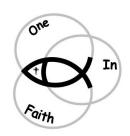
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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

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Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Carol Winter: Administrative Assistant,

GR/MG/SH



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www.oneinfaith.org

St. Cloud Diocese Website www.stclouddiocese.org

Freeport 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.com

Facebook: Tri Parish

Mailing Address: PO Box 155

Freeport, MN 56331

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ahoeschen@catholic-centered.org

Code to

Adoration

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

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.

Confession Times

By appointment only. Call the respective parish office.

St. MARY - Melrose

Bulletin Announcement Deadline Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements to:

bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Marriage

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

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 6-12

SI. MARI - MICHUSC		
Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español
	-	†Javier Mendoza Lizola
Tu	7:30 am	††Marie & Richard Wenning
We	7:30 am	†Eric Mergen &
		†Lloyd Wenning
Th	7:30 am	†Rich Boeckermann
Fr	8:30 am	†Bob Kemper
Sa	5:00 pm	†Sharon Meyer &
		†Chuck Gieske
*Su	10:00 am	††Art & Ann Loehr &
		For the People
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español
		†Maria del Rosaro Rodríguez
		& Por la Salud de Belester
		Vásquez & Por el Aniversario

de bodas de Marisol y

Natividad Martínez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Doreen Robillard Fr 8:15 am †Bernie Laing Anniv. Su 8:00 am Deceased Members of the Job Family

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Virgil Boecker Sa 4:00 pm †Alan Van Drehle

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †††Ben, Loretta, & Joan Herknehoff Su 10:00 am For the People

St. Michael - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Dan Schwieters Su 10:00 am †Jim (Shultz) Stalboerger

St. Andrew - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Delphine Nietfeld Sa 8:00 pm †John Mehr

St. John - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Dec. Relatives of Dennis & Emily Schneider
Su 8:00 am †Joseph Younk



*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit <u>oneinfaith.org</u> for the YouTube link.



CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)

Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE; Melrose, MN 56352

Weekly Contributions	
Total	\$14,109.00
Regular Adult Offering	5,942.00
Loose	1,223.00
Children Envelopes	0.00
New Church (actual funds)	330.00
Blinds	500.00
Votive Candles	0.00
Support a Child	5.00
Assumption	5.00
Rectory Fund	2,750.00
Phase 2 Building Fund	2,875.00
Haiti Collection.	479.00
St. Mary's School Endowment	\$20.00
Rectory Fund Collected to Date	\$44,450.00
Blinds Fund Collected to Date	\$10,375.00

Died in the hope of Resurrection... †Marvin Kemper, 80

Pews: In an effort to be more hospitable and welcoming, we invite you to consider seating yourselves toward the middle of our pews when you come to Mass. By doing so, the ends of our pews would be available for those "just in timers!" Thank you for your consideration.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsor this week:

Econ-O-Wash Laundromat & State Farm

08-29	\$25	Larry Droogsma - Melrose	
08-30	\$25	John Briol - Sauk Centre	
08-31	\$25	Robert Gieske - Melrose	
09-01	\$25	Dave & Sue Ostendorf - Brooklyn	
09-02	\$25	James Schloegl - Melrose	L
09-03	\$25	Kent Brown - Melrose	
09-04	\$25	Bob & Irene Braun - Melrose	



Special Attention and Invite to all St. Mary Parishioners!

Parish Retreat to be held at St. Mary Church on Sunday, September 26 from 2:00 - 7:30 pm. Our call to holiness most often begins right in our homes - by taking care of our family. This retreat will help you discover the spiritual transformation that takes place when we make stewardship central to our family life. We have a God of abundance. Let Him show you all He has in mind for you - to receive and share. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 15 by calling 320-256-4207 or emailing stmarysofmelrose.com.

St. Mary's Stewardship Newsletter To access the newsletter, please use this link Flipbook. http://bit.ly/38b4QEc If you would like to have a copy, you can stop by the parish office and pick one up.

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	\$2,272.31
Plate	467.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,739.31
Other Donations	
School Support	\$100.00

May He Rest in Peace...Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †Gregory Waldorf, formerly of Freeport, who passed away Saturday, August 28. His funeral was celebrated here on Thursday, September 2.

Welcome to our Parish...We would like to welcome Marilyn Gaebel to our parish.

Parish Festival 2022 Save the Date We will celebrate our parish festival on Sunday, July 10, 2022.

