



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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024

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

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date.**

*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & RCIA

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick,
Home Bound Communion
Pastoral Visitation
Joining/Leaving a Parish

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.



I
Want
to See

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." Mark 10:46-47

Imagine the humiliation you might experience if your only way to survive each day was to sit on the side of the road and beg. As a blind man at that time, Bartimaeus was not able to work and support himself. Many saw his blindness as a curse from God and the result of his sin or the sins of his parents. He would have been treated as an outcast of society and as a burden to his family and community. Thus, the mental and emotional trauma a blind person experienced at that time would have been just as difficult to deal with as the physical blindness itself.

The symbolism in this story is extraordinary and teaches us many things about our Christian journey. First, we must strive to identify with Bartimaeus' humility and weakness. On a spiritual level, we are all blind and, in our fallen natural state, we are spiritual outcasts. This means that we cannot attain Heaven by ourselves. Bartimaeus is a symbol of our fallen natural state. We need to humble ourselves every day and see ourselves as people in dire need who are incapable of saving our own souls.

Bartimaeus is also a symbol of what we must do in order to be drawn out of the blindness and misery we experience in life. The moment he heard that Jesus was walking by, he cried out for mercy. But he didn't just cry out to our Lord. He did so with perseverance. The people who heard him crying out rebuked him and told him to stop. But their rebukes only led him to be more fervent in his prayer. Also, it appears that Jesus ignored him at first. Why would Jesus do that? It certainly wasn't because Jesus didn't care. It was because our Lord knew that Bartimaeus would persevere and He wanted him to do so. Jesus wanted Bartimaeus' prayer to become more resolute, and it did.

The prayer of Bartimaeus must become the way we pray. It is very easy to become discouraged in life and to lose hope. When that happens, our prayer becomes weak and ineffective. At times, we will experience many other temptations to give up on prayer. The rebukes by the crowd are a symbol of the many temptations we will experience to give up on prayer. When those temptations come, we must double our effort and strengthen our resolve. Jesus' silence at first must also be seen as an invitation to pray with greater faith. If we pray and feel as though God is not listening, we must know that God does hear us and His initial silence is His way of inviting us closer and to a deeper level of faith and prayer.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 2

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 † Belester Vasquez Sobreyra

Tu 7:30 am † Charles, † Ed, & † Rose Gebeke

We 7:30 am † Duane Lieser

Th 7:30 am † Bernie Arcenau

*Fr 8:30 am **All Saints' Day**
SM School Mass
 † Deceased/Living Family Members of Norbert & Loretta Hinnenkamp

Fr 6:30 pm **All Saints' Day**
Misa en Español
 † Rosario Zamora
 † Imelda Aguilar
 † Raul Aguilar

Sa 9:00 am **All Souls' Day (Bilingual)**
 † Odaliz Orozco Acevedo

Sa 5:00 pm † Lorraine Imdieke

*Su 10:00 am † Margaret, † Sandy, & † Jerry Sand

Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 Por todas las almas del Purgatorio

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am † Conrad Harren

Fr 8:15 am **All Saints' Day Mass**
 For the People

Sa 8:00 am **First Saturday/All Souls' Day Mass**
 The Rich Boeckermann Family

Su 8:00 am † Al & † Lori Ettel
 † Al & † Valeria Mareck

***Mass will be livestreamed.**

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 7:00 pm **All Saints' Day Mass**
 † Clara Thull

Sa 4:00 pm † Lori Thomas

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am † Steve Tschida

Fr 7:00 pm **All Saints' Day Mass**
 † Dennis Ritter
 For the People

Su 10:00 am

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am Melvin & MaryAnn Schulzetenberg

Th 7:30 pm **All Saints' Day Mass**
 † Vernon Welle

Sa 9:00 am **All Souls' Day Mass**
 † Spring Hill Men's Society

Su 10:00 am † Donnie Feldewerd

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am † Deceased Members of Roger & Joyce Schoenberg

Fr 8:00 am **All Saints' Day**
SJSA School Mass
 For the People

Sa 4:00 pm † Lloyd Lucken

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am † Vern Meyer

Fr 11:00 am **All Saints' Day**
 † Trista Yarke
 † Joyce Yarke

Su 8:00 am For the People

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

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

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

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

St. Mary - Melrose

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

~ St. Mary ~ St. Michael ~ St. Andrew ~ St. John ~

All are Invited to Celebrate and Thank Lisa Brixius, Judy Caveny, Larry Sass, and Duane Rothstein for their service to the parish over the past few years! All of them generously postponed their retirement plans in order to be on staff (in Liturgy, Bookkeeping, Music, and Maintenance) during a time of parish transition. We could not have managed without them! Please join us in celebrating them with refreshments after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 3.

