



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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

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

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

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Facebook: Tri Parish

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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.



SHEPHERDING THROUGH VIRTUE

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." John 10:27-28

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is an endearing image. Many artists have depicted the gentleness of Christ as He leads His sheep or carries a straying lamb on His shoulders. We are given this image today as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday.

In our short Gospel passage today, Jesus addressed some of the Jews who were trying to trap Him in His speech. Prior to this passage, they asked Him, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." To that, Jesus responded, "I told you and you do not believe." Jesus answered this way because the people questioning Him were not interested in actually knowing whether He was the Messiah. Instead, they wanted to accuse Him of blasphemy. But Jesus tells them that He already told them Who He was through His works: "The works I do in my Father's name testify to me."

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MAY 12 - 18

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
†Bienestar de la Familia Martinez Sanchez

Tu 8:00 am †Archie Meemken

We 8:00 am †Clarence & †Monica Ritter

Th 8:00 am †Joanne Butkowski

*Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
†Erma Kettler

Sa 5:00 pm †Lucille Mae Moore

*Su 10:00 am **NO MASS**

*Su 11:00 am **Baccalaureate Mass - Bilingual**
†Ted & †Marie Welz
†Linda Welz

Su 12:30 pm **NO hay Misa en Español**

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
†Sylvester & †Anna Mae Stroeing

Fr 8:15 am †Bernie Laing

Su 8:00 am †Troy Niebergall

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Kevin Athmann

Sa 4:00 pm †Rosie Ostendorf
†Doris Mayers
†Harvey Mayers

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Steve Tschida

Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Marcella Lieser

Su 10:00 am **Baccalaureate Mass**
†Jerome Terres

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
†Hellen Maritsch

Sa 4:00 pm †Allie Roering

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Sylvester Klaphake

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



***Mass will be livestreamed.**

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

•Baccalaureate Masses:

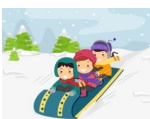
Sunday, May 11 8:00 am *St. John, Meire Grove*
(For Meire Grove and Greenwald Seniors)

Sunday, May 18 10:00 am *St. Michael, Spring Hill*

Sunday, May 18 11:00 am *St. Mary, Melrose - Bilingual Mass*
(High School Seniors attending the 11:00 am Mass at St. Mary's please arrive at 10:40 am. You should wear your graduation gown, but you do NOT need to bring your cap or tassel.)

There will be **no** 10:00 am or 12:30 pm Spanish Masses. All High School seniors from St. Mary's and from any of the other parishes are invited to participate in this Mass! All are invited to come and celebrate our seniors at this special Mass!

Sacred Heart Parish Festival will be on Sunday, July 20. The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am with all the festivities to follow. The theme for this year's parade is "Minnesota Winter." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email freeportmnpaerade@gmail.com.



One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting The One In Faith Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room. If you are wanting to be added to the agenda please contact Lisa Wuertz at 320-219-3624 or plwuertz@meltel.net before May 12.

Way of the Beatitudes - Summer Group Study

Interested in growing in your faith this summer? Join us for a 6-part book study series on living the beatitudes in our modern age. Bi-weekly meetings will be Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Tri-Parish Office beginning Wednesday, June 4. RSVP by Thursday, May 22. Contact: Jessica Goebel at jessicafinnegan@msn.com or call 952-847-0520.



Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: If you have yet to see our 2025 Video, please take a moment to learn more about

ministries that bring hope and help build the kingdom of God right here in Central Minnesota. You can use your smartphone or visit VoicesofHope.org or visit [Voices of Hope: Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025](https://VoicesofHope.org).

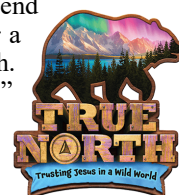
Parish News:

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

•2025 Baccalaureate Masses will be celebrated during the Masses the weekend of May 17/18.

•Photo Directory - Information on the directory and signing up for a photo session will be mailed out soon (St. Rosa and Sacred Heart) or found in your festival packet (Immaculate Conception). We would love to have every family participate. There will be no cost to you to have your picture taken and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 and a directory. Please watch for more information to come.

Vacation Bible School June 9 - 13 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Send your children, ages 4 through entering grade 5, for a wild good time! This summer's theme is True North. Children will be "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." True North is filled with Bible stories, music, games, and other fun ways to learn that God is with you every day, no matter what. Registration forms are available Tri-Parish website. Deadline to signup is Thursday, May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!



Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School June 9 - 13 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Students entering grade 6 through adults are invited to prayerfully consider joining us for an amazing start to your summer! Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website. Deadline to sign up is Thursday, May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter... "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 Attend a Worldwide Marriage



Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available Weekend is May 16 - 18 in Buffalo. 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.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

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

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total..... | \$6,534.37 |
| Regular Adult Offering | 3,897.00 |
| Plate/Loose | 1,656.37 |
| Designated Funds | 981.00 |

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

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|-------|------|--------------------------------|
| 05-04 | \$25 | John & Pat Kraemer - Melrose |
| 05-05 | \$25 | Bob Braun - Melrose |
| 05-06 | \$25 | Mike (Wyatt) Klasen - Melrose |
| 05-07 | \$25 | Mac & Sam Viere - Freeport |
| 05-08 | \$50 | Jake & Kelsey Primus - Melrose |
| 05-09 | \$25 | JoAnn Nieland - Melrose |
| 05-10 | \$25 | Luan Weber - Cold Spring |



Cemetery Volunteer Day will be Monday, May 19 at 6:00 pm. In case of bad weather, it will be Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 pm. Please bring lawn mowers, leaf blowers, weed trimmer, rakes, and brooms. Please remove old flowers and any items

not attached to tombstones to make cleanup easier. They will otherwise be removed.

Easter Collection total is \$17,717.00. Thank you to all those who contributed.

Additional Sacristans Are Needed for our Masses. The sacristan does the behind the scenes tasks that make our liturgies flow smoothly. Some duties include setting up communion, setting up the books used for Mass, checking in with liturgical ministers, and cleaning up after Mass. Fr. Mitchell will provide training. Scheduling is flexible. Contact the office for more information 320-256-4207.



All Singers and Musicians are welcome to join Music Ministry for Baccalaureate Mass. Rehearsal will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 pm in church.

**One in Faith ACC Schools
Gift Card Programs**

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

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

***Gift Cards are great gift ideas!**



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CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total..... | \$5,591.60 |
| Regular Adult Offering | 4,756.85 |
| Plate | 575.75 |
| Votive | 224.00 |
| School Support | 10.00 |
| Ascension | 25.00 |

Parish Events

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|----|-------|---------|------------------------|
| Tu | 05/13 | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| Fr | 05/16 | 7:45 am | Individual Confessions |
| Fr | 05/16 | 9:00 am | Adoration |
| Sa | 05/17 | 9:00 am | Diocesan Gathering |

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Max Ronald Primus**, the son of Jordan & Abby Primus, to our parish. Max Ronald was baptized on Sunday, May 4.

**Community Garden is Tilled and Ready**

for planting. If you would like to reserve rows in the community garden, please call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143. Each row is spaced 5 feet apart and will be assigned on a first call basis.

St. Joseph Society Members Please return **all sold and unsold tickets and money** to the Parish Office in Freeport or drop them in the collection no later than Wednesday, May 14.

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

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

May 15, Thursday

◆**Pillow Cleaning** at the Melrose City Park large shelter from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Sponsored by SJSA Catholic School.

◆**Freeport Senior Citizens meeting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

May 16, Friday

◆**"All You Can Eat" Fish Fry** hosted by the Melrose American Legion. Please join us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm at the American Legion. Take outs are available. Your support is very much appreciated!

May 18, Sunday

◆**Breakfast** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church, St. Francis (44055 State Hwy 238, Freeport). Free will offering. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Proceeds to benefit participants from Elmdale, St. Francis, and Upsala parishes to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference.

May 20, 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.

May 23 & 24, Friday & Saturday

◆**Auxiliary Poppies:** The American Legion Auxiliary of Melrose will be distributing poppies in Melrose & Freeport. All donations are donated to veterans.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Total..... | \$2,416.27 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 2,072.77 |
| Plate | 181.00 |
| School Support | 50.00 |
| Easter Envelopes | 25.00 |
| Peter's Pence | 25.00 |
| Building/Maintenance..... | 62.50 |

Parish Events

Th 05/15 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Sa 05/17 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
Sa 05/17 5:00 pm Graduation Social

Elevator & Expansion Update:

Thank you to all those who have made contributions to this fund. Currently, there is \$225,000 remaining in loans. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this fund.

