



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

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

Melrose - Spring Hill - Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Mailing Address: PO Box 155
Freeport, MN 56331

ACC Bulletin Announcement Deadline Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements 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.



Obedience, Truth and Freedom

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." John 14:15-17

Imagine a spouse or a friend saying to you, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Such a statement might cause you to react with surprise. Ordinarily, we do not see obedience to another as a sign that we love them. However, what if a parent were to say to a child, "If you love me, you will be obedient." That statement is easier to accept because of the unique role of a parent to their children. In regard to our love of God, obedience to His divine will is the greatest act of love we can offer. This is because God's will is perfect. It's exactly what we need in life. It's what we were made for. And it is the one and only way to achieve the human fulfillment that we seek. Only God can say such a thing to us because only God is God.

Jesus followed up His call to obedience by saying that obedience to Him will result in Jesus and His Father bestowing the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth upon you. The Holy Spirit will remain "with you, and will be in you." This is such a profound statement from our Lord. In fact, so much of what He says within this sermon given at the Last Supper is profound beyond comprehension.

One clear thing this tells us is that obedience to God leads to a discovery of the Truth. And as Jesus says elsewhere, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" ([John 8:31-32](#)). Obedience leads to Truth. Truth leads to freedom.

This begs the question: Do you want to be free? Clearly you do. We cannot not want to be free. Meaning, we are obliged to want freedom, just as we are obliged to want happiness. Why? Because the desire for freedom and happiness is written upon our very nature. It is a desire that we cannot escape. It's how we are wired. However, it is quite possible to become confused about the way we achieve these desires. For many, obedience is not always understood as the pathway to that desired freedom and happiness.

Consider, again, a child. Imagine a parent telling that child not to eat a certain wild berry that grows behind their house because the parent knows the berry is poisonous and will cause the child to become sick. If the child disobeys and eats

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MAY 8-14

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 Por el bienestar de la Familias
 Pesqueda Sanches y Yasli
 Jiménez Pesqueda

Tu 7:30 am †Katherine “Kitty” Gruber
 We 7:30 am †Dick Oevermann
 Th 7:30 am ††Lee & Betsy Schulzetenberg
 *Fr 8:30 am **St. Mary’s School Mass**
 †Loretta C. Hinnenkamp

Sa 5:00 pm †Sharon Meyer
 For the People

*Su 10:00 am **NO MASS**
 *Su 11:00 am **Bilingual Baccalureate Mass**
 †Angelica Hernandez Becerra

Su 12:30 pm **NO Misa en Español**

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am ††George & Marie
 Heidgerken Family

Fr 8:15 am ††Justin & Alma Schulte
 Su 8:00 am 2023 Graduates

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †††Mae, Lawrence, &
 John Wiechmann

Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Steve Tschida
 Su 10:00 am †Greg Hartung

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am ††Henry & Ida Schaefer
 Su 10:00 am †Jerome Terres

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 ††John & Dorine Schwagel

Sa 4:00 pm ††Helen & Frank Gruber
 ††Leo & Bernetta Heinen

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am ††Sylvester & Ann Nietfeld
 Su 8:00 am Members of the Poor
 Souls Society



ADORATION

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
 Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich
 Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

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

*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

♦**Summer Office Hours** at St. Mary’s from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am - Noon.



to the Christian Women who helped make the evening a success and the three young boys who served Mass for our West Central Deanery Meeting which St. Rose hosted on April 26. ~Marilyn Bergmann, CW Pres.

“**Hopeful Hearts**” **Fun, Food, & Fund Day** Looking for a fun day out? Enjoy Silent Auctions? Head down to St. Andrew’s Parish in Elk River for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s annual Fun, Food, & Fund Day on Thursday, June 15. Registration and auction open at 9:00 am. Kent Yoder will speak on “The Eucharist: Our Source, Our Summit, and Our Hope” at 9:45 am, and enjoy entertainment by “The Hopeful” while you “shop.” Mass and lunch will follow, with auction closing at 1:15 pm. Registration is \$20. Contact Lora Knafla at (320) 393-2701 to register or mail check payable to St. Cloud DCCW to Lora at 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367 by June 8. NOTE: If anyone is interested in car-pooling to FFF at Elk River, contact Jean Hopfer at 320-837-5239, by June 12.

