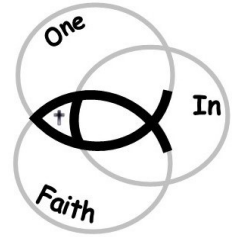


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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

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New Parishioners

Please contact the respective parish office to register.

Leaving Our Parish?

If you are leaving our parishes, please call the respective parish office so we can update our census.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline

Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements to:
bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

By appointment only. Call the respective parish office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call Deacon Ernie **before setting a date**. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism

St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John:
Call Deacon Ernie.

Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima: Call Freeport Office.

RCIA

Call Deacon Ernie if you are interested in the RCIA program.

Deacon Ernie Kociemba 320-248-5124
Email: kociemba@meltel.net

ACC MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTION ~ SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 4, 2020

ST. MARY - Melrose

Monday, 6:30 pm **No Hay Misa en Español**
Tuesday, 7:30 am †Ruth Braegelmann **MG**
Wednesday, 8:00 am †Ann M Roehrl **MG**
Thursday, 7:30 am †Ervin Klaphake **MG**
Friday, 8:30 am †James Petermeier -
All School SMS***
Saturday, 5:00 pm †Ray Agnes Maus **MG**
Sunday, 10:00 am For the People **MG**
Sunday, 12:30 pm Misa en Español **MG**
††Ignacio Ramirez &
Jacoba Vargas

All School Mass will be held outside, weather permitting. If moved inside, community members will not be able to attend.

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Wednesday, 8:15 am †Ed Hiltner
Friday, 8:15 am †Kevin Preusser
Sunday, 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Thursday, 8:15 am †Elmer Wolbeck
Saturday, 4:00 pm †Joe Rieland

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tuesday, 8:15 am †Eileen Schiemann
Sunday, 10:00 am †Roy Barth

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tuesday, 8:00 am Good Harvest
Sunday, 10:00 am †Rosella Spanier

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Thursday, 8:00 am †Lillian Schoenberg
Saturday, 8:00 pm †Gary Winter

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

Wednesday, 8:00 am †Jim Nathe
Sunday, 8:00 am †Living & Deceased
Members of Catholic
United Financial

First Saturday Devotion Mass

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Saturday 8:00 am †Beverly Scherping

Adoration at Sacred Heart - Freeport on Fridays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)
Physical Address: 402 2nd Street SE; Melrose, MN 56352

Weekly Stewardship

Total.....	\$13,280.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,917.92
Loose.....	433.00
New Church (actual funds).....	3,021.00
Support a Child.....	50.00
Holy Land Collection.....	10.00
Human Development.....	100.00
Piano.....	4,746.00
St. Mary's School Endowment.....	\$0.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsor this week: *Cap Enterprises & Insurance Solutions*



09-20	\$25	Gail J. Eibensteiner - Melrose
09-21	\$25	Linda Zachman - Melrose
09-22	\$25	Jesse Hagemeyer - Albany
09-23	\$50	Laura Revering - Melrose
09-24	\$25	Bill & Karen Massmann - Melrose
09-25	\$25	Bethany Lapping - St. Joseph
09-26	\$25	Rose & Jen Rademacher - Melrose

St. Mary's Mission Society will not be hosting a Fall Bingo in October due to COVID-19. The fall Tuesday meetings will also be postponed until further notice. Stay tuned.



Church of St. Mary Parish Council Message...

CROSS LIGHTING CEREMONY / CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT!!

- What:** Come, join us as we celebrate this first illumination of our Church's new exterior cross! This cross stands approximately 105 feet tall and is illuminated from within. The bell tower will be illuminated with indirect and/or direct lighting as per the conditions. All are welcome!!
- Why:** The illumination of our cross symbolizes us on our journey to our new Church Home. Together we walk in light, not in darkness. Christ be our light!
- When / Where:** Wednesday, September 30. 8:00 pm. Parking lot of new church.
- Who:** All are not only welcome, but are encouraged to come! Tell your family and friends!!
- Bring:** Your voices, prayers, lawn chairs, hats and mittens, and masks as per conditions and join us for a short ceremony of prayer and song as we continue our journey together.
- COVID-19:** Outdoor mitigation recommendations including distancing, and masking are encouraged.

