



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 27, 2023

Fr. Marvin Enneking, Pastor
Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor
Fr. Arockiya Newton, Parochial Vicar

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

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Mailing Address: PO Box 155
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.

The Foundation Within



**Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,
“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Matthew 16:13**

Today’s Gospel scene takes place about twenty miles north of the Sea of Galilee outside of Herod’s jurisdiction and away from the Pharisees’ watchful eyes. This is a private conversation between Jesus and His disciples that took place where they could speak freely. For that reason, this conversation is particularly personal in nature in that the disciples felt free to express their personal convictions without fear of retribution.

As the conversation unfolds, Jesus asks two consecutive questions. First, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Second, “But who do you say that I am?” By asking these two questions, Jesus first invites the disciples to identify the different opinions floating around about Him and then gives the disciples an opportunity to speak their own conviction. Peter responds on behalf of them all when he solemnly professes, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

If Jesus were to ask you these two questions, what would you answer? First, what is the general opinion about Jesus that most people have today? When asked, most Christians would give the correct answer. Jesus is God. He is the Savior. He is the Son of the Father. But sometimes those answers are more theoretical than they are personal. Often it is easy to believe things about Jesus rather than believing in Jesus. So if you were to answer the second question, what would you say? Ideally, you would answer that Jesus is your Savior, your God, your Shepherd, your Lord. Faith in Jesus must not only be theoretical, it must be deeply personal, flowing from the depths of your heart.

Deep personal faith in Jesus can only come from one source. It comes from the Father speaking to your heart in a real and personal way. After Peter professed His faith in Jesus, Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.” Peter’s personal faith in Jesus was not just something he heard from others, it was not just a popularly accepted opinion, it was something that the Father in Heaven personally revealed to him. This is the gift of faith.

Peter’s personal profession of faith became the rock foundation on which Jesus built His Church. “And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” This reveals Jesus’ plan to establish Peter as the head of the Church and to give to him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven for the whole Church. Similarly, our personal profession

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Martin Becerra
 †Amanda Ambriz

Tu 7:30 am **NO MASS**
 We 7:30 am **NO MASS**
 Th 7:30 am **NO MASS**
 Fr 7:30 am **NO MASS**

Sa 5:00 pm †Gerald Sonnen
 For the People
 *Su 10:00 am ††Urban & Mary Ann Primus
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Marcos Garcia
 †Teresa Ortiz

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Mo 8:15 am **Mass For Rain**
 We 8:15 am †LeRoy Hoeschen
 Fr 8:15 am †Dennis Heidgerken
 Sa 8:00 am **First Saturday Mass**
 †Armie Hoeschen
 Su 8:00 am †Donald Herzog

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Ann Hartung
 Sa 4:00 pm †Alan Van Drehle Anniversary

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am Leo Wiechman
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am **NO MASS**
 Su 10:00 am ††Mike & Jeanette Heinen

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **NO MASS**
 Sa 4:00 pm †Kim Fuechtmann

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am **NO MASS**
 Su 8:00 am †Henry Frieler



St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa


No Adoration Tuesday, August 29

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

No Adoration Thursday, August 31

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Mass for Rain

Monday mornings during the month of August at 8:15 am at Sacred Heart.

*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 ~

•**Ministry Appreciation Lunch** Please join me for a ministry appreciation lunch, conversation, and informational meeting for Meire Grove, Spring Hill, and Greenwald liturgical ministers (Eucharistic ministers, ushers, servers, sacristans, and lectors) Sunday, September 17, starting at 11:00-11:30 am with lunch in the Meire Grove basement. I am still new to the position of Director of Liturgy for our 4-parish cluster. I would like an opportunity to meet and talk with as many ministers as possible. This is a chance to tell me what is working for you, what is not, and talk about what I can help you with. I would also like to share some helpful information I received from Sr. Jeanne Wiest, our Diocesan Director of Liturgy. ~Lisa Brixius, Director of Liturgy

Parish Offices The parish offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Monday, September 4 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.