Festival 2021:

- Thank you to everyone who made this event such a great success.
- Thank you to those who contributed to the Grand Raffle and to those who sold and purchased tickets. The grand raffle brought in just shy of \$41,000.
- Thank you to all those who helped with set up, worked their shifts, clean up, and all those behind the scenes. Without all of you, this important parish fundraiser would not be possible.
- Overall, the festival brought in \$52,654.93.

Parish Fiscal Year Financial Reports for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 are in the back of the church for anyone who wishes to view. On the back of the financial report are the parish statistics that are sent to the diocese annually giving the number of Catholics in the parish. If you have any question, please contact Amy at 320-836-2143.

<u>Parish Events</u>			
We 09/08 7:0	00 pm Confirm	ation Class	
Fr 09/10 9:0	00 am Adoratio	on	
We 09/15 6:0	00 pm First Co	mmunion Parent Meeting	
We 09/15 7:0	00 pm Faith Fo	rmation Mass	
Fr 09/17 9:0	00 am Adoratio	on	
Su 09/19 9:0	00 am Catholic	United Financial Meeting	
Su 09/19 7:0	00 pm "500" C	ard Party	
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The Feast of St. Cloud Novena Booklets Please return the booklets to the church after you are finished with them.

Special Collection for Haiti will be taken during Mass on Sunday, September 12. The USCCB is asking for prayers and financial support for the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the recent earthquake. The funds collected will be used by the USCCB to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relieve Services to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. Please prayerfully consider donating to this special collection.

Children's Liturgy We are excited to begin offering Children's Liturgy again. It will begin on Sunday, September 12. The program is formatted for pre-k through those preparing for First Holy Communion. We would like to invite those in that age group to participate in Children's Liturgy. For those who have received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we ask that they remain and are active participants in the Mass. There will be no Children's Liturgy in the summer. It will take place from September through May.



Catholic United Financial The September quarterly meeting for Catholic United Financial #101 will be held on Sunday, September 19 at 9:00 am (after the 8:00 am Mass). All Catholic United Financial members are invited

to attend. Coffee and rolls will be served followed by the business meeting.

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	\$1,578.46	
Assumption	10.00	
Plate	53.00	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,641.46	
Other Donations		
School Support	\$10.00	

Cemetery Expansion: Work on the expansion is progressing. A huge thank you to those who have donated black dirt and/or funding towards black dirt. The new fence is hopefully going to be started in the very near future. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the cemetery expansion.

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		Parish Events
We 09/08	6:00 pm	Catholic United Financial Meeting
We 09/08	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class - FR
Sa 09/11	3:30 pm	Individual Confession
We 09/15	6:00 pm	Firsts Communion Parent Meeting - FR
We 09/15	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Mass - FR
Sa 09/18	3:30 pm	Individual Confession
Su 09/19	8:30 am	New Munich Lions Breakfast

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

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

Adult Envelopes	\$1,985.00	
Plate	138.00	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,123.00	

Baptized in Christ...We welcome **Lanie Beverly Wiechman**, the daughter of David & Kim Wiechman, to our parish. Lanie Beverly was baptized on August 29.

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Pink Cash Raffle Tickets should all be returned now, but if you still have some please return ASAP!

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			Parish Events
Su	09/05	10:00 am	Parish Festival
Tu	09/07	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	09/08	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class - FR
Fr	09/10	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su	09/12	11:00 am	Baptism
			First Communion Parent Meeting - FR
			Faith Formation Mass - FR
Fr	09/17	7:30 pm	Rosary

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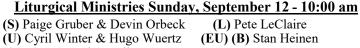
St. Rose Choir It's time to bring back the choirs! We welcome any new and returning members to contribute to the music for Sunday 10:00 am Masses here in St. Rose. We will practice two times a month on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, starting on Tuesday, September 7. Please contact Amy Wilwerding for more information or to sign up at 320-836-2344.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL (SH)

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

Weekly Contributions	
Total	\$1,492.25
Regular Adult Offering	783.00
Plate/Loose	
Votives	174.25
Maintenance Fund	120.00
Assumption of Mary	20.00
Church Rental	250.00

Breakfast and Bake Sale... St. Michael's Matching Grant Catholic United Financial Breakfast and Bake Sale, Sunday, September 12 serving from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Menu includes: sausage, eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, peaches, and coffee cake. Anyone that would like to donate to the Bake Sale, please bring to the church basement on Sunday morning.