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12



CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART - FREEPORT (FR)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2,263.00	Other Donations	
Plate.....	1,149.00	School Support.....	\$231.55
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,412.00		
Amount Needed for Budget**.....	\$5,399.00		
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit).....	(1,987.00)	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks,	
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(23,427.50)	including Holy Days	

Parish Events

- Su 09/27 9:00 am Baptism
- Su 09/27 2:00 pm Melrose Confirmation Mass
- We 09/30 7:00 pm Faith Formation - FR
- Fr 10/02 9:00 am Adoration
- Fr 10/02 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal
- Sa 10/03 2:00 pm Beuning/Nelson Wedding
- Su 10/04 11:15 am Baptism

Baptized in Christ

We welcome **Raymond David Zachmann**, the son of Mark & Emily Zachmann, to our parish. Raymond David was baptized on September 20.
 We welcome **Elizabeth Holly Preusser**, the daughter of Ryan & Amy Preusser, to our parish. Elizabeth Holly was baptized on September 20.

Christian Women are excited to announce a Fall Quarter Craze on Monday, October 5. Hosted at the Freeport Community Center. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and auction begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets go on sale on Thursday, September 24 and are available at Décor & More in Freeport. Only 75 tickets will be sold, and all safety protocols will be in place at the event. Join us for an evening of FUNraising!!

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH (NM)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2,795.00	Votive.....	\$110.00
Plate.....	81.00		
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,876.00		
Amount Needed for Budget**.....	\$3,404.00	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52	
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit).....	(528.00)	weeks, including Holy Days	
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(16,680.00)		

Parish Events

Mo 09/28 12:00 pm Christian Women Meeting
We 09/30 7:00 pm Faith Formation - FR

America Needs Fatima Rosary will be prayed at 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 10 in the Immaculate Conception parking lot. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved into the church.



CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA (SR)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,030.00	Votive.....	\$151.00
Plate.....	17.00		
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,047.00	Building Project	
Amount Needed for Budget**.....	\$1,995.00	Total Raised to Date.....	\$610,396.80
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit).....	(948.00)	Total Due + Interest.....	81,801.42
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(3,984.50)	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	

Parish Events

Mo 09/28 7:00 pm Christian Women Meeting
We 09/30 7:00 pm Faith Formation - FR

Christian Women meeting on Monday, September 28 at 7:00 pm. Short prayer service followed by the meeting. Please join us for our Fall meeting.



CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL (SH)

Physical Address: 102 St. Michael Avenue N; Spring Hill, MN 56352 *Church Basement 320-987-3618*

Weekly Stewardship

Total.....	\$243.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	127.00
Children.....	1.00
Plate/Loose.....	15.00
Fuel Fund.....	100.00

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, October 4 - 10:00 am

(L) Henry Miller
(U) Chico Welle & Ron Welle
(RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
(CC) Dennis Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
(HK-Oct. 4-11) Kim Orbeck, Mary Ann Orbeck, & Cheri Poepping
****Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.****

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally by the grotto in Spring Hill will be held on Saturday, October 10. Bring chairs if needed.

Worn-A-Bit Sale There will not be a Worn-A-Bit Sale this year.



CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Total.....	\$1,039.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,030.00
Plate/Loose.....	4.00
Human Development.....	5.00

Liturgical Ministries - Saturday, October 3 - 8:00 pm

(L) Isaac Kulzer
(U) Steve Gilk & Peter Heinze
(HK-Oct.) *Clarine Beier, Wanda Ahrens, Angie Barten, Ann Barten, Lisa Bertram, & Joyce Bertram
****Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.****

St. Andrews Parish is looking for a volunteer to represent our parish on the ACC committee. Meetings are every 2 months and include 2 members from each of the 7 parishes in the cluster. If you are willing to serve on this committee, please contact Fr. Marv Enneking at: mgenneking@gmail.com.

Greenwald Barley Day Raffle Tickets have been sent out. If you haven't received yours, please contact one of the Christian Women officers.

Mass Time Change Please note the Mass time change - Mass will be held at **8:00 pm on Saturday**, not 10:00 am on Sunday.



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE (MG)*Physical Address:* 20 State Highway 4 S; Meire Grove, MN 56352 *Church Basement 320-987-3205***Weekly Stewardship**

Total	\$1,381.35
Regular Adult Offering.....	557.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose.....	58.10
Votives.....	56.00
Fuel Fund.....	350.00
Stole Fee.....	200.00
Human Development.....	160.00

Janitor Needed St. John's Parish is looking for a Janitor, and if they have any questions to contact Tom Loxtercamp at 320-987-3233.

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, October 4 - 8:00 am

(L) Kaylee Nathe
 (U) Ray Primus, Dennis Schmiesing, & Don Schneider
 (HK-Sept.) *Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, Virginia Nathe, & Geri Primus

****3 ushers needed to cover all doors - be sure to find a replacement if you won't be there.****

****Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.****

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Bautizados en Cristo: Diego Manuel Jimenez Pesqueda

Uno en Fe ~ Formación de Fe y Ministerio Juvenil
Formación en la fe (Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald, Spring Hill)
Grados 1-11:

- LA CASA ABIERTA AL AIRE LIBRE se llevará a cabo el Miércoles 30 de Septiembre. Estudiantes y Padres vallan a la Escuela de St. Mary en cualquier momento entre las 3:00 y las 8:00 PM para recoger los horarios/calendarios, libros y un cupón para un regalo en la ciudad.