Vacation Bible School June 5-9 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Send your children, ages 4 through entering grade 5, for an out of this world good time! This summer’s theme is Stellar. Children will be “Shining Jesus’ Light.” Stellar is filled with Bible stories, music, games, and other fun ways to learn that God is with you every day, no matter what.



Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School June 5-9 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Students entering grade 6 through adults are invited to prayerfully consider joining us for an amazing start to your summer! If you are interested in helping and haven’t signed up, contact Chrystal at the Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143.

Young Adults ages 18-30, join us on Wednesday, May 24 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Freeport Parish Office. We will be watching and discussing an episode of the Chosen series. Contact Katie at 320-333-9871 or Alyssa at 320-429-0770 with questions or for more information.

Parish News:

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

•**2023 Baccalaureate Masses** will be celebrated Sunday, May 22 at the regular Masses at Sacred Heart and St. Rose of Lima. Graduates from Immaculate Conception will join the celebration at Sacred Heart.

•**Youth Leadership Team** We are looking to add more people to the Youth Leadership Team and are seeking out students in grades 9-12 to serve on our core team. This is a leadership program for high school students interested in serving, leading, and supporting their peers as they develop a deeper experience of Jesus Christ and the Catholic church. Applications to join the Youth Leadership Team are available on our website sacredheartfreeport.org, under the faith formation tab. I want to invite you to prayerfully consider joining our team. If you have any questions, please call Chrystal at the Parish Office.

BREADtalks Be a part of something life-changing These in-person-only events are modeled after the popular Ted Talks. Local speakers will share their “eucharistic love stories” followed by a main speaker who will give a longer talk on a eucharistic theme. Come join us for these free, faith-filled gatherings! The next event is on Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 pm at Bad Habit Brewing Co., St. Joseph.

Natural Family Planning Instruction for May

A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre: Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm. For additional sites, information, or to register, visit www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp or contact Sheila Reineke at 320-252-4721 ext. 308.



Bishop’s Annual Appeal: Have you read The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine? Do you follow the Diocese of St. Cloud on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram? Have you visited the diocesan website for resources? All of these communication tools that inform us of the latest Catholic news are supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Keep the news coming by contributing at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



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

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆	
Total.....	\$8,889.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	6,834.00
Plate/Loose	1,040.00
Designated Funds.....	1,015.00
Phase II Building	\$47,826.85
Rectory.....	\$79,779.65
Phase II Matching Funds.....	\$144,963.25
Total: Phase II/Rectory.....	\$272,569.75

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle	
05-07 \$25	Phil & Bonnie Poepping - Melrose
05-08 \$25	Lynn Brinkman - Grey Eagle
05-09 \$25	Brent & Key Harren - Melrose
05-10 \$50	John Lester - Melrose
05-11 \$25	Geri Boecker - Melrose
05-12 \$25	Karen Hartung - Long Prairie
05-13 \$25	Ron & Cindy Middendorf - Melrose



From the Mission Office for the Diocese of St. Cloud:
 With sincere 'Thanks' to all who donated to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and to the Rice Bowl program in this challenging time. CRS operates on a grassroots level in over 100 countries around the world and donations like yours continue to make this possible. This is the primary outreach of the Catholic Church in the United States to assist with the global needs of our brothers and sisters in faith. You also contribute toward local hunger relief with 25% of the Rice Bowl funds being distributed throughout our diocese to organizations like area food shelves which are seeing increasing needs during this time. On behalf of those who benefit from your kindness and generosity, our heartfelt gratitude!

