



# 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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2024

Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor  
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor  
Fr. Oswaldo Roche, 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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Facebook: Church of St. Mary, Melrose

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Melrose, MN 56352

**Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:**

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Office Phone: 320-836-2143

Email: triparish@albanytel.com

Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org

Facebook: Tri Parish

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.



## Faith and Miracles

**Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.** Mark 6:4-6

Why was Jesus “not able to perform any mighty deed” in His hometown of Nazareth? Because the people who had known Him since He was a youth lacked faith in Him. But why wouldn’t Jesus simply perform awe-inspiring miracles with the hope of winning them over? Why not try to convince them by raising someone from the dead or by revealing His transfigured glory to His kinsfolk, as He did on the Mount of Transfiguration to three of His disciples? The answer goes to the heart of the workings of faith in each soul.

Jesus’ goal in His hometown was not to convince the people that He was the Son of God, the Messiah. He could have easily convinced them of this by the most incredible of miracles and proved Who He was. But doing so would have undermined the reason He came. He came to ignite authentic faith in people’s hearts, not to convince them through clever reasoning or by the proof of miracles. Miracles were offered to those who already had faith, so as to increase their faith and to show them mercy. But when one lacked faith, a miracle could not increase that which was absent. It might have convinced them on a rational level, or at least impressed them greatly, but that is not true faith.

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JULY 8 - 14**

**ADORATION**

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Belester Vazquez Sobreyra  
 Tu 7:30 am †Mary Blenker  
 We 7:30 am †††Jamie, Brenda, & Tom Seanger  
 Th 7:30 am †Rich Boeckermann  
 Fr 7:30 am †Loren Philippi  
 Sa 5:00 pm †Eddie Bussmann  
 For the People  
 \*Su 10:00 am †Chad Toenyan  
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Belester Vazquez Sobreyra

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am ††Henry J. & Marie Kampsen  
 Sa 4:00 pm ††George & Mary Zierden

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa**

Tu 8:15 am †Gerald Frericks  
 Su 10:00 am For the People

**ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 8:00 am †Gene Athmann  
 Su 10:00 am †Marcella Lieser

**ST. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am †Dan Schoenberg  
 Sa 4:00 pm ††Al & Susan Inderrieden

**ST. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †Herman "Howdy" Klaphake  
 Su 8:00 am †John Nathe

**St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa**

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

**Immaculate Conception - New Munich**

Thursdays 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 - 2:00 pm



\*Mass will be livestreamed. Visit: [oneinfaith.org](http://oneinfaith.org) for the YouTube link.

**ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**



**Eucharistic Adoration Changes** With the National Eucharistic Revival coming to a close, there will be some changes to the Adoration schedule for Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima. Effective July 21, 2024, the Adoration schedule will be as follows:

- ♦**St. Rose of Lima** 7:00 - 8:00 am First Tuesday of each month
- ♦**Sacred Heart** 5:30 - 8:30 pm Praise and Worship once a month October-April (watch bulletin for dates)
- ♦**Immaculate Conception** 7:00 - 8:00 am First Thursday of each month
- ♦**Sacred Heart** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Every Friday

**Youth Leadership Team Applications** are being accepted until July 7. This is a leadership program for high school students, grades 9-12 in our ACC interested in serving, leading, and supporting their peers as they develop a deeper experience of Jesus Christ and the Catholic church. As a member of the Youth Leadership Team, you will gain the support of a Christian community, a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment, spiritual challenge, the joy of affecting others in a positive way, and personal growth, among other things. You will help plan and carry out youth events. You will be able to give input on what the youth would like to do for service and fun outings/activities. This will be your opportunity to be a voice in learning about your faith. Applications are available on the Tri-Parish website, [sacredheartfreeport.org](http://sacredheartfreeport.org).



**Prayer Requests for the Sick...** If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please email [bulletin@catholic-centered.org](mailto:bulletin@catholic-centered.org) or call one of the parish offices.

