



# 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

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 27, 2025**

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

**Melrose - Spring Hill -  
Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

**Hours:** Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

## **Bulletin Announcements**

**Deadline:** Tuesday before 9:00 am

**Email information to:** bulletin@catholic-centered.org

## **Confession Times**

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

## **Marriage**

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

\*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

## **Baptism & OCIA**

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

## **Anointing of the Sick** **Homebound 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.



# LEARNING TO PRAY

**Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”**

Luke 11:1

In today's Gospel we are given three teachings on prayer. First, Jesus teaches His disciples what has come to be called “The Lord's Prayer.” Second, He teaches about the importance of persistence in prayer. Third, He teaches about the fruit that comes from correct and persistent prayer.

The Church Father Tertullian said that The Lord's Prayer “is truly the summary of the whole Gospel.” Saint Augustine said, “Run through all the words of the holy prayers [in Scripture], and I do not think that you will find anything in them that is not contained and included in the Lord's Prayer.” Saint Thomas Aquinas said, “The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired” (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2761–2763).

It's amazing to consider what these great teachers of the faith have said about this short prayer. Perhaps because of our familiarity with this prayer we can easily gloss over the depth of its meaning. We can fail to use it as a foundation and model for all of our prayer. One way to correct this tendency is to use The Lord's Prayer for an extended period of time by prayerfully pondering every word slowly and meditatively. Doing so will help open us up to these perfect “instructions” on how we should pray.

Immediately after Jesus taught this short prayer, He taught a lesson about persistence in prayer. He taught that we must not simply say a few prayers and leave it at that, giving up if they do not appear to be answered. Instead, we must continuously beg God for His grace until it is bestowed in its fullness.

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## ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JULY 28 - AUGUST 3

## ADORATION

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Sergio Hernandez Chavez  
 Tu 7:30 am Living & †Deceased Members of  
 Norbert & Eleanor Schwieters Family  
 We 7:30 am †Charlie Gebeke  
 Th 7:30 am †Virginia Tise  
 \*Fr 7:30 am †Rosie Osendorf  
 Sa 5:00 pm †Franklin Litchy  
 \*Su 9:00 am †John Rose  
 Su 11:30 am **Misa en Español**  
 Por el Pueblo

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

We 8:15 am †Magnus Braun  
 Fr 8:15 am Wilfred "Sonny" Humbert Family  
 Sa 8:00 am **First Saturday Mass**  
 Clarence Hiltner Family  
 Su 8:00 am For the People

\*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit: [oneinfaith.org](https://oneinfaith.org) for the YouTube link.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am †Norb & †Marilyn Schaefer  
 Sa 4:00 pm †Sherry Rausch

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

Tu 8:15 am †Anthony Rolfes  
 Su 10:00 am †Elmer Gangl

**ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 8:00 am †Joseph "Joe" Seifermann  
 Su 10:00 am †Adrian Nohner  
 †Allan Hess

**ST. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am †Karlyann Boecker  
 Sa 7:30 pm **Barley Days Mass**  
 †Marilyn Lieser

**ST. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †Deceased Relatives of  
 Elmer & Virginia Meyer  
 Su 8:00 am †Joyce Yarke

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

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

**Immaculate Conception - New Munich**

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

**St. Mary - Melrose**

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

**Sacred Heart - Freeport**

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



## ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

**One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...**

•**Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry (DFFYM)** Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima is seeking a PT/FT DFFYM. Individuals interested in this position are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to [ahoeschen@catholic-centered.org](mailto:ahoeschen@catholic-centered.org). For more information, please contact Amy Hoeschen PO Box 155, Freeport, MN 56331 or call 320-836-2143.

•**Hiring After Care Assistants** Do you enjoy working with school-age children? Sacred Heart School is hiring part-time Assistants for the After Care Program this fall. Hours would be 3:00 - 5:30 pm. Call the school office at 320-836-2591 for application information.

