



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 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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Melrose, MN 56352

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Faith Formation: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org

Facebook: Tri Parish

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.**

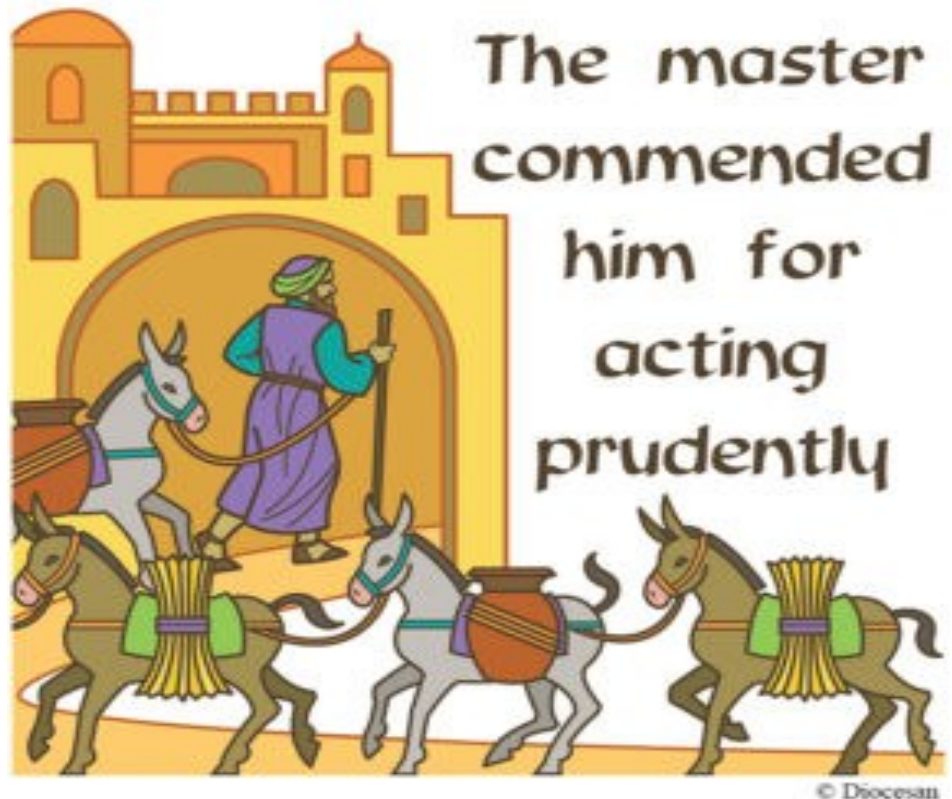
*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

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.



Supernatural Prudence

And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." Luke 16:8

These lines conclude the Parable of the Dishonest Steward. At that time, there was a Palestinian custom in which agents acted on behalf of a wealthier master's money, making loans and obtaining them back with interest. It is similar to our modern banking system. The problem presented in this parable was that the steward was dishonest, skimming some of the profits for himself. As a result, the master told the steward to get his financial affairs in order because he was going to fire him. The shrewd steward, acting on the authority he still had for the moment, then went forth and reduced the debt of each of his master's debtors so as to win favor with each of them so that he could do business with them after he was fired by his master.

Obviously, Jesus does not tell this parable because He approves of dishonest and shrewd deception in business practices. Instead, He tells it to illustrate the fact that many people who are motivated by selfishness and worldly goals use the natural gift of prudence with much more zeal than many of the "children of light."

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ SEPTEMBER 22 - 28

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Angelina Ambriz
 †Rafael Ambriz
 †Jovita Hernandez
 †Eddie, †Jeffrey, & †Mark Bussmann
 We 8:00 am †Josh Mollner
 †Tom Seanger
 Th 8:00 am †Margaret, †Sandy, & †Jerry Sand
 *Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
 †Bernie Arceneau
 †Lucille Imdieke
 †John Rose
 Sa 5:00 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Sergio Hernandez Chavez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Robert "Bob" Roelike
 Fr 10:00 am **Grandparent's Day Mass**
 †Rosemary "Rosie" Rolfes
 Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Ron Hoppe
 Sa 4:00 pm †Dorene, †Kenny, &
 †Steve Feldewerd

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Deceased Members of the
 Ben & Loretta Herkenhoff Family
 Su 10:00 am †Jim & †Mary Jane Imdieke

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am Good Harvest
 Su 10:00 am †Viola Bertram

