



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

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

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Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Mailing Address: PO Box 155

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.



Spiritual Unity

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." Luke 12:51-53

Jesus introduces this passage by saying, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" The "fire" of which He speaks is His purifying fire of mercy that He poured forth from the Cross as He offered His life for the salvation of the world. His mercy is given to free us from our sins and to cleanse our souls so that God Himself can come to dwell within us. This is why we exist. God wants to dwell within us, and He wants us to be in perfect union with Him.

One of the glorious effects of uniting yourself to God is that this union also brings about a spiritual bond with others who are united to God. We are made for communion with God, but also for communion with each other. God especially invites family members to share in this unity. Though there are many levels of friendship and unity we can have with each other, the deepest bonds come from two souls each being united to God. For example, two people may both like the same sports team or have the same interests, resulting in a bond or form of friendship. This is good. But when each of those friends also is deeply united to God, the unity comes from God and not from something more superficial.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 18 - 24

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Las benditas almas del purgatorio
Tu	7:30 am	†Steven Petermeier
We	7:30 am	†Terry Wander
Th	7:30 am	†Rick & †Kevin Schulzetenberg
*Fr	7:30 am	†Joanne Butkowski
Sa	5:00 pm	†Barney Hollermann
*Su	9:00 am	†John Rose
Su	11:30 am	Misa en Español †Maria Piedad Becerra Martinez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	†LaVern & †Alice Fuechtmann
Fr	8:15 am	†Viola Borgerding
Su	8:00 am	†Ben Roering

*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	†Mae, †Larry, & †John Wiechmann
Sa	4:00 pm	For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Harvey & †Rosemary Rohe
Su	10:00 am	†Al, †Esther, & †Joe Beuning

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†David Schoenborn
Su	10:00 am	†Lloyd Lucken

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	†Leona Bertram
Sa	4:00 pm	†Peter Van Beck †John Schoenberg

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Albin & †JoAnn Zenzen
Su	8:00 am	For the People

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...

We're HIRING •**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.

Congratulations to Jessica Goebel from Sacred Heart Parish on her graduation from the Emmaus Institute for Ministry Formation of the Diocese of St. Cloud. She graduated on Saturday, August 9 following four years of intellectual and ministerial formation.

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



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 stcloud.org/known-by-god/.

Help Urgently Needed Catholic Charities Senior Dining needs volunteers to help with Meals on Wheels two Tuesdays and two Mondays each month in Melrose. When you volunteer with Senior Dining/Meals on Wheels, you make a difference in the lives of our senior neighbors. Sign up to be a volunteer today at ccstcloud.org/volunteer or for more information call 320-845-4070.

**URGENT
HELP
NEEDED**

Parish News:

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

- **Welcome** to Kasia Van Beck who has accepted the position of Director of Faith Formation for Sacred Heart, Freeport; Immaculate Conception, New Munich; and St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa. Kasia recently married Luke Van Beck and moved to Melrose from Brainerd. We are excited and look forward to having Kasia join us. She started on Tuesday, August 12.
- **The Feast of St. Cloud** is Sunday, September 7. Novena booklets for anyone who would like to pray a novena in honor of St. Cloud are in the back of the church in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. The novena begins on Friday, August 29.
- **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.

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 or call: 320-766-1061.

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.

• **Men's & Women's Silent Weekend Retreat** - August 22-24 "Fingers Crossed" Presented by Fr. Charlie Lachowitzer

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

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

Total.....	\$10,533.00
Regular Adult Offering	8,778.00
Plate/Loose	1,059.00
Designated Funds	696.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

08-10	\$25	Gail Schlicht, Melrose
08-11	\$25	Katie Roerick, Melrose
08-12	\$25	Pete & Brenda Klaphake, Sauk Centre
08-13	\$25	Mary K. Ersland, Grey Eagle
08-14	\$25	Jerome & Kim Duevel, Melrose
08-15	\$25	Bernette P. Finken, Melrose
08-16	\$25	Anna Mae Denne, Akeley

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

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

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

Total.....	\$6,241.54
Regular Adult Offering	4,294.54
Plate	1,919.00
Votive	28.00

Parish Events

Tu	08/19	6:00 pm	Youth Group Wiffle Ball Night
Fr	08/22	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/22	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	08/24	11:30 am	Baptism

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Carson Joseph Schleicher**, the son of Justin & Crystal Schleicher, to our parish. Carson Joseph was baptized on Sunday, August 10.