•**Hiring a Long-Term Substitute at Sacred Heart School** for the 2025/2026 school year. This position would cover from the end of September through December. Please contact the school office at 320-836-2591 or [admin@shsfreeport.org](mailto:admin@shsfreeport.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

**Adore @ George** Outdoor Adoration at Lake George with Fr. Derek Wiechmann Tuesday, August 26. Schedule: 3:00 pm start with Exposition, Reading and Homily, Divine Mercy Chaplet. 4:00 pm Silent Prayer, Prayer Teams, Confession available. 6:00 pm Praise and Worship. 7:15 pm Benediction and Closing Prayer. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and a bottle of water. Unless there is lightening, the event will happen rain or shine at Lake George 1101—7th Street S., St. Cloud. Located at the south end of the lake. *"It is true that going out on to the street implies the risk of accidents happening, as they would to any ordinary man or woman. But if the church stays wrapped up in itself, it will age. And if I had to choose between a wounded church that goes out on the streets and a sick, withdrawn church, I would definitely choose the first one."* Pope Francis, 2012



**Holy Family Mini-Fest 2025**, Little Falls, August 15 - 17. Reconnect with God. Be supported in your faith. Have fun as a family. Come experience the beauty and wonder of God alongside fellow Catholics at the historical Holy Family Church and Belle Prairie Park along the Mississippi River. For more information contact [hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org](mailto:hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org) or Cindy Loidolt at 320-639-1210.

**Parish News:**

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

•**Children's Liturgy of the Word** With the school year right around the corner, we are looking for help with Children's Liturgy of the Word in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa during weekend Masses. If you like working with children and sharing your faith with them, this could be the ministry for you. We need to have one confirmed member and one youth present during Children's Liturgy of the Word. If a Mass time in one of the parishes is better for you, you are more than welcome to help in that parish. If we do not have volunteers to carry out this ministry, it will not be available to your young people. Please contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

•**Photo Directory** – Many thanks to all the families that participated in a photo session for our Tri-Parish Directory. If you were unable to participate in a photo session, you may still submit a family photo so that you and your family will be included in the updated directory. Please email your photo to [Triparish@albanytel.com](mailto:Triparish@albanytel.com) by Monday, August 4.

**Volunteer Help Needed:** Deliver Meals on Wheels in Melrose two Mondays and two Tuesdays each month. Contact Catholic Charities Senior Dining at 320-845-4070 for more information.

**Christ the King Retreat Center** in Buffalo holds retreats throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com).



•Men's & Women's Silent Weekend Retreat - August 1-3 "Being Disciples of Jesus in Charity, Justice, and Prophecy - Why Being Good-Heart if not Enough" Presented by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI  
 •Men's & Women's Retreat - August 8-10 "A Weekend Away"  
 •Men's & Women's Silent Weekend Retreat - August 22-24 "Fingers Crossed" Presented by Fr. Charlie Lachowitzer



**CHURCH OF ST. MARY**

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$12,574.90</b>
Regular Adult Offering .....	10,431.90
Plate/Loose .....	1,372.00
Designated Funds .....	771.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

07-20	\$25	Mike & Sara Decker, Melrose
07-21	\$25	Allison Krynski, Hastings
07-22	\$25	Craig & Amanda Maus, Melrose
07-23	\$25	Olive Reynolds, Minneapolis
07-24	\$25	Julie Presswood, Baytown TX
07-25	\$50	Ron & Cindy Middendorf, Melrose
07-26	\$25	Michael Thell, St. Joseph

***Baptized in Christ...***

♥Eloise Adeola Lou Orekan

**LEARNING TO PRAY**

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What will we receive from persistent prayer? This is an important point. We ought not go to God with our own wants and desires. We ought not beg Him for things that do not fall within His perfect will. Instead, when our prayer is modeled on the Lord's Prayer, and when it

is persistent and grounded in faith, then our prayer will be for what the Father bestows upon us, that is His will alone. We must pray that His Kingdom will come. We must trust that He will provide for our needs. We must seek His forgiveness for our sins, and we must pray that He will protect us from the evil one.

Reflect, today, upon that perfect prayer, The Lord's Prayer. Spend time studying it, thinking about each petition, the order in which Jesus laid it out, its simplicity and its clarity. Acknowledge that because we pray The Lord's Prayer so often, we can sometimes miss its true meaning and beauty. Our Lord gave us this prayer for a reason. Make sure that you do all you can to discover its meaning and practice its teaching.

***Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.***  
***Jesus, I trust in You.***

*mycatholic.life*

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$10,316.34</b>
Regular Adult Offering .....	8,821.54
Plate .....	1,204.80
Votive .....	190.00
School Support .....	100.00

**Parish Events**

We	07/30	6:30 pm	Book Study
Fr	08/01	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/01	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	08/02	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass



**Thank You** We had a wonderful turnout for this year's festival! Thank you to everyone who contributed. The participation of our parishioners plays a vital role in the success of this event. We will post the profits in the coming weeks.

**Raffle Winners** The list of raffle winners can be found on the Tri-Parish website and Facebook page, the Sacred Heart Parish Festival Facebook Page, or by contacting the Parish Office in Freeport. Thank you to all who donated toward the raffle and purchased tickets.



**Thank You** so much for helping us to embroider dish towels. We had a beautiful collection and you did a beautiful job with picking out colors and stitches. We would also like to thank the people that donate material. It gets put to good use. If anybody would like to cut out blocks and sew blocks together let us know. Most places we donate to want lap throws or twin size blankets. God Bless all of the willing hands to help.  
~The Freeport Quilters

**Public Rosary...**

**We have much to pray for and even more to be thankful for.**  
***All are invited and welcome!***

- Sundays at 7:30 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Tuesdays at 7:00 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.



**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

## ◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,126.63
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,422.33
Plate .....	297.00
Votive .....	94.80
School Support .....	75.00
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50
Texas Flood Relief .....	200.00

**Parish Events**

We 07/30 6:30 pm Book Study - FR  
Sa 08/02 3:30 pm Individual Confessions



**God's Housekeepers** for the month of August: \*Diane Lemm, Stacy Zierden, Carol Thelen, DeAnna Massmann, Lori Mayers, and Linda Schmiesing. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

## ◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$1,947.46
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,168.46
Plate .....	263.00
Votive .....	16.00
School Support .....	500.00

**Parish Events**

We 07/30 6:30 pm Book Study - FR  
Fr 08/01 7:30 pm Rosary

**Festival News:**

- Parishioner Parish Festival envelopes/tickets** are available to pick up in the gathering space of the church.
- Please review the work schedule** and if you are unable to work your shift, please assist with finding a replacement.
- Albany Bakery** is willing to make cakes and deliver them on Saturday prior to the festival if a parishioner prefers & orders. Please call them to order.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

## ◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,804.16
Regular Adult Offering.....	471.00
Plate/Loose .....	45.00
Maintenance Fund .....	50.00
City of Spring Hill .....	813.16
Flood Relief .....	25.00
Living the Promise Grant .....	400.00

**Liturgical Ministries****Sunday, August 3 - 10:00 am**

(S) Stella & Jameson Schoenberg  
(L) Pete LeClaire  
(U) Pat Bertram & Randy Bertram  
(EM) (B) Adam Kalthoff  
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
(Sacristan) Kathy Welle  
(RL) Marilyn Gruber  
(CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher  
(HK: July 27 - August 9) Sue Meyer (David), Sue Meyer (Roger), & Mary Miller

## One in Faith ACC Is Invited to Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### ◆ Outdoor Mass with Bishop Neary Friday, August 15 at 7:30 pm at St. Michael's Parish in Spring Hill.

In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held in church.

Poor Clares collection will be taken.

Bring your own chair.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

**Everyone is welcome! Please bring a friend!**

**Parish Census** If you have not already done so, please complete the parish registration form you received in the mail and return it to the parish office by Thursday, July 31. If you did not receive a letter and want to be registered at St. Michael's, please call the parish office at 320-256-4207.

**St. Michael's Christian Women** will have their yearly meeting Tuesday, July 29. There will be a Mass at 7:30 pm followed by lunch and meeting at Extra Innings! There will be no morning Mass that day! Hope to see you all there!

**EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)** St. Michael's now has the option for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)! If you are interested in signing up to handle your contributions to the church in this way, please pick up a form at the church, check the parish website ([oneinfaith.org/stmichaels](http://oneinfaith.org/stmichaels)), or stop in the parish office. The first transaction is scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2025. Please have signed forms to the office by Monday, August 11.

**Prayer Requests...**

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

**Banns of Matrimony:**

II Kristie Revering♥Michael Terres, 8-9 FR

III Adelaida Martinez Tapia♥Jose Antonio Valencia Hernandez, 8-2 M

**For the Sick:** Tillie Bueckers, Jeanette "Jeanie" Hoppe, Kathy Elfering, Sandy Welle, Joyce Hauser, Dorothy Schneider, Michelle Russel, Lori Austing

**Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

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



## One In Faith ACC Communication

At our recent Listening Sessions, attended by less than 5% of parishioners, we appreciated the thoughtful participation of those present. Several parishioners expressed interest in seeing statistical data and we're happy to provide the following information to help answer many of those questions.