Respect Life Month This is the last week to donate new baby items at our four churches. Donations will be given to Options for Women in Sauk Centre. Items needed are clothes (especially for boys) sizes newborn to 4T, diapers sizes 1 to 5, and Enfamil (yellow & purple) baby formula.

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

Policies on Cemetery Flowers, etc.

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



Parish News:

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

Food Shelf Collection The Tri-Parish Youth will be trick or treating for the food shelf on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. They will be going door to door collecting non-perishable items in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. If you are able, please consider having items available for this cause.

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



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

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




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

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

Total.....	\$6,262.75
Regular Adult Offering	4,202.00
Plate/Loose	986.00
Designated Funds	1,074.75


St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

10-20	\$25	Audrey Hiltner - Melrose
10-21	\$25	Jerald Wilwerding - Freeport
10-22	\$25	Alice Loxtercamp- Melrose
10-23	\$25	Brady Klaphake - Melrose
10-24	\$25	Jessica Blenker - Freeport
10-25	\$25	Ann Marie Primus - Melrose
10-26	\$25	Amanda Maus - Melrose



Baptized in Christ... Lottie Rose Tschuperlin
Died in the Hope of Resurrection... †Mark Bussmann, 60

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card
 We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Mary's. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

 **St. Mary's Calendar Raffle** Calendar Raffle Tickets are \$20 each and are available at Magnifi Financial - Melrose, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, and St. Mary's Parish Center.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles	Eph 2:19-22	Lk 6:12-16
Tu		Eph 5:21-33	Lk 13:18-21
We		Eph 6:1-9	Lk 13:22-30
Th		Eph 6:10-20	Lk 13:31-35
Fr	All Saints (Holy day of Obligation)	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14	1 Jn 3:1-3
			Mt 5:1-12a
Sa	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)	
		Wis 3:1-9	Rom 6:3-9
			Jn 6:37-40
Next Sunday - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time			
		Dt 6:2-6	Heb 7:23-28
			Mk 12:28b-34

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

For the Sick: Dorothy Schneider, Joan Schlicht, John Niehaus, Joyce Hauser, Lori Austing, Petra Oevermann, Regine Muellner, Sandy Welle, Tony Niehaus

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

◆Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny	320-248-8830
◆Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	320-837-5321
◆St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	320-333-8461
◆St. Michael - Sharon Schulzetenberg.....	320-248-7702
◆St. Mary's	320-256-3878

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

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


Total.....	\$5,254.95
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,046.85
Hurricane Relief.....	2,010.00
Votive.....	162.10
World Mission Sunday.....	35.00
Building/Maintenance.....	1.00

Parish Events

Su	10/27	10:00 am	Private Event
We	10/30	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	10/30	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	11/01	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	11/01	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	11/01	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass
Sa	11/02	10:30 am	Baptism

“Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.”
 Will you share in Christ's saving mission? He may be calling you to be a beautiful and sacrificial life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org.
 For an eager response to God's call to the priesthood or consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord.

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When Jesus stopped and told the disciples to bring Bartimaeus to Him, Bartimaeus immediately got up, threw off his cloak and went to our Lord. His cloak is a symbol of everything we need to shed in life that keeps us from immediately and quickly responding to the promptings of grace. Though there is nothing wrong with having a cloak, in that moment it was a slight hindrance to his prompt response to Jesus. So also with us; we must be ready and willing to eliminate anything that keeps us from responding to God the moment He calls to us.

Finally, Bartimaeus' prayer was perfect. "Master, I want to see." Spiritually speaking, we must work to foster the deepest desire to see God, to see our Lord. If we desire the gift of faith, the ability to see spiritual truths and understand them, then our Lord will answer that prayer. Our Lord will also say to us, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Reflect, today, upon this poor blind beggar, Bartimaeus. See in his humble soul a model of how you must see yourself and of how you must pray. Observe the humility of your fallen state, the isolation you experience from your sin, and the perseverance you need to have in prayer. Follow the example of Bartimaeus, and our Lord will remove the blindness of your heart so that you can follow Him more fully every day.

