



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

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

November 2, 2025

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

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

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

Marriage

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

*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & 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.



COMMEMORATING ALL SOULS

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." John 6:40

Yesterday's Solemnity of All Saints gave us an opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that there are countless people who have gone before us who are now enjoying the glories of Heaven. These faithful souls lived lives that were grounded in God's grace and have been fully purified of all sin. They now gaze at our good God face-to-face.

Today, we commemorate the fact that many who die in a state of grace are not immediately ready to stand before the glorious throne of God and see Him face-to-face. The only way this is possible is if every sin and every attachment to sin is purged from our souls. We must have nothing but pure charity alive within us if we are to enter the eternal glories of Heaven. But how many people die in such a state?

The Church, in her wisdom and holiness, has taught clearly through the centuries that when a person passes from this world to the next while still attached to less serious sin, they need to be fully purified in order to enter Heaven. This is Purgatory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (#1030-31a).

For some, Purgatory can be a frightening and even confusing thought. Why doesn't God, in His infinite mercy, simply take all our loved ones who followed Him straight to Heaven? The answer is simple. He does! And the path for them to Heaven is this incredible mercy of their final purification.

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Monseñor Francisco Moreno Barron
Tu	8:00 am	†Deceased & Living Members of the Helen & Frank Gruber & Leo & Bernetta Heinen Families
We	8:00 am	†Jeanette Kalisch
Th	8:00 am	†Beatrice Rademacher
*Fr	8:30 am	†Albin & †JoAnn Zenzen
Sa	5:00 pm	†Frank Maleska
*Su	9:00 am	†Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
Su	11:30 am	Misa en Español Por el Pueblo

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	SH School Mass †Werner Ostendorf
Fr	8:15 am	Jessica Goebel
Su	8:00 am	For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	†Kathleen "Kathy" Wolbeck Anniv.
Sa	4:00 pm	†Werner Ostendorf

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Boni Stoermann
Su	10:00 am	†Ray Hoppe

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Daniel Schwieters
Su	10:00 am	†Mary Ann Fleischhacker

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	SJSA School Mass †Sister Suanne Slominski, OSB
Sa	4:00 pm	†David Walz

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Maureen Luetmer
Su	8:00 am	†Raphael & †Dolores Imdieke

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



*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 ~

•**Fill the Truck** was a wonderful success across all our parishes this past weekend! A total of 465 pounds of food and \$1,131 were delivered to the Melrose Food Shelf on Monday morning. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped spread the word, and assisted with transporting items. What a beautiful example of our community coming together to support our neighbors in need!

Known By God A Retreat for Mothers Grieving the Loss of an Unborn Child All mothers grieving the loss of an unborn child due to stillbirth or miscarriage are invited to attend our Known By God unborn child loss retreat. Participants will receive large group talks on prayer and grief, small group sharing time, lunch, personal prayer time, shared resources, and more. Saturday, November 15 at Christ Church Newman Center 396 - 1st Avenue S., St. Cloud, MN 56301 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Cost is \$35. Please register online by Saturday, November 1. For more information or to register please visit stedio.org/known-by-god/.



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

Parish News:

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

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

Go and Make Disciples Everyone in grade 11 through adult is invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the lab in the basement of Sacred Heart School in Freeport. We will have snacks and discuss various Catholic topics. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, November 12. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

Walk With Us... Please join us for the 7th annual **Remember the Martyrs Walk** on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:00 am. Beginning in Freeport at Sister Koetter's shrine (in the Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery) with prayers and send-off, walk on the Wobegon Trail to Albany Catholic Church. Sister Adelaide Koetter was a sister of the Society of the Divine Word. As a missionary, she went to Papua New Guinea to serve the poor. On March 17, 1943 she was tortured, killed and her body was thrown into the sea. Fr. John Kaiser, from Underwood, joined the Mill Hill missionaries and went to Kenya Africa to serve the oppressed and poor. He was killed August 23, 2000. For those who wish to walk a shorter distance, a golf cart will be available to assist. Walk as much or little as you wish. Fr. Tony Kroll and Deacon Jim Schulzetenberg invite you to join them as we gather, walk and pray, remembering the martyrs and all those who sacrificed giving their lives for the good of others. See you on November 11 at 11:00 am.



