



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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 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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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.



Perceiving the Dignity of Others

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “*Lord, will only a few people be saved?*” He answered them, “*Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.*” Luke 13:22-24

The context of this passage provides insight into Jesus’ mission and His concern for each and every person. Note that Jesus was traveling toward the large and populous city of Jerusalem. But as He traveled, He passed through “towns and villages” and taught the people as He went. This might seem like a small detail, but it is also a significant one.

A city like Jerusalem was large and often had wealthy, influential, and “important” people. The less-populated towns had borders and often some form of local government. Villages were much smaller rural areas, often made up of poorer, less educated, less influential, and simpler people. One historian, Josephus, wrote that there were about 240 villages throughout Galilee at the time Jesus lived. It’s interesting to note that Jesus wanted to teach everyone. He didn’t care if they were wealthy and powerful people in the large city or peasant farmers and shepherds from the countryside. His mission was to all.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 25 - 31

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Juvenal Hernandez †Rafaela Hernandez
Tu	7:30 am	†Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
We	7:30 am	†Dolores Maleska
Th	7:30 am	†Jeanette Barth
*Fr	7:30 am	†Elmer & †Anna Hellermann
Sa	5:00 pm	†Dick, †Rose, & †Dale Van Beck
*Su	9:00 am	†Paul Spaeth
Su	11:30 am	Misa en Español Por el Pueblo

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	†Viola Zwack-Beutz
Fr	8:15 am	†Viola Meyer
Su	8:00 am	†Genevieve "Jennie" Hiltner

*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	Special Intentions
Sa	4:00 pm	†Alan Van Drehle

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Joe Wiechmann
Su	10:00 am	For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Vernon Welle
Su	10:00 am	†Joseph Seiferman

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	Good Harvest
Sa	4:00 pm	†Clarence Winter

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Joyce Yarke
Su	8:00 am	†Clarence Wenker

ADORATION

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 ~

•**Communion in Pyx** If you will be bringing communion to someone and need a host in your pyx, please receive communion from a priest.

One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...

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.

Parish Office Closure The Parish Offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

Do You Have Questions About the Catholic Faith?

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptized Catholics. OCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact one of the parish offices or Deacon Ernie Kociemba at kociemba@meltel.net or call 320-248-5124 by Saturday, September 20.

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/.

**Parish News:**

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

•Attention All Parishioners Your Assistance Is Crucial

We completed the first phase of the photo directory by obtaining updated photos of our parishioners. We now want to ensure the contact information is correct in the directory. If you did not have your picture taken with the photographer, you will receive a mailing from the office asking you to review and update your contact information. It is very important that everyone who receives the letter responds timely so we can update our parish records. Even if you don't have any changes, we still need a response from you.

•**September Ministry Schedule** was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish.

•**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.

•**Parish Fiscal Year Financial Reports** for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 are in the kiosk or the back of the church for anyone who wants to view. On the back of the financial report are the parish statistics that are sent to the diocese annually giving the number of Catholics in the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at 320-836-2143.

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 lightning, 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



CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352

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

Total.....	\$12,813.06
Regular Adult Offering	10,462.00
Assumption	871.01
Plate/Loose	1,104.00
Designated Funds	376.05

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

08-17	\$25	Joanne Pohlmann, Grey Eagle
08-18	\$25	St. Mary's School - Anonymous Donor
08-19	\$25	Ethan Willoughby, Holdingford
08-20	\$25	Mindy Arnzen, Melrose
08-21	\$25	Kevin Costello, Grey Eagle
08-22	\$50	Ralph & Kelly Revermann, Melrose
08-23	\$25	John & Linda Kociemba, Grey Eagle

**Baptized in Christ...**

♥Liam Gael Botello Martinez ♥Miguel Alexander Montanez

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

II Makenzie Herzog♥Isaiah Gerads, 9-6 FR

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

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$6,031.54
Regular Adult Offering	3,879.54
Plate	501.00
Votive	133.00
School Support	580.00
Assumption Envelopes	705.00
Assumption Plate	233.00

Parish Events

Su	08/24	11:30 am	Baptism
Tu	08/26	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We	08/27	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Fr	08/29	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/29	9:00 am	Adoration

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Robert "Bob" Roelike**, who passed away Tuesday, August 13. His funeral was celebrated here on Tuesday, August 19.