My healing Lord, by myself I am weak, a beggar and a sinner. My only hope is to cry out to You in my need and to do so with much zeal. Please do restore my sight, dear Lord. Heal me and help me to see You so that I can follow You wherever You lead. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION


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

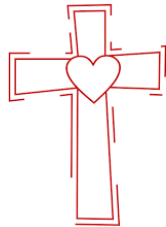
◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,463.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,0247.69
Hurricane Relief.....	716.00
Cash Bazaar	190.00
Building/Maintenance	274.62
School Support.....	45.00
World Mission Sunday.....	190.00
All Souls.....	20.00

Parish Events

Su 10/27 4:00 pm	Cel Rieland Visitation
Mo 10/28 10:00 am	Cel Rieland Visitation
Mo 10/28 11:00 am	Cel Rieland Funeral
We 10/30 6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
We 10/30 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
Sa 11/02 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

 **God's Housekeepers** for the month of November: Ann Uphoff, Mary Jo Rademacher, Kay Funk, Helen Poepping, Judy Gaebel, and Cindy Pundsack. 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.



CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$5,372.97
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,593.85
Hurricane Relief.....	3,194.12
Votive.....	40.00
World Mission Sunday.....	505.00
All Saints.....	10.00
All Souls.....	30.00

Parish Events

Su 10/27 8:30 am	CUF Breakfast
Tu 10/29 7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 10/30 6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
We 10/30 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
Fr 11/01	No Rosary

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Carson Edmund Harren**, the son of Bradley & Kayla Harren, to our parish. Carson Edmund was baptized on Sunday, October 20.

Vice President Needed St. Rosa Christian Women is looking for a Vice President for the 2025-2026 year. If interested, please reach out to Callie at 320-248-0643.

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

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$860.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	352.00
Children.....	8.00
Plate/Loose	94.00
Fuel Fund.....	355.00
World Mission.....	51.00

Liturgical Ministries

Thursday, October 31 - 7:30 pm

- (S) Kenny Niehoff
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Conrad Gruber & Stan Heinen
- (EM) (B) Karen Rademacher
- (EM) (C) Mark Schoenberg & John Schulzetenberg
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle

Saturday, November 2 - 9:00 am

- (S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
- (L) Pete LeClaire
- (U) Dan Hemmesch & Adam Kalthoff
- (EM) (B) Darlene Schoenberg
- (EM) (C) Kathy Welle & Adam Kalthoff
- (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire

Sunday, November 3 - 10:00 am

- (S) Gabby & Celia Schoenberg
- (L) Gary P. Lieser
- (U) Melvin Kalthoff & Jim Klassen
- (EM) (B) Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
- (HK: Oct. 27 - Nov. 9) Cassie Schoenberg, Cindi Schoenberg, & Darlene Schoenberg

Baptized in Christ...

Roman Sylvester Terres

WORN-A-BIT RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 9 am to 12 pm
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BASEMENT
SPRING HILL
LUNCH AVAILABLE

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

October 27, Sunday

- ◆ **St. Rose Catholic United Financial Breakfast** serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima church basement. Everyone is welcome! Free will offering.
- ◆ **Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, St. Michael's church basement, Spring Hill. Lunch available.
- ◆ **Fall Sausage, Ham, and Pancake Supper** at St. Francis de Sales Parish Center in Belgrade, MN. Serving from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. Tickets for adults are \$10. Children ages 5-12 \$6 and children 4 and under are free.

October 30, Wednesday

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

November 3, Sunday

- ◆ **Annual Ham & Egg Breakfast & Bake Sale** at Ss. Peter & Paul Church Basement in Elrosa, MN. Serving from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Tickets: Adults \$10, Children 5-12 \$6, and children 4 and under are free.

- ◆ **St. Agnes Holy Family Catholic United Financial Bingo Party** at 7:00 pm in St. Agnes church basement in Roscoe. \$5 for 10 games of Bingo and cash drawing. Light lunch served.