Sacred Heart School is Currently Hiring in our Infant and Toddler Care Center from 7:30 - 10:30 am and/or from 2:30 - 5:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact the school at 320-836-2591.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

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

Total.....	\$11,688.86
Regular Adult Offering	9,705.00
Plate/Loose	990.86
Designated Funds	993.00

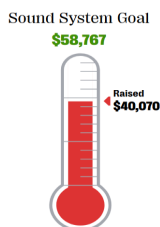
St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

10-26	\$25	Craig & Amanda Maus, Melrose
10-27	\$25	Matt Hellermann, Melrose
10-28	\$25	Butch & Marge Haider, Grey Eagle
10-29	\$25	Jeff & Autumn Nelson, Melrose
10-30	\$25	Alice Klasen, Melrose
10-31	\$50	Mike & Laura Revering, Melrose
11-01	\$25	Luan Weber, Cold Spring

**Baptized in Christ...**

♥Anthony Yael Barrios Sarmiento

Sound System Thank you for supporting our Sound System project! Donations can be mailed, placed in the collection, or brought to the parish office. We've received \$40,070 in cash and pledges so far—68% of our goal.



Save the Date The Christian Women membership dues collection and craft sale will be the weekend of November 15 & 16. Donations are accepted.

St. Mary's Annual Stewardship Appeal is in progress. We ask all parishioners to reflect on the blessings in their lives and fill out and return a stewardship commitment card. If you have ideas for new areas of ministry or questions about a ministry, please contact the office at 320-256-4207. Cards can be placed in an envelope and added to the regular collection.

**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 THE SACRED HEART**

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

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

Total.....	\$6,904.19
Regular Adult Offering	4,990.54
Plate	415.50
Votive	290.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00
School Support	360.00
Church Painting	823.15

Parish Events

Su	11/02	11:30 am	Baptism
Tu	11/04	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
We	11/05	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Youth Service Project
Th	11/06	3:00 pm	Girl Scouts Meeting
Fr	11/07	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	11/07	9:00 am	Adoration

May She Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Lori Austing**, who passed away Tuesday, October 21. Her funeral was celebrated here on Tuesday, October 28.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Charlie Daniel Zenner**, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Zenner, to our parish. Charlie Daniel was baptized on Monday, October 27.



Embroiderers Needed If you enjoy embroidering or appliquéing, the festival quilting group would like assistance with dish towels. You can stop at the Tri-Parish Office entryway and pick up a packet to complete and return. The packets will have 7 dish towels and applique patterns. Please sign the towels out and return to the parish office when complete. Thank you!

**The Scriptures This Week**

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Weekday Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time <i>(Saint Martin de Porres, Religious)</i>		
	Rom 11:29-36	Lk 14:12-14	
Tu	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Memorial)		
	Rom 12:5-16b	Lk 14:15-24	
We	Weekday		
	Rom 13:8-10	Lk 14:25-33	
Th	Weekday		
	Rom 14:7-12	Lk 15:1-10	
Fr	Weekday		
	Rom 15:14-21	Lk 16:1-8	
Sa	Weekday (BVM)		
	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27	Lk 16:9-15	
Next Sunday - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)			
	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12	1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17	Jn 2:13-22

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,359.73
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,719.33
Plate	302.90
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50
World Mission Sunday	20.00
Cash Bazaar	180.00
Sacred Heart School Endowment ..	100.00

Parish Events

We 11/05 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Youth Service Project - FR
Th 11/06 7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 11/08 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Dennis Feldewerd to our parish.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Monica Frances Holdvogt**, the daughter of John and Tatum Holdvogt, to our parish. Monica Frances was baptized on Sunday, October 26.



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

Harvest Supper Saturday, November 22 Immaculate Conception Church basement, New Munich, after 4:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm. Menu: Loin Chops, Potatoes (German & small red), Sauerkraut, Beans, Beverages & Desserts. Tickets: \$10 - Adult, Ages 6-10 - \$5, Age 5 and under - Free. Parish Winter Raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds: Help meet ongoing parish expenses. For additional information please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$1,830.46
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,503.46
Plate	287.00
Building/Maintenance	20.00
School Support	20.00

Parish Events

Tu 11/04 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 11/04 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
We 11/05 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Youth Service Project - FR
Fr 11/07 7:30 pm	Rosary

St. Rose Christian Women News...

•We are in need of a new vice president, please contact Lisa Herdering with any questions.