(Sacristan) Kathy Welle (RL) Kathy Welle

(CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger

(HK - Sept. 5-12) Amanda Moscho, Ruth Moscho, Mary Nietfeld

Our Tri-Parish Cluster is in need of people to help with ministries, which include Mass Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Gift Bearers. Parents, have a talk with your children if they're interested in doing any of the ministries. If you're not already helping at Mass and would like to be, please contact the parish office on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm or talk to Fr. Marv.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)

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

Weekly Contributions Total. \$1,344.00 Regular Adult Offering. 1,150.00 Children. 3.00 Plate/Loose. 36.00 Votives. 10.00 Assumption of Mary. 145.00

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, September 11 - 8:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Zachary Rieland

(L) Kathy Gilk

(U) Pat Keller & Herman Lensing

(GB) Greg & Angie Kulzer

(EU) (B) Mary Opatrny

(HK-September) *Rita Eveslage, Amy Frieler, Sara Dehmer, Lisa Bertram, Joyce Bertram & Kathy Buermann

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Memorial Mass for Tony and Darlene Kulzer on Saturday, September 11 at 11:00 am here at St. Andrew's church. A luncheon will follow at the Greenwald Pub.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE (MG)

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

Weekly Contributions		
Total	\$1,158.75	
Reg. Adult Offering	1,045.00	
Children	0.25	
Plate/Loose	78.00	
Votives	15.50	
Maintenance Fund	20.00	

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Liturgical Ministries Sunday, September 12 - 8:00 am

(S) Payton Nathe & Tyler Nathe (L) Missy Illies

(U) Dean Meyer & Doug Meyer

(GB) Dean & Karen Meyer

(EU) (B) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam

(HK-September) *Julie Wehlage, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernick & Abby Zenzen

Save the Date: Turkey Bingo and Raffle. Meire Grove church basement Sunday, November 21, 2021. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Bingo starts at 7:00 pm, 20 games of Bingo for \$10; prizes included Whole Turkey Breast Roasts and Cash. Raffle at 8:00 pm. Raffle prizes include cash and a bentwood cedar-lined handmade trunk. Free-will offering for included Sloppy Joe lunch; Root Beer Floats for \$1.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Lazos de Matrimonio III: Jesús Carrillo & Esmeralda Cedillo

Felicidades a Enrique Martínez y Patricia Corrales, por la celebración de su boda el 4 de Septiembre, en la parroquia de Santa María.

Bautizados en Cristo: Ailani Ximena Raya Botello, hija de Gerardo Raya Becerra y Yesenia Botello Rodríguez.

Rosario y **Oración** con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los siguientes tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. Dirigida por el Señor Oscar Nolasco. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

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

Reserve la fecha: 23 de octubre de 2021 Día del Ministerio Diocesano Somos Un Solo Cuerpo: reunidos, nutridos, enviados. ¡Tenemos Espíritu! ¡Sí! Tenemos Espíritu. ¿Y usted? Este año, Día del Ministerio Diocesano será una celebración entusiasta de todo lo que somos como diócesis. Esta día con temática, que se celebrará en la Universidad de Saint John, honrará los dones de cada una de nuestras parroquias ACC. Reserva venir y animar a toda la diócesis y ser llenado del amor de comunidad y los dones espirituales de nuestra fe. Todos son bienvenidos a asistir a este evento. Estén atentos para más detalles.



The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8. We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents—we call them Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special. Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring

Jesus into the world. When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Today thank God for the gift of life and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life. Source: https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints-stories-for-all-ages/birth-of-mary/

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kathy Welle SHS BOARD: Amy Wilwerding, Emily Smith, Nick Shaw, Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514 www.shsfreeport.org

- No School on Monday, September 6. Labor Day!
- ▼ Sacred Heart School Board meets on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 pm.
- ▶ Looking Ahead: SHS families, mark Monday, September 13 on your calendar. Kindergarten families will gather at 7:00 pm for a kindergarten information meeting and then all other families will gather at 7:30 pm for a small social and a fundraising review meeting.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

08-29 \$25 Jeff Hoeschen - Long Prairie

08-30 \$25 Katie Frie - Osakis

08-31 \$25 Deb Sales - Clarissa

09-01 \$25 Marilynn Blommel - Grey Eagle

09-02 \$25 Dawn & Jody Albers - Kimball

09-03 \$25 Bruce Bechtold - St. Joseph

09-04 \$25 Peggy Stangler - Albany



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Jenn Ellering Phone: 320-256-4257 www.smsmelrosemn.org