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Asha Gregory
 Sa 4:00 pm †Tony, †Darlene, & †Mark Kulzer

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Deceased Relatives of
 Denis & Emily Schneider
 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

No Adoration Friday, September 26



*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 ~

• **Thank You From the Directors of the St. Cloud Mission Office and Catholic Relief Services:** With sincere 'Thanks' to all who donated to provide Relief in Gaza's Deepening Emergency Crisis. These contributions assist in the purchasing of supplies for the 2 million people directly affected by this crisis. These supplies include Safe and Dignified Shelter and Housing; Food and Cash Assistance; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene supplies; and Psycho-social Support, especially for the nearly 12,000 children dealing with grief, distress and trauma. Your generosity, love and support make this possible for so many today and well into the future. On behalf of those who benefit from your kindness and generosity, our heartfelt gratitude!

• **New Altar Servers are needed for our Masses.**

This ministry is open to students in 3rd grade and older and adults. Serving for the liturgy is a great privilege and a way to participate in the Mass more fully. For more information call Sarah Woeste at 320-256-9516.

**Sacred Heart School 1K Run and Walk**

The 15th annual Sacred Heart School 1K Fun Run and Walk is coming up soon – Join us on Saturday, September 27 for a fun event for the whole family.

We are looking for individuals and businesses to help sponsor the event. We would like to get all expenses covered with donations so the registration fees can ALL go back to the school and to the children. If you are willing to donate, please send your donation to Sacred Heart School PO Box 39 Freeport, MN 56331. You can register on race day or pick up a registration form at school. Get active on a nice fall morning and support Sacred Heart School. Thank you in advance for your generosity and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 27. The 1K starts at 10:30 am, registration will open at 9:00 am. Freeport Fall Fest will have many family activities to keep you busy in the morning and after the race, so plan to stay in town and enjoy the day! If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to contact Amy Van Beck at 320-290-8801 or avanbeck@shsfreeport.org thank you!

Parish News:

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

• **October Ministry Schedules** have been mailed or emailed out. They are also available on the Tri-Parish website.

Go and Make Disciples Everyone in grade 11 through adult is invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the lab in the basement of Sacred Heart School in Freeport. We will have snacks and discuss the topics of the Angels, Saints, and Eucharistic Miracles. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday, October 1. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but haven't been confirmed? We will have an informational meeting on Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Melrose. 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. Please contact one of the parish offices or come to this meeting if you are interested in learning more about this program.

**Do You Want to Share Your Catholic Faith with Others?**

The One in Faith ACC is seeking out individuals who would like to assist with the OCIA program. We are looking for catechists, sponsors, mentors, etc. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact one of the parish offices or Deacon Ernie Kociemba at kociemba@meltel.net or call 320-248-5124.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Keep your fingers crossed. Not just a date night—a weekend that transforms your marriage. November 22-23 at St. Mary's, Alexandria. Take a weekend to pause, laugh, and fall in love all over again. Use promo code LOVE40 to save \$40—our gift to you. Visit WWME.org to register or call 507-227-8229.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

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

Total.....	\$12,658.00
Regular Adult Offering	10,299.00
Plate/Loose	1,073.00
Designated Funds	1,286.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

09-14	\$25	St. Mary's Church
09-15	\$25	Karla Wensman, Melrose
09-16	\$25	Mike & Mara Frieler, Sauk Centre
09-17	\$25	Joyce Richmond, Melrose
09-18	\$25	St. Cecilia's Mission Group (Shirley Nathe), Melrose
09-19	\$25	Rita Lodermeier, St. Joseph
09-20	\$25	Donna Sand, Melrose

Baptized in Christ... ♥Maverick Jon Becker

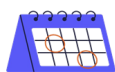
All Are Welcome! St. Mary's Spirituality Group meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the St. Mary's parish conference room. Prayer, Book Study, Discussion! Come when it works for you!

Holy Wash Group is looking for a few extra helping hands! This ministry is both meaningful and flexible—you can give your time in a way that works for you, and even a little help makes a big difference. If you'd like to learn more, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact the parish office for details.

Do You Enjoy Singing? Were you in the High School or College Choir? Music ministry is welcoming new members, and we would love to have you join us. The **Parish Choir** has rehearsals on Tuesday evenings and sing for Mass 2-3 times per month. In addition to the songs and hymns, the choir is learning 4-part choral pieces for feast day liturgies. Additional **cantors** are needed to sing the psalm and lead the assembly in song. Cantors meet individually for rehearsal and scheduling is flexible. For more information contact Sarah Woeste in the parish office 320-256-9516.