**One in Faith ACC Dramatic Presentation...**

Robert Bolt's play "A Man for All Seasons" presents the conflict faced by St. Sir Thomas Moore in 1500 England. The play calls for a cast of 12 to 15 people between the ages of late teen to adult. Those interested in working on a One in Faith ACC production of the play should contact Herman Lensing at [hj\\_lensing@meltel.net](mailto:hj_lensing@meltel.net) or text/call 320-493-3023.

**Credimus, Our Young Adult Group**, is trying something new for their next meeting. They are heading to JDs taphouse to play trivia! This event will be on July 10. We would love to have multiple teams of 6 coming to play and compete head to head! Trivia starts at 7:00 pm. Come earlier if you would like to have food or drinks. If you have any questions about this event you can reach out to Alyssa Hoeschen at 320-429-0770.

**Healing Mass** You are invited to join the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Onamia on Sunday, July 14, at 10:30 am, for the annual Healing Mass in Honor of St. Odilia. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a Ritual Blessing with a Relic of St. Odilia. A brunch will follow the Mass. Reservations are not needed; tickets for the brunch available at the door. For further information, contact the Crosiers at 320-532-3103 or by email at [onomia@crosier.org](mailto:onomia@crosier.org). All are welcome!



**One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting** The One In Faith Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room. If you are wanting to be added to the agenda please contact Lisa Wuertz at 320-219-3624 or [plwuertz@meltel.net](mailto:plwuertz@meltel.net) before July 8.

**23<sup>rd</sup> National Conference for Single Catholics** Looking to meet 400+ faithful single Catholics from all over the USA and beyond? Join us August 16-18 in Las Vegas, Nevada (or participate virtually and engage with others via online socials and small group discussions.) This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages! The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. (If attending in-person, use the promo code PARISH24 for a discount.) Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 704-665-0455.)

**One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunities...**

♦**Sacred Heart School Early Childhood Teacher Positions:** Sacred Heart School in Freeport is seeking faith filled, energetic and caring candidates to fill positions for Early Childhood teachers for our new toddler room for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must be able to demonstrate teacher qualifications as defined by MN State Licensing and Human Services, and be willing to work with a dedicated, motivated and well experienced team. Interested persons should send a cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and references to: Sacred Heart School, Attn: Kristie Harren, PO Box 39, Freeport, MN 56331 or [kharren@shsfreeport.org](mailto:kharren@shsfreeport.org) or call 320-290-1426. Join our team today! Positions are open until filled, so seize the opportunity and apply now.




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

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


Total.....	\$7,204.23
Regular Adult Offering .....	5,052.00
Plate/Loose .....	1,660.23
Designated Funds .....	492.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

06-30	\$25	John Dockendorf - Grey Eagle
07-01	\$25	Pat Seanger - Melrose
07-02	\$25	Ron & Terry Butkowski - Melrose
07-03	\$25	Ron Herdering - Melrose
07-04	\$50	Ron Finken - Melrose
07-05	\$25	Jill Estupian - Melrose
07-06	\$25	Matthew Hinnenkamp - Sauk Centre




**Baptized in Christ...**  
 ♥Leilani Saimilys Vazquez Juarez  
 ♥Lana Marie Hartung

 **Fellowship** There will be refreshments served after all the Masses this next weekend, July 13-14 at St. Mary's. Please plan to come and stay awhile!

**St. Mary's Parish Raffle** is underway for the Sunday, September 8 drawing. Please help support this very important annual fundraiser for the parish. This is the 33rd year. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold for a top prize of \$20,000! Tickets can be purchased at the following Melrose businesses: Freeport State Bank, Kraemer Lumber, and Magnifi Financial Credit Union.

**Thank You** to the bakers who brought baked goods to the Riverfest cake walk. Proceeds from the cake walk will be going to Terebinth Refuge.

