



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024

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

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Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

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.



*Changed by the
Eucharist*

Jesus said to the crowds: *“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”* John 6:51

It must have been somewhat shocking to the people who heard Jesus say this for the first time. Immediately after Jesus said this, we read that “The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’” Jesus addressed their confusion even more directly by saying, “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.” Those who were confused must have become even more confused, and those who believed must have deepened their faith as they heard Jesus teach so clearly and profoundly.

Of course, Jesus was speaking about the Eucharist. The Eucharist is truly His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We know that. We believe it. But from time to time, it is a helpful spiritual practice to revisit our Lord’s very direct and definitive teaching. On the deepest level, the Eucharist will always remain a profound mystery of faith. How can we eat His flesh and drink His blood? To someone without faith and without a basic understanding of the Eucharist, this teaching seems shocking and unbelievable. In fact, it’s easy to understand how some of the first hearers of this teaching quarreled among themselves in confusion. For that reason, we must listen to Jesus’ words with the spiritual gift of understanding so that we are not among those who are confused. Understanding is a gift of the Holy Spirit that opens our minds to the deep spiritual truths Jesus is revealing. If we attempt to listen to this teaching using our human reason alone, we will never understand.

When you consider Jesus’ teaching on the Holy Eucharist, what do you understand and believe? Especially consider what goes through your mind when you attend the Holy Mass and go forward to receive Communion. What normally takes place within you at that moment? Some come forward distracted or even disinterested, paying more attention to the others around them than to the Eucharist. Others simply go forward out of habit because that’s what they have always done. Some see the Eucharist more as a symbol of our sharing in God’s banquet. But some come forward with a deep spiritual hunger and thirst for God, receive Him in faith, love Him deeply as they consume Him, and are filled with hopeful anticipation that their reception of this holy gift will transform them interiorly and set them more firmly on the path to holiness. Which person are you most like?

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 19-25 **ADORATION**

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Refugio Hernandez,
 †Guadalupe Hernandez Chavez
 Tu 7:30 am †Julie Rademacher
 We 7:30 am †Charles Gebeke
 Th 7:30 am †Barney Hollermann
 Fr 7:30 am †Ervin, †Virginia, & †Dan Klaphake
 Sa 5:00 pm †Lydia Schulzetenberg
 *Su 10:00 am Henry Petermeier Family
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Leticia Orozco, †David Carrillo

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Carla Wolbeck
 Fr 7:00 pm **Feast of St. Rose of Lima**
 †Deceased/Living Members
 of the St. Rose Catholic
 United Financial
 Su 10:00 am †Mary Ann Engelmeyer Anniv.

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 †Ken Overman
 Fr 8:15 am †Christopher "Chris" Welle
 Su 8:00 am †Dorothy Hollenkamp

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Peter Van Beck
 Sa 4:00 pm †Clarence Winter

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am Intentions of Ray & Carol
 Schneider
 Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Marie Kampsen
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

*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 News:

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

- September 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.
- 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.



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.

- Men & Women Silent Retreat - August 23-25 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - September 10-12 (Midweek)
- Women's Silent Retreat - September 20-22 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - September 24-26 (Midweek)
- Men's Silent Retreat - September 27-29 (Weekend)

What is the best way for you to spread the Good News?

Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat experience for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Retreats are held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held September 20 - 22 beginning at 5:30 pm Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost of the weekend is \$70, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need. Registrations may be made online at centralmnkoinonia.org or by emailing cmkoinonia@gmail.com for a paper copy.



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



23rd National Living Our Faith on God's Holy Land

Diocese of St. Cloud Office of Social Concerns 2024 Rural Life Celebration Sunday, August 18 at the Samantha and Nathan Middendorf Farm 17655 Co. Rd. 36, Long Prairie. During the month of August we celebrate and honor God's creation. Join us as we come together for faith, food and fellowship beginning with a 1:30 pm outdoor Mass with Bishop Neary, C.S.C followed by a meal and ice cream. Enjoy family friendly entertainment. There will be a special collection to support the rural life fund and a presentation of the Catholic Century Farm and Catholic Rural Business Awards. Please bring your own chair if you are able. This event will happen rain or shine. If you have any questions, contact Kateri Mancini at kateri.mancini@gw.stedio.org.

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

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

Total.....	\$7,623.87
Regular Adult Offering	5,591.00
Plate/Loose	1,345.87
Designated Funds	687.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



08-11	\$25	Charlene Sand - Melrose
08-12	\$25	Tyler Bussmann - Melrose
08-13	\$25	Mike Schmidt - Melrose
08-14	\$25	Jacob & Kelsey Primus - Melrose
08-15	\$25	Larry or Phyllis Ostendorf - Glencoe
08-16	\$25	Rich & Charlene Van Drehle - Melrose
08-17	\$25	Glenn Schwieters - Melrose

Baptized in Christ...

