as a missionary in Tanzania.

♦**Thank You** to everyone who supported the SJSA workathon. Our goal was \$18,000 and we have received over \$20,000 in donations! We appreciate your support of St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School. We had a beautiful day for the children to rake lawns, clean-up trash, and stack wood for a neighbor.

♦**Thank You** to the Magnifi Financial volunteers who helped out at SJSA on Monday, October 14. The volunteers installed a floor in our gaga pit and did prep work for our Oktoberfest.

♦**SJSA School Board Meets** Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.



YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

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10/16	\$25	Kevin Viere - Melrose
10/17	\$25	Amy Fuchs - Long Prairie
10/18	\$25	Megan Scherping - Freeport
10/19	\$25	Jamie Falkowski - Virginia

♥**Pumpkin Youth Night** Students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us for a night of painting, games, food, and more. Monday, October 21 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart basement. If you have questions, please contact Alyssa 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.

♥**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.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 23. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 10: NET Retreat** 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, October 23 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart School gym.

Service Projects:

- **Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf** Students in grades 6-12 will be Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We will meet at Sacred Heart Church basement and will cover the towns of Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. Permission forms are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is October 23.
- **Card Making** will be on Wednesday, November 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Students in grades 6-12 will be making Christmas Cards. Permission slips are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is Wednesday, October 30.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 7-8: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 23 from 7:15-8:30 pm. Students and some parents.
- **First Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, October 26 from 9:00-10:30 am. Students only.
- **Optional:** Diocesan Youth Rally, grades 9-12, in Alexandria.
- **Please join us for BINGO** at St. Mary's Church on Sunday night, October 27, at 5:30 pm sponsored by St. Mary's Mission Society.

The Scriptures This Week
Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Eph 2:1-10	Lk 12:13-21
Tu	Eph 2:12-22	Lk 12:35-38
We	Eph 3:2-12	Lk 12:39-48
Th	Eph 3:14-21	Lk 12:49-53
Fr	Eph 4:1-6	Lk 12:54-59
Sa	Eph 4:7-16	Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Jer 31:7-9	Heb 5:1-6
		Mk 10:46-52

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BINGO Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on Sunday, October 27 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch includes hot turkey sandwich, chips, pickle and cookie. Beverages are available for sale. Variety games such as Good Neighbor Bingo and Blackout. There will also be a quilt raffle. Fun for the entire family. Sorry, no checks, cash only. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Society of Melrose.

Committed Adorers: We are looking for some individuals or couples to be committed adorers for the Wednesday Evening Praise and Worship Adoration Nights at Sacred Heart. The dates are November 6, 2024; December 4, 2024; January 8, 2025; February 12, 2025; March 19, 2025; and April 9, 2025 from 5:30-8:30 pm. If you are able to commit to 30 minutes or more one month, a few months, or several months, that would be great. Please contact Amy at 320-836-2143 to sign up.

All Women of the West Central Deanery are invited to join the Fall General Meeting Tuesday, October 29. It will be held at Saint Louis Parish, Paynesville, MN beginning with Mass at 6:00 pm. After Mass there will be a light supper, general business meeting, silent auction, news from the National convention and the Saint Cloud Diocesan Annual Fall Conference. Please join us: bring a friend. Contact Jean Hopfer, 320-837-5239 by Tuesday, October 22.

What is a TEC Retreat? How Do I sign up?
TEC – Together Encountering Christ is a three-day retreat supported by the St. Cloud Diocese. The retreat is intended for both youth (age 16+) and adults and is modeled after the Paschal Mystery - the Easter message of death, resurrection and sending forth. Youth will often credit TEC for giving meaning to their faith life, purpose to their everyday life, and a commitment to living their life for Christ. One adult indicated, "outside of my marriage and the birth of my children, TEC is the most important event of my life." Check out what others have experienced by participating in an upcoming TEC weekend. For information and registration details, visit the website at www.cmtec.org or call 320-532-4455.



Wreaths, Centerpieces, and Poinsettias

There's still time to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group Fundraiser. Poinsettias, wreaths, sprays, centerpieces, and table top trees are still available. Call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143 if interested or if you have any questions. This is a great way to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group and enjoy beautiful Christmas décor.

An Invitation From Saint John's Abbey - All Saints Vigil

Abbot Douglas Mullin, OSB, and the monks of Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, invite you to attend the All Saints Vigil liturgy and reception at the Abbey Church on Thursday, October 31. The Vigil of All Saints liturgy begins in the church's baptistry at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow the liturgy in the Great Hall. All are invited. We hope you will join us.

NET Retreat Team Housing:

We are looking for housing for the NET Team who are hosting a retreat on Thursday, November 21 for our 10th graders. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with these young adults who are on fire about their faith. They request that a minimum of 2 students are housed together. They bring their own pillows and sleeping bags. We would ask you to bring them to your home after the retreat at 9:00 pm on Thursday, November 21 in New Munich. Then on Friday morning share breakfast with them and bring them back to Immaculate Conception Church, the time will be announced. Please contact Chrystal if interested, 320-836-2143.



Go and Make Disciples

Anyone in grade 11 through adult are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. We will have a meal and discuss the Rosary and Sacramentals. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday, November 6. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

An Epoch In Time history book of St. Rose of Lima Parish is available at the parish office in Freeport and Melrose. Cost \$35

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