•Christmas meeting and party will be Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm Join us for a fun get together. \$15 gift exchange.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$6,560.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	5,887.00
Children's	4.00
Plate/Loose	59.00
Cemetery	30.00
Fuel Fund	240.00
Maintenance Fund	290.00
World Mission Sunday	20.00
Catholic Charities	30.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, November 9 - 10:00 am**

(S) Olivia Kalthoff
(L) Pete LeClaire
(U) Adam Kalthoff & Melvin Kalthoff
(EM) (B) Allen Lieser
(EM) (C) Gary P. Lieser
Karen Rademacher
(Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Doreen Schwieters
Tom Stalboerger
(HK: November 2-15) Mary Ann Spanier,
Mary Stalboerger, & Rhonda Sunderman



Rosary Rally Join us for a Rosary Rally on Saturday, November 8 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's.

Thank You to everyone that helped to make our Worn-A-Bit Rummage and Bake Sale such a great success! All the help and donations are greatly appreciated. Winners: quilt - Bev Lieser, doily - Diane Haskamp, baby quilt - Lorene Meyer, tie blanket - Linda Athmann

COMMEMORATING ALL SOULS Cont'd. from page 1

Purification of all attachment to sin within our soul is a mercy beyond what we can imagine. Through this final purification, God prepares the holy souls who have died for an eternity of joy. But this purification is necessary because God, in His love, does not want any soul to live eternally with even a minor attachment to sin. God wants us all free. The truth is that every sin on our soul, even the smallest one, is reason enough for us to be excluded from Heaven. So Purgatory must be seen as a final mercy from God by which He lifts every last burden that keeps us from perfect love, so that our eternity will be one of

utmost freedom and ecstasy. God wants us to be filled only with the purity of love forever. Thus, upon our death, we are graced to enter into a final and intense purification of every minor sin, so that when we see God in all His glory, we will see Him with the perfection to which we are called. Purgatory is a gift, a grace, a mercy. It will be painful to go through in the same way that overcoming any sin is painful. But the good fruit of freedom from sin makes every final purification we must endure worth it a hundredfold and more.

Reflect, today, upon the spiritual truth that God wants you to be a saint. If you are among those few who die in a state in which you are purified from every sin, then be assured that you have already completed your purgatory on earth. But if you or your loved ones are among the many who still hold some minor attachment to sin at the time of death, then rejoice that God is not done with you yet. Anticipate with much gratitude the final purification that awaits and look forward to the freedom that ultimately comes from that purification.

My merciful Lord, You desire that my soul and the souls of all your faithful be purified of every sin, even the smallest imperfection. I thank You for the mercy of Purgatory and pray that I will continually work toward that purification here and now. I pray, also, for all those who have gone before me and are still in need of these purifying fires. Pour forth Your mercy upon them so that they may be counted among the saints in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,492.25
Regular Adult Offering	1,160.00
EFT	900.00
Plate/Loose	154.25
Votives	48.00
Fuel Fund	100.00
School Support	5.00
Cemetery	100.00
World Mission Sunday	5.00
Catholic Charities	20.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, November 8 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Wyatt & Connor Roelike
(L) Linda Heinze
(U) Herman Lensing & Tim Lucken
(GB) Kristen Pattinson & Family
(EM) (B) Herman Lensing
(EM) (C) Mary Opatrny & Kris Winter
(HK - November) *Kris Winter, Laurel Worms, Steph Worms, & Wanda Ahrens

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,810.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	930.00
EFT	140.00
Children's	0.25
Plate/Loose	1,383.00
Votives.....	27.00
Cemetery	125.00
World Mission Sunday	110.00
Catholic Charities	95.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, November 9 - 8:00 am

(S) Isaac Zenzen & Collin Kelzer
(L) Missy Illies
(U) Ray Primus & Dennis Schmiesing
(GB) Dan & Char Meyer
(EM) Nick Kelzer, Jim Leukam, Char Meyer, & Dan Meyer
(HK - November) *Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernack, Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, & Janice Funk

Thank You A sincere thank

 you to all who worked, donated and attended our Potato Pancake Supper. Your support is greatly appreciated. We served 1060 meals. The winners of the quilts were: Rose Ann Inderrieden & Audrey Overman. Once again thank you all & God Bless.

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

November 2, Sunday

◆ **Parish Breakfast**, Church of St. Augustine, St. Cloud. Serving from 7:30 am until 12:00 pm. Sunday Mass at 9:00 am. Adults \$12, Youth ages 5-12 \$7, Ages 4 & under Free.

◆ **Annual Ham & Egg Breakfast and Bake Sale**, Ss. Peter & Paul church basement, Elrosa. Serving from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Adults \$11, Children 5-12 \$7, Children 4 & under Free.