- First School Mass will be on Friday, September 10 at 8:30 am. All are welcome!
- We are starting the school year with many staff members who have been dedicated to St. Mary's for many years and some that are new. Ms. Dana Little Saints, Ms. Madelyn Little Saints assistant, Ms. Frank Heinze Kindergarten, Mrs. Fletcher 1st grade, Mr. Thell 2nd grade, Mrs. Wolff 3rd grade, Mrs. Kloth 4th grade, Ms. Hellermann 5th

grade, Ms. Pundsack - 6th grade, Ms. Jenn - Administrative Assistant. Ms. Bri Worms - media and intervention specialist, Ms. Amanda Hellermann - intervention specialist and Kids Time Coordinator. Matt Grossinger and Allan Wiechmann - Custodians. We are also fortunate to have 4 Foster Grandparents, Julie Boeckers, Linda Klein, Anita Schwinghammer, and Judy Heinze.

• SMS is looking for someone who would be interested in being a recess supervisor from 11:15 am - 12:20 pm daily. Please contact the school if you are interested at 320-256-4257.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kristen Pattinson SJSA BOARD: Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Bridget Kasper, Amy Frieler, Kristin Zimmer, Kate Kelzer, Trista Roelike Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

- No School on Monday, September 6 for the Labor Day holiday.
- First Day of Preschool is Wednesday, September 8.
- SJSA Harry's Pizza Sale SJSA is selling Harry's pizzas now through September 21. If you are interested in purchasing pizzas, please contact the school at 320-987-3133 or any SJSA family.
- Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center SJSA 5th and 6th graders will be attending camp at the Osprey Wilds Learning Center in Sandstone, MN September 15-17. At Osprey Wilds, the students experience a variety of nature-based mini-courses taught by experienced counselors. Courses include predator/prey, nature hikes, Minnesota mammals, wolves of the North Woods, a high ropes course, evening raptor program, and much more! Please pray that our students have a safe and fun trip. Osprey Wilds offers a variety of programs for schools, individuals, and families. For more information, check out the Osprey Wilds website at www.ospreywilds.org.
- Open House Thank you to all our families for attending the Open House! It has been a great start to the school year!

FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa

- Grades 1-11: Wednesday, September 15 beginning of the year Mass at 7:00 pm. Families are encouraged to attend with their students.
- <u>Grade 2:</u> First Communion Parent Meeting Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00 pm. This meeting replaces the interviews that were scheduled for Wednesday, September 8.
- Grade 11: Next Class: Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the body of Sacred Heart Church.
 - Reminder: Confirmation name and Meet the Candidate form are due September 8. Saint report was due September 1.
 - **Sponsor Information:** If you have not turned this in, please do so ASAP!
 - The Rite of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, October 9 at 4:00 pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove

- First Communion/First Reconciliation: Students meet Saturday, September 11, from 9:30 11:00 am at St. Mary's Church. Students only.
- Grades 9 & 10: Next Class: Wednesday, September 8 from 7:00 8:30 pm. Meet in the Meire Grove Church basement.
 - Service Project students and some parents.
- Confirmation Students: Next Class: Wednesday, September 8 from 7:00 8:30 pm. Meet in the Meire Grove Church basement.
 - Service Project students will be making sympathy cards for parishioners who have lost loved ones over the past year.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Office Closure The Parish offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Monday, September 6 in honor of Labor Day.



Exploring the Journey of Becoming: A Look at the Relationship of Faith and Imagination. Often relegated to the realm of childhood and fantasy, the imagination gets a bad rap. The last thought most may consider is the impact of the imagination upon the experience of faith. But there are great connections to be discovered. This Theology Day will examine these connections and explore thought about the imagination and its role in the human experience of faith, the relationship of Christ to each of us and to all of us, and how, by employing the imagination, we engage the journey of becoming. Friday, September 17, presentation from 10am - 12pm. Online Webinar Event. Free event. Registration is required: call 320-363-3560 or www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, or theologyday@csbsju.edu.



St. Mary's School is hiring an After School Child Care Assistant for the upcoming school year. Applicants need to be 16 or older. Contact Ms. Amanda if you have questions or are interested in applying at ahellermann@smsmn.org or 320-256-4247.