Youth Interested in Joining Choir All teens are welcome to join our **Youth Choir** directed by Sarah Wiechman. Youth choir rehearses before Mass and sings about once a month for the 9:00 am Mass. They will be leading music ministry on Sunday, October 5. Please contact the parish office 320-256-9516 to be added to the roster and for updates.

Need a Phone Number to Contact a Sub for Liturgical Ministry? Liturgical Ministry Rosters are available through the Ministry Scheduler Pro website. Log in and navigate to the rosters tab. You will only be able to see rosters for the ministries that you belong to. Rosters are not yet available in the MSP app.



Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!

09/14	\$25	Amber Welle-W - Richfield
09/15	\$25	Jenna Thull - Freeport
09/16	\$25	Christine Larson - Marble
09/17	\$25	Joni Van Beck - Melrose
09/18	\$25	Zack & Holly Arnold - Freeport
09/19	\$25	Norb & Audrey Overman - Albany
09/20	\$25	Doreen Gerads - Freeport

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$5,034.54
Regular Adult Offering	3,364.54
Plate	546.00
Votive	99.00
School Support	1,025.00

Parish Events

Mo	09/22	6:00 pm	Youth Night
Tu	09/23	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We	09/24	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	09/24	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-11
Th	09/25	3:00 pm	Girl Scout Meeting
Fr	09/26		No Individual Confessions
Fr	09/26		No Adoration
Fr	09/26	10:00 am	Grandparent's Day Mass
Fr	09/26	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sa	09/27	9:00 am	Wedding Prep
Sa	09/27	2:00 pm	Christian/Rademacher Wedding

Baptized in Christ...

- We welcome **Quinnlee Marie Douvier**, the daughter of Austin & McKayla Douvier, to our parish. Quinnlee Marie was baptized on Saturday, September 13.
- We welcome **Maverick Lawrence Stassen**, the son of Matthew & Nicole Stassen, to our parish. Maverick Lawrence was baptized on Sunday, September 14.



Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the military remembrance candle by the votive stand for the month of October. 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.

Annual Meeting Freeport Christian Women are hosting their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 7 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. Join us for a light meal, a quick year in review and a fun round of Trivia. All Freeport Christian Women and those interested in joining are invited attend. Door prizes will be given out as well.



Sacred Heart Public Square Rosary Did you know

October is the month of the Holy Rosary? Join us after first Saturday Mass to pray the rosary at the depot pavilion in downtown Freeport on Saturday October 4 at 9:30 am.

The Scriptures This Week

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Weekday Ezr 1:1-6	Lk 8:16-18
Tu	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (<i>Memorial</i>) Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20	Lk 8:19-21
We	Weekday Ezr 9:5-9	Lk 9:1-6
Th	Weekday Hg 1:1-8	Lk 9:7-9
Fr	Weekday (<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>) Hg 2:1-9	Lk 9:18-22
Sa	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest (<i>Memorial</i>) Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a	Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday	- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31	

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,118.83
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,570.33
Plate	475.00
Votive	36.00
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,841.22
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,218.46
Plate	522.76
Human Development	100.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,117.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	475.00
Plate/Loose	83.00
Votives	239.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00
Fuel Fund	200.00
Gaza Relief	20.00

Parish Events

Mo 09/22 6:00 pm Youth Night - FR
Tu 09/23 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.
-SR
We 09/24 6:00 pm Faith Formation
Grades 1-6 - FR
We 09/24 7:00 pm Faith Formation
Grades 7-11 - FR
We 09/24 7:00 pm Christian Women Meeting
Th 09/25 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Fr 09/26 8:30 am Set-Up COF Breakfast
Sa 09/27 9:00 am Set-Up COF Breakfast
Sa 09/27 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
Su 09/28 6:30 am Set-Up COF Breakfast
Su 09/28 8:30 am COF Breakfast

Parish Events

Su 09/21 11:00 am Baptism
Mo 09/22 6:00 pm Youth Night - FR
Tu 09/23 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.
We 09/24 6:00 pm Faith Formation
Grades 1-6 - FR
We 09/24 7:00 pm Faith Formation
Grades 7-11 - FR
Fr 09/26 7:30 pm Rosary

St. Rosa Christian Women Fall Meeting

is set for Monday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in the Church basement. Hope to see you there!

