



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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

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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.

Humility in Prayer

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector.'"

Luke 18:10-11



What a sad prayer. Of course it wasn't even a prayer to God since the Pharisee "spoke this prayer to himself." The prayer of the tax collector, however, was a perfect model for all prayer. We read that the tax collector "stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" Which prayer more resembles your own prayer?

To honestly answer that question, let's examine both prayers. First of all, the contrast of these two prayers is a contrast between humility and pride. The Pharisee was clearly full of pride. Pride blinds us from true self-knowledge. Saint Teresa of Ávila teaches us that the very first thing we must do on our journey to God is obtain self-knowledge through humility. Without that, we will never grow in holiness.

The sin of pride is obvious in the prayer of the Pharisee and, therefore, his lack of true self-knowledge is also evident. Note that even his physical posture of standing depicts pride. Throughout the Scriptures, kneeling, or even falling prostrate, is the disposition of the humble. In addition to standing, the Pharisee's prayer was a list of his own goodness. He very well may have fasted twice a week and paid tithes on his whole income. But his prayer suggests that he did this by his own effort. He did not ascribe those acts to the grace and strength of God, which means they were not true acts of charity. His prayer suggests that he doesn't need God in order to do good. This is also seen in the fact that he asks nothing of God. Instead, he simply thanks God for how good he is through his own effort. The result is that God gives him nothing, since he asked for nothing.

True prayer must begin with the humble recognition of our weakness and need for God. The tax collector expressed this humility by bowing his head to the ground, not even daring to look up to Heaven. This reveals he did not consider himself worthy of God's grace. Truth be told, he wasn't worthy of it. That's why God's grace is a mercy. It is all mercy in that He bestows that which we are not worthy to receive. And He only bestows it on those who know they are not worthy of it. The words spoken by the tax collector are the perfect model of prayer because his words depict these truths. As a sinner, he doesn't deserve mercy but begs for God's grace as an act of God's mercy.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 2

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Sergio Hernandez Chavez
Tu	8:00 am	†Charlie Gebeke
We	8:00 am	†Ralph Duevel
Th	8:00 am	†Melvin & †Genevieve Loehr
*Fr	8:30 am	SM School Mass Souls in Purgatory and the End of Abortion in Minnesota
Sa	5:00 pm	†Ralph Roelike
*Su	9:00 am	†Lucille Imdieke
Su	11:30 am	Misa en Español †Manuel Hernandez Gutierrez †Clemencia Chavez †Sergio Hernandez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	SH School Mass †Lori Scherping's Family
Fr	8:15 am	†Peggy Gagliardi
Sa	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass †Bob Van Heel
Su	8:00 am	†Vern & †Kevin Stroeing

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	†Jeanette "Jeanie" Hoppe
Sa	4:00 pm	For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Carla Wolbeck
Su	10:00 am	†Richard Austing, Sr.

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Vernon Welle
Su	10:00 am	†Bob Terres

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	SJSA School Mass †Darlene Frieler
Sa	4:00 pm	†David Walz

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Joyce & †Trista Yarke
Su	8:00 am	For the People

***Mass will be livestreamed.**

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

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

Parish News:

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

•October is Respect Life Month To support mothers in need, bassinets are placed in our churches to collect new baby items for Options for Women in Sauk Centre. The center provides education and material assistance to women facing unplanned pregnancies, serving more than 840 visits last year. **Items especially needed include:**

- Baby clothes (boys preferred), sizes 3 months-4T
- Enfamil Formula (Regular & Gentlease)
- Diapers (sizes 1-6)
- New car seats
- Wipes, baby wash, and baby healthcare items

Please remember the clients and staff of Options for Women in your prayers.

• All Souls Day (November 2) falls on a Sunday this year. Masses of anticipation that weekend are also to use Mass texts for All Souls. There will be no Gloria. During the Masses at St. Mary's there will be a special time of remembrance for members of our four parishes who have died in the past year.



Daylight Savings Time Ends next Sunday, November 2. Be sure to change your clocks, otherwise you'll be early for Mass Sunday morning.

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.

•All Souls' Remembrance St. John's Abbey has invited our parishes to submit names of deceased loved ones as part of their All Souls' Remembrance ministry. In the entry of our parishes, there is a sign-up sheet to add deceased loved ones' names. We will collect these names through the month of October and submit them to St. John's for them to pray for these individuals during the month of November.