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the appeal. As of August 24, the Appeal raised \$1,139,190 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000 with gifts from 7,542 households. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Learn more at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Sacred Heart School 1K/5K Run and Walk:

The 11th annual Sacred Heart School 1K/5K Fun Run and Walk is coming up soon. Join us on Saturday, September 25 for a fun event for the whole family. We are looking for individuals and businesses to help sponsor the event. We would like to get all expenses covered with donations so the



registration fees can ALL go back to the school and to the children. If you are willing to donate, please send your donation to Sacred Heart School P.O. Box 39 Freeport, MN 56331. You can register online or pick up a registration form at school. Walkers are more than welcome; no need to run the race. Get active on a nice fall morning and support Sacred Heart School. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 25. The 1K starts at 10:30 am, and the 5K will follow around 11:00 am. If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact Amy Van Beck at 320-290-8801 or amyvanbeck@hotmail.com.

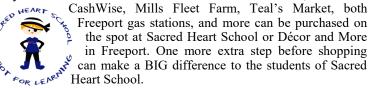
St. Cloud DCCW 67th Fall Conference is coming up on September 18 at St. John's Parish in Foley. It will be a morning only event this year. Our Fall Conference is our annual meeting for voting for and swearing in of incoming officers and commission chairs. Our theme for this year is "The Year of St. Joseph," and Sr. Elise Saggau from the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls will be our keynote speaker. There will be refreshments served during registration, a Mass with Bishop Kettler, and a drawing for door prizes at the close of the meeting. Registration is \$15 before September 7 and \$20 after. Registration forms and fees (checks made payable to: St. Cloud DCCW) should be sent to Lora Knafla 11719 - 16th Avenue NW, Rice, MN 56367. For more information and registration forms, see our website: stclouddccw.org or Facebook: St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Honoring Marriage Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 2 at St. Mary's Parish in Melrose, MN for couples celebrating their 5, 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60 plus anniversaries. Call your respective parish if you wish to sign up for this event.

Save a Marriage.... Are you or someone you know, living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts September 17 at Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, MN. For more information call 320-255-5314 or check the website www.helpourmarriage.org. Preregistration is required. Space is limited.

Day Retreat – September 29, 2021 at Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse Collegeville, MN from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. *An Introduction to a Celtic Way of Prayer*. Presented by David Keller and Emily Wilmer. Cost: \$50 includes lunch. To learn more: call 320-363-3929 or http://www.abbeyguesthouse.org.

Loot for Learning Purchase your prepaid shopping cards for the purchases you make anyway—and have Sacred Heart School benefit 1%, 5% or even up to 15% or your purchase. Using the program is easy. Cards for some vendors such as Charlie's Café, Coborn's/



Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" — James 2:5 What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

Annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour... You are invited to the Children of the Eucharist, Young Missionaries of the Immaculate Heart of Mary's 19th Annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic and Marian Holy Hour. It will be broadcast around the world to 150 Countries and Territories including all Spanish channels. The date is Wednesday, October 13 at 9:00 am. Here in our Diocese, we plan to engage all of our children and youth in Parishes, Schools, Faith Formation, and Home School Families. It is our hope that Clergy, Teachers, Parents and Grandparents, and all who have the care of the souls of our children and youth will do whatever they can do to help them to participate in some way. If 9:00 am is not convenient for your event, the program can be downloaded for a later time that works for you. More information at: www.childrenoftheeucharist.org.

"Amazing Grace" Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo are held 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.

- •Women's Silent Retreat, September 10 12 (Weekend)
- •Women's Silent Retreat, September 17 19 (Weekend)
- •Women's Silent Retreat, September 21 23 (Midweek)
- •Men's Silent Retreat, September 24 26 (Weekend)
- •Women's Silent Retreat, September 28 30 (Midweek)

Parish Ministries There are many opportunities for parish members to serve their parish community. Contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport to find out how you can help or to sign up.



House Blessings Call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED)



"Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!").

Mark 7:31-37

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

- Tuesday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- •Thursday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- •Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- •Friday at 7:30 pm in English by the grotto in St. Rosa. Bring a chair.

The Scriptures This Week

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle I

 Mo
 Col 1:24-2:3
 Lk 6:6-11

 Tu
 Col 2:6-15
 Lk 6:12-19

 We
 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23

Th Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38 **Fr** 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 Lk 6:39-42 **Sa** 1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

Prayer Requests...