**"AS THE LORD SPOKE TO ME, THE SPIRIT ENTERED MEN AND SET ME ON MY FEET, AND I HEARD THE ONE WHO WAS SPEAKING SAY TO ME, 'SON OF MAN, I AM SENDING YOU...'"**

- Ezekiel 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

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

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

Total.....	\$4,768.38
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,114.85
Plate/Loose.....	416.00
Votive .....	134.53
School Support.....	103.00

**Parish Events**

Fr	07/12	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	07/12	9:00 am	Adoration

**May He Rest in Peace** Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Christopher "Chris" Welle**, who passed away Tuesday, June 25. His funeral was celebrated here on Tuesday, July 2.

**Sacred Heart Festival News: (Sunday, July 21)**

♥**Festival Co-Chairs NEEDED!!** Sacred Heart is still looking for a couple or a few individuals to step forward to help chair this summer's festival. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this call to help the parish. Please contact Matt Herdering 320-250-3441 or Chris Klaphake 320-250-6229.



- ♥**Raffle Tickets** Please sell or buy the 10 grand raffle tickets that were included in your festival packet. The Grand Raffle is the most productive part of our festival. 100% of each ticket sold goes directly to the parish. If your packet was mailed to you, please consider sending in the order form to purchase tickets in support of our parish, especially if you are unable to make it to the festival. **PLEASE NOTE: All raffle tickets, sold and unsold, must be returned no later than 3:00 pm Sunday, July 21.**
- ♥**Crafters Needed** The Festival Committee is requesting handmade craft donations that will be sold in the Quilt and More stand at the festival. You can drop items off at the Parish Office in Freeport. Any questions feel free to contact Jessica Goebel at 952-847-0520.
- ♥**Donations Needed** Parish families are asked to donate 8 kids prizes, 8 adult prizes, 2 - 2 liters of pop (no diet) and 2 cakes per family, marked with flavor of cake and frosting. The prizes can be brought to the church basement **ONE** week before the festival. Cakes can be brought festival weekend on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

**The Scriptures This Week**  
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

<b>Mo</b>	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22	Mt 9:18-26
<b>Tu</b>	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13	Mt 9:32-38
<b>We</b>	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	Mt 10:1-7
<b>Th</b>	<b>Saint Benedict, Abbot</b> Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9	Mt 10:7-15
<b>Fr</b>	Hos 14:2-10	Mt 10:16-23
<b>Sa</b>	Is 6:1-8	Mt 10:24-33
<b>Next Sunday - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	Am 7:12-15	Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13

**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.....	\$2,576.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,280.69
Plate/Loose .....	261.00
Building/Maintenance .....	34.62

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,278.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,811.85
Plate/Loose .....	435.00
Votive .....	32.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,527.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	970.00
Children .....	7.00
Plate/Loose .....	89.00
Votives.....	236.00
Maintenance Fund.....	200.00
Memorial.....	25.00


**Parish Events**

Th 07/11 7:00 am Adoration  
 Sa 07/13 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

**Parish Events**

Tu 07/09 7:00 am Adoration  
 Fr 07/12 7:30 pm Rosary

**Parking Lot and Cemetery Road**

**NOTICE**  
 No parking

The parking lot and cemetery road will be resealed the week of July 8 weather permitting. The parking lot and road will be closed off for 2-3 days minimum. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Pink Cash Raffle Tickets** Reminder to pick up your tickets for the \$100 cash Raffle before or after Mass or at St. Rosa Lumber.

**Cash Raffle Ticket**

**Raffle & More** Thank you to all who made this event a success. Thank you to those who contributed to the polka band and grand raffle and to those who sold and purchased tickets. Overall the event brought in just shy of \$32,000.

**St. Rose of Lima Festival News:**

- Grand Raffle Donations:** Any parishioners interested in donating to the Grand Raffle for the festival should contact the festival committee, or mail donation to the parish office. Our Grand Raffle is a great success each year thanks to local businesses and parishioners who support the event.
- Work Schedule:** If you have any preferences for the festival work schedule, please contact Adam or Jackie Wiechmann 320-250-0401 or Devin or Christine Middendorf 320-223-2645.