Messy Family Project Retreat Empowering moms and dads to embrace their calling. Gain wisdom, inspiration, and practical tools that will help strengthen your family. This event will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Alexandria on October 13-14. Visit www.stmaryalexandria.org for more information or to register.

Parish News:

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

- September Ministry Schedule** was emailed or mailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you would like to share your time and talent with your parish, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport.
- 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.
- Men's Group** Are you looking for a Men's program to grow in your personal/communal faith? The "That Man is You" men's program will be held Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning September 10, at Sacred Heart Church. The "That Man is You" approach is unique in both its structure and program. Program content includes instruction that incorporates "current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints." The focus is to build up Christian families. This program is open to all men of the Tri-Parishes, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima. Any man is welcome to come, married, single, old, and young. Please contact Chris Atkinson at 763-221-4172 or 320-256-3901 for more information and to sign up.
- Faith Formation Meal Help** We are planning to offer faith formation families meals throughout the year. We are looking for individuals, businesses, and organizations to help with the preparation, serving, and cleanup of these meals. Our first meal will be on Wednesday, October 4. Contact Chrystal at 320-836-2143 if you are interested in helping and for more details.
- Parish Fiscal Year Financial Reports** for July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023 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


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

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

Total.....	\$6,764.55
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,699.00
Plate/Loose	1,206.00
Designated Funds.....	859.55
School Heaters (Goal: \$150,000).....	\$102,700.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

08-20	\$25	Butch Niehaus - Melrose
08-21	\$25	Charla Bueckers - Melrose
08-22	\$25	Jason & Elisha Seanger - Melrose
08-23	\$50	Marcie Welle - Melrose
08-24	\$25	James Messerich - Melrose
08-25	\$25	Pat Seanger - Melrose
08-26	\$25	Mark Uhlenkamp - Melrose



Baptized in Christ...

Marianna Itzel Torres
 Julian Alexis Botello Martinez

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Sergio Hernandez Chavez, 48

Rectory Update: The rectory is moving along! The structural part of the building and shingling are complete. Mechanical rough in and electrical are next. Thank you for supporting this project!

Schedule Change: From Labor Day to Memorial Day, the Friday daily Mass will be at 8:30 am regardless of the school calendar. If there is school, the SMS students will do the Mass.



You're Invited
 to St. Mary's
Parish Get-together!
 Come for food, music, entertainment
 and fellowship!

Sunday, September 10th, 2023
 4:00 to 7:00
 St. Mary's Church

Brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, tinga, pickles, chips
 and beverages.

All St. Mary's parishioners welcome!



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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,784.62
Plate.....	277.01
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,061.63
Other Donations	
Votive	\$214.00
Assumption Plate.....	197.00
Assumption Envelopes.....	542.00

Parish Events

We	08/30	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 11
Fr	09/01	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	09/01	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	09/01	5:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sa	09/02	7:00 am	Wedding Prep
Sa	09/02	10:30 am	Wedding Pictures
Sa	09/02	2:00 pm	Maus/Roerick Wedding



Public Rosary
 will be prayed weekly.

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

- Tuesday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English in the gathering space in the St. Rose of Lima Church.

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


For the Sick: Shari Salina, Joe Salina, Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Beatrice Massmann

Banns of Matrimony:

I Michelle Rademacher♥Luke Strodtman, 9/16 Greenwald
 I Jenna Rademacher♥Kurt Herdering, 9/16 Freeport
 III Katherine Maus♥Tyler Roerick, 9/2 Freeport

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

• Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny	248-8830
• Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	837-5321
• St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	333-8461
• St. Mary's	256-3878



CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,626.08
Plate.....	221.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,847.08

Other Donations

Assumption Plate.....	\$125.00
Assumption Envelopes.....	715.00
School Support.....	50.00
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50

Parish Events

We 08/30	7:00 pm	FF Grade 11 - FR
Th 08/31		NO Adoration
Sa 09/02	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Weddings... Congratulations to **Maison & Tiara (Rademacher) Funk** who were married at Seven Dolors, Albany, on Saturday, August 19. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

New Addition Update: The floor for the new addition is poured. Things are moving along. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this project.