•Food Shelf Collection The Tri-Parish Youth will be trick or treating for the food shelf on Friday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. They will be going door to door collecting non-perishable items in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. If you are able, please consider having items available for this cause. In the event the youth do not make it to your home, you can drop off food donations in the back of the churches. If you prefer to make cash donations, they can be dropped off at the Tri-Parish Office or in the Sunday collection. Thank you for supporting this cause.

A Jubilee Year of Hope Event Join us for A Conversation About Hope on Saturday, November 1, 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids. Panelists Kathy Janku, Father William Orbih and Daniella Zsupan-Jerome will share their experiences of hope. There will be time for questions and small group discussion, and you are invited to attend Mass at 5:00 pm.



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.....	\$9,833.52
Regular Adult Offering	7,716.00
Plate/Loose	1,271.00
Designated Funds	900.52

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

10-19	\$25	Mary Schwieters, Grey Eagle
10-20	\$25	Julie Gerads, Melrose
10-21	\$25	Eric & Dana Kerfeld, Freeport
10-22	\$25	St. Mary's Parish
10-23	\$25	Shirley Zenzen, Alexandria
10-24	\$50	Rick & Jenny Mayers, Melrose
10-25	\$25	Barb McClure, Melrose

**Baptized in Christ...**

♥Melany Ortiz Acosta ♥Jonathan Ezequiel Ambriz Hernandez

Sound System If you'd like to support the Sound System project, donations may be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped off at the parish office. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a difference and is truly appreciated! So far, we have received \$26,170 which is just over 44% of the needed amount!

Sound System Goal
\$58,767



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



Thank You to the group of Magnifi Financial employees who volunteered in St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday, October 13. Their time and help were greatly appreciated!

St. Mary's Annual Stewardship Weekend is this weekend, October 25/26. We celebrate all the gifts that God has given us and in turn give them back to God through our sharing of our time, talent and treasure. Our contract with Catholic Stewardship Consultants has come to an end. We have numerous books and cards available from last year. They are mostly up to date, and we would like to put them to good use. We intend to have new cards and booklets ready for next year. If you have questions about a ministry, please contact the office 320-256-4207. All members are encouraged to fill out a stewardship commitment card. They can be placed in an envelope and added to the regular collection.

Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others to worship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.
Amen

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$6,284.94
Regular Adult Offering	4,143.54
Plate	1,959.00
Votive	110.00
Building/Maintenance	10.00
School Support	37.40
World Mission Sunday	25.00

Parish Events

Mo	10/27	2:00 pm	Baptism
Tu	10/28	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
Tu	10/28	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tu	10/28	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
We	10/29	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	10/29	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	10/31	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	10/31	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	11/01	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass

May She Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Judy Meyer**, who passed away Tuesday, October 14. Her funeral was celebrated here on Saturday, October 25.

Thank You to all who came out to support the Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast. We had a very nice crowd of people out to enjoy the breakfast and support Sacred Heart Catholic School. Thank you to the following donors: Swany White Flour, Freeport State Bank, Magnifi, and Catholic United Financial.

Raffle Winners were:

Jenn Tomford - \$100 Cash
Dan Hoeschen - \$50 Coborns Card
Sarah Blake - \$50 Walmart Card
Emily Wensmann - \$25 D'Lish Card
Kerry Mergen - \$25 Charlie's Gift Certificate

**The Scriptures This Week**

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Weekday	Rom 8:12-17	Lk 13:10-17
Tu	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)	Eph 2:19-22	Lk 6:12-16
We	Weekday	Rom 8:26-30	Lk 13:22-30
Th	Weekday	Rom 8:31b-39	Lk 13:31-35
Fr	Weekday	Rom 9:1-5	Lk 14:1-6
Sa	All Saints (Solemnity)	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14	1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,305.79
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,968.33
Plate	354.00
Votive	123.96
Building/Maintenance.....	147.50
World Mission Sunday	150.00
Cash Bazaar	420.00
Sacred Heart School Endowment ..	142.00

Parish Events

Su 10/26 11:30 am	Baptism
Tu 10/28 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - FR
We 10/29 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 10/29 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Th 10/30 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 11/01 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions



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.