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, September 28 - 10:00 am**

(S) Stella & Jameson Schoenberg
(L) Ralph Klassen
(U) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
(EM) (B) John Schulzetenberg
(EM) (C) Sharon Schulzetenberg
Nick Waldorf
(Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
(HK: Sept. 21 - Oct. 4) Melissa Poepping,
Cassie Schoenberg, & Cindi Schoenberg

St. Ann's Christian Women's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the gathering space at the Immaculate Conception Church. We welcome all members.

 **Choir Practice** The New Munich Choir will be practicing on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. This is a wonderful time to consider joining the choir. Anyone ages 9th grade through adult are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Calli at 320-290-4583. We would love to have you sing with us!

Bake Sale St. Ann's Christian Women will hold a bake sale Sunday, September 28 in conjunction with the Catholic Order of Forester's Breakfast in the church basement. Parish members with the last names beginning with N-Z are asked to bring baked items to the church basement Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. If you choose not to bake, you are asked to please donate \$10.

 **Matching Fund Breakfast** Sunday, September 28, sponsored by St. Leo Court # 786, Catholic Order of Foresters, of New Munich in the Immaculate Conception Church basement. Menu: Ham, fried potatoes, eggs, etc. Serving from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Proceeds go to: "Restoration & Painting Church Sanctuary Expenses." Contact: 320-837-5239 for more information.

Confirmation Social Saturday, October 11 after the 7:00 pm Mass in New Munich. Everyone is welcome. **Servers Requested:** Chairs: Jim & Shelly Hoppe, Co-Chairs: Jeff & Mary Hoppe, Servers: Ron & Janice Hoppe, Tom & Terri Hoppe, Sheila Humbert, Jacob & Courtney Indieke. All servers please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

III Tara Christian♥Dustin Rademacher, 9-27 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

YOUTH MINISTRY**One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:**

Contact Information:

youthministry@catholic-centered.org or
faithformation@stmarysofnelrose.com

♦**Flower Arrangement Making** will be held on Monday, September 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement in Freeport for grades 6-12. Bring your friends and creativity! Snacks will be provided.



SHS SOUP
SALE

Chicken Noodle soup



Come out Saturday, September 27th to support SHS at their 1K and Soup Sale at Freeport Fall Fest

"BOWLS, QUARTS AND GALLONS OF SOUP WILL BE SOLD. WE WILL ALSO TAKE PRE-ORDERS."

FREEPORT FALL FEST
SAT. SEPT. 27TH
10:30 - 1:00PM

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,899.00
Regular Adult Offering	495.00
EFT	1,350.00
Plate/Loose	42.00
Votives	12.00

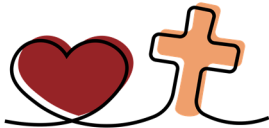
Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, September 27 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Noah Dehmer & Zachary Rieland
(L) Linda Heinze
(U) Eric Dehmer & Jeff Ahrens
(GB) Eric & Sara Dehmer
(EM) (B) Mike Barten
(EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Herman Lensing
(HK - September) *Jen Stepan, Amy Stueve, Linda Trisko, & Kay Van Beck

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Mathew Kasper, 43 †David Walz, 71

Parish-Wide Census The Church of St. Andrew is conducting a parish-wide Census. Forms were mailed to households last week. Please make any corrections or updates and return the forms to the parish office by October 15, or call Katie at the parish office at 320-256-4207 and she can complete the form with you via the phone. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important endeavor.

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,692.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	670.00
EFT	400.00
Plate/Loose	375.00
Votives.....	47.00
Church Rent	200.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, September 28 - 8:00 am

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
(L) Jim Leukam
(U) Jayme Klaphake & Tom Loxtercamp
(GB) Jamey & Shannon Groetsch
(EM) Abby Zenzen, Daryl Zenzen
Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
(HK - September) *Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Heidi Meyer, Karen Meyer, & Martha Meyer



Save the Date!
St. John's Catholic United Financial Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper in St. John's church basement will be Sunday, October 19. Advanced tickets are available from any St. John's parishioner.

Church Basement Cleaning
Monday, October 6 beginning at 6:00 pm.