Recordatorio Debido a las nuevas regulaciones del COVID-19, requerimos el uso de mascara cuando atendamos a la Misa en la Iglesia.

El Rosario se rezara cada Miércoles a la 1:00 pm en Ingles y los Jueves a las 7:00 pm en español, a un lado de la casa del Padre, según nos lo permita el tiempo. Las intenciones del rosario serán por la salud de nuestra comunidad de la parroquia, y por nuestro país, y por todas las intenciones personales.

CEREMONIA DE ILUMINACIÓN DE LA CRUZ / CRISTO SEA NUESTRA LUZ !!

- **Qué:** ¡Ven, únete a nosotros mientras celebramos esta primera iluminación de la nueva cruz exterior de nuestra Iglesia! Esta cruz mide aproximadamente 105 pies de altura y está iluminada desde adentro. El campanario se iluminará con iluminación indirecta y / o directa según las condiciones. ¡¡Todos son bienvenidos!!
- **Por qué:** La iluminación de nuestra cruz nos simboliza en nuestro viaje hacia nuestra nueva Iglesia Hogar. Juntos caminamos en la luz, no en la oscuridad. ¡Cristo sea nuestra luz!
- **Cuándo / Dónde:** Miércoles 30 de septiembre. 8:00 pm. Estacionamiento de la iglesia nueva.
- **Quién:** ¡Todos no solo son bienvenidos, sino que se les anima a asistir! ¡¡Dile a tu familia y amigos!!
- **Traiga:** Sus voces, oraciones, sillas de jardín, sombreros y guantes y máscaras según las condiciones y únase a nosotros para una breve ceremonia de oración y canto mientras continuamos nuestro viaje juntos.
- **COVID-19:** se anima a usar las recomendaciones de mitigación al aire libre que incluyen distanciamiento y enmascaramiento.
- **Jesús les habló, diciendo:** "Yo soy la luz del mundo. El que me sigue no andará en tinieblas, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida". Juan 8:12

¡¡Bienvenido Kevin Soenneker a nuestras parroquias !!

Estimados feligreses de las parroquias de St. Andrew, St. John, St. Mary, and St. Michael, Mi nombre es Kevin Soenneker. Soy un seminarista en el Seminario de St. Paul y estoy estudiando para el sacerdocio en la Diócesis de St. Cloud. Nací y crecí en Sauk Center, MN. No soy el seminarista típico ya que tengo 45 años, pero soy el seminarista típico en el sentido de que amo todo sobre la Iglesia Católica y espero algún día servir a Cristo en el sacerdocio. Estaré siguiendo al P. Marv Enneking, quien generosamente accedió a aceptarme como mentor y supervisor para mi asignación de aprendizaje en las iglesias. Estoy muy emocionado de aprender fuera del aula y qué mejor maestro que el P. Marv. Me siento muy afortunado de aprender de él. Espero conocer a tantos feligreses como sea posible durante los próximos cuatro años. Dios los bendiga y espero verlos a todos pronto. ~ Kevin Soenneker



Bienvenida Morgan !!!



• Estamos contentos de dar la bienvenida a Morgan Kempenich como nuestra nueva Directora de Liturgia y Música. Morgan se graduó recientemente del Colegio de St. Benedict / St. John's University y creció en Watertown, Minnesota. En su nuevo puesto en St. Mary's, trabajará con nosotros a medida que crecemos en la fe. Algunas de sus responsabilidades como nuestra Directora de Liturgia y Música son:

• Planificar y coordinar todas las liturgias, música y músicos.

- Fomentar el desarrollo de las dotes musicales de los feligreses.
- Colaborar con el pastor y el personal de formación en la fe en la preparación y celebración de la Primera Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación.
- Reúnase con parejas y familias para preparar y celebrar las liturgias de bodas y funerales.
- Supervisar el uso y mantenimiento del equipo de sonido, video y música de la iglesia.

¡y mucho más!

• ¡Por favor, denle la bienvenida a Morgan cuando se una a nosotros!

• Todos podemos trabajar juntos al comenzar este nuevo capítulo. Este capítulo será emocionante y tendremos la oportunidad de crecer en nuestra fe. ¡Estar abiertos a esta colaboración con Morgan será una excelente manera de crecer juntos!

• ¡¡Somos compañeros de viaje !!





Meet the Confirmation Candidates

These young men and women are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 10, at 4:00 pm in Freeport.