Baccalaureate Mass Sunday, May 21, St. Mary's will host the Baccalaureate Mass for the high school seniors of our parish. This bilingual Mass will be at 11:00 am. Please be aware that there will **not** be a Mass at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm that day. All are welcome



Light Appreciation Dinner Are you involved with any committees or liturgy ministries at St Mary's? If so, we thank you! Our parish is greatly blessed by your committed involvement. From our Funeral Lunch Workers to our Clean Team to our Cemetery Committee to our Musicians to our Calendar Raffle Committee to our Technology Team – and everyone in between – We thank you! We invite all parishioners who offer themselves in any ministry at St. Mary's to a Light Appreciation Dinner, served in our gathering area. Join us Wednesday, May 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come enjoy a light dinner while visiting with your neighbor before your ministry training sessions. Hope to see you there!

St. Mary's Parish Raffle is Underway for the June 24 drawing – flyers have been mailed to all parishioners. Please help support this very important annual fundraiser for the parish – this is the 32nd year – only 1,000 tickets will be sold for a top prize of \$20,000!

It's TRAINING Time! We will be having Training for NEW and EXISTING ministers. Training sessions are as listed below:
Wednesday, May 17 7:00 pm - Ushers and Greeters
 7:00 pm - CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
 Please attend your ministry training session. We are trying to get everyone on the same page so our liturgies run smoothly and enhance our community's liturgical experiences. Thanks!
 ~Lisa Brixius, Director of Liturgy

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆	
Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,979.77
Plate.....	226.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,205.77
Other Donations	
Votive.....	\$160.00
School Support.....	300.00
Easter.....	100.00
Altar Painting.....	100.00
Ascension.....	30.00

Parish Events			
Tu	05/16	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fr	05/19	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	05/19	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	05/21	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Maverick Arthur Eastman**, the son of Benjamin Eastman & Courtney Klaphake, to our parish. Maverick Arthur was baptized on Sunday, May 7.

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Jeff & Katie Boecker, and their children Brady & Cora to our parish.

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Dennis Heidgerken**, who passed away Thursday, May 4. His funeral was celebrated here on Tuesday, May 9.

Reminder: St. Joseph Members return all raffle tickets, sold and unsold, to the collection basket, Parish Office in Freeport, Rich Primus, or Tim Linn by May 19. Drawing is May 22.

Community Garden The garden is tilled. Rows are marked and are ready for planting. There are a few rows left. If you are interested in reserving any rows, call the Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143. Each row is spaced 5 feet apart.



Festival News Sacred Heart Festival will be on Sunday, July 16. The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am with all the festivities to follow. The theme for this year's parade is "Cartoons Through the Years." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615.

North and South Entrance Remodel has begun. The elevator will be accessible during this time. Please note that some of the entrances will be closed from time to time until the project is complete.



Chairs For Sale! We have an abundance of used folding chairs that we are selling for \$3 each while supplies last. Please call the parish office at 320-256-4207 if interested.



Cemetery Volunteer Day at St. Mary's will be Monday, May 22, at 6:00 pm. In case of bad weather, it will be Tuesday, May 23. Please bring lawn mowers, weed trimmers, leaf blowers, rakes, and brooms. We request that old flowers that are not attached to tombstones be removed by Volunteer Day.

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA
 Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
 St. Rosa, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2537

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,916.46
Plate.....	122.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,038.46

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$67.50
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◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,321.54
Plate.....	295.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,616.54

Other Donations

Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	\$25.00
Votive.....	96.00
Easter.....	200.00
Ascension.....	10.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$775.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	607.00
Children.....	4.00
Plate/Loose	149.00
Maintenance.....	5.00
Home Missions.....	10.00

Parish Events

Th 05/18 7:00 am Adoration
 Sa 05/20 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Tu 05/16 7:00 am Adoration
 Fr 05/19 7:30 pm Rosary

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, May 21 - 10:00 am

(S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg
 (L) Lisa Wuertz
 (U) Mark Schoenberg & Bob Terres
 (EM) Gary P. Lieser
 (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
 (HK: May 14 - 27) Ruth Heinen, Norma Hemmesch, & Emily Kalthoff

Summer Raffle: Raffle ticket packets are available in the back of the church for all parishioners to pick up.