Graduation Social: Saturday, May 17

Please join us in a social to celebrate the graduation of our students. Social will follow the 4:00 pm Mass. All are welcome. Servers Requested: **Chair:** John & Dorothy Funk, **Co-Chair:** Judy Gaebel, **Servers:** Tim & Megan Gaebel, Kevin & Sharon Goebel, Matt & Cindy Heinen, Thomas & Lisa Hennen. All servers please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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| Total..... | \$2,172.08 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 1,894.23 |
| Plate | 277.85 |

Parish Events

Fr 05/16 7:30 pm Rosary
Su 05/18 11:00 am Private Event



Happy Mother's Day from the St. Rose Christian Women! We are very thankful for all the dedication that everyone gives to our parish. God's Blessings to each of you!

Prayer Requests...

Please call the parish office to be added to this

For the Sick: Shirley Laing, Lori Austing, Sandy Welle, Beatrice Massmann, Dorothy Schneider, Tony Niehaus

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 ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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| Total | \$6,274.75 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 947.00 |
| Children | 1.75 |
| Plate/Loose | 46.00 |
| Home Mission | 10.00 |
| Fuel Fund | 500.00 |
| Maintenance | 100.00 |
| Holy Land | 220.00 |
| Easter | 1,450.00 |
| CUF Donation | 3,000.00 |

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, May 18 - 10:00 am

(S) Kenny Niehoff
(L) Ralph Klassen
(U) Robert Bertram & Tyler Bertram
(EM) (B) John Schulzetenberg
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
(HK: May 4 - 17) Grace Hopfer, Jeanette Kalthoff, & Jenny Kalthoff



Rosary Rally Please join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 17, at St. Michael's Church.

**SHEPHERDING THROUGH VIRTUE** Cont'd. from page 1

Do you see the works of God in your life? If you do, then it is important to understand that Jesus' works are one of the primary ways that He speaks to you and leads you as your Shepherd. God certainly speaks to us through His Word as it is revealed in the Scriptures and in the teachings of the Church. But He also speaks to us through His works. Among the many works of God in your life is the work of grace by which God enables you to grow in virtue. Therefore, it is important to look for the ways that supernatural virtue grows in your life. For example, do you see courage in the face of fear? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue? Do you see a supernatural ability to forgive another? If so, what is God telling you through the increase of that virtue? Do you see an increase in the virtue of piety, by which your life of prayer becomes more important to you? If so, what is God saying to you through the increase of this virtue?

The discernment of the will of God enables us to hear His voice and follow Him. And one of the best ways to discern the will of God is to look for the ways that God is touching your life. Where you see virtue increase, the will of God is present and is calling you to grow in that area. Conversely, if there is something in your life that leads you to sin, and, thus, a decrease in virtue, then this is also God's voice telling you to avoid these things.

Reflect, today, upon God's actions that are perceptible in your life. Even though God speaks clearly to us through His revealed Word, He also speaks to us and shepherds us through His discernable touching of our souls. Where you see virtue increase, you will find the will of God. Where you see virtue decrease, you will not find the will of God. Listen to God as He speaks to you this way so that you will hear His voice, follow Him and receive eternal life.

My revealing Lord, You speak to me day and night, calling me to follow You as my Shepherd. May I learn to perceive Your voice as You speak to me in varied ways so that I can more readily follow You wherever You lead.

Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total | \$1,412.00 |
| Regular Adult Offering | 490.00 |
| Plate/Loose | 896.00 |
| Votives | 16.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 5.00 |
| School Subsidy | 5.00 |

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, May 17 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Matthew Dehmer & Noah Dehmer
(L) Kathy Gilk
(U) Roger Schoenberg & Mark Silbernick
(GB) Eric & Sara Dehmer
(EM) (B) Herman Lensing
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(HK - May) *Julie Kulzer, Rose Lensing,
Mariann Lucken, & Lorene Meyer

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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| Total | \$2,018.25 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 1,290.00 |
| Children | 0.25 |
| Plate/Loose | 340.00 |
| Votives..... | 78.00 |
| School Subsidy | 90.00 |
| Home Mission | 10.00 |
| Easter | 150.00 |
| Steeple Lighting | 60.00 |

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, May 18 - 8:00 am**

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
(L) Doug Meyer
(U) Ray Primus & Dennis Schmiesing
(GB) Jim & Kay Leukam
(EM) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
(HK - May) *Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer,
Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, Virginia
Nathe, & Geri Primus

Month of May Rosary We will be praying the rosary each Wednesday evening throughout the month of May at 7:30 pm. We will be praying by our grotto on the south side of the church. Chairs will be provided. In case of inclement weather, we will pray it inside by Mary's altar. Everyone, from ALL parishes, is invited!