They now ask for our faith community's prayers, support and example of discipleship that they may be ready to live more deeply in the life of the Holy Spirit which they entered into at Baptism.

Please join us in praying for them.

Ava Thelen is the daughter of Kurt and Peg Thelen. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Ava has chosen Carol Thelen to be her sponsor because she is a good Catholic and sets a good example. Ava is involved in tennis at Melrose High School. Her faith is important to her because, "God guides me through life. I look to Him for advice. He watches over and helps people."



Avery Van Beck is the daughter of Mike and Amy Van Beck. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Avery is involved in NHS, volleyball, golf, and basketball at Melrose High School. Avery's confirmation sponsor is Joni Van Beck. She chose her because she has been a part of her life since birth and she has always admired how strong she is in her faith. Avery's faith is important to her because "I know I can always count on God to be there for me and guide me when I'm lost. Having a strong faith changes your perspective on life in a very good way."

Brandon Parish is the son of Brent and Gena Parish. He is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Brandon is involved in football and track at Sauk Centre High School. He has chosen Barb Hoppe to be his confirmation sponsor. He chose her because she is strong in her faith. Brandon says his faith is important to him because, "I want to share the Word of the Lord, to let others know the power of Christ."



Brianna Maus is the daughter of Darrel and Lisa Maus. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. She has chosen her sister Ashley for her confirmation sponsor because she shows her love for Jesus everyday, whether she's at Bible Study or church. She always wants to grow in her faith. Brianna is active in fall musical, speech, NHS, and serves on the Melrose FFA leadership at Melrose High School. She is also involved in Vacation Bible School and sings in the Immaculate Conception Church Choir. Her faith is important to her because, "I want to live eternal life in heaven."

Caleb Boeckermann is the son of Jeff and Stephanie Boeckermann. He is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish. He has chosen Jan Herzog as his confirmation sponsor because "she is the most religious person in my family and she lives pretty close to me." Caleb is active in football, basketball at Melrose High School. He also helps with set up and take down at the St. Rose of Lima Festival. His faith is important to him because, "I want to get my soul closer to God."





Carley Klaphake is the daughter of Richard and Cindy Klaphake. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Carley has chosen Kate Kalthoff as her sponsor because she looks up to her and she is a good role model to her. Her faith is important to her because, "it is making me a better person."

Chase Oevermann is the son of Corey and Tina Oevermann. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Chase has chosen Jessica Goebel as his confirmation sponsor because she goes to Mass on Sunday and she stepped in to be his godmother. His faith is important to him because, "I believe in Jesus."



Ethan Harren is the son of Bob and Kristie Harren. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Ethan chose Gary Harren as his confirmation sponsor because he is his grandpa and is someone he really looks up to and admires. Ethan is involved in football and trap at Melrose High School. He is also a part of 4-H. Ethan's faith is important to him because, "It has been a part of my life since I was born and someday I hope to get married in the church."

Isaac Hoeschen is the son of Russ and Amy Hoeschen. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Isaac chose Heidi Hollenkamp to be his confirmation sponsor because she is my godmother and she is active in the Catholic Church. Isaac is part of football and basketball at Melrose High School. He is also active in his parish as a member of the youth group. His faith is important to him because, "God will guide me in the right path and show me where to go."



Bella Nathe is the daughter of Jeff Nathe and Nichole LeClaire. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Bella has chosen her grandma Barb Nathe to be her confirmation sponsor because she thought she would be a great sponsor and lead her closer to God. Bella is involved in swimming, basketball, and synchronized swimming at Melrose High School. Her faith is important to her because, "It's a part of me and I think that it can shape a lot of things in my life and if I ever need to talk to God I know He's there."

Joe Nienaber is the son of Charles and Sheri Nienaber. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Joe chose Dale Goebel to be his confirmation sponsor because he feels that he represents the Catholic faith well by going to church every weekend and by being a hard working farmer. His faith is important to him because, "I feel that it is important to thank the Lord for all of the gifts that he has given to us."



Josephine (Josie) Schmiesing is the daughter of Eric and Laurie Schmiesing. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Josie chose Carrie Cullinan as her confirmation sponsor because she has strong Christian values and she has always been someone she looks up to. Josephine is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, trap shooting, student council, and NHS at Melrose High School. Josie's faith is important to her because, "One day I would like to get to heaven. My faith teaches me how I should treat others and be kind to everyone."

Karen Funk is the daughter of Roger and Sue Funk. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Karen has chosen her aunt Jane Langman to be her confirmation sponsor because she is a person she looks up to. She is fun to be around and she always makes her laugh. Most importantly she is someone that she can share her faith with. Karen is involved in musical, track and NHS at Melrose High School. She is also a volunteer for Vacation Bible School. Karen's faith is important to her because, "It helps me get through the hard times in life. Learning about my religion makes me really happy and curious about it. I like knowing that God is by my side through the good and the bad."