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



Please Join the St. Rose Catholic United Financial for Breakfast on Sunday, October 26 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the church basement. Free will offering. Pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, and fruit.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,020.46
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,498.46
Plate	257.00
Sacred Heart School Endowment ..	50.00
Assumption	30.00
All Souls	30.00
All Saints	30.00
World Mission Sunday	1,095.00
Human Development	30.00

Parish Events

Su 10/26 8:30 am	Catholic United Financial Fall Breakfast
Tu 10/28 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - FR
We 10/29 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 10/29 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Fr 10/31 7:30 pm	Rosary

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Scotti Lake Nilson**, the daughter of Connor and Maria Nilson, to our parish. Scotti Lake was baptized on Sunday, October 19.

St. Rose Christian Women News...

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

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,269.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	657.00
Children's	3.00
Plate/Loose	48.25
Votives	201.00
Fuel Fund	330.00
World Mission Sunday	30.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, November 2 - 10:00 am

(S) Kenny Niehoff & Hank Primus
(L) Ralph Klassen
(U) Stan Heinen & Dan Hemmesch
(EM) (B) Jeanette Kalthoff
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
(HK: November 2-15) Mary Ann Spanier, Mary Stalboerger, & Rhonda Sunderman

WORN-A-BIT RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 9 am to 12
**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BASEMENT
SPRING HILL**
LUNCH AVAILABLE

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

October 26, Sunday

◆**St. Rose Catholic United Financial Breakfast** serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima Church basement in St. Rosa. Free will offering.

◆**Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale** From 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in St. Michael's church basement, Spring Hill. Lunch available.

◆**4th Annual Fall Breakfast** at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Tickets available at the Legion Monday and Friday from 3:00 - 7:00 pm or at Freeport State Bank, Melrose and Magnifi Financial, Melrose. Adults and children 11 and older \$12 or \$14 at the door. Children ages 10-6 \$7. Children 5 and under are free. Portion of the proceeds will go to the Melrose Archery & Trap.

◆**Sausage & Pancake Supper** at the Parish Center, located across from St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Belgrade. Serving from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. All you can eat. Dine in or take-out. Adults \$10. Children 5-12 \$6. Children 4 and under free.

◆**Quilt Bingo & Raffle** at the Church of St. Anthony 2405 1st Street North St. Cloud, MN 56303. Across the street in the parish center. Hot Beef Sandwich Dinner serving at 4:00 pm, Bingo at 6:00 pm. Handmade quilts, quilt raffle, and cash prizes.

October 28, Tuesday

◆**Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults** Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/10-28-25/.

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.



One In Faith ACC Communication

All Things New: Honoring the past, inspiring the future.

This month, as the diocesan-wide pastoral planning process continues, the diocese has asked us to focus on hospitality. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to reflect his welcome, creating spaces of belonging, warmth and mercy. Hospitality is expressed not only in greeting but in genuine encounter, where each person is seen, known and valued. Through inclusive practices, compassionate outreach and a spirit of invitation, it is our role to ensure that all who seek Christ find a spiritual home in our churches.

The process of discernment continues within All Things New planning committees throughout the diocese. Some ACCs have presented their recommended plans to the Committee for the Affirmation of Plans (CAP) and other ACCs continue to formulate these plans. The One In Faith proposal has been submitted and the presentation is scheduled for October 27. The submitted proposal will be shared once the plan is affirmed by the Diocesan CAP committee.

Let's keep in mind the impact church closures will have on our diocesan community. Can you remember a time when you had to start fresh somewhere new?

All of us are called to create a faith community where the stranger becomes friend. If you see someone new at Mass, how do you welcome them?

Change can be challenging, but Christ calls us to create a Church where every person feels they belong. Let's greet each other warmly and be attentive to those who may feel lost or uncertain during this time of planning and transition.

This is a time to expand our hearts. Hospitality means looking beyond parish boundaries and seeing the whole diocesan family as brothers and sisters in Christ. As parishes come together and communities shift, we may see many new faces. Let's embrace this as a gift and take the first step to provide hospitality. This can mean introducing yourself, making space in your pew, holding a door open or an invitation to coffee. These simple gestures can build a stronger, more welcoming Church family.

Contemplate: How do you contribute to creating an inclusive space with genuine encounter in your ACC?