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, July 14 - 10:00 am**

(S) Shantel Gruber & Kenny Niehoff  
 (L) Katherine Orbeck  
 (U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz  
 (EM) (B) Mark Schoenberg  
 (EM) (C) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg  
 (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg  
 (RL) Kathy Welle  
 (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger  
 (HK: July 7 - 20)  
 Vanessa Lieser, Pam Loehr, & Joyce Meyer

**God's Housekeepers** for the month of July: Lisa Maus, Joyce Schultzenberg, Jackie Massmann, Juliana Boecker, Sheila Humber, & Barbara Moll. Since we have the new gathering space we will have six people cleaning each month. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

**Expansion and Elevator Project** At this time, the parish has taken a loan out for \$150,000 from the Diocese and a \$200,000 from the New Munich Investors. There are a number of different ways you can help out. Here are a few options: make a single donation, make a designated monthly loan payment, pledge a payment over a predetermined time frame, etc. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to this project.

**Annual Summer Picnic**  
 Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Leo Court # 786 of New Munich will be having their "Annual Summer Picnic" on Sunday, July 14, at 11:30 am at the Lake Maria Clubhouse and Picnic Grounds. A pot-luck lunch will be served, including hot dogs, kraut, and beverages which will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. A brief quarterly meeting will be held. All court members are welcome.



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

**July 9, Tuesday**  
 ♦**Blood Drive** at the American Legion in Melrose 265 E County Road 173 Melrose from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Melrose Community to schedule an appointment.

**July 10, Wednesday**  
 ♦**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.  
 ♦**New Munich Customer Appreciation Picnic** at the Jaycee Park in New Munich, if it rains it will be moved to the church basement. Food will be served from 5:30 - 8:00 pm.

**July 14, Sunday**  
 ♦**Church of Saint Benedict Parish Festival** at the St. Benedict Church Grounds 212 1st St SW in Avon. Bring you chairs and join us for an outdoor Polka Mass with the Jerry & Joyce Band at 10:30 am. Live music, games for all ages, food, raffle and more will be held all day.

**July 18, Thursday**  
 ♦**Freeport Senior Citizens Meeting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

**July 21, Sunday**  
 ♦**43rd Annual Sacred Heart Parish Festival and Parade.** Freeport. 9:00 am Outdoor Polka Mass, 10:30 am Parade, 11:30 am Food & Games, 11:45 am Live Entertainment, 4:00 pm Grand Raffle & Quilt Raffle Drawings.

**July 25, Thursday**  
 ♦**Freeport State Bank Golf Classic** at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. Best Ball Scramble, rain or shine event will have a 3:00 pm shot gun start. 100% of the proceeds from hole sponsorships, entry fees and donation benefits: Sacred Heart School, Freeport; St. Mary's School, Melrose and St. John's - St. Andrew's School, Greenwald. Contact: Marlene 320-256-7208 or Sharon 320-836-2126 if you'd like to golf, sponsor a hole, join for a meal, donate or have questions. Thank you for your commitment and support of Catholic Schools.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,770.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	1,545.00
Plate/Loose .....	109.00
Votives.....	16.00
Maintenance Fund.....	100.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, July 13 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk  
 (L) Kathy Gilk  
 (U) Herb Inderrieden & Pat Keller  
 (GB) Pat & Deb Keller  
 (EM) (B) Clarine Beier  
 (EM) (C) Dustin Gregory & Herman Lensing  
 (HK- July) \*Janice Nietfeld, Mary Opatrny, Kristen Pattinson, & Joan Rademacher

**New Ministry Schedules** are available on the website and in the church.

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

**For the Sick:** Joyce Hauser, Ron Heinen, Petra Oevermann, Lori Austing

**Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

- ◆ Sacred Heart  
 - Judy Caveny 320-248-8830
- ◆ Immaculate Conception  
 - Bernice Zink 320-837-5321
- ◆ St. Rose of Lima  
 - Kayla Harren 320-333-8461
- ◆ St. Mary's 320-256-3878

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,736.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,258.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose .....	237.00
Votives.....	41.00
Donations.....	200.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, July 14 - 8:00 am**

(S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer  
 (L) Doug Meyer  
 (U) Marvin Schneider & Matt Silbernick  
 (GB) Mike & Julie Wehlage  
 (EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen  
 (EM) (C) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam  
 (HK - July) \*Heidi Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, & Brenda Nathe

**Congratulations** to Doug Meyer who was elected to a three-year term on the St. John's Leadership Council. The new term began on Monday, July 1.