God's Housekeepers for the Month of September:

Lu Rademacher, Donna Welle, Cindy Heinen, and Michelle Rademacher. 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.



Tomato Donations We are looking for donations of tomatoes for the taco and hamburger stands for the St. Rose Festival. Please drop them off on Saturday, September 2 at the church.

Festival News: Please ensure that all Grand Raffle tickets and donation items are turned into the church basement on Saturday, September 2.

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles for the month of September: 3 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Stand and 4 on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

Prayer for Faith That You Will Bring Rain



Almighty Father, as the scorched land around me cries out for water, my faith is being tested. I want to believe in Your promise to provide. I do not want to doubt You, so fill my soul with belief. Let faith abound in my being, bringing honor to Your name. Just as You have assured me that You have forgiven my sins, so also give me this same assurance that You will bring water. Amen.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,416.54
Plate.....	424.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,840.54

Other Donations

Assumption Plate.....	\$155.00
Assumption Envelopes.....	345.00
School Support.....	10.00

Parish Events

Tu 08/29		NO Adoration
We 08/30	7:00 pm	FF Grade 11 - FR
Fr 09/01	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 09/02	10:00 am	Parish Mass & Festival

Weddings... Congratulations to **Zachary & Colleen (Tschida) Wiechman** who were married at Sacred Heart, on Saturday, August 19. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

Pink Cash Raffle Tickets All pink Cash Raffle tickets must be returned by Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 am Mass or to St. Rosa Lumber. Thanks! We appreciate all the support!!

St. Rose Fall Festival tickets are available in the gathering space of the church along with the work schedule. Anyone needing more tickets contact Bev Wiechman at 320-836-2918.

St. Rose of Lima Parish Jubilee Mark your calendars for our 125th Jubilee celebration to be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023. More details will follow.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,006.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,120.00
Children.....	4.50
Plate/Loose	349.00
Votives.....	122.75
Maintenance.....	150.00
Assumption.....	260.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, September 3 - 10:00 am

- (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
- (L) Gary P. Lieser
- (U) Robert Van Drehle & Nick Waldorf
- (EM) (B) Nick Waldorf
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
- (HK: September 3-16) Ruth Moscho, Mary Nietfeld, & Amy Orbeck

Catholic United Matching Grant

Breakfast at St. Michaels will be Sunday, September 10. St. Michaels members may return their payment for their tickets before that Sunday by putting them in the collection at St. Michaels. Any unused tickets may be returned this way also. Anyone wishing If you have other questions, please call Tony Gruenes at 320-987-3591 or Diane Welle at 320-241-7089. Thank you for supporting St. Michael's.



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 for school shopping!



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$847.00
Regular Adult Offering	665.00
Plate/Loose	41.00
Votives.....	6.00
Assumption.....	135.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, September 2 - 4:00 pm

(S) Sophia & Lydia Kasper
 (L) Herman Lensing
 (U) Bill Frieler & Duane Frieler
 (GB) Mathew & Bridget Kasper
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - September) * Alma Nietfeld, Janice Nietfeld, Mary Opatrny, Kristen Pattinson, Connie Petermeier, & Joan Rademacher