Madison Klaphake is the daughter of Richard and Cindy Klaphake. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Madison has chosen Georgine Andersen to be her confirmation sponsor because she has a lot of faith and goes to church. Her faith is important to her because, "It gets me through the hard times in life and it gives you a good feeling when your done praying about something your worried about."

Maretta Van Beck is the daughter of Noah and Sara Van Beck. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish where she helps with Children's Liturgy. Maretta has chosen her brother, Spencer Van Beck to be her sponsor because he is a very faithful person who she looks up to and he reads his Bible everyday. Maretta is involved in gymnastics, musical, FFA, and student council at Melrose High School. Her faith is important to her because, "Being Catholic to me means serving the less fortunate, doing the right thing even though sometimes I don't want to. It means I have the freedom to speak to God the Father whenever I feel the need. Also, to know God, love God, serve God so that I can be happy with Him in heaven forever."



Marnie Grieve is the daughter of Andy and Holly Grieve. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Marnie has chosen Kyle Heidgerken to be her confirmation sponsor because he is the person she looks up to the most. Marnie is involved in softball at Melrose High School. Her faith is important to her because, "I want to grow in the Word of God."

Meghan Pundsack is the daughter of Kris and Pam Pundsack. She is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish where she helps with the festival. Meghan has chosen Ashley Feldewerd to be her confirmation sponsor because she is a great leader in faith, and in general. She is someone she looks up to for many reasons. She will always be there for her no matter what and she can trust her with everything. She is also like a second mom. Meghan's faith is important to her because, "I want to have a great relationship with God, and that will help my future as well. It's also important to me because faith is a huge part of our everyday life and when I pray, it makes me feel good." Meghan is involved in swimming, golf, gymnastics, FFA, and NHS at Melrose High School.



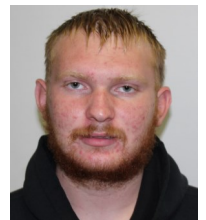
Nick Gilk is the son of John and Tammy Gilk. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He has chosen Steve Notch as his confirmation sponsor because he is his uncle and a great role model. Nick's faith is important to him because, "I want to be close and have a good connection with God so I can go to heaven." Nick is involved in the CEO class and golf at Melrose High School.

Nicholas Poepping is the son of Diane Czech. He is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Nicholas has chosen Sue Heitland to be his confirmation sponsor. His faith is important to him because, "It is helping to give me strength in times of weakness. God guides me to love selflessly, to give life, to serve, and to live life to the fullest."




Will Hoeschen is the son of Scott and Anne Hoeschen. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He has chosen Rick Hoeschen to be his confirmation sponsor because he is close to him and Will has a lot of memories fishing with him. Will is involved in cross country, basketball and track at Melrose High School. His faith is important to him because, "I love God very much and I desire to grow close to Him everyday."

William Edward-Leo Nathe III (Billy) is the son of Bill and Amanda Nathe. He is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. He has chosen his uncle Bryce Nathe to be his confirmation sponsor because he looks up to him. Billy is involved in archery at Melrose High School. His faith is important to him because, "I get to learn about Jesus Christ our Savior and all of his sacrifices he has made for us."



Zach Herdering is the son of Jeff and Sarah Herdering. He is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish where he helps with the parish festival. He has chosen Sue Winter to be his confirmation sponsor because she is his godmother. Nathan is involved in trap shooting at Melrose High School. His faith is important to him because, "It gives me a purpose."



Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.
Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too,
may be holy.
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,
that I may love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
that I may defend all that is holy.
Protect me, Holy Spirit,
that I may always be holy.

Saint Augustine

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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**Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners**

09-20	\$20	Lea Tepfer - Long Prairie
09-21	\$20	Mary Ann Fuchs - Albany
09-22	\$20	Ralph Linn - Albany
09-23	\$20	Art Kerfeld - Melrose
09-24	\$20	Gerald/Doris Frieler - Melrose
09-25	\$20	Matthew Beste - Freeport
09-26	\$20	Peter Welle - Freeport

♥**Sacred Heart School Care-a-Thon** SHS students are in the process of collecting donations and prayer requests for the Care-a-Thon on Friday, October 2. Our goal is to raise \$12,000 in support of the students participating in Service and Prayer projects. Students will be cleaning in the Tri-Parish cemeteries after which we will hold prayer services for the requests we have received. Plan to join us for a prayer service at any of the parishes in the Tri-Parish at 1:30 pm. The prayer services will be held outdoors, and if we have cold or rainy weather, we will reschedule to Monday, October 5. If you wish to support the Care-a-Thon and/or submit prayer requests and haven't been contacted yet, call the school office at 836-2591 for information.