November 5, Wednesday

◆ **Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

November 8, Saturday

◆ **All Holiday Decoration Sale** at Saints Peter & Paul School 111 Central Ave North, Richmond, MN from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm. Thousands of new and gently used decorations for all holidays! All items will be of free will donation. All proceeds going to Saints Peter & Paul School.

◆ **Deer Hunters Bingo** at The Blue Heron in Cold Spring. Doors open at 12:00 pm. Bingo starts at 1:00 pm. You must be 18 years old to play. You must purchase a packet to enter. \$20 packets for 15 games. \$16 boxed lunches available. Includes a club wrap, chips, fruit, and cookie.

November 15 & 16, Saturday & Sunday

◆ **Annual Bake & Craft Sale** at Saint Anthony Parish Center 2405 1st St. N St. Cloud, MN 56303. Sale begins Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and Sunday from 7:30 am - 12:00 pm during the Men's family breakfast.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Vigilia de Cristo Rey: El Ministerio Hispano invita a toda la comunidad a una noche de oración y adoración eucarística el día sábado 21 de Noviembre a las 6:30pm.

**Fiesta a la Virgen de Guadalupe 2025:**

El Consejo de Liderazgo Parroquial Hispano ya está trabajando en la planeación de la festividad a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, por lo cual anunciamos que ya estamos recibiendo donaciones para realizar esta actividad. Los encargados de recolectar las donaciones este año son Maria Salinas, Guadalupe Montañez, Romeo Garcia y Salustia Cruz. En unas semanas más estaremos dando más información sobre el tema.

¡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.

Coros Parroquiales:

Los coros parroquiales hispanos están invitando a todas las personas que  tienen talento para cantar o tocar algún instrumento a que se registren para formar parte del ministerio de música. Los coros necesitan más integrantes y todos son bienvenidos.

Bodas en 2026: Se le invita a todas las parejas que están planeando recibir el sacramento del matrimonio el próximo año en nuestra parroquia a que pasen a la oficina parroquial a agendar su fecha. Es importante comenzar su preparación por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha planeada ya que a veces el proceso puede prolongarse más de lo planeado.



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-6: No Class:** Wednesday, November 5. **Next Class** will be Wednesday, November 12.
- **Grades 7-10: No Class:** Wednesday, November 5, due to our Faith Formation Card Making service project from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. **Next Class** will be Wednesday, November 12.

Service Projects:

- **Card Making** will be on Wednesday, November 5 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Students in grades 6-12 will be making Christmas Cards.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Confirmation: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 5, 7:15-8:30 pm. Class & Service project: deliver cookies to families who have lost a loved one.
- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 5, 6:00-7:00 pm. Roseview Manor service project: game night with the Roseview residents for those who signed up (sign up for 1 for the year please).
- **Grades 7/8: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 5, 7:15-8:30 pm. Service project & class with Sarah Woeste (students will be choosing some of the music for the weekend Masses in Advent). Students and some parents.

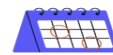


YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- **Steubenville Youth Conference** Students going into grades 9-12 for the 2026/27 school year or are graduating this 2025/26 school year: You are invited to join us for the Steubenville Youth Conference in St. Paul, MN! We will be embarking on this three day journey from July 24-26, 2026. The weekend will be filled with inspiring talks by world renowned speakers, fellowship with other Catholic youth, Praise and Worship, Mass, and Adoration. Let's fill a bus and experience our Lord in a whole new way this summer! Please turn in your registration form and \$50 deposit to the Tri-Parish office in Freeport by Wednesday, November 5. For more information or registration form, please contact Kasia at the Tri-Parish Office or email faithformation@catholic-centered.org.
- **Hot Chocolate Bomb Making** Grades 6-12 are invited to get messy and creative while making hot chocolate bombs on Monday, November 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Snacks will be provided. Forms are available at the parish offices and on the Tri-Parish website. Deadline is Wednesday, November 12.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

10/26	\$25	Ann & Kevin Rolfes - Twin Falls, ID
10/27	\$25	Mary Ann Harren - Freeport
10/28	\$25	Amy Fuchs - Long Prairie
10/29	\$25	Tom & Dawn Rakotz - Melrose
10/30	\$25	Kyle Germunderson - Osakis
10/31	\$40	Sharon Wolbeck - Freeport
11/01	\$40	Mary Sand - Grey Eagle

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- ♥ **Thank You** to the Stearns County American Dairy Association for their donation to the school to be used for dairy products, treats, etc. We appreciate your generosity!
- ♥ **Toddler Care Openings** If you or someone you know is looking for toddler care, please have them contact the office.
- ♥ **We will be Celebrating our Wonderful Principal,** Mrs. Harren's, Birthday on Monday, November, 3! If you see her over the weekend, please wish her a very Happy Birthday! Let's spoil her and show her how much we appreciate her dedication and leadership at Sacred Heart School!