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

Preparación bautismal: La clase de preparación bautismal ya se realizó el sábado pasado. Si aún hay personas interesadas en la preparación bautismal hable con el diácono Jesús Hernandez después de misa para registrarse para la próxima sesión de clases que se llevará a cabo en el mes de Mayo.

Orden de iniciación cristiana para adultos:

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



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

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, today, we pray for mothers everywhere.

Bless moms who are expecting a baby. Calm their fears and keep their new little life safe.

Bless mothers who have babies and toddlers and are in a busy season of bottles, sippy cups, and endless laundry.

Give strength to moms of little ones. They need it, Lord.

Bless mothers who have busy school-aged children.

Gift them with an extra measure of wisdom to answer questions, model maturity, and mold young hearts.

Bless mothers who parent teens.

Allow them the grace to let go when needed and the courage to provide firm boundaries when required.

Bless mothers of adult children that they would savor the joy of friendship with their child.

Bless single mothers with the strength to fulfill many roles. Provide them with supportive people in their lives.

Bless moms who are married that they would care for their children by making their husbands a priority.

Bless grandmothers who have the double blessing of being both mother and grandmother.

May they spoil their grandkids with abandon.

We pray peace for mothers who have lost a child and for women who are grieving because of infertility.

Give us eyes to see women around us who struggle to mother well. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus to them.

Thank you for our mothers. They gave us life and for that gift we are forever grateful. We pray for mothers everywhere.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

theholymess.com

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information:
csand@catholic-centered.org

• **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 by Friday, May 16 to avoid an increase in costs. 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

• **Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026:** If you haven't already registered your child(ren) for the 2025-26 Faith Formation Year, please do so before Sunday, June 1. Registration Forms may be picked up and dropped off at the St. Mary's Church Office or found online at www.oneinfaith.org. The registration form is for First Communion preparation classes, Confirmation preparation classes, and regular Faith Formation classes. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

♥ **Valleyfair and Feed My Starving Children Trip** will be on Monday, July 14. Pick up will be in Freeport at 8:15 am and return around 8:15 pm. Sign-up forms are available on the Tri-Parish website, sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline for sign-up is Monday, June 30.

♥ **NCYC** The Diocese of Saint Cloud will be bringing a group to Indianapolis, Indiana November 19 - 23 for NCYC 2025: I Am | Yo Soy. NCYC is a time for high school youth from around the nation to gather and celebrate being Catholic through prayer, Mass, and activities. If you are interested in attending, contact Chrystal Sand at 320-836-2143 or csand@catholic-centered.org, or Pam Pundsack at 320-256-9503 or pam@stmarysofmelrose.org with questions.

♥ **Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.

Tri-Parish Youth Group:

♥ **Youth Leadership Team Applications** are being accepted until Friday, May 30. This is a leadership program for high school students, grades 9-12 interested in serving, leading, and supporting their peers as they develop a deeper experience of Jesus Christ and the Catholic church. You will plan and lead youth events and activities. This will be your opportunity to be a voice in learning about your faith. Applications are available on the Tri-Parish website, sacredheartfreeport.org and you can turn them in to the Tri-Parish Office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
 Amy Van Beck
SHS BOARD:
 Myranda Beuning, Julie Job,
 Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle,
 Lindsay Frieler, and Jenelle Herkenhoff
www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591
 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585

♥ **Our 5th and 6th Graders** will attend a field trip to Fort Snelling, Mill City Museum and the Cathedral on Wednesday, May 14.

♥ **PreK Graduation** - Thursday, May 15.

♥ **6th Grade Graduation & Last Day of School at SHS** - Friday, May 23.

♥ **Thank You to:**

• **Bob Welle** who takes care of the SHS recycling at Freeport Gas and Grocery. We appreciate you taking the time to help out SHS!

• **Finken Water** for their amazing donation of a water filtration system for our water bottle refill stations. We are loving the clean, crisp water!

• **All** who attended and helped celebrate SHS at our Spring Fling.



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson
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♥ **We will Celebrate the 2nd Graders** at SMS who received their First Holy Communion at the May 16, 8:30 am, School Mass.

♥ **Thank you for your continued support** of the SMS\$4Kids program. The last day to order this school year will be Sunday, May 18. Orders can be picked up at the school on Friday, May 23. We will start selling scrip again in September. You can continue to order e-gift cards through Raise Right throughout the summer.

♥ **St. Mary's Sixth-Grade Promotion** will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, May 27, at 7:00 pm. A reception sponsored by the Christian Women will follow the Mass.