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- ◆ **Thank you** to the St. Mary's Endowment Fund for their donation of \$70,000 to the school. The money is used for the operating budget.
- ◆ **Halos to the Knights of Columbus Council from Grey Eagle** for the generous donation of \$500. This money will be used to purchase Bibles for the school children.
- ◆ **Please be generous** to the school children as they seek pledges for our upcoming Marathon/Prayer-A-Thon. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 on this fundraiser. This is a budgeted item in our school budget for the 2020-2021 school year. We are also trying to collect over 1,100 prayer requests.
- ◆ **School Masses will be celebrated every Friday at 8:30 am**, outside, if possible. All are welcome to celebrate Mass with us if we are able to be outside. Bring your own chair. If we have to have Mass in the gym community members will not be allowed to join because of COVID-19 guidelines.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Kristen Pattinson
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- **Friday, October 2 - Blessing of the Animals** - will be held at 2:00 pm on the lawn between the school and St. Andrew's Church. All animals, large and small, are welcome to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the students at SJSA.
- **Friday, October 9 - Work-a-Thon** - SJSA will participate in the Annual MN Marathon for Non-Public Education. Students will rake leaves and will pick up trash along the Dairyland Trail in Greenwald. All donations will support the everyday operation of SJSA. A Mass will be said for all who support our Work-a-Thon. Thank you for your support!
- **St. John's - St. Andrew's School Board Officers for 2020-2021** are: **President** - Jeron Nathe, **Vice President** - Bridget Kasper, **Secretary** - Janice Funk, **Finance Committee** - Kurt Meyer, Janice Funk, Jeron Nathe, **Personnel Committee** - Janice Funk, Kathy Gilk, **Environmental Committee/Recycling** - Jeron Nathe, Kurt Meyer

FAITH FORMATION / YOUTH MINISTRY

Director of Faith Formation: Amy Hoeschen **Asst. Director of Faith Formation:** Chrystal Sand

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa

- **Grades 1-6 - Next Class:** Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 PM. Students will meet at Sacred Heart School for Safe Environment. Parents will meet in Sacred Heart Church Basement
- **Grade 7-10 - Next Class - 7:00 - 7:45 pm** Wednesday, September 30. Students in grades 7-8 will meet at Sacred Heart School. Grades 9 and 10 will meet in the body of church. Safe Environment will take place. Please note time change.
- **Grade 11 - Next Class** - Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Bring pen/pencil and a notebook.
Confirmation Novena begins on Friday, October 2.
Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart. This will be for students ONLY.
Confirmation - will be on Saturday, October 10 at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart, Freeport.
- **Notice of Safe Environment Training**—Each year the United States Conference of Bishops in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People require that our Catholic Schools and Faith Formation programs offer training for all children about personal safety. We will be having this training for grades 7-10 on September 30 and grades 1-6 on October 7. If a parent chooses not to have their child(ren) take part in this program, a Declination Statement must be signed and returned to the Faith Formation office prior to the date of training. You can find the Declination Statement form on our website under the Faith Formation tab.



Melrose, Spring Hill, Meire Grove, Greenwald

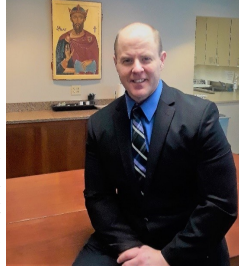
- Grades 1-11:**
- **Outdoor Open House** will take place on Wednesday, September 30. Students and parents stop by SMS anytime between 3:00 and 8:00 pm to pick up schedules, books, & a coupon for a treat in town.



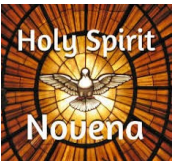
ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome Kevin Soenneker to our Parishes!!

Dear parishioners at St. Andrew, St. John, St. Mary, and St. Michael Parishes, My name is Kevin Soenneker. I am a seminarian at the St. Paul Seminary studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of St. Cloud. I was born and raised in Sauk Centre, MN. I'm not your typical seminarian as I am 45 years old, but I am your typical seminarian in that I love everything about the Catholic Church and hope to one day serve Christ in the priesthood. I will be shadowing Fr. Marv Enneking as he generously agreed to take me on to be my mentor and supervisor for my Teaching Parish assignment. I am extremely excited to learn outside the classroom and what a better teacher than Fr. Marv. I'm very blessed to learn from him. I look forward to meeting as many parishioners as possible over the next four years. God bless and hope to see you all soon. ~Kevin Soenneker



Novena to the Holy Spirit: The students, their sponsors, and parents from Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima parishes will be praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Confirmation. There are Novena leaflets available in the back of Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima churches for anyone who would like to join them in the novena. The novena will begin on Friday, October 2. Thank you for your prayerful support of our Confirmation Candidates.