- ♥Damian Martinez Montanez
- ♥Adrian Martinez Montanez

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.

Cleaners Needed Fr. Mitchell is looking for a volunteer to clean the common areas of the rectory once a month. Please contact him if you are interested.

Helping Hands Roger is looking for people to help with a variety of indoor and outdoor building, grounds, and maintenance tasks including pulling weeds, trimming, extra cleaning, minor repairs, picking up sticks around the grounds, etc. If you have an hour or two to spare every now and then and would like to help, please call the parish office at 320-256-4207. This can be done anytime - daytime, evenings, or weekends.



Get Your Tickets! St. Mary's Parish Raffle tickets for our September 8 drawing 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: Interior and exterior concrete has been poured. Interior wall framing will begin this week. Electrical and mechanical rough-ins will follow.

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!**

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

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

Total.....	\$4,037.86
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,348.85
Plate.....	623.00
Votive.....	56.01
School Support	10.00

Parish Events

We	08/21	6:30 pm	Diocese Catechist Gathering
Fr	08/23	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/23	9:00 am	Adoration

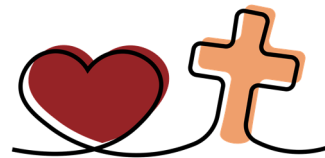
Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Lucie Alice Klaphake**, the daughter of Chris & Beth Klaphake, to our parish. Lucie Alice was baptized on Sunday, August 11.



♥**Thank You** to all who came and supported the Sacred Heart Parish Festival. Overall, the festival brought in just over \$99,000. A huge thank you to the festival chairs! Mark your calendar for next year's festival, Sunday, July 20, 2025.

♥**Thank You** to Mary Kay and Gerard Huhne and Aaron and Ashely Burg for stepping forward to chair the festival in 2025.

St. Joseph Society News The sponsored rosary request will be on KASM radio Monday, August 19 thru Sunday, August 25. All members behind in dues please update them and get them to current status. \$10 per year. Contact Andy Welle 320-290-0430.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

August 21, Wednesday

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

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.

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.....	\$2,910.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,487.69
Plate/Loose	288.00
Building/Maintenance	134.62

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,171.09
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,588.85
Plate/Loose	556.24
Votive	16.00
Assumption	10.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,666.60
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,423.00
Children.....	0.60
Plate/Loose	23.00
Maintenance Fund.....	220.00

Parish Events

Th 08/22 7:00 pm Harvest Supper & Raffle
 Planning Meeting

Sa 08/24 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Fr 08/23 7:00 pm Feast of St. Rose Mass

Su 08/25 11:00 am Baptism

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, August 25 - 10:00 am

(S) Shantel Gruber & Kenny Niehoff
 (L) Lisa Wuertz
 (U) Melvin Kalthoff & Jim Klassen
 (EM) (B) Allen Lieser
 (EM) (C) Gary P. Lieser & Karen Rademacher
 (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
 (HK: August 18 - 31) Sue (Roger) Meyer,
 Mary Miller, & Amanda Moscho

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.

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

Banns of Matrimony:
 I Kaitlyn Barten♥Adam Snyder, 9-7 SH
 III Emily Winkels♥Grant Theiler, 8-24 M

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

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.



Rosary Rally Please join us for a rosary rally Saturday, August 24 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill.

Save the Date! There will be a breakfast at St. Michael's in Spring Hill on Sunday, September 8. Watch for details coming soon!

Thank You Thank You to all of the volunteers who helped clean up the church grounds and cemetery after the storm. Also, thank you to the guys who leveled the ground in the cemetery and by the parish house using their own equipment. It was great to have so many people come together and do a great job. Everything is very much appreciated!

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo Ez 24:15-23	Mt 19:16-22
Tu Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 28:1-10	Mt 19:23-30
We Saint Pius X, Pope Ez 34:1-11	Mt 20:1-16
Th The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 36:23-28	Mt 22:1-14
Fr Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin Ez 37:1-14	Mt 22:34-40
Sa Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b	Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69

"I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."
 -John 6:51

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,062.00
Regular Adult Offering	960.00
Plate/Loose	90.00
Votives.....	12.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, August 24 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
 (L) Kathy Gilk
 (U) Dale Winter & Ron Winter
 (GB) Roger & Joyce Schoenberg
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Dustin Gregory
 (HK - August) *Rose Ann Rademacher, Trista Roelike, Joyce Schoenberg, & Sharon Schwieters

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,434.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,025.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	167.00
Votives.....	37.00
Donations.....	200.00
School Subsidy.....	5.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, August 25 - 8:00 am

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
 (L) Char Meyer
 (U) Doug Meyer & Elmer Meyer
 (GB) Anthony & Sheri Luetmer
 (EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (EM) (C) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
 (HK - August) *Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, & Joy Silbernick

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.