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the military remembrance candle by the votive stand. There are also other candles available to be sponsored for the upcoming months. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.



Thank You to all who came and supported the Sacred Heart Parish Festival. Overall, the festival brought in just over \$106,000. A huge thank you to the festival chair! Mark your calendar for next year's festival, Sunday, July 19, 2026.

**Perceiving the Dignity of Others** Cont'd. from page 1

One thing this teaches us is that we, also, must have love and concern for everyone, regardless of their social status. Each and every person is equal in dignity. From the president of a large country, to the beggar in an alleyway, everyone deserves our respect and attention in an equal .

Our fallen human nature experiences various forms of temptation. Among them are temptations for riches, power and prestige. For that reason, we tend to admire those who have obtained worldly success because we want it for ourselves. As a result, we tend to show greater respect for those who have achieved what we covet and give less attention to those who do not have that success. This, of course, goes to the heart of the problem.

When you think about the people whom you have encountered recently, what comes to mind? Perhaps your "encounter" was to read about someone's great success in the financial world. Or perhaps it was to read about someone's demise in another way. Perhaps a neighbor has done well and purchased a new car, or a friend got fired from a job. Whatever the case may be, it is important to consider the level of personal respect and love you show for each person. It must be equal. Worldly status cannot determine how we treat others. This is hard to avoid.

The teaching that Jesus gave to those in the towns and villages was an exhortation to holiness. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." And at the end of today's Gospel, Jesus says, "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." The latter statement must have especially resonated with those who felt somewhat insignificant and unimportant in life. Those who felt like they were "last" would have received a certain hope. This tells us that God never measures us by our successes from a worldly standpoint. He measures us only on the level of our fidelity to His holy will.

Reflect, today, upon how you look at all people. Do you see every person in the way that God sees them? Do you see everyone with equal dignity and worth? Or do you elevate those whom you envy and whose success you covet? Seek to eliminate all worldly ways of looking at others so that you will only look at others through the lens of their dignity and fidelity to the will of God.

Lord, as You journeyed through life, You looked only at the hearts of those You encountered. You treated each person with dignity and love. Please help me to shed all temptations to see others through the eyes of the world and to show full respect to all of Your sons and daughters. Jesus, I trust in You.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,379.83
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,143.33
Plate	279.00
Building/Maintenance.....	57.50
Assumption Envelopes	730.00
Assumption Plate	170.00

Parish Events

Tu 08/26 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. -SR
We 08/27 7:00 pm Confirmation Class - FR
Sa 08/30 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Pyper Elaine Bueckers**, the daughter of Eric & Angela Bueckers, to our parish. Pyper Elaine was baptized on Wednesday, August 13.



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.

*I am the way, the truth
and the life, says the
Lord;
no one comes to the
Father,
except through me.*

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,727.47
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,613.46
Plate	391.01
Votive	220.00
Building/Maintenance	50.00
Assumption Envelopes	98.00
Assumption Plate	355.00

Parish Events

Tu 08/26 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.
We 08/27 7:00 pm Confirmation Class - FR
Fr 08/29 7:30 pm Rosary
Su 08/31 10:00 am Parish 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.

Pink Cash Raffle Tickets All Pink Cash Raffle tickets need to be returned by Sunday, August 24 at church or you can drop them off at St. Rosa Lumber. If you need more, call Lillian 320-293-8333.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,597.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	495.00
Children	0.50
Plate/Loose	326.25
Votives	256.00
Maintenance Fund	230.00
Fuel Fund	100.00
Assumption of Mary	190.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, August 31 - 10:00 am

(S) Kenny Niehoff & Noah Terres
(L) Pete LeClaire
(U) Allen Lieser & Jeff Lieser
(EM) (B) Melvin Kalthoff
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
(HK: August 24 - September 6)
Amy Orbeck, Betty Orbeck, & Kim Orbeck

Thank You:

•**To Tony and Mary Gruenes** for building and donating the new wooden boxes around the stations of the cross in the cemetery! They turned out really well and we appreciate all the time and effort put into building them.
•**To John and Sharon Schulzetenberg** for painting the statue in the back of church above the west entrance doors! Be sure to check out the statue on the way out of church. It looks wonderful!