Sacred Heart Christian Women are excited to announce a Fall Quarter Craze on Monday, October 5. Hosted at the Freeport Community Center. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and auction begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets go on sale on Thursday, September 24 and are available at Décor & More in Freeport. Only 75 tickets will be sold and all safety protocols will be in place at the event. Join us for an evening of FUNraising!!

America Needs Fatima Rosary will be held on Saturday, October 10:

- Rosary Rally by the grotto in Spring Hill. Bring chairs if needed.
- Rosary will be prayed at 12:00 pm in the Immaculate Conception parking lot. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved into the church.

Catholic men face a spiritual crisis today. Join us to explore our calling to be better husbands, better fathers, better Catholics. "Into the Breach" is a 12 session video-based program of spiritual growth and reflection offered Sunday evenings starting on October 4. All Catholic men are invited! Find more information and registration at www.mnknights.org. Seek greatness. Seek Virtue. Seek Holiness. Step Into the Breach! Sponsored by the MN Knights of Columbus. I encourage all Catholic men to check this out. You do not have to be a member of the Knights nor will you be pressured to join.

~ Thank you, Richard Sand

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

- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English at the Grotto near the rectory in Melrose.
- Thursday at 7:00 pm in Spanish at the Grotto near the rectory in Melrose.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English at the Grotto in St. Rosa (cancelled in case of rain).
- Saturday at 9:00 am in English at the shelter on Main Street in Freeport.



ProLife Billboards Thank You! We want to extend a huge thank you to all who have donated toward the cost of the 3 ProLife Billboards found along I-94. Despite there being no Stearns County Fair, we have been blessed with a wonderful response to the request for donations. We have collected \$5,920 of the total \$7,800 contract, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,880. If you are interested in donating toward the remaining balance, please contact JoAnn Hartung at 320-224-9600 for more information or simply drop a donation in the collection basket, notating it is for the ProLife Across America Billboards. Thank you for helping save babies!



Loot for Learning Are you replacing any flooring in the near future? Hennen's Floor Covering will make a donation to Sacred Heart School for all purchases of in stock flooring. Just mention upon ordering that you would like a donation made to the Loot for Learning program or stop by the Sacred Heart School Office for a certificate! It is that easy to make your purchases mean more!



Face Coverings With regard to public liturgies, the Governor's executive order **requires** that people coming to Mass wear a face covering upon entering the church, during Mass, and when exiting the building. The order grants some exemptions from the mandate, including children ages 5 and under and people who are unable to wear or tolerate a face covering due to medical or mental health conditions or other reasons (Minnesota Department of Health Stay Safe MN Guidance for Gatherings: Faith-based Communities, Places of Worship, and Ceremonies July 28, 2020).



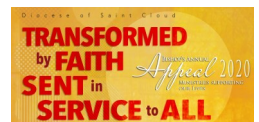
Whether or not to wear a face covering is a personal decision, and while wearing one is believed to help protect our brothers and sisters in Christ, it is important that we do not judge each other on whether or not we are choosing to wear a face covering. Let us remember that God is bigger than this, and we should not let this issue divide us. Let us rise above it in unity to give glory to God.

Prayer for Our New Bishop Bishop Donald Kettler turned 75 last November, and according to tradition, submitted his request for retirement. A replacement bishop will be appointed by Pope Francis and may take some time. We pray for Bishop Kettler, for his replacement, and for all involved in the selection process.



Heavenly Father, You sent Jesus to shepherd Your people and the Holy Spirit to make Your people one. Look with favor upon those who will select our new bishop. Give them Your vision and let their judgment be clear. Speak Your will to them. We thank You for our past shepherds and the blessings they have been for the people of this diocese. Lord, send Your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of renewal in the Church, and unite our parishes, priests, and people in love, truth, and wisdom. Give him a true shepherd's heart like that of Jesus, that he may give strength to the weak, heal the broken hearted, console the lonely, bring back the wandering, and be a power against the evil of our day. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Bishop's Annual Appeal Your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal bring His Word through the weekly televised Mass to our loved ones who are homebound or physically distancing. Programming reaches people in 60 counties and is available to all online at <http://worship.stcdio.org/tv-mass/>.