Parish	Number of Households	Baptized Catholics
Melrose	1031	2358
Freeport	397	1071
New Munich	283	627
St. Rose	215	516
Meire Grove	127	201
Greenwald	134	269
Spring Hill	183	341
	2370	5383

	Melrose Cluster	Freeport Cluster
Households:	1475	895
Baptized Catholics:	3169	2214

Watch for more follow up information from the listening sessions soon.



Parish:	Seating Capacity per measurements 7/2025	2024 Average Mass Attendance/ Number of Masses	2024 % of Church Capacity at Masses
Melrose	700	729/3	34.70%
Freeport	607	410/1	67.50%
New Munich	496	283/1	57.00%
St. Rosa	229	199/1	86.90%
Meire Grove	425	142/1	33.40%
Greenwald	297	69/1	23.20%
Spring Hill	415	108/1	26.00%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>3169</b>	<b>1940/9</b>	<b>47%</b>

### Melrose Cluster:

1048 avg. attendees/6 Masses per weekend

### Freeport Cluster:

892 avg. attendees/3 Masses per weekend

total percentage/7

We continue to ask for your prayers for the parishioners of the One In Faith community, ACC All Things New planning committee, parish staff, diocesan All Things New planning team, and Bishop Neary as we move forward.



**CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW**

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

## ◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$880.00</b>
Regular Adult Offering .....	400.00
Plate/Loose .....	40.00
Votives .....	40.00
Living the Promise Grant .....	400.00

**Liturgical Ministries****Barley Days Mass****Saturday, August 2 - 7:30 pm**

(S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan  
(L) Isaiah Gilk  
(U) Pat Keller & Herman Lensing  
(GB) Dale & Kris Winter  
(EM) (B) Mike Barten, Clarine Beier,  
Herman Lensing, Mary Opartny,  
& Kris Winter  
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
(HK - August) \*Trista Roelike, Joyce Schoenber,  
Sharon Schwieters & Margaret Silbernack



**Mass Time Change:**  
With Greenwald Barley Days being held August 2-3 we will have a Mass time change next weekend. There will be **NO** 4:00 pm Mass, but there **WILL** be a 7:30 pm Mass.

**The Scriptures This Week****Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I**

<b>Mo Weekday</b>	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34	Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tu Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (Memorial)</b>	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28	Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>We Weekday (Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)</b>	Ex 34:29-35	Mt 13:44-46
<b>Th Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (Memorial)</b>	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38	Mt 13:47-53
<b>Fr Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)</b>	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37	Mt 13:54-58
<b>Sa Weekday (Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; BVM)</b>	Lv 25:1, 8-17	Mt 14:1-12
<b>Next Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23	Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

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

## ◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,018.50</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,235.00
Children .....	0.50
Plate/Loose .....	282.00
Votives.....	41.00
Steeple Lighting .....	60.00
Living the Promise Grant .....	400.00

**Liturgical Ministries****Sunday, August 3 - 8:00 am**

(S) Faith Meyer & Mya Nathe  
(L) Missy Illies  
(U) Jeron Nathe & Andrew Primus  
(GB) John & GERALYN Primus  
(EM) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam  
(HK - August) \*Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetner, & Irene Marthaler

**EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)**  
St. John's now has the option for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)! If you are interested in signing up to handle your contributions to the church in this way, please pick up a form at the church, check the parish website ([oneinfaith.org/stjohns](http://oneinfaith.org/stjohns)), or stop in the parish office. The first transaction is scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2025. Please have signed forms to the office by Monday, August 11.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

**¡Necesitamos servidores!** Los invitamos a que se unan a cualquier ministerio parroquial para ofrecer su tiempo y talento al Señor y a su Iglesia. Los ministerios en los que ustedes pueden servir son: ministros extraordinario de la comunión, lectores, sacristanes y monaguillos. Si están interesados hablen con cualquier diácono o llamen a la oficina parroquial para más información.