Wedding... Congratulations to **Michael & Kristie (Revering) Terres** who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, August 9. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

Save The Date 2026 Sacred Heart Parish Festival will be on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

The Scriptures This Week

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Weekday Jgs 2:11-19	Mt 19:16-22
Tu	Weekday (<i>Saint John Eudes, Priest</i>) Jgs 6:11-24a	Mt 19:23-30
We	Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (<i>Memorial</i>) Jgs 9:6-15	Mt 20:1-16
Th	Saint Pius X, Pope (<i>Memorial</i>) Jgs 11:29-39a	Mt 22:1-14
Fr	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (<i>Memorial</i>) Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22	Mt 22:34-40
Sa	Weekday (<i>Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin; BVM</i>) Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17	Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30		



Spiritual Unity

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The challenging Gospel passage above reveals to us what happens when one or more members of a household fail to open themselves to the cleansing fire of God's love and, therefore, fail to live in union with God. The result is disunity, at least on the deepest and truest level. God is not the cause of disunity; sin is. When one person is united to God and another is immersed in a life of sin, true spiritual unity is not possible. Of course the two might still share some common interests and might even superficially get along each day, but there will never be an experience of authentic spiritual friendship and communion if God is absent from one or both hearts.

When Jesus says that He has come to establish division within a household, He is simply pointing out that there will indeed be a division within a household when all are not united to God. Additionally, Jesus is warning us that if someone within our household tries to draw us into a life of sin with them, that person's invitation must be rejected. And when that happens, that rejection is often experienced as a rejection of the person and results in even greater disunity. The bottom line is that it is not possible to be authentically united in sin or any form of lie.

Reflect, today, upon the deepest spiritual desire you have. If you are honest with yourself, you will discover that this deepest desire in your heart is the desire for love. We are made to give and receive love. First, this desire is fulfilled by opening ourselves to the love of God. When that happens, we will be able to share God's love with others and receive God's love from them. Nothing in life could be more fulfilling than this.

Most merciful Lord, You came to unite all people in Your love, but when Your love is rejected we live in disunity. Please come to me and dwell more fully within me so that Your presence in my life will not only bring about a spiritual communion with You, but also with those who share this same love. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,228.83
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,064.33
Plate	127.00
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50

Parish Events

Tu 08/19 6:00 pm YG Wiffle Ball Night - FR
Sa 08/23 3:30 pm Individual Confessions



Save the Date Sunday,
September 28 Annual "Matching
Fund Breakfast," Immaculate
Conception Church basement,
Catholic Order of Foresters Court, St. Leo
Court #786 of New Munich.

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,029.46
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,553.46
Plate	476.00

Parish Events

Tu 08/19 6:00 pm YG Wiffle Ball Night - FR
Fr 08/22 7:30 pm Rosary

Reminder for Pink Cash Raffle Tickets

If you have your tickets sold, please return them ASAP. All Pink Raffle tickets **must** be returned by Sunday, August 24. If you need more tickets contact Lillian 320-293-8333.

**Fall Festival****Festival News:**

•**Ice Cream Pails** If anyone has any ice cream pails that they would like to get rid of, please drop them off in the church basement. These are utilized for the offering during the outdoor Mass, as well as holders for napkins at food stands. Thank you in advance.

•**Tomatoes** If you have any tomatoes to donate for the taco in a bag stand for the festival, please bring them to the church basement the Saturday before the festival.

•**Meal Assistants** If anyone is willing and available to assist with the meal set up on Saturday, August 30, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

•**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	\$2,137.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,480.00
Plate/Loose	132.00
Assumption of Mary	525.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, August 24 - 10:00 am

(S) Olivia & Lukas Kalthoff

(L) Ralph Klassen

(U) Melvin Kalthoff & Jim Klassen

(EM) (B) Stan Heinen

(EM) (C) Grace Hopper & Jeanette Kalthoff

(Sacristan) Kathy Welle

(RL) Marilyn Gruber

(CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher

(HK: **August 10 - 23**) Amanda Moscho,
Ruth Moscho, & Mary Nietfeld

Rosary Rally Please join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 23, at St. Michael's Church, for a rosary rally. All are welcome!

**Breakfast Anyone?**

Catholic United Financial will be having their annual matching grant breakfast, Sunday, September 7 in Spring Hill. Save the date!