**New Ministry Schedules** are available on the website and in the church.



**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.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**



**Preparación Bautismal:**

Invitamos a todos los Padres que desean que sus hijos reciban el Sacramento del

Bautismo a que se registren para tomar las clases de preparación. Una vez confirmada la fecha de la próxima clase se les enviará un mensaje de aviso. Para más información habla con el Diacono Jesus después de misa o hable a la oficina parroquial de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.

**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 9:30am.

**El viaje a Valleyfair y Feed My Starving Children**

será el lunes 8 de julio. Nos dirigimos a Valleyfair por la mañana y empaquetaremos comida por la tarde. La recogida será en Freeport a las 8:15 am y el regreso alrededor de las 8:15 pm.

**"Mientras el Señor me hablaba, el espíritu entró en los hombres y me puso sobre mis pies, y oí al que hablaba decirme: Hijo del hombre, yo te envío..."**

- Ezequiel 2,2-3

Dios tiene un plan para cada uno de nosotros. Él nos llama a hacer algo por Él. Pero Él no nos deja solos para resolverlo. Él nos da los recursos que necesitamos para hacer su obra. ¿Estás escuchando el llamado de Dios? Cuando lo escuchas, ¿te pones de pie y haces el trabajo que Él te pide? No tengas miedo. Dios no llama a los equipados, equipa a los llamados. Responde a su llamado.

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**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](http://www.kingshouse.com).

- Women’s Silent Retreat - July 9-11 (Midweek)
- Men & Women Silent Retreat - July 19-21 (Weekend \$300)

**Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group:** Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We will meet at 7:00 pm on Saturday, July 13 at All Saints-St. Mary’s Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

**Are You Seeking The Holy Spirit In Your Life?**

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](http://centralmnkoinonia.org) or by emailing [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com) for a paper copy.



**Poor Clares Monastery** is celebrating 100 years in the Diocese of St. Cloud. In 1875, Mother Mary Maddalena and Mother Mary Constanza Bentivogilo were sent to the United States to establish the first cloistered community of Poor Clares in America. In 1923, Bishop Joseph Busch welcomed their founding sisters into the Diocese of St. Cloud, and in 1924, the current monastery was founded in Sauk Rapids. In celebration, the monastery is holding monthly Masses of Thanksgiving which are open to friends, family, and benefactors. They also plan to have a display of their history and photographs for all to view. For more information on the Masses and displays, visit <https://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/a-note-from-the-poor-claras-about-celebrating-their-centennial/>.

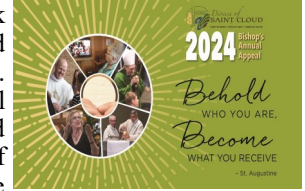
**Love Beyond Measure:** Natural Family Planning...supporting God’s gifts of love and life in marriage. Natural Family Planning is a loving way for couples to cooperate with nature and God’s plan for married love. It is a natural and highly effective way to achieve and postpone pregnancy. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursday, July 18 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](mailto: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!



**Mini Holy Family Fest** August 16-18, 2024 on the Grounds of Holy Family Parish, Little Falls. The fest is for the whole family, camping, on-site lodging, Holy Mass, Adoration, confessions, music, food, games, children and youth programs. To register go to <https://afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend/>. For more information go to [havenofmercycatholic.org/mini-family-fest](http://havenofmercycatholic.org/mini-family-fest) to watch last year’s video or you can call 320-632-5720 or email: [hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org](mailto:hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org).