Work on the New Addition and Handicap Accessibility has begun. Please prayerfully consider making a monetary contribution to this project that will be an asset to the community for years to come.

Volunteer Help Needed The St. Rose of Lima Parish Festival Committee is looking for a third couple to assist with planning and helping with this year's festival. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Mark and Bev Wiechman at 320-836-2918 or Adam and Jackie Wiechmann at 320-293-0423 or 320-250-0401.



happy birthday **Fr. Newton**
Friday, May 19

Thank You to all the volunteers who came to help clean up the cemetery and church grounds on Wednesday, May 3. It was great to see so many people working together and everyone did a fantastic job!

DATE CHANGE... Due to the Baccalaureate Mass being held on Sunday, May 21, the meeting for the parish house has been moved to Sunday, June 4 following Mass. This meeting is to share information and receive input on future plans for the parish house. All St. Michael's parishioners are invited to attend.

Baccalaureate Mass Sunday, May 21, 10:00 am. We will celebrate our graduating seniors from Spring Hill including: Paige Gruber, Devin Orbeck, Katherine Orbeck, and Paige Poepping.



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the berry anyway, he will learn the important lesson that he should have been obedient. Or if the child were to get in a fight with his brother and was angry and crying, the parent may tell him to say he's sorry and reconcile with his brother. If the child refuses, he will remain angry and crying. But if he obeys, then he and his brother will once again be able to have fun together.

On a grand scale, this is what God does for us. He is the perfect Father Who always knows what is best for us. For that reason, we must not only conform to His will, we must desire it, seek it out and desire to be obedient to the greatest degree. This is the path to Truth. It is the path to freedom. It is the path to the happiness we desire.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of obedience to the will of God and your understanding of the importance of that obedience. Do you realize that God's will is perfect? Perhaps you do intellectually, but how about practically? When you read through the Scriptures and hear Jesus' commands of love, do you seek to follow them without hesitation? For example, do you forgive those who seem undeserving? Can you say, with our Lord from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do?" Reflect upon anything this past year that was difficult for you to embrace from God. Ponder it, pray over it and seek to obey whatever He has revealed to you. Doing so will be the first step toward the fulfillment of your deepest desires in life.

Most glorious Jesus, Your will is perfect in every way. Obedience to Your will leads to the fulfillment of my life and my every desire. Please bestow the Spirit of Truth upon me so that I will always know Your will and embrace it with all my might.

Jesus, I trust in You.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Acts 16:11-15	Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tu	Acts 16:22-34	Jn 16:5-11
We	Acts 17:15,22—18:1	Jn 16:12-15
Th	Acts 18:1-8	Jn 16:16-20
Fr	Acts 18:9-18	Jn 16:20-23
Sa	Acts 18:23-28	Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday - The Ascension of the Lord		
	Acts 1:1-11	Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$944.01
Regular Adult Offering	862.00
Plate/Loose	39.00
Votives.....	3.00
Maintenance.....	5.00
School Support.....	5.01
Home Missions.....	30.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, May 20 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
 (L) Kathy Gilk
 (U) Eric Dehmer & Dan Eveslage
 (GB) Roger & Joyce Schoenberg
 (EM) Mary Opatrny
 (HK - May) *Amy Frieler, Sara Dehmer, Rita Eveslage, Amber Fleischhacker, Betty Frieler, and Linda Frieler

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.
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm in English at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto in Meire Grove.
- Thursday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English in the gathering space in the St. Rose of Lima Church.