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

August 21, Thursday

◆**Freeport Senior Citizens meeting** at 12:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

◆**Cream Can Supper** Hosted by the Melrose Area Senior Citizens from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Senior Center, located in the lower level of the Melrose City Center. You may sign up at the Melrose City Center and prepay by Tuesday, August 19. The cost is \$10 per person, non-refundable. Seats are limited. Includes salad, bread, and dessert.

August 24, Sunday

◆**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Festival**, St. Francis. 10:00 am Mass in air conditioned church, 11:00 am dinner indoors, live music, food, games and events outdoor.

◆**Quilt Bingo** at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center in Richmond at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Refreshments, hot dogs and more available. Cost \$15 per packet good for 15 regular games. Paper bingo cards. Bring your dabbers. Special game sheets \$3 each. Quilt raffle. Must be 18 to play. No checks please.

August 26, 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 31, Sunday

◆**St. Rose of Lima Fall Festival**, St. Rosa. See pg 7 of this bulletin for more information.

September 1, Monday (Labor Day)

◆**St. Stephen Parish Festival**, St. Stephen. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Dinner begins at 11:00 am, Live Music, Games, Fun, Stands, Sales, Food, Beverages, Auctions and Raffles all day

September 6, Saturday

◆**St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party** 25 - 8th Ave. S., St. Cloud. Begins with Mass at 4:00 pm in the Cathedral, followed by music, food, beer garden, kids' games, silent auction and Bingo at 5:00 pm. Mason Dixon Line takes the stage from 6:00 - 10:00 pm.



One In Faith ACC Communication

At our Listening Sessions, attended by less than 5% of parishioners, we appreciated the thoughtful participation of those present. Because a couple of common questions were asked at most sessions, we asked Diocesan staff, in consultation with Bishop Neary, to give us consistent solid answers. Below is one question and the response.

Question: Instead of closing parishes, can parishes offer a live-stream Mass where people would gather at their “home” parish to watch the priest on a screen and receive previously consecrated Eucharist?

Response: The Mass is not just about receiving Communion—it’s a **sacrificial offering** made present in real time. The priest acts in persona Christi (in the person of Christ), and the gathered community participates in that offering. Watching a screen, even reverently, is not the same as being physically present at the altar where the sacrifice is made. The Church emphasizes the **gathering of the faithful** as a visible sign of the Body of Christ. Being physically present fosters unity, shared prayer, and a sense of belonging that’s hard to replicate virtually. Canon law and liturgical guidelines prioritize **active participation** in the liturgy. While spiritual communion and livestreams are valuable when in-person attendance isn’t possible, they are considered **exceptions**, not replacements. The Eucharist is ideally received **within the context of the Mass**. Distributing pre-consecrated hosts outside of Mass is permitted (e.g., for the sick). However, doing so regularly for entire congregations could risk diminishing the understanding of the Eucharist as part of the whole liturgical celebration.

The Current Reality Illustrates the Trends that Inspire the Future

Fr. Matthew Crane, Vicar of Canonical Affairs for the Diocese of St. Cloud, wrote an article for the July 24, 2025 Central Minnesota Catholic titled, “Extend Grace as You Consider Priests’ Unique Duties and Burdens.” In that article, he talks about a canon regarding seminarians: “c. 247 §2 The seminarians should appropriately receive firm teachings regarding the duties and burdens lived by sacred ministers of the Church, with no difficulty of the priestly life having been left unsaid.” He then goes on to say, “This is intuitive. These men should be aware of what they are getting into. However, contemporary experience suggests that it is a very difficult obligation to fulfill. Much of the Church’s implicit assumptions regarding the pastoral structures no longer apply in the contemporary, Midwestern context. For 500 years, all the Church’s law, all of her pastoral planning and all of her exercise of pastoral care have been structured around the assumption of one parish, meeting at one church, served by one pastor. With 131 parishes in the Diocese of St. Cloud, and all of those having at least one church, this structure simply doesn’t exist for the roughly 50 priests in parochial assignments in the diocese.”