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

- August 27, Sunday**
 ♦St. Francis of Assisi 67th Annual Fall Festival. Mass at 10:00 am in church. Chicken and ham dinner starting at 11:00 am. Silent Auction throughout the day. Grand Raffle at 7:00 pm. St. Francis is located 10 miles north of Albany on State Hwy. 238.
- August 30, Wednesday**
 ♦Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- September 3, Sunday**
 ♦Crosier Alumni Picnic at Ellison Park, Monticello, MN from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. BYOB. BYOM Potluck a side dish. If you have any questions please contact Pete Sherrard 763-245-8095 or Jim Meyer 320-380-4584.
- September 9, Saturday**
 ♦Famo Feeds Food for Thought Drive to feed kids. Live music, raffle, monetary freewill offering only. Open to the public.
- September 6, Wednesday**
 ♦Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
 ♦Feet First Clinic at the Senior Center in Freeport. New appointments please call 320-836-2450. Free will offering.
- September 10, Sunday**
 ♦Matching Grant Breakfast & Bake Sale at St. Michael's Parish in Spring Hill. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Advance tickets only \$9. Children 5 and under eat free and ages 6-12 is \$4.
 ♦Fall Festival at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church. Meal served 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Youth and Adult Beanbag Tournament. Contact Amy 320-760-4559, Scott 320-309-4608, or Tyler 320-808-0427 for more details and to sign up.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,218.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,655.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	269.00
Votives.....	44.00
Roof Repair.....	250.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, September 3 - 8:00 am

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
 (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Don Schneider & Ken Schneider
 (GB) Denis & Emily Schneider
 (EM) (B) Char Meyer & Abby Zenzen
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - September) *Geri Meyer, Sue Meyer, Heidi Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, & Rita Meyer

Save the Date: Potato pancake and sausage supper. Sunday, October 15. Serving 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Sponsored by Catholic United Financial.



- ♦**Familias con estudiantes en los grados 1, 3-10:** ¡Por favor asistan a las 6:00 o a las 7:15 pm!
- ♦**Comenzaremos cada una de las dos sesiones** con una bendición de estudiantes. Luego le daremos información esencial para el año, así como calendarios y materiales para cada nivel de grado. ¡Ven unos minutos antes o quédate un poco tarde, para jugar algunas bolsas de frijoles y comer algunas golosinas!
- ♦**Consulte la aplicación Remind** y su correo para obtener más información!
- ♦**Grado 10:** NET Retreat Save the Date 2023-2024 Los estudiantes de 10 grado reservan la fecha del sábado 23 de septiembre de 11 am a 5 pm en la iglesia de New Munich para el Retiro NET requerido.
- ♦**Jóvenes de Uno en la Fe, de los grados 6 a 12** están invitados a unirse a nosotros para comenzar un nuevo año escolar con una Misa en el granero de heno con el Padre Doug Liebsch el Domingo 17 de Septiembre. La Misa será a las 4:00 pm seguida de una comida al aire libre y juegos de jardín. ¡Los familiares también están invitados a unirse a la diversión! Este evento será realizado en Hellemann Acres, 31969 Co Rd 175, Melrose.
- ♦**Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC** para información juvenil.



Una oportunidad de empleo en Faith ACC ...

♦**La Iglesia de Santa María en Melrose está contratando para una persona de construcción, terrenos y mantenimiento.** La responsabilidad principal sería el mantenimiento durante todo el año de los edificios, terrenos y equipos de la parroquia. Esta persona supervisaría a otros trabajadores de mantenimiento y custodia, así como a ayudantes voluntarios. Para presentar una solicitud, envíe una carta de interés y un curriculum vitae a: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com o llame al 320-256-4207 si tiene preguntas.

Clínica de Salud Gratis. Cada tercer jueves del mes en el Centro Hispano de Waite Park, de 2 a 5:30 pm se atiende con cita o sin cita. 106 7th Ave North, Waite Park, 56387. Llame hoy para programar una cita. 320-492-2220.

Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo o matrimonio, favor de hablar con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús Hernández. O llama a la oficina 320-256-4207.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Bautizados en Cristo...
 Marianna Itzel Torres
 Julian Alexis Botello Martinez

Murió con la Esperanza de la Resurrección ...
 †Sergio Hernandez Chavez, 48



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!

Habrà Adoración al Santísimo cada Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.