♥ **End of the First Quarter** at SHS is on Thursday, November 6. We will have conferences the week of November 10.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ♥ **Veterans Day Program** is on Tuesday, November 11 at 12:30 pm.
- ♥ **No School** on the following Fridays in November 7, 14, and 28.
- ♥ **Johnny Holm** Friday, November 28 at the Freeport Community Center benefiting SHS.

- ♦ **Thursday, November 6,** is the last day of the 1st quarter. Pizza pick-up is from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the gym.
- ♦ **Friday, November 7,** is a teacher workshop day. No School for students.
- ♦ **St. Mary's and SJSA students** will hold a Veterans Day program on Tuesday, November 11, at 8:30 am in the St. Mary's school gym. All are welcome!
- ♦ **Conferences** are on Tuesday, November 11, and Thursday, November 13, from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **No School** on Friday, November 14.

- **Salt Sale Pick-Up** is Thursday, November 6 from 12:00 - 5:30 pm at the Greenwald Elevator. Thank you to everyone who supported this sale.
- **The End of the First Quarter** is Thursday, November 6.
- **No School** on Friday, November 7.
- **Veterans Day Program** SJSA students will join St. Mary's students for a Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 11 at St. Mary's School Gym.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** are Thursday, November 13 from 2:45 - 7:00 pm.
- **No School** at SJSA Friday, November 14.
- **Thank You** to the Stearns County Dairy Association for their donation to SJSA of \$750 for healthy dairy snacks and treats for the students.

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A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from the distractions of daily life for couples in good marriages. Give your marriage this gift! The next available Weekend is November 22-23 in Alexandria, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.



Stewardship as a Way of Life: "...because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me...." **John 6:38** When praying the "Our Father," say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God's will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God's will for you.

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.



- Pilgrims of Hope Men's Silent Retreat - November 7-9 (Weekend)
- Pilgrims of Hope Women's Silent Retreat - November 11-13 (Midweek)

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

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you so much to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries in 2025 through the Appeal. As of Monday, October 20, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2025 has raised gifts and pledges of \$1,301,690 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (86.78%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 6,397 people across the 16 counties of our diocese. Please pray for the success of the Bishop's Annual Appeal and its ongoing support of diocesan ministries. To support these ministries, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money!

A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.



One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting The One In Faith Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room. If you are wanting to be added to the agenda please contact Lisa Wuertz at 320-219-3624 or plwuertz@meltel.net before Monday, November 10.

Marriage & Natural Family Planning:

Nature Cycles For A Reason: so does your body Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a healthy way to plan your family. NFP cooperates with God's design for your body. It is effective, wholesome, and great for your marriage. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



Time to Expand Your Circle of Friends? Try a TEC Retreat. "God has a wonderful way of connecting the dots in our lives to people that will honor who we are, right where we are" (Tiffany Wilson). A TEC retreat will expand your circle of friends with those who will lift you up, support you, encourage you, and bring you closer to God. Come meet some new friends. Register for one of our three-day TEC retreats. www.cmtcc.org. Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open to both youth (age 16+) as well as adults and is located just north of Little Falls. The next TEC Retreat is Saturday, December 27—Monday, December 29.



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Theology Day Can't make it Friday morning?

We've got you covered! For the first time ever,

Theology Day is coming to Tuesday nights at Emmaus Hall at St. John's University, Collegville! Enjoy the same thought-provoking presentations and conversation—now with another opportunity to attend. All sessions are from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Check-in at 6:00 pm.

- Finding Hope in a Time of Change** Presenter: Noreen Herzfeld, Ph.D - Tuesday, November 11
- Beyond Belief: How Belonging, Joy, and Encounter Awaken Faith for Young People Today** Presenter: Director Donelle Poling - Tuesday, January 20, 2026
- Christian Hope: Ark, Anchor, and Action** Presenter: Fr. William Orbih, Ph. D. - Tuesday, March 10, 2026
- "Pilgrims of Hope": The Theology and Practice of Pilgrimage** Presenter: Chris Conway, Ph.D. - Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: James (Chip) Posch, Fr. Roger Klassen, Anne Wolke, Ted Hoeschen, Tillie Bueckers, Kathy Elfering, Sandy Welle, Joyce Hauser, Dorothy Schneider, Michelle Russel

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