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



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!



Public Rosary...
 We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.
All are invited and welcome!

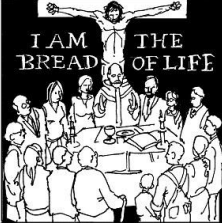
- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Tuesdays at 7:00 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes 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.



"Always Give Thanks For All Things."
 Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God's call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.studio.org.

"EL QUE COME MI CARNE Y BEBE MI SANGRE PERMANECE EN MÍ Y YO EN ÉL"
 - Juan 6:56

Esta línea de las Escrituras es lo que en última instancia separa a los católicos de los hermanos y hermanas protestantes. Jesús está realmente presente en el pan y el vino que se consagran en la Santa Misa. Es Su cuerpo y Su sangre reales los que consumimos. Este es el regalo más grande que podemos recibir. La Eucaristía nos muestra cuán grande es el amor que Jesús tiene por cada uno de nosotros.



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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, September 19 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!



House Blessing... If you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan call the Tri-Parish Office, Freeport (320-836-2143).

Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is a three-day retreat weekend. The experience of TEC brings alive the heart of our Christian Faith – that being the life of Jesus, his death, and his resurrection. But it's not just about who Jesus was or what Jesus did. A TEC retreat makes that experience real and relevant for each person. In that sense, the retreat is a "lived experience" – deeply personal yet very much part of a larger loving community. TEC has influenced the lives of over 41,000 youth, young adults, and adults in Central Minnesota and beyond. You are invited to check out a TEC weekend and encounter Christ in perhaps a new and most profound way. For information, retreat dates, and registration, go to CMTEC.org.



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 Colleagueville. His presentation will draw from his book *Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call*. All are welcome.

**Come Celebrate
The Feast of St. Rose of Lima**

- ◆ All are invited to join the St. Rose of Lima Parish on the Feast of St. Rose Friday, August 23 at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Ice Cream Social to follow Mass

**"WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY
BLOOD REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM"**
- John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from the Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.



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Believing in the Holy Eucharist and receiving it with the utmost faith and devotion will only happen when we believe. But believing doesn't come automatically. It first requires understanding. And understanding will only come when we allow our minds to engage the mystery and teaching of Jesus, ponder it, contemplate it, penetrate it and open ourselves to God's gentle and revealing voice. Words do not suffice to explain this mystery. Prayer that opens oneself to the voice of God alone suffices.

Reflect, today, upon how you approach Holy Communion each week. Start by thinking about the last few times you went forward to receive our Lord in this way. From there, think about how deeply you understand that moment. Is it transforming for you? Are you among those who hunger and thirst for Jesus? Do you notice the spiritual effects that take place within you as a result of your reception of the Eucharist? If so, then deepen your faith by committing yourself to a more prayerful participation in the Mass the next time you attend. If not, then try to step back and examine that which you actually believe, are confused about or do not believe. There is no greater gift we will ever receive in life than the Eucharist. Believe it with all your heart, and the Eucharist will change your life.

My Eucharistic Lord, I do believe; help my unbelief. I thank You for the very gift of Yourself, given to me in the reception of Holy Communion. Please continue to teach me about this Gift, dear Lord. Open my mind to understand so that I will always come forward to receive with the utmost faith, love and hope. Jesus, I trust in You.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, your registration packet was mailed to you. Please call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 if you still need to register.
- **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 Date** 2024-2025 10th graders save the date of Sunday, November 24 from 11:30 am-5:30 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

- **Registration** If you haven't already, please register your child(ren) for next year's Faith Formation program. Registration forms can be found online or can be picked up and returned to the Parish Office.

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Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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or

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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.



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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.
- ♥ **The SHS office** is open more often now as we get closer to school. Feel free to use Fast Direct as well to contact the office if you need something.
- ♥ **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.

- ♦ **We are Looking for a Volunteer(s)** to help prepare trays at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. Contact Autumn if interested. 320-256-4247, anelson@smsmn.org.
- ♦ **SM\$4Kids** is available again.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **School Supply Lists** can be found on School Speak or our school website, www.smsmelrosemn.org.
- ♦ **Are you over 55 and like working with children?** If so, have you considered being a Foster Grandparent? This is a wonderful opportunity to share your gifts and talents by investing your time with children, building meaningful relationships, and enriching the lives of all involved. St. Mary's School is looking for helpers like this. If you, or someone you know may be interested in being a Foster Grandparent at St. Mary's School, please contact Pat Scherf. 320-293-0682 or pat.scherf@ccstcloud.org.

- ♦ **SJSA School Board** meets Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.
- ♦ **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

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