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

May They Rest in Peace: †Marvin Kemper

Banns of Matrimony:

I Sydney Petermeier♥Saul Cervates, 9-25 M II Hannah Heidebrink♥Aaron Wehlage, 9-18 M III Esmeralda Cedillo♥Jesús Carrillo, 9-11 M

For the Sick:

Brooklyn Kae, Nick Rothstein, Bernie Arceneau, Ron Bussmann

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

•Sacred Heart - Jennie Hiltner	836-2528
•Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	837-5321
•St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	
•St. Mary's	256-3878

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

September 5, Sunday

◆St. Rose of Lima Festival. Outdoor Polka Mass 10:00 am (weather permitting). Children's, Teen's, and Adult games as well as food opening at 11:00 am. Bean Bag Tournament 12:30 pm, Quilt Auction 2:00 pm, Music 3:30 - 7:00 pm, Raffle Drawing 7:00 pm.

September 11, Saturday

◆St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party 4:00 - 10:00 pm. Join us to support St. Mary's Cathedral and enjoy the music of Minnesota based singer and songwriter Michael Shynes. 4:00 pm Mass in Cathedral. 6:00 pm Harper's Chord. 8:00 pm Michael Shynes. There will be beer garden, burgers and more. Used book sale, Silent Auction, kids games, inflatables, bingo, and wine wall. Free parking in Swan Lot.

September 12, Sunday

♦ St. Michael's Matching Grant Catholic United Financial Breakfast & Bake Sale, Spring Hill. Serving 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Menu: sausage, eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, peaches, and coffee cake.

• Catholic United Financial of Grey Eagle Matching Grant Pancake & Sausage Breakfast. Serving 9:00 am - 12:30 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, Grey Eagle. Freewill offering. Proceeds go to our Religious Education Program.

- ◆Join us at the Pelican Lake Ballroom in St. Anna for our Fall Festival Bouja Feed. Serving from 11:00 am 4:00 pm. Food and beverages available for purchase. Silent Auction. Pre-Orders by the gallon requested 320-845-2831. Fundraising even proceeds donated for flooring in Immaculate Conception Church.
- ◆Church of the Holy Spirit's Fall Festival. 10:30 am Polka Mass on the grass featuring The Polka Beats (Outdoor Mass weather permitting). All you care to eat breakfast, cake spin, kiddie carnival, and cash raffle. 2405 Walden Way St. Cloud, MN.
- ♦St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish, Long Prairie, Fall Festival. Knights of Columbus serving lunch 11:00 am 1:30 pm. Pork Chips (bone-in), Spanish rice, coleslaw, baked beans, baked potato, dinner roll, homemade pie, and ice cream. Cost \$10 per adult, \$5 children 6-12 yrs, Children 5 and under free. Music 12:00 2:30 pm by The Slew Foot Family Band. Cash Raffle top prize of \$2,000. Youth Cornhole tournament 17 and under, Adult Cornhole tournament 18 and over both start at 11:30 am. Entry fee \$25 per team. Prizes for both tournaments 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50. All proceeds go to St. Mary's Church. Additional 4 bagger drawing at the end of the tournament. For more details and to sign up call or text Amy 320-760-4559, Scott 320-309-4608, or Tyler 320-808-0427.

September 16, Thursday

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

September 16 - 19, Thursday - Sunday

•47th Annual Albany Pioneer Days Threshing Show at the Stearns County Pioneer Club Showgrounds north of Albany. Great fun for everyone, young, old and in between. Check the website www.albanypioneerdays.com for details. Or call 320-249-0331 for more information.

September 19, Sunday

- ◆New Munich Lions Breakfast serving 8:30 am 12:30 pm in the New Munich church basement. Menu: pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, cinnamon bread, assorted toppings and beverages. Free will offering. Take outs available.
- ♦"500" Card Party at Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport. Start time is 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served. All are welcome to join.
- ♦Breakfast sponsored by Grey Eagle/Swanville Knights of Columbus at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall in Swanville. Serving from 8:00 am 12:00 pm. Menu: fresh scrambled eggs, sausage from Paul & Kathy's in Upsala, hashbrown potatoes, homemade doughnuts, fruit cup, coffee, milk, and orange juice. Free will donation. All proceeds will go to help fund local Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

September 28, Tuesday

◆Bologna Daze, Bucky's Bar, Elrosa—serving from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Dine in or take out. Serving bologna, sauerkraut, potato wedges, baked beans, & homemade bread. Sponsored by Elrosa Senior Citizens. Call 320-697-5616 for take outs.



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