♥ **Thank You** to St. Mary's Mission Society for donating \$500 to St. Mary's School and \$500 to the School Endowment Fund.

♥ **During the Season of Lent**, the school children collected \$1,300, which was shared with the Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Newton, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International.

♥ **The SMS State of the School Report** is included as an insert in the bulletin, can be accessed by scanning the QR code, or visiting the school website under the SMS K-6, School Information tab.
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Spanish Version



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♥ **Harry's Pizza Sale Pick-up** is Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 - 10:00 am in the school basement. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

♥ **Rosary** The students in grades 3-6 will pray the Rosary between the school and church on Tuesday, May 13 at 12:30 pm in support of the Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally. All are welcome to join us.

♥ **Weekday Mass Change** Please note that the SJSA students will celebrate their weekday Mass on Wednesday, May 14 at St. John's Church in Meire Grove rather than Thursday at St. Andrew's in Greenwald.

♥ **SJSA 6th grade graduation Mass** is Thursday, May 22 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's in Greenwald. Please note the time change for the morning Mass (Mass is at 10:00 am rather than 8:00 am).



English Version



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

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| 05/04 | \$25 | Kari Schulzetenberg - Freeport |
| 05/05 | \$25 | Brianna Tschida - Perham |
| 05/06 | \$25 | Steve & Bonita Scholz - Melrose |
| 05/07 | \$25 | Mary & Ted Hoeschen - Freeport |
| 05/08 | \$25 | Meaghan Hickman - Freeport |
| 05/09 | \$25 | Missy Bueckers - Freeport |
| 05/10 | \$25 | Mike Viere - Freeport |

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God Has a Plan for You! The discernment retreat will start with Mass at 9:00 am Tuesday, June 17 and continue through Thursday, June 19 concluding with Mass at 5:00 pm for participants and families followed by a family potluck meal. Young Men and Women entering 7th Grade and Up - Cost: \$50. Boys and Girls entering grades 4-6 are invited (Cost: \$15) to join the group on Thursday at 12:00 pm for lunch. St. Mary's Church ~ 645 3rd Avenue SE, Milaca, MN. Join us for talks, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, games and food! Young men will camp in the church yard and young women will stay in the classrooms. Register by Thursday, May 15 at www.fourpillarsinfaith.org.



Catholic Century Farm Award The Diocese of Saint Cloud would like to honor Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more. Farm families who meet the criteria will be honored by the Bishop, with a certificate and special award for their home. Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 1 for presentation in August. If you, or someone you know, has a Catholic Century Farm, visit <https://stcdio.org/rural-life/> for more information and to apply to be honored for your century or more of farming with faith!

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.

Natural Family Planning... God's Plan for Marriage: **Natural Family Planning!** NFP follows the natural cycle God has given each woman. It has no dangerous side effects, and no harmful soul effects. NFP allows you to give yourself to your spouse completely, freely, and faithfully. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursday, May 15 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!



Stewardship as a Way of Life “The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:52) The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



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.

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 on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/5-27-25/.

How does your pet greet you when you get home?



Are you that excited to greet Jesus at Mass? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 16-18, 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.

Catholic Rural Business Award is given to a Catholic business owner of a rural business within the St. Cloud Diocese, in recognition of their significant contributions to rural life through time, talent or treasure; the award is a way of honoring those who demonstrate their faith in how they run their business. It is presented to Catholic business owners who demonstrate: Catholic values in all areas of their life; serves rural areas; are recognized as leaders in their community; are committed to supporting the dignity of their employees and customers; and in these and other ways exemplify the faith and the work-ethic of St. Joseph the Worker. Any community member, including the owners themselves or their employees, can nominate a Catholic rural business to receive this award each year. One award will be given annually, presented in August. Visit <https://stcdio.org/rural-life/> to nominate a business.

The Scriptures This Week

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

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| Mo | Easter Weekday (<i>Saint Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;</i> <i>Saint Pancras, Martyr</i>) |
| | Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10 |
| Tu | Easter Weekday (<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>) |
| | Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30 |
| We | Saint Matthias, Apostle (<i>Feast</i>) |
| | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17 |
| Th | Easter Weekday (<i>Saint Isidore</i>) |
| | Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20 |
| Fr | Easter Weekday |
| | Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6 |
| Sa | Easter Weekday |
| | Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14 |
| Next Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Easter |
| | Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 |

Public Rosary...

We have many intentions to pray for and much 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 7:30 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays, May 14, 21, and 28 at 7:30 pm by the Grotto on the South side of the church in Meire Grove.
- 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.

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