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

For the Sick:
 Beatrice Massmann, Dorine Sunderman, Laura Hoppe, Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Shari Salina, Rachael Zink, Rita Huls, Joan Schlicht, Thomas Stangler, Jr., Jon Tufte

Banns of Matrimony:
 II Stephane Hernandez Jimenez♥German Hernandez Montanez, 5-27 Melrose

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

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


◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,442.15
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,220.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	90.00
Votives.....	36.90
School Support.....	55.00
Church Lighting.....	40.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, May 21 - 8:00 am


(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
 (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Tim Meyer & Jeron Nathe
 (GB) Nicholas & Kate Kelzer
 (EM) Dan Meyer & Char Meyer
 (HK - May) *Brenda Nathe, Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, and Virginia Meyer

Corpus Christi Mass and Procession
 Sunday, June 11 at 8:00 am.
 Root beer floats in the Meire Grove Community Park following the conclusion of the Procession. All are invited.



Building Project St. John's Leadership Council would like to outline an upcoming building project this spring/summer to ensure the upkeep of our beautiful church. The north upper and lower roofs of the church will be re-shingled (the south upper and lower, sanctuary, and sacristy roofs have all been previously re-shingled in prior years). The shingles on the steeple will be replaced with steel, and the cross on the steeple will be re-painted. All of the rain gutters and downspouts on the church will be replaced. While we do not feel there is a need to initiate a capital campaign to raise funds for this project, donations to provide financial support for this project would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate "Roof/Steeple Maintenance" on your donation. Thank you.


Mary is the Queen of May and we, in Meire Grove, will be continuing our tradition of praying the rosary each Wednesday evening, in the month of May, at our Lady of Lourdes grotto. (Located on the south side of church.) The rosary begins at 7:00 pm. Chairs will be provided. In case of inclement weather, we will pray the rosary inside of church. Everyone from all parishes are invited to join us!



HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- **Todos los grados:** si se perdió la inscripción el 26 de abril, imprima un formulario de inscripción del sitio web One in Faith o pase y obtenga uno en la oficina parroquial, y devuélvalo antes del lunes 15 de mayo. Ahorramos dinero si podemos pedir materiales ahora, en primavera, en lugar de en otoño!
- **Grado 12 - Misa de Bachillerato** en St. Mary's - Domingo 21 de mayo, 11:00 am. Recepción a seguir.
- **Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC para información juvenil.**

 **El próximo Domingo** 21 de Mayo, en la iglesia de Santa María se llevará a cabo la misa de Bachillerato para los estudiantes de último grado de la escuela secundaria de nuestra parroquia. Esta misa bilingüe será a las 11 AM. Tenga en cuenta que no habrá misa a las 10 AM, ni misa a las 12:30 PM ese día.


¡Es momento de entrenar! Tendremos entrenamiento para los nuevos y los ya existentes ministros. Las sesiones de entrenamiento están enlistadas a continuación.

Miércoles 17 de Mayo
 7:00 pm - Ujieres y Saludadores
 7:00 pm - CLOW (Liturgia infantil de la Palabra)

Pequeña Cena de Apreciación
 ¿Formas parte de algún comité o de algún ministerio de liturgia en la iglesia de Santa Maria? si es así, ¡te damos las gracias! Nuestra parroquia está muy bendecida con tu participación comprometida. Queremos agradecer a todas y cada una de las personas que forman parte de los ministerios y comités de nuestra parroquia. Invitamos a cualquier feligrés de nuestra parroquia que ofrece un ministerio en la iglesia de Santa Maria a una pequeña cena de agradecimiento, la cual será ofrecida en el área de congregaciones al entrar la iglesia. Únete a nosotros a una de las dos cenas - 10 de Mayo de 6:00 pm a 8:00 pm o 17 de Mayo de 6:00 pm a 8:00 pm. Ven a disfrutar de una pequeña cena mientras platicas con tus conocidos antes de nuestras sesiones de entrenamiento ministeriales. ¡Esperamos verte ahí!

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

Rosario y Oración con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los últimos tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

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

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** Registration packets were mailed out. If you have not received your packet, contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport, 320-836-2143. You can drop off forms and payment at the Tri-Parish Office or mail to PO Box 155, Freeport, MN 56331.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Big Thanks** to all who helped with road ditch cleanup last week on our OIF highway section just East of Meire Grove. Your attendance and efforts were greatly appreciated.
- **All grades:** If you missed registration on April 26, please print a registration form from the One in Faith (4 parishes) website or stop by and get one at the parish office, and return before Monday, May 15. We save money if we can order materials now, in Spring, rather than in Fall!