November 6, Wednesday

- ◆ **Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ◆ **Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

November 10, Sunday

- ◆ **Hunters Mass** hosted by The Haven of Mercy ACC at Holy Family Parish 18777 Riverwood Dr., Little Falls, MN. Mass is at 8:00 pm.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$857.00
Regular Adult Offering	715.00
Children.....	2.00
Plate/Loose	80.00
Fuel Funds.....	10.00
Mission.....	50.00

Liturgical Ministries

Friday, November 1 - 8:00 am

- (S) SJSA Students
- (L) SJSA Students
- (U) Volunteers Needed
- (GB) SJSA Students
- (EM) (B) Volunteers Needed
- (EM) (C) Volunteers Needed

Saturday, November 2 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Audrey Stepan & Emily Stepan
- (L) Julie Kulzer
- (U) Arnold Nietfeld & Daniel Nietfeld
- (GB) Jeff & Wanda Ahrens
- (EM) (B) Herman Lensing
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (HK - November) *Carol Winter, Kris Winter, Laurel Worms, & Steph Worms

Prayer for Life

A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

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



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,280.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,160.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	370.00
Votives.....	25.00
Fuel Fund.....	270.00
School Subsidy.....	340.00
Hurricane Relief.....	115.00

Liturgical Ministries

Friday, November 1 - 11:00 am

- (S) Volunteers Needed
- (L) Rita Meyer
- (U) Volunteers Needed
- (GB) Denis & Emily Schneider
- (EM) (B) Volunteers Needed
- (EM) (C) Volunteers Needed

Sunday, November 3 - 8:00 am

- (S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer
- (L) Karen Meyer
- (U) Jerry Imdieke & Nick Kelzer
- (GB) Don & Cindy Schneider
- (EM) (B) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (HK - November) *Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Heidi Meyer, & Karen Meyer

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Lucille Imdieke, 96

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

¡Celebración de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe! El Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria está realizando los preparativos para la más importante y significativa celebración de nuestra comunidad. por lo que estamos aceptando donaciones para llevar a cabo esta celebración. Si ustedes gustan apoyar, los invitamos a que tomen un sobre especial y lo depositen en las colectas dominicales.

¿Eres adulto y aún no has recibido todos tus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión)? el Ministerio Hispano de la



Iglesia de Santa Maria cuenta con el Programa RICA que ayuda a preparar a todos aquellos adultos que aún no han recibido los sacramentos de iniciación y de igual manera prepara aquellas personas que no eran católicas pero desean entrar en total comunión con la Iglesia Católica. Si a usted le interesa entrar a este programa o conoce a alguien que desea prepararse para recibir sus sacramentos, hable con los diacono Jorge Carrillo o Jesus Hernandez para registrarse o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.

Preparación Matrimonial:



Invitamos a todas las parejas hispanas que están planeando recibir el sacramento del Matrimonio el próximo año a que se registren para recibir la entrevista con el Sacerdote y comenzar con su preparación. Para más información hable con el Diácono Jorge Carrillo después de Misa o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.

Preparación Bautismal:



El ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa María invita a todos los padres que desean que sus hijos reciban el sacramento del bautismo a que se registren para recibir la preparación bautismal. Si tiene preguntas al respecto hable con el Diacono Jesus Hernandez o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para atención en Español.



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information:

csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 30. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 30 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 10: NET Retreat 2024-2025** 10th graders save the date of Thursday, November 21 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm for the required NET Retreat. This retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception in New Munich.

Service Projects:

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

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 7-8: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 30 from 7:15-8:30 pm. Students and some parents. GERALYN NATHE-EVANS (former Faith Formation director at St. Benedict's in Avon) will be our guest speaker!
- **Confirmation: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 30 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm. Students and parent or mentor/sponsor. We will be learning about how to notice the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

youthministry@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, 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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- **We Celebrated October Birthdays** on Thursday, October 24 with our monthly Birthday dinner.
 - **Thursday the Students Got to Participate in "Lids for Lori."** If the student brought in a donation to the Lori Austing Benefit that was on Saturday, October 26 they earned the opportunity to wear a hat to school on Thursday, October 24.
 - **5th and 6th Graders** had an amazing field trip to Camp Ripley on Friday, October 25. Thank you to the Melrose Legion Post #101 for making this possible!
 - **Picture Retake Day** at SHS will be Tuesday, October 29.
 - **Our Halloween Themed Vocabulary Parade** is on Thursday, October 31 at 1:30pm. All are welcome!
 - **Wednesday, November 6** we will collect food at Mass for the Melrose Area Food Shelf.
- LOOKING AHEAD:**
- **SHS Will Have Conferences** the week of November 11.
 - **SHS Veterans Day Program** will be on Monday, November 11 at 12:30 pm.
 - **NO SCHOOL** Friday, November 8 and Friday, November 15.