We encourage you to read this article in its entirety at <https://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/on-canon-law-with-father-crane-extend-grace-as-you-consider-priests-unique-duties-and-burdens/>

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 ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,479.00
Regular Adult Offering	875.00
EFT	1,350.00
Plate/Loose	173.00
Votives	31.00
Spraying Fund	50.00

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,929.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,505.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	378.00
Votives.....	46.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, August 23 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
(L) Cassandra Kettner
(U) Roger Schoenberg & Mark Silbernack
(GB) Scott & Kristen Young
(EM) (B) Mike Barten
(EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Herman Lensing
(HK - August) *Trista Roelike, Joyce Schoenberg, Sharon Schwieters & Margaret Silbernack

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, August 24 - 8:00 am

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
(L) Doug Meyer
(U) Ken Schneider & Marvin Schneider
(GB) Ken & Linda Schneider
(EM) Nick Kelzer, Jim Leukam
Char Meyer, & Dan Meyer
(HK - August) *Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, & Irene Marthaler

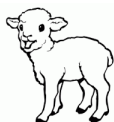
Finance Council Nominations:

Nominations for a position on the St. John's Finance Council (formerly called the Leadership Council) will take place today, Sunday, August 17 at the 8:00 am Mass at St. John's in Meire Grove. The election for this position is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 7.



Volunteers Needed The tall shrubs that surround our grotto need trimming and shaping usually once a year. If someone would like to volunteer for this task, it would be so appreciated! Please call Char at 320-248-1019 Thank you!

My sheep hear my voice,
says the *Lord;*
I know them,
and they follow me.

**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.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

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.



¡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.

**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 o la oficina parroquial para pedir información sobre el programa y comenzar a planear sus preparacion.

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

I Makenzie Herzog♥Isaiah Gerads, 9-6 FR
III Juana Orozco Vazquez♥Rene Ramirez, 8-23 M

For the Sick: Anne Wolke, Ted Hoeschen, Tillie Bueckers, 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

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: 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.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Confirmation (11th or 12th graders): Opening night** of Confirmation is Wednesday, August 27 7:15 - 8:30 pm. This gathering will be the first class of the year. As part of the class, we will have a special blessing of Confirmation candidates and their parents/guardians, so if both parents can attend, that would be fabulous! Please at least have 1 parent attend. We will also share information about the calendar and Diocesan Confirmation requirements. Kahoot quiz, prizes, and ice cream sundaes at the end!
- **First Eucharist/Communion: Opening Day** is Sunday, September 7 from 10:00-11:15 am (between the Sunday morning Masses). We ask that all students attend with one parent or guardian. We'll give you lots of information about the year to come, and then we'll have our first class together (and we'll have cookies too!). **Note:** This gathering is for all families with a child who is receiving First Communion this year, regardless of the age of the child.

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- **Grades 1-10: Opening night of Faith Formation!** Wednesday, September 10 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:15 - 8:15 pm (please choose whichever time works best for your family). Blessing of families, Kahoot quizzes, and prizes! Calendars for the year! Ice cream sundaes! We ask that all students attend with at least 1 parent/guardian. See you there! (PS: come early or stay late to play some bean bags!) **Note:** First Communion students do **NOT** need to attend this evening.
- **10th and 11th graders - Save the Date!** The Diocese of St. Cloud requires that all Confirmation candidates attend a retreat before celebrating the Sacrament Confirmation (they may attend in their 10th or 11th grade year). Our One in Faith ACC is offering a **NET retreat on Saturday, September 20 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**. Please plan on attending, unless you have a different Diocesan retreat (e.g., a 2-day Castaway or 3-day TEC retreat) in mind!

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- ♥ **Messy Wiffle Ball** will be held on Tuesday, August 19, at 6:00 - 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church grounds. Anyone in grades 6-12 are invited and permission forms can be found in the back of each church and on the Tri-Parish website. Please turn the forms in ASAP. Bring your family and friends for this fun-filled night. A light meal will be served after.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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- ♥ **Save the Date:** SHS PreK/Toddler open house on Wednesday, August 27 and K-6 open house on Thursday, August 28. See your student letters for more info.
- ♥ **First day of school** is Tuesday, September 2.
- ♥ **We are looking for help in our aftercare program throughout the year.** We have a lot of girls moving off to college and we are looking to hire a few more people to help out after school from 3:00-5:30 pm. Must be 16 years old. Please contact the school if you are interested. 320-836-2591.
- ♥ **The SHS Office Will be Open Periodically** throughout the summer. You can stop in, email avanbeck@shsfreeport.org or call if you need anything.