**“My Grace is Sufficient for You.”** Consider a calling to the priesthood or consecrated life. God’s grace is all you need. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or [Julie.Jacobs@gw.stedio.org](mailto:Julie.Jacobs@gw.stedio.org). That all men and women will answer the Lord with humble obedience when they are called to serve Him and His people as priests and religious brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

**Bishop’s Annual Appeal** Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of June 17, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,080,280 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (77.16%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 6,607 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit [www.stedio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stedio.org/annualappeal).



**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](http://CMTEC.org).

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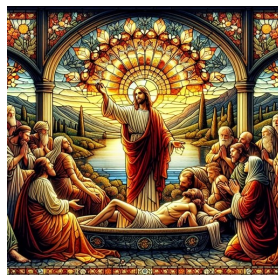
- ♥Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will take place on Thursday, July 25.
- ♥SHS Office will be Open Periodically throughout the summer mostly in the mornings a few days a week. If you need something you can also use fast direct.
- ♥Wishing you all a fun and safe summer!
- ♥SHS Employment Opportunities—See the ACC section of this bulletin.

- ♦St. Mary's Catholic School is a faith filled community that illuminates the teachings of Jesus by using our hearts, hands and voices as Christian witnesses while striving for academic excellence.
- ♦There are Still Openings for prospective 2024-2025 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call 320-256-4257 or email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org).

- ♦SJSA summer office hours will vary. If you have any questions, please email Mary at [sjsamarym@gmail.com](mailto:sjsamarym@gmail.com). You may also call the school at 320-987-3133 and leave a message on the school office answering machine. Thank you and have a safe and fun summer!

## Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

06/30	\$25	Courtney Imdieke - Melrose
07/01	\$25	Mitch Feldewerd - Freeport
07/02	\$25	Amelia Walz - St. Joseph
07/03	\$25	Diane Stuckel - Freeport
07/04	\$40	Brett Lieser - Hawick
07/05	\$25	Amanda Notch - Staples
07/06	\$25	Melvin Hinnenkamp - Melrose



## Faith and Miracles

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By analogy, say your spouse said to you, "I love you," and your response was "Prove it." How would they do so? What could they do to prove that they truly love you? Perhaps they could show charity, kindness, compassion and the like. These qualities certainly are manifestations of authentic love. But deep down, no one can prove they love another. Instead, love must be offered and received in a spiritual way. When that happens, each person somehow simply knows they love and are loved. This is the mystery of spiritual and authentic love.

The same is true with faith. Faith can't be proved. It can't be analyzed rationally. It must be embraced and lived. If the people in Jesus' hometown were to have faith in Him, this gift of faith would start within their own souls. They would look at Him and listen to Him. By their openness and a special personal revelation from God, they would come to know and to believe Who He was. Faith comes first from within, when God communicates to the heart.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of faith in Jesus. When you look into your own soul, what do you see? Do you see a heart that knows Christ Jesus as its Lord? Have you discovered the presence of God within you, speaking to you, revealing Himself to you? Or do you primarily look for external signs and proofs of God's presence and love? Look into your soul today and ponder the depth of faith that you discover there. When you discover this gift, gaze at it with love, for you are seeing God's revelation of Himself to you.

*My revealing Lord, You continuously speak to me in the depths of my heart, revealing to me Your divine presence and love. Give me a heart that is truly open to You on the deepest level, so that my faith will grow and I will know for certain Your divine love.*  
*Jesus, I trust in You.*

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[faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- ♥Valleyfair and Feed My Starving Children Trip will be on Monday, July 8. We head to Valleyfair for the morning and will package food in the afternoon. Pick up will be in Freeport at 8:15 am and return around 8:15 pm.



- ♥Paschal Challenge for grades 9-12 August 17 at the Church of St. Paul, Sauk Centre, MN. Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross, and His Resurrection in a WHOLE new way! Led by Fr. Greg Paffel, Fr. Doug Liebsch, and Seminarians – 8:30-9:00 am registration. Families are welcome to attend closing Mass at 5:00 pm with a meal to follow. Cost: Free. Deadline to register is August 3. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024PaschalChallenge>.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto: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.

### Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

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