**Padrinos de Bautismo:** a todos los padres de Familia que desean bautizar a sus hijos, les recordamos que los padrinos de bautismo deberán ser católicos confirmados y practicantes. Esto significa que deben ser mayor de 16 años, deben estar confirmados, asistir frecuentemente a Misa, si están casados deben estar casados por la Iglesia y si son solteros deben ser solteros no separados. Para más información hable con el diácono Jesus Hernandez o hable a la oficina parroquial.



**Quinceañeras:** el Padre Mitchell Bechtold ha decidido que las bendiciones al cumplir los XV años se realizarán solo por los Diáconos. No se realizará la celebración de la Santa Misa simplemente se celebrará la liturgia de la palabra y la bendición. Este tipo de celebraciones no tendrán ningún costo, simplemente una donación voluntaria para el Diácono. Si tiene preguntas hable con los diáconos o llame a la oficina parroquial.



**Orden de iniciación cristiana para adultos:** se invita a todas las personas que no han recibido ningún sacramento de iniciación (bautismo, confirmación y primera comunión) o personas que deseen convertirse en Católicos a que hablen con el diácono Jorge Carrillo para pedir información sobre el programa y comenzar a planear sus preparacion.





## FAITH FORMATION

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

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

•**Grade 10: NET Retreat 2025-2026** 10th graders save the date of Saturday, September 20 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm for the required NET Retreat. This retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception in New Munich.

•**Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, your packet was mailed to you. If you didn't receive it, contact the parish office. Please turn in all registration forms and fees for 2025/2026 as soon as possible. You can drop them off at the Parish Office in Freeport or mail to PO Box 155, Freeport.



Faith Formation  
Registration

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

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

•**Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026:** If you haven't already registered your child(ren) for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year, registration forms may be picked up and dropped off at the St. Mary's Church Office or found online at [www.oneinfaith.org](http://www.oneinfaith.org). The registration form is for First Communion preparation classes, Confirmation preparation classes, and regular Faith Formation classes. Thank you!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



**PASTOR:** Fr. Dan Walz  
**PRINCIPAL:** Kristie Harren  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**  
Amy Van Beck  
**SHS BOARD:**  
Myranda Beuning, Bethanie Ettle,  
Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle,  
Lindsay Frieler, and Chris Klaphake

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♥**We are looking for some short-term help** in the SHS kitchen for the month of September as one of the cooks will be out recovering from a surgery. Please contact the school if you are able to help out for one month in our kitchen.

♥**We are also looking to hire a long-term sub** for the 25/26 school year. This position would cover from the end of September through December. Please contact the school office at 320-836-2591 or [admin@shsfreeport.org](mailto:admin@shsfreeport.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

♥**The SHS Office Will be Open Periodically** throughout the summer. You can stop in, email [avanbeck@shsfreeport.org](mailto:avanbeck@shsfreeport.org) or call if you need anything.

♥**Wishing** you all a fun and safe summer break!

♦**We are grateful** for the annual financial support we receive from the Diocese, which enables us to continue our mission of bringing to light the teachings of Jesus. We recently received \$4,400, made possible through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your commitment to the annual appeal.

♦**If you need to contact the school** over the summer, email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org) or call 320-256-4257 and leave a message.

♦**There are Still Openings** for prospective 2025-2026 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call 320-256-4257 or email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org).

♦**SJSA received a check** for \$132.75 in June for aluminum can recycling. The recycling trailer is in the south parking lot of St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Thank you for recycling with SJSA.

♦**Barley Days** If you have items to donate for the games or goodies for the cake walk, please drop them off at the school Saturday, August 2 or the morning of Sunday, August 3. Any questions, call the school at 320-987-3133 or email Kristen at [sjsakristenu@gmail.com](mailto:sjsakristenu@gmail.com).

♦**Summer Office Hours Will Vary** please call 320-987-3133 and leave a message or email Mary at [sjsamarym@gmail.com](mailto:sjsamarym@gmail.com) or Kristen at [sjsakristenu@gmail.com](mailto:sjsakristenu@gmail.com) with any school related business.