Formación en la fe: Información de contacto: Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♦**Noche de apertura de la Formación en la Fe:** ¡miércoles 6 de septiembre en St. Mary's en Melrose!
- ♦**Familias de Primera Comunión:** ¡Por favor asistan a las 6:00 pm! Habrá una orientación especial para el año de Primera Comunión. Esta es una reunión muy importante, por lo que pedimos que asistan todos los estudiantes de la Primera Eucaristía, así como 1 padre / tutor.
- ♦**Confirmación Familias:** ¡Por favor asista a las 7:15 pm! Habrá una orientación especial para el año de Confirmación. Esta es una reunión muy importante, por lo que pedimos que asistan todos los estudiantes de Confirmación, así como 1 padre / tutor.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Beginning of Year Speaker and Mass:** Join us on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:30 pm to hear from Tony Meléndez, a Nicaraguan-American guitar player, composer, singer, and songwriter who was born without arms. Meléndez has learned to play the guitar with his feet. Following Tony’s presentation, we will end with our beginning of the year Mass. Families are encouraged to attend with their students.
- **Grade 2: First Communion Student and Parent Interviews** Wednesday, September 6. 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 2023-2024 10th graders save the date of Saturday, September 23 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm for the required NET Retreat. This retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception in New Munich.
- **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart Church basement.
 - **Reminder:** Saint Report is due Wednesday, August 30.
 - **The Rite of Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, October 14 at 6:00 pm at the Church of the Sacred Heart.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Opening night of Faith Formation:** Wednesday, September 6 at St. Mary’s in Melrose!
- **First Communion Families:** Please Attend at 6:00 pm! There will be a special orientation to the First Communion year. This is a very important meeting, so we ask that all First Eucharist students attend, as well as 1 parent/guardian.
- **Confirmation Families:** Please attend at 7:15 pm! There will be a special orientation to the Confirmation year. This is a very important meeting, so we ask that all Confirmation students attend, as well as 1 parent/guardian.
- **Families with students in grades 1, 3-10:** Please attend either at 6:00 or at 7:15 pm!
- **We will start each of the two sessions** with a blessing of students. Then we will give you some essential information for the year, as well as calendars and materials for each grade level. Come a few minutes early or stay a little late, to play some bean bags and eat some goodies! Check the Remind App and your mail for more information!
- **Grade 10:** NET Retreat Save the Date 2023-2024 10th graders save the date of Saturday, September 23 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm for the required NET Retreat. This retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in New Munich.




YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- ♥ **Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays starting September 6 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.
- ♥ **Faith Activities and Open Gym** Wednesday, September 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym. Join us for some faith activities and open gym. Deadline to register is Wednesday, August 30. Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org.
- ♥ **One in Faith youth, grades 6-12,** are invited to join us to kick off a new school year with Mass in the Hay Barn with Fr. Doug Liebsch on Sunday, September 17. Mass will be at 4:00 pm, with a cookout and yard games to follow. Families are invited to join the fun! This will be hosted at Hellermann Acres, 31969 Co Rd 175, Melrose.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS




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- ♥ **Open House** for PreK (and 3rd Grade) will be on Wednesday, August 30 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Open House for K-6 will be on Thursday, August 31 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Bring in your school supplies, meet your teacher for the new school year, and receive your parent packet from the office.
- ♥ **First Day of School** for all students PreK - Grade 6 will be Tuesday, September 5. Students in K-6 will begin their day with breakfast served in the church basement at 8:15 am. We will have a Beginning of the School Year Mass at 10:00 am.



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- ♦ **New Staff at St. Mary’s:**
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Interventionist: Ali Amzen
Lunch Supervisor: Brenda Primus
Music: Kathy Peterson
- ♦ **Open House** for parents and students is Tuesday, August 29, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **First Day Of School** for all preschool - 6th grade students will be Tuesday, September 5.



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- ♦ **St. John's - St. Andrew's Teacher Workshop** is Monday, August 29 - Thursday, August 31.
- ♦ **Mark your calendars!** SJSA Open House for Preschool is Wednesday, August 30 from 4-5 pm. Open House for grades K-6 is Thursday, August 31 from 4-7 pm with a parent meeting at 6:00 pm. The first day of school for the 2023-2024 school year is Tuesday, September 5.
- ♦ **The first day of school** for students in grades K-6 is Tuesday, September 5.
- ♦ **The first day of Preschool** is Wednesday, September 6.



ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

Employment Opportunities in the One In Faith ACC ...

◆ **Building, Grounds & Maintenance** The Church of St. Mary in Melrose has an immediate opening for a Building, Grounds, & Maintenance Person. Primary responsibility would be the year-round upkeep of the parish buildings, grounds, and equipment. This person would oversee other maintenance and custodial workers as well as volunteer helpers. To apply, please contact Pam at pam@stmarysofmelrose.com or call 320-256-4207.

NET Retreat Team Housing: We are looking for housing for the NET Team who are hosting a retreat on September 23 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 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, September 23 in New Munich. Then on Sunday morning share breakfast with them and bring them back to Immaculate Conception Church, the time will be announced. Please contact Chrystal if interested.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS EVENTS POSTPONED

It is with great regret that, due to a serious medical issue in Dr. Timothy O'Malley's family, the Diocese of St. Cloud is postponing the "Becoming Eucharist" Congress events slated for September 8-9. Plans are in the works to reschedule Dr. O'Malley's visit at a later time. Information will be shared as soon as it is available. Please continue to pray for all to experience renewed love of Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit stedio.org/eucharistic-revival for more Eucharistic Revival resources, events and information.

Thank you to all of the people who came out to give the precious gift of life on August 15. The American Red Cross blood drive at the Freeport Community Center had a great turn out with 87 units of blood collected, twenty-two units over our goal. That is an awesome amount. We also had one first time donor. These units of blood will help many people. A great HUGE thank you to my workers who volunteer their time year after year. See you next February 13, 2024.

The Resurrection of the Dead, and the Life of the World to Come Our faith tells us that with Christ's resurrection comes the promise that one day we, too, like Him shall bodily arise. Yet, this belief in the resurrection also leaves us Christians with many questions: What will we look like in the life to come? Will we recognize our loved ones, and will they recognize us? What kind of existence can we expect? What is the difference between immortality, reincarnation, and resurrected life? How do judgment of the dead, hell, purgatory, and heaven fit into the picture? Drawing from Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Michael Patella will discuss the Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the dead along with its implications for us now and in the hereafter. Friday, September 1, presentation from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Synchronous. Free event. Lunch included. Registration is required: call 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu or www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday.



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The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 Mt 23:1-12

Tu The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1-8 Mk 6:17-29

We 1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32

Th 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51

Fr 1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13

Sa 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

**Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners**

08/20 \$25 Gary Harren - Freeport
08/21 \$25 Scott & Sara Arvig - Grey Eagle
08/22 \$25 Caroline Linz - St. Joseph
08/23 \$50 Julie Meyer - Freeport
08/24 \$25 Cody Joiner - North St. Paul
08/25 \$25 Tishel Schwegel - Freeport
08/26 \$25 Linda Faber - Watkins

**The foundation Within**
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of faith will become the unshakable foundation within our souls upon which God's Church becomes alive in each one of us. When our faith is based upon a personal revelation from the Father in Heaven, spoken within the secrecy of our souls, then nothing can extinguish this faith. The gates of the netherworld cannot prevail against it.

Reflect, today, upon this holy conversation between Jesus and His disciples. As you do, know that Jesus wants to have the same conversation with you. As Jesus took the disciples away to this quiet and safe place, He wants to take you away through prayer to the privacy of your own soul. There, within you, He seeks to elicit a response of personal faith. He wants you to identify Who He is to you. He wants you to profess your faith to Him. This faith is your personal solid foundation, and upon that foundation our Lord will build up His Church in you and through you.

Glorious Lord, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. I believe this with all my heart. Please continue to deepen my faith in You by revealing to me Who You are. As You do, I pray that this gift of faith will become a rock foundation upon which You form me more fully in the life of holy virtue and grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

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