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- **Kickball & Cookout for Grades 6-12** Wednesday, May 31 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Grounds. Join us for kickball, a meal together, and fellowship. Permission forms are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website.

- **Vocation Camp for Young Men June 20-22, 2023** 9:00-9:30 am check in. Young men in grades 7-10 are invited. This camp is at the beautiful Mead family residence on the lake with swimming, fishing, skits, campfire prayer, Mass, Adoration, vocation stories, and more. Cost: \$40. Camp families are welcome to join for Mass on Thursday, June 22 at 11:00 am with a potluck lunch to follow. Questions, please contact Julie Jacobs at jjacobs@gw.stedio.org or call 320-251-5001. Deadline: Thursday, June 1. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023VocationCamp>.



- **MN Twins and Feed My Starving Children Trip** will be on Thursday, June 22. We will package food in the morning and head to Target Field for a Minnesota Twins game vs. Boston Red Sox. Pick up will be in Freeport at 7:00 am and return around 5:00 pm. Sign up forms are available on the bulletin boards in all 7 parishes of the ACC and on the parish websites. Deadline for sign up is Monday, May 22.

- **5th Annual Nun Run June 27-29, 2023** Fr. Doug would like to invite young women (ages 16-22) who are interested in religious life to join the "2023 Nun Run." Cost: \$25. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023NunRun>. If you have any questions, please contact the Vocations Office at 320-251-5001.

- **Valleyfair and Feed My Starving Children Trip** will be on Monday, July 10. We head to Valleyfair for the morning and will package food in the afternoon. Pick up will be in Freeport at 8:15 am and return around 8:15 pm. Sign up forms are available on the bulletin boards in



all 7 parishes of the ACC and on the parish websites. Deadline for sign up is Friday, June 23.

- **3G Girls, God, & Good Times Catholic Benedictine Camp** July 17-19, 2023 Girls in grades 6-12 are invited to meet other girls who love God and love to have fun! Counselors are all College of Saint Benedict students who volunteer their time and come back year after year. Cost: \$280. Questions, please contact Sister Laura Suhr, camp director at 320-363-7100 or 3gcamp@csbsju.edu. Deadline to sign up is Thursday, June 29.

- **Paschal Challenge August 19, 2023** at the Church of St. Paul, Sauk Centre, MN. Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross, and His Resurrection in a **WHOLE** new way! Led by Fr. Greg Paffel, Fr. Doug Liebsch, & Seminarians – 8:30-9:00 am registration. Families are welcome to attend closing Mass at 5:00 pm with a meal to follow. Cost: free.

- **Youth in Theology & Ministry (YTM) June 16-21** Students who have completed Grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend. YTM is a 9-



day institute where young people are encouraged to think theologically, learn more about their faith and vocation, all while enjoying the beauty of Saint John's University campus in Collegeville, MN. More than ever, young people need a place where they can ask questions, learn more about themselves, and be a part of a beloved community. The full cost is \$650 per student, \$50 due upon registration. However, there are some scholarship funds available. If cost is the only deterrent, contact us today to talk about scholarship opportunities! For more information or to register visit, <https://mailchi.mp/12645cff3fd3/send-your-highschoolers-to-ytm-this-june?e=fff1681c2b>.

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♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, May 17 will be planned by Ms. Blashack, Mrs. Berg, and the 1st & 2nd grade students.

♥**Pre-School Promotion (3-4 year olds) and Graduation (4-5 year olds)** will take place on Thursday, May 18 at 10:00 am in the school auditorium.

Looking Ahead:

♥**Freeport State Bank** has scheduled a field trip to the Minnesota Zoo for Sacred Heart School K-6 students on Wednesday, May 23. We appreciate Jim Hemker and the Freeport State Bank for providing this opportunity for us.