### Sacred Heart School

#### Calendar Raffle Winners!



07/20	\$25	Zackry Einerwold - Andover
07/21	\$25	Jim Peterson - Sauk Centre
07/22	\$25	Chuck Wolf - Long Prairie
07/23	\$25	Elmer & Julianne Boecker - New Munich
07/24	\$25	Bethany Worms - Albany
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**Poor Clares Benefit** On Saturday, August 23, there will be a Poor Clares Benefit from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the home of Pat Borgmann, 321 Morning View Lane in Sauk Centre, MN. The Poor Clares Monastery is located in Sauk Rapids. These sisters live a cloistered life dedicated to God through sacrifice and prayer. If you have any prayer requests, please be assured that they will be passed on to them. Donations to the Poor Clares are also welcome. Refreshments and rolls will be served. For more info/questions email: [jkohorst33@gmail.com](mailto:jkohorst33@gmail.com) or call: 320-766-1061.

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

#### July 27, Sunday

♦ St. Rita Parish Bazaar in Hillman Mass at 10:30 am followed by games, food, and entertainment. Auction at 2:30 pm and Grand raffle at 5:00 pm.

#### July 29, Tuesday

♦ Bologna Daze at Elrosa Bar & Lounge serving from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Music by local musicians. \$11 all you can eat. Sponsored by: Elrosa Senior Citizens. Last Tuesday of the month through September.

#### August 2, Saturday

♦ CORNFEST at St. James Parish - Jacobs Prairie. Serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Activities: silent auction, quilt auction at 5:30 pm, and cash raffle at 8:00 pm.

#### August 2 & 3, Saturday & Sunday

♦ Greenwald Barley Days Saturday will begin with a polka Mass at 7:30 pm with a band and festivities to follow. Sunday will begin with a parade at 11:00 am with all the other festivities to follow. The theme for the parade is "The Excitement, Wonder and Amusement of a Carnival." If interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Linda Heinze at 320-333-3823.

#### August 6, Wednesday

♦ Night to Unite at Sauk River Park in Melrose from 3:00 - 8:00 pm. Jerry Bierschbach from 4:00 - 7:00 pm and Mexican Folkloric Dance from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

#### August 8, Friday

♦ Catholic Financial Picnic St. Andrews Catholic Financial is going to have a summer picnic at the Lions Shelter at 5:00 pm. Food will be provided by the council.

#### August 9, Saturday

♦ BoniFest Saint Boniface Parish Festival at Saint Boniface Parish - Cold Spring. The evening will begin with a Polka Mass with the Jolly Ramblers at 5:00 pm. Followed by food, kids games, inflatables (weather permitting), and live music by the Jolly Ramblers and the Fabulous Armadillos. Fireworks display at dusk (weather permitting.)

#### August 10, Sunday

♦ BoniFest Saint Boniface Parish Festival at Saint Boniface Parish - Cold Spring. The day will begin with a parade at 10:00 am followed by food, kids games, inflatables (weather permitting), bean bag tournament, live music by the BLT Band, quilt auction, general raffle, and a car raffle to end the day at 4:15 pm.

#### August 12, Tuesday

♦ American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Freeport Lions Club at the Freeport Community Center from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Give the precious gift of life. Appointments are needed. We are always in need of people with type "O" blood. Schedule your appointment online at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or call Janet Butkowski at 320-836-2837 or 320-282-2904.

### 76th Annual

## BARLEY DAYS

Greenwald, MN

**AUGUST 2 & 3, 2025**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2**

**7:30 PM ~ POLKA MASS**

With JERRY & JOYCE BAND

**8:30 PM - MIDNIGHT ~ HAMBURGER STAND OPEN**

**9:00 PM - 1:00 AM ~ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

BY 32 BELOW

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3**

**11:00 AM - PARADE**

THEME

"THE EXCITEMENT, WONDER & AMUSEMENT OF A CARNIVAL"

Call Linda Heinze at 320-333-3823 if you are interested in entering a float.

Greenwald Bucks for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th place call 320-987-3734 or 320-987-2821 for information.

**11:30 AM ~ FOOD & GAMES**

HAMBURGERS, CAKEWALK, FRIED BREAD, TACOS,  
KID'S KORNER, PLINKO, RAFFLE, STRAW GAME, ETC.

**12:00 - 4:00 PM ~ CRYSTAL BREEZE**

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**1:00 PM ~ 21ST ANNUAL BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT**

SIGN UP AT THE GROUNDS ~ BRING A PARTNER!

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**ST. ANDREW CHURCH CASH RAFFLE**

GRAND PRIZE \$3,000 CASH!

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**CASH BINGO**

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