Let us continue to pray together for the planning process.

Please do everything you can to keep yourself informed. We encourage you to visit the diocesan website at <https://stcdio.org/all-things-new/> where you can find detailed information about the current reality, ACC information, and many resources.



CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$693.00
Regular Adult Offering	410.00
Plate/Loose	134.00
Votives	8.00
Fuel Fund	106.00
Maintenance Fund	5.00
World Mission Sunday	30.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, November 1 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms
(L) Kathy Gilk
(U) Al Inderrieden & Herb Inderrieden
(GB) Alan & Sandy Niehoff
(EM) (B) Clarine Beier
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(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	\$1,857.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,185.00
Children's	0.25
Plate/Loose	477.00
Votives.....	45.00
Fuel Fund	20.00
World Mission Sunday	130.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, November 2 - 8:00 am**

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
(L) Karen Meyer
(U) Andrew Primus & John Primus
(GB) Gary & Irene Marthaler
(EM) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
(HK - November) *Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernick, Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, & Janice Funk

HISPANIC MINISTRY**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.

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.

Catholic United Financial  **Daily Raffle** Catholic United Financial #324 will be doing a daily raffle in the month of November again. If you did not receive tickets to sell and would like to buy one, they are available from Mike Barten or Greenwald Farm Center. Drawing will be Saturday, November 1. Reminder to those who were given tickets to please return the stubs and money to Mike Barten or the Greenwald Farm Center prior to Sunday, November 1. Thank you.



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.

¡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.

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When you pray, how do you pray? What is the disposition of your heart and for what do you pray? Begin by considering the physical position in which you pray. Though we can pray standing, sitting, kneeling or even lying down, there is something very good about kneeling or even lying prostrate. It doesn't mean we have to do so the entire time we pray, but it is a good practice to kneel, bow your head or fall down prostrate before God at least for a moment each day. Do you do this? If not, consider making this a daily habit.

When you pray, do you begin your prayer with humility? We begin the Mass by examining our conscience and confessing our sins. This is a good example of how to begin your prayer every time you pray. Humble yourself by calling to mind your sins and weaknesses. Confess them to God and acknowledge the fact that, because of your sins, you are unworthy of God's mercy. Humility like this will help you to see yourself as God sees you, and this will help you open yourself to the grace you need from God to grow in holiness.

Reflect, today, upon the humility found in the prayer of this tax collector. As you do, look at your own practice of prayer and discern whether you imitate this tax collector's disposition and prayer. Try to commit to physically humbling yourself before our Lord every day. Kneel, bow your head, or fall down prostrate every day. When you do pray, beg for mercy as one who doesn't deserve anything from God. This is the humble truth on which all prayer must be based. The more you can humble yourself this way, the more God will lift you up and pour forth His mercy upon you.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner. I bow before You, most glorious and merciful God. I offer You my praise and gratitude for Your abundant mercy in my life. I am not worthy of You and Your grace, but You bestow it anyway. For that I thank You with profound gratitude and beg for the ongoing gift of Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

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FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 29 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in your classroom.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 11: Rescheduled Last Class:** Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart School Gym.

Service Projects:

- **Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf** Students in grades 6 - 12 will be Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf on Friday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We will meet at Sacred Heart Church basement and will cover the towns of Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa.
- **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. Permission slips are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is Wednesday, October 29.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 7-12: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 29 at 7:15 pm, St. Mary's Church: Mass for students grades 7-12 and their families.
- **Service Project For All Grades 1-11:** Saturday, November 1/ Sunday, November 2: Faith Formation families attend the All Souls weekend Masses at St. Mary's, to celebrate Mass with and support those parishioners who have lost a loved one. Families, please bring a plate of cookies or bars to the weekend Mass your family attends.
- **First Reconciliation/Communion: Next Class:** Sunday, November 2, 10:00-11:15 am (between the two morning Masses), St. Mary's Church. Students and 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!