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 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.

August 31, Sunday continued

◆**Crosier Alumni Potluck Picnic** at Ellison Park in Monticello, MN from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. If you attended any of the Crosier schools - join us! Sloppy Joes will be provided. Please bring your beverage and a side dish to share. Bring along family, friends, or other alumni! Questions please contact Pete "Moose" Sherrard at 763-245-8095 or Jim "Knob" Meyer at 320-380-4584.

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 July Listening Sessions, though fewer than 5% of parishioners were in attendance, we truly valued the thoughtful sharing of those who joined us. Since some of the same questions came up in many of the sessions, we sought guidance from Diocesan staff, who, in consultation with Bishop Neary, provided us with clear and consistent answers. Last week we provided the response to the question regarding the use of live-stream Masses. Two more commonly asked questions along with the responses are below.

Question: Will Bishop Neary consider bringing in foreign priests to assist in the priest shortage?

Response: The diocese would be open, under very limited circumstances, to considering more assistance from foreign priests, but not as part of the All Things New planning process. It would need to be a situation in which Bishop Patrick knows an overseas bishop or religious superior well enough so we get quality priests that meet our needs. It can be difficult to bring in priests from other countries, as they face language barriers, the high cost and complexity of immigration paperwork, and the challenges of adjusting to a new culture. Given these challenges, bringing in priests from abroad is not part of the All Things New process. The priest shortage is only one piece of the reality we face as a diocese—we also have more buildings than we can reasonably sustain and fewer people to fill them. For our planning, we will rely on the priests we have now and place a strong focus on fostering vocations here at home, so that we can build a healthy and stable presbyterate for the future.

Question: Why can't we have priests from St. John's help us?

Response: St. John's and the Crosiers no longer have the numbers they once did to provide priests for parish assignments. In fact, it's anticipated that before long they may not be able to provide any priests at all. While they may still assist with ministry occasionally, we cannot rely on them as part of the All Things New process. Again, while the priest shortage is a significant concern, it is not the only factor affecting our diocese. We are also faced with maintaining more facilities than our current population can support.

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.

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	\$1,424.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,045.00
Plate/Loose	204.00
Votives	20.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00
Spraying Fund	20.00
Assumption	35.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, August 30 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Leo Kasper & Clara Kasper
(L) Julie Kulzer
(U) Benjamin Stepan & Jim Uphoff
(GB) Jeff & Wanda Ahrens
(EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(HK - August) *Trista Roelike, Joyce Schoenberg, Sharon Schwieters & Margaret Silbernack

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$6,755.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	6,132.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	186.00
Votives.....	52.00
Flood Relief	50.00
Assumption	335.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, August 31 - 8:00 am**

(S) Isaac Zenzen & Collin Kelzer
(L) Kurt Meyer
(U) Matt Silbernack & Mike Wehlage
(GB) Marvin & Karen Schneider
(EM) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
(HK - August) *Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, & Irene Marthaler

*Thank
you!*

Thank You to everyone who made nominations for the position on the St. John's Finance Council. The election for this position is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 7.

**Sacred Heart School****Calendar Raffle Winners!**

08/17	\$25	Ben & Sarah Wiechman - Melrose
08/18	\$25	Ervin Feldewerd - Melrose
08/19	\$25	Jeanette Gerads - Freeport
08/20	\$25	Norb & Audrey Overman - Albany
08/21	\$25	Tamara Rotert - Hutchinson
08/22	\$25	Carol Engle - West Union
08/23	\$50	Mary Jane Boeckermann - Freeport

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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.