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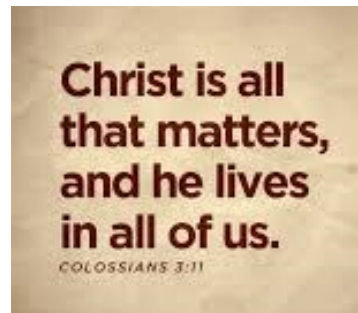
Stewardship Week: Thank you to everyone who participated in “Stewardship Week: Gathered, Nourished and Sent.” It was one of the diocese’s first attempts at presenting in a virtual format, and we are grateful for participants’ goodwill as we learn new ways to stay connected. If you missed the presentations, or would like to view them again, we now have links to the individual presentations.

- *Fr. Tom Knoblach: "The Spirituality of Stewardship"*
<https://youtu.be/YoKh52tk6l4>
- *Fr. Greg Paffel: "The Four Pillars in Your Community"*
<https://youtu.be/rV7Dtv3gLbI>
- *Tommy Rose: "Communicating Stewardship in the Digital Age"*
https://youtu.be/BMcAR9s_vJY
- *Panelists' Discussion – "Sharing Stewardship Best Practices from Our Parishes and ACCs"*
<https://youtu.be/BmVWkoHJUcU>

Marriage Encounter These last months have been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Please let us help you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship! Register for the October 24-25 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651-454-3238.



40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The campaign mission is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 days of peaceful activism with the purpose of repentance, to seek God’s favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. Please join us in a peaceful way of activism at Planned Parenthood, 451 East St. Germain St., St. Cloud MN 56304, Wednesday, September 23 through Sunday, November 1, from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday through Friday. Email judy4life@melitel.net or call 320-453-7592 with questions or concerns or to sign up for some time at our vigil.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

September 29 - October 1, Tuesday - Thursday

♦Women’s Silent Mid-Week Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. \$160 per person (\$30 non-refundable deposit per person required). Visit www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394 to register.

October 2-4, Friday - Sunday

♦St. Alexius Church in West Union is selling prepackaged sausage and sauerkraut in place of their annual Sausage Supper. The drive thru will be open to purchase and pick up orders from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Preordering is available by calling 612-888-2690 or emailing westunionsausage@gmail.com.

♦Serenity (12 Step) Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. \$175 per person (\$30 non-refundable deposit per person required). Visit www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394 to register.

October 6, Tuesday

♦Melrose Blood Drive at Freeport Community Center from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Schedule appointments at redcross.org. Contact Sally for any questions 320-291-2994.

October 7, Wednesday

♦Feet First Clinic will be at the Freeport Senior Center by appointment only. New clients please call 320-836-2450 to book a time slot. Masks are advised.

October 12-16, Monday-Friday

♦Directed Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. \$300 per person (\$50 non-refundable deposit per person required). Visit www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394 to register.

October 15, Thursday

♦Pillow Cleaning Service at the Depot Feed in Sauk Centre from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. Cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, fluffed. Sponsored by: St. John’s/St. Andrew’s School, Greenwald.

♦Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:30 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 and bingo played.

October 16-18, Friday-Sunday

♦Married Couples Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. \$320 per couple (\$60 non-refundable deposit per couple required). Visit www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394 to register.

October 21, Wednesday

♦St. Rosa Jaycees Blood Drive at St. Rose Church Basement from 2:00 - 7:00 pm. Contact Jodi to schedule an appointment 320-290-2456.

♦Hope Day - Dealing with Loss at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. \$40 per person (includes lunch). Visit www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394 to register.

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Jb 1:6-22	Lk 9:46-50
Tu	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a	Jn 1:47-51
We	Jb 9:1-12,14-16	Lk 9:57-62
Th	Jb 19:21-27	Lk 10:1-12
Fr	Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5	Mt 18:1-5,10
Sa	Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17	Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday—

Is 5:1-7	Phil 4:6-9
	Mt 21:33-43

Prayer Requests...

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



Banns of Matrimony:

- I Allison Funk♥David Hoeschen, 10-17 FR
- II Ashley Meyer♥Russell Leyendecker, 10-10 SH
- III Myranda Nelson♥Steve Beuning, 10-03 FR
- III Diana Bertram♥Tyler Carlson, 10-03 SH

For the Sick:

Kristin Kerfeld, Joyce Schmidt, Laura Beuning, Larry Mareck, Arliss Notch, Arlene Arnzen, Frances Fischer, Jesse Job, Dorothy Feldewerd, Harold Stangler, Lornie Middendorf, Luci Christanson, Abby Gertken, Larry Gaebel, Nick Hoppe, Walter Beuning, Glen Bueckers, Mary Ann Zierden, Dick Austing, Sue Worms, Joan Schlicht, Ashtyn Fiedler

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

- ♦Sacred Heart - Jennie Hiltner.....836-2528
- ♦Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink.....837-5321
- ♦St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Hartung..... 333-8461
- ♦St. Mary’s 256-3746

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