10/19	\$25	Kenneth Frank - Maplewood
10/20	\$25	Brooke & Logan - St. Martin
10/21	\$25	Jason & Sara Ranta - Sauk Centre
10/22	\$25	Steve Christenson - Viroqua, WI
10/23	\$25	Kari Schulzetenberg - Freeport
10/24	\$25	Trish Harlow - Sauk Centre
10/25	\$25	Karie Ward - Avon

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- ♥ **Thank You** to the Magnifi Financial crew that was here volunteering last week! They helped with a variety of projects and we greatly appreciate all of their help!
- ♥ **The SHS Caring Coat Drive** has started! If you have any new or gently used winter coats, hats, mittens, snowpants, etc. for youth in our communities, please bring them into SHS. The Caring Coat Drive will run until Saturday, November 1.
- ♥ **We are Looking for Help** in our Infant and Toddler Care Center from 7:30-10:30 am and/or from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact the SHS Office.
- ♥ **Toddler Care Openings** If you or someone you know is looking for toddler care, please have them contact the office.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ♥ **SHS Vocabulary Parade** will be on Friday, October 31 at 1:30 pm.

- ♦ **Thank You Again** for your continued support of our Marathon/Prayer-a-thon. Because of your generosity, we raised \$28,830 and collected over 330 prayers. Your support strengthens our mission. We are committed to academic excellence and nurturing the whole child so they grow to be life-long learners.
- ♦ **Learning with Faith Bags** will be available after the 9:00 am Mass next weekend for children 3-5 years old. Make sure to stop by after Church in the gathering area to pick up a faith-based learning activity that you and your child can do together at home.

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- ♦ **Thank You** to everyone who donated to our Workathon and helped us achieve our goal of \$18,000. So far we have raised \$18,360.
- ♦ **Saints Project** The SJSA 5th and 6th graders will have short presentations on their saint projects at the Thursday, October 30 school Mass.
- ♦ **Saints Wax Museum** The 5/6 students will present a Saints Wax Museum on Thursday, October 30 at 1:45 - 2:20 pm in the school basement. All are welcome.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **SJSA Received a Check** for \$66.55 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.

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An Invitation From Saint John's Abbey - All Saints Vigil

Douglas Mullin, and the monks of Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, invite you to attend the All Saints Vigil liturgy and reception at the Abbey Church on Friday, October 31. Tours of the rarely seen Saints Chapels in the crypt of the church will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by a special Vigil of All Saints liturgy at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow the liturgy in the Founders Room of the Quad. All are invited. Feel free to bring a friend. We hope you will join us.

All Women in the West Central Deanery are invited to the West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women for their Fall General Meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at St. Michael Church in Spring Hill. The evening will begin with registration at 5:30 pm, followed by the Mass at 6:00 pm, a light supper (\$6), meeting and Silent Auction. (For the Silent Auction, please bring an item to place on the auction. Easily used items are preferred.) Join us and bring a friend. Please RSVP for supper to Jean Hopfer at 320-837-5239 by Monday, October 20.
~Jean Hopfer, Deanery President

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.



• **Autumn Triduum:** Snapshots of Sanctity & Habits of Holiness Silent Retreat for Men & Women – Presented by Fr. Joseph Nassal, C.P.P.S. - October 31-November 2 (Weekend)

• **Pilgrims of Hope** Men's Silent Retreat - November 7-9 (Weekend)

• **Pilgrims of Hope** Women's Silent Retreat - November 11-13 (Midweek)



Theology Day is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives to learn from and interact with the theologians of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. Pope Francis designated 2025 as a Holy Year, inviting us all to renew ourselves as *Pilgrims of Hope*. In keeping with this powerful theme, this year's Theology Day presentations will explore hopefulness and offer practical insights to carry into daily life. Join us for inspiring conversations, thoughtful reflection, and a community journeying together in faith and hope. Register at www.apps.csbsju.edu/theologyday. Please register at least five days in advance of the presentation date you wish to participate in. There is no opportunity for last minute webinar registrations.

♦ **The Stones of Corinth: Looking for Hope in the Ruins.** Explore with Micah as he uncovers Corinth's ancient struggles, how they mirror ours today, and why there is hope for the future. Tuesday, October 28 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (6:00 pm check-in) at Emmaus Hall, St. John's University.

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.



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!

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 stcdio.org/known-by-god/.



Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal: Our Respect Life ministry is Christ's voice of hope by upholding the dignity of every human person—from conception to natural death. Through education, advocacy, and pastoral outreach, this ministry defends every life as a precious gift from God. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal strengthens this witness of love and life across our diocese. Make a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Prayer for Respect of Life...

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in His incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life.

Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Prayer Requests...

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

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