- **Fall-O-Ween Jesus** All children ages 2-12, accompanied by a guardian, are invited to the SMS faith-based Halloween event with crafts, games, and treats on Thursday, October 31, from 3:00-5:00 pm.
- **The All Saints Day Mass** with the SMS students will be celebrated on Friday, November 1, at 8:30 am. All are welcome!
- **St. Mary's and SJSA students will hold a Veterans' Day program** on Monday, November 11, at 8:30 am in the St. Mary's school gym. All are welcome!

- **All Saints Day Mass** for the students in grades K-6 is 8:00 am Friday, November 1 at St. Andrew's in Greenwald. The 5/6 students will give short presentations of their Saints projects during Mass.
- **Saints Wax Museum** The 5/6 students will present a Saints Wax Museum on Friday, November 1 from 1:30 - 2:00 pm in their classroom. All are welcome.
- **Salt Sale Pick-Up** is Thursday, November 7 from 12:00 - 5:30 pm at the Greenwald Elevator. Thank you to everyone who supported the salt sale!

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

10/20	\$25	Gerl Viere - Freeport
10/21	\$25	Joe Wiechmann - Freeport
10/22	\$25	Dave & Kathy Welle - Freeport
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10/25	\$25	Mike Schmidt - Melrose
10/26	\$25	James Burg - Paynesville



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Daylight Savings Time Ends next Sunday, November 3. Be sure to change your clocks, otherwise you'll be early for Mass Sunday morning.



Eagle's Healing Nest Donation Drive

The Tri-Parish Faith Formation will be collecting items to help the Eagle's Healing Nest provide for the needs of our many veterans. How can you help? You can donate items such as cleaning supplies, toiletries, bed sheet sets, paper plates, paper towels, winter gloves, general art supplies,

or a monetary donation. Please drop off items in designated boxes in the back of the Tri-Parish churches in Freeport, New Munich and St. Rosa, in the weekend collection with the envelope marked Eagle's Healing Nest, or at the Tri-Parish office no later than Tuesday, December 10.

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

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



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



Wreaths, Centerpieces, and Poinsettias

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

Low Gluten Hosts are available for individuals that have a gluten intolerance. Please note, these hosts still contain gluten, less than 0.001% gluten, and are not completely gluten free. If you would like to have more information about the low gluten hosts, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport. When you are planning to have a low gluten host for Mass, it will be necessary to have the host within a pyx (the parish can provide a pyx) and placed upon the altar for consecration. You will need to let Father know that you are present prior to Mass, and that you will be in his Communion line.



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

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's Silent Retreat - November 1-3 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - November 5-7 (Midweek)
- Men's & Women's Silent Retreat - November 8-10 (Weekend)

Theology Day at Saint John's University in Colledgeville is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper spiritual life or understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives to learn from and interact with the theologians of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. It offers a chance for these scholars to gain insights and grow in their faith, as well. Enhance your spiritual life with one of the events listed below. All events are held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Emmaus Hall. For more information or to register, please call 320-363-3560 or visit www.theologyday.com.

- The Eucharist, Divinization, and the Regeneration of the World - Friday, November 8
- True Happiness: Wisdom of the Heart - Friday, November 22

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 meet at 7:00 pm on the second Saturday (November 9) of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.



Bishop's Annual Appeal

Sharing the Good News: The St. Cloud Diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It is also sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. See how your generosity makes a difference by using your smartphone or visiting https://youtu.be/vqIeGnEqA_k to view our video.

Young Adult Ministry: "From Minister to Mechanic: Finding God in all the Places" The Office for Ministry with Young Adults is partnering with three different areas in our diocese to sponsor some Theology on Draft evenings this fall, "From Minister to Mechanic: Finding God in all the Places." Our speaker for the evenings is Cathy Heying, the founder and executive director of The Lift Garage, a nonprofit auto repair shop that provides low-cost car repair for low-income Minnesotans. Cathy has a rich history of social service and mission. In 2015, Cathy was named both a CNN Hero and the Irwin Tools Tradesperson of the Year. Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to these evenings to learn and share faith, fellowship, food and refreshments. Appetizers will be served, and participants may purchase refreshments. Next event is:

- Thursday, November 14, 6:00-8:00 pm at El Loro Restaurant, Sauk Rapids



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