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.

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

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

Mo	Weekday (<i>Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i>)
	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22
Tu	Weekday
	1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26
We	Saint Monica (<i>Memorial</i>)
	1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32
Th	Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (<i>Memorial</i>)
	1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51
Fr	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (<i>Memorial</i>)
	1 Thes 4:1-8 Mk 6:17-29
Sa	Weekday (<i>BVM</i>)
	1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Beginning of the Year Mailings** were sent out this week, please watch for them in your mailbox. If you do not receive them, please reach out to the office.
- **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.
- **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart School gym. Enter using the door on the east side of the building by the gym.
 - **Reminder:** Saint Report is due Wednesday, August 27.
 - **The Rite of Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, October 11 at 7:00 pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

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.

- **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!

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- ♥ **Open House** for the 25/26 school year is next week already! Infant - PreK open house is Wednesday, August 27 from 4:00-7:00 pm and Kindergarten - 6th Grade open house is Thursday, August 28 from 4:00-7:00 pm.
- ♥ **First Day of School** is Tuesday, September 2. Mass will be at 10:00 am that day to kick-off the new school year.
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **SAVE THE DATE** Freeport Fall Fest is Saturday, September 27! SHS will have their 1K race and back by popular demand - Our Famous Rummage Sale Soup! We will be selling the delicious soup at Fall Fest and will also be taking pre-orders. Stay tuned for details.

- ♦ **New Staff at St. Mary's School** Tia Primus will be a part-time teacher assistant in the 4/5 Pre-Kindergarten program. We are excited to welcome back all of our other teachers from last year.
- ♦ **We are Looking for a Volunteer** to help serve lunch on Wednesdays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact the office or Autumn at 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.

- ♦ **Sweet Corn** is now available for the St. John's - St. Andrew's fundraiser sponsored by the Greenwald Elevator. \$7 a dozen. Stop by or call the elevator at 320-987-3159 for orders. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and thank you to John Dockendorf and the Greenwald Elevator.
- ♦ **SJSA Received a Check** for \$465 from the Arvig School Partnership Program. Arvig donates \$1 each month to local schools for every internet customer in the program. You can sign up to support the school of your choice at arvig.com/supportyourschool. Thank you to everyone who has designated St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School in Greenwald. We appreciate your support.
- ♦ **SJSA Teacher Workshop** is Monday, August 25 - Thursday, August 28.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **SJSA First Day of School** for grades K-6 is Tuesday, September 2. The first day of Preschool is Wednesday, September 3. SJSA offers preschool all-day Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

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Pilgrims of Hope Annual Fall Conference for Catholic Women

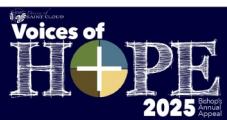
The annual Fall Conference of the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held Saturday, September 20, at the Church of St. Benedict, 212 1st Street SW, Avon, MN from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Registration of \$20 payable to St. Cloud DCCW due by September 10 and mail to Sue Burg, 39006 Co. Road #151, Avon, MN 56310; \$25 after 9/10 or at the door. Any questions contact Linda Borgerding at 320-293-1839.

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 stcdio.org/event/finding-peace-in-christ-a-catholic-virtual-retreat-for-stress-and-anxiety

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal

2025: The Diocese TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



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.

• **Friday, September 5** The Stones of Corinth: Looking for Hope in the Ruins at Emmaus Hall, SJU. Explore with Micah as he uncovers how ancient Corinth's struggles mirror our own—and where Paul points us toward hope.

• **Thursday, September 11** Thriving Where You're Planted: Benedictine Spirituality in a Rootless Time at St. Bartholomew Church, Wayzata, MN. Join Michael in examining the virtue of stability as an antidote to fear and division.

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.



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.

**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.cmtec.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 retreat weekend is Friday, October 17 - Sunday, October 19 MEA Weekend.

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 Women's Silent Retreat** - September 12-14 (Weekend)

• **Pilgrims of Hope Women's Silent Retreat** - September 16-18 (Midweek)

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