- ♦ **We are looking for a volunteer** to help out with serving lunch on Wednesdays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact the office or Autumn at 320-256-4257 or anelson@smsmn.org.
- ♦ **Scrip will be available** for pick up starting Sunday, August 24.
- ♦ **Open House for parents and students** is Tuesday, August 26, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **The first day of school** for all preschool - 6th grade students will be Tuesday, September 2.
- ♦ **The school supply list** can be found on our school website www.smsmelrosemn.org.

- ♦ **SJSA Open House** for preschool is Wednesday, August 27 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Open House for grades K-6 is Thursday, August 28 from 5:00-7:00 pm with a parent meeting at 6:00 pm.
- ♦ **SJSA has openings in grades preschool - 6th grade** for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are looking for small class size in a caring and faith based environment, check us out! If you would like to visit the school, call the office at 320-987-3133 or email Mary at sjsamarym@gmail.com.

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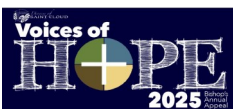
American Red Cross

Thank You to all of the people who came out to gave the precious gift of life on Tuesday, August 12.

The American Red Cross blood drive at the Freeport Community Center had a great turn out with 74 units of blood collected. This is an awesome amount and helps to save hundreds of lives. A great HUGE thank you goes out to my workers who volunteer there time year after year. See you February 11, 2026.

Finding Peace in Christ A Catholic Virtual Retreat for Stress and Anxiety You weren't created to live in stress, burnout, or spiritual exhaustion. Join us for a 4-week virtual retreat to reclaim peace, rewire your mindset and realign your soul with God's truth. Spirit-led journey grounded in Catholic theology, Scripture, and the latest findings in neuroscience. You'll receive guidance, insight and tools from Catholic therapist and seasoned retreat leader Jim Otremba, who has helped thousands navigate anxiety and stress with faith-filled confidence. Cost: \$47/person. Limit: 100 participants. Retreat Schedule (Live on Zoom) Each Sunday 7:00 - 8:00 pm. September 28, October 5, 12, and 19. Each session includes 45 minutes of teaching and 15 minutes of live Q&A with Jim. To register please visit stedio.org/event/finding-peace-in-christ-a-catholic-virtual-retreat-for-stress-and-anxiety

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: The diocese recognized the need to walk with individuals and their loved ones experiencing mental health challenges by providing spiritual support and accompaniment, practical resources and educational opportunities for mental health awareness. Our 11-member Mental Health Ministry Team is currently working to form a ministry of presence in the ACCs for those affected by mental illness. To learn more about mental health ministry, please use your smartphone or visit: <https://youtu.be/TDs-TL2FKGM>



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.



Is the Light of Christ in You? Are you looking for that light? How can you bring the light of Christ to someone else if you don't have it within yourself?

CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next weekend is scheduled for September 19-21, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Sacred Heart School

Calendar Raffle Winners!

08/10	\$25	Trisha Hoppe - Melrose
08/11	\$25	Jeremy & Tami Westerberg - Long Prairie
08/12	\$25	Anne Welle - Freeport
08/13	\$25	Ron Rieland - Freeport
08/14	\$25	Veronica Monti - Long Prairie
08/15	\$40	Julie Voit - Albany
08/16	\$25	Greg Yoerge - Rice



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 Weekends are 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.



The Truth Will Set You Free! Catholic Apologetics with instructor, Fred Blonigen at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 2405 1st St. N., St. Cloud, MN 56303. Tuesdays from September 9 through November 4 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Course Description: Participants will be taught to understand and defend the faith on a wide variety of Catholic teachings, including:

- ♥Prayer & Suffering
- ♥Mental Prayer
- ♥Guardian Angels
- ♥Diabolical Afflictions
- ♥St. Peter & the Papacy
- ♥Canon of the Bible
- ♥Catholic Moral Teaching
- ♥Sacred Heart Devotion
- ♥Mary and the Eucharist
- ♥Praying to the Saints
- ♥Seven Deadly Sins
- ♥Tradition & the Bible
- ♥Heaven, Hell, Purgatory
- ♥Habits of Holiness

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Sunday, August 31st, 2025



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12:30 pm Bean Bag Tournament Sign-Up

\$10 per participant, 75% payout

2:00 pm Quilt Auction – Beautiful Homemade Quilts!!

To view the quilts, you can visit www.sacredheartfreeport.org or the TriParish Facebook page

4:00 pm Music by The Sunday Stars

(Featuring Donny Brang, Mike Noonan, and Jay Skrudrud)

7:00 pm Grand Raffle & Cash Raffle Drawing

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