♥**6th Grade Graduation & Last Day of School** for SHS students will be on Friday, May 26.



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♦**We will Celebrate the 2nd Graders** at SMS receiving their First Holy Communion at the May 19, 8:30 am school Mass.

♦**St. Mary's Sixth-grade Promotion** will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00 pm. A reception sponsored by the Christian Women will follow the Mass.

♦**There are Still Openings** for prospective 2023-2024 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested call 320-256-4257 or email anelson@smsmn.org.

♦**Thank You** for your continued support of the SMS\$4Kids program. The last day to order this school year will be Sunday, June 4. Orders can be picked up at the school on Friday, June 9. We will start selling scrip again at church in September.

♦**Thank You** for the generous donations coming in for replacing all 16 heating units in the school. The total cost of the project is \$300,000. The Church and School will contribute \$75,000 each from their budgets and are looking to raise another \$150,000. We have raised \$16,711.



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♦**SJSA School Board Meets** Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

♦**SJSA 5th and 6th Graders** will visit the Minnesota State Capitol and Ft. Snelling on Friday, May 19th as part of their Minnesota History Curriculum.

♦**Harry's Pizza Sale Pick-up** is Saturday, May 20 from 9:00-10:00 am in the school basement.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

05/07 \$25 Roger & Carol Engle - West Union
 05/08 \$25 Mike & Andria Beste - Melrose
 05/09 \$25 Sianna Mayers - Freeport
 05/10 \$25 Keith Eisenschenk - Sartell
 05/11 \$25 Dave Wiechman - Freeport
 05/12 \$25 Cindy Heinen - New Munich
 05/13 \$25 Mary Hoeschen - Freeport

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

Melrose Community Garden if you are interested in reserving a plot, please call Mary at 320-217-3030.
May 17, Wednesday

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

May 18, Thursday

♦**Freeport Senior Citizens meeting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

♦**Pillow Cleaning** sponsored by SJSA School from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Melrose City Park large shelter.

May 19-20, Friday-Saturday

♦**Auxiliary Poppies** American Legion Auxiliary of Melrose will be distributing poppies in Melrose and Freeport. All donations are donated to veterans.

May 21, Sunday

♦**"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.

May 23, Tuesday

♦**Bologna Daze** at Bucky's Bar serving from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Music by Donny Brang & Marcie Welle. \$10 all you can eat bologna, potato wedges, sauerkraut, baked beans, homemade bread and dessert.

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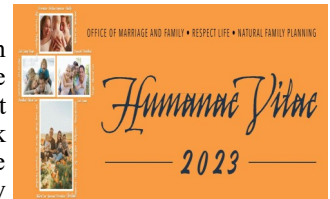


Retrouvaille Weekend This event will be held at Best Western Hotel, Eagan, MN June 2-4. Thinking about separation or divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. Contact TCRRegistration@tcr-mn.org with questions. Find out more information and register at <http://www.helpourmarriage.org>.

Limited Space Available: Join Fr. Dan and LaVerne's Travel this June as they travel to Milwaukee on a Pilgrimage Tour. You will visit Holy Hill, Basilica of St. Joseph, St. Joan of Arc Chapel, Rudolph Grotto and Gardens, and the Mitchell Park Domes. June 20-22, cost is \$439 per person double occupancy. Call LaVerne's Travel for more details and questions: 320-237-4856 or 320-237-4855.

2023 Humanae Vitae Mass And Award Presentation

July 25 will mark the 55th Anniversary of Humanae vitae! In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae vitae Mass & Award Presentation on Thursday, July 27 at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud at 7:00 pm with Bishop Patrick Neary. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae vitae. For more information contact Sheila Reineke, sreineke@gw.stcdio.org or 320-252-4721 ext. 308 or visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/humanae-vitae-award-nominations-2023/>.



A Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tenderhearted love. I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!

— Author Unknown

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