Thank You... Many thanks to Fr. Mitch, the Meire Grove Church Choir, the Greenwald Pub, the Meire Grove Band, the Meire Grove Athletic Club, the City of Meire Grove, Nathe Dairy, Rita Meyer, those who came to visit with the Germans and share their family history, and the volunteers who helped in any way make the day-long visit for the Germans from Garrel a huge success! - *The Committee*

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

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

¡Necesitamos servidores! Los invitamos a que se unan a cualquier ministerio parroquial para ofrecer su tiempo y talento al Señor y a su Iglesia. Los ministerios en los que ustedes pueden servir son: ministros extraordinario de la comunión, lectores, sacristanes y monaguillos. Si están interesados hablen con cualquier diácono o llamen a la oficina parroquial para más información.

Bailes folklóricos y obra de teatro: El Ministerio Hispano invita a todos los/las jóvenes de nuestra parroquia a unirse al grupo de baile folklórico mexicano que se estará creando para la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Si alguien está interesado o tiene alguna pregunta hable con Pedro Hernandez después de misa.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

September 21, Sunday

◆**St. Donatus Catholic Church of Brooten's Annual Turkey & Ham Dinner** at the Padua Pub Reception Hall in Padua. Serving from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm. Take outs will also be available.

◆**All You Care to Eat Breakfast** at St. Anthony Parish Center in St. Cloud. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Adults \$12. Grades 7-12 \$6. PreK-6 Free.

September 23, Tuesday

◆**American Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Melrose American Legion from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Melrose to schedule an appointment.

◆**Night of Live Music** at New Munich City Hall from 6:30 - 8:30 pm to enjoy the music of the Jerry and Joyce Band. This is sponsored by the New Munich Lions and the Catholic United Financial Council #42. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

◆**Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults** Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/9-23-25/.

September 28, Sunday

◆**Matching Fund Breakfast** at Immaculate Conception Church, New Munich. Hosted by the Catholic Order of Foresters Court, St. Leo Court #786 of New Munich. Serving from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

◆**Fall Dinner** at Our Lady of the Runestone Catholic Church in Kensington. Serving from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Take out meals available. Silent Auction.

September 30, 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.

October 5, Sunday

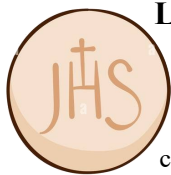
◆**Melrose Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** served from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. 5 & under eat free. Your support is appreciated. Any Melrose Firemen have tickets.

◆**St. Margarets Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast**, Lake Henry. Serving from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in the church basement. Adults \$10 at the door, Ages 1-10 \$5, 5 and under free.

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Catholic Parishes Celebrate Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Sunday

Bishop Patrick M Neary C.S.C. has proclaimed Sunday, October 12, 2025 as Council of Catholic Women Sunday in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is an organization of concerned women established by the Bishops of the United States (USCCB) in 1920 to offer women the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the Church, strengthen their leadership skills, and deepen their spirituality through prayer and service. Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Sunday is the day to highlight the activities and leadership carried out by Catholic Women. All parish Christian Mothers/Women's organizations are affiliates of the NCCW.



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.

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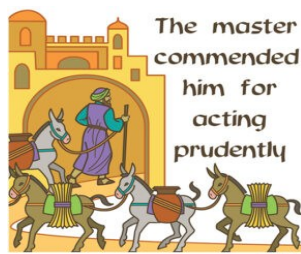
Mass For Suicide Prevention... A Mass for Suicide Prevention, Remembrance, and Healing will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church in Fergus Falls on Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. This Mass is an opportunity to seek comfort, healing, and strength in God's love. All are welcome to attend and share in this moment of solidarity and grace.

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

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.

**Supernatural Prudence** Cont'd. from page 1

Think about your goals in life. If you were to make a list of your goals, what would it look like? And if you were to order that list according to the importance of those goals, what would be first? Hopefully, on the top of that list, you would have as your primary goal the love, service and glory of God. In the end, that is all that matters in life. Every other goal in life will fall into place when that is our central goal.

However, if you were to order your list according to how much time, energy and prudence you put into each endeavor, how would it look? Would it look different? Most likely. Many people go about their lives putting a tremendous amount of time and effort into the passing things of this world. Many make their financial advancement the goal with which they spend the most time and energy. Others devote countless hours to hobbies, entertainment, home improvements, sports, and even wasteful activities such as bingeing on television. When it comes to the practice of the faith, it is a rare person who devotes a significant amount of time and energy to daily prayer, studying the Scriptures, learning the Catechism, and studying the lives of the saints. Many experience Sunday Mass as a burden. Charitable service can become undesirable. Many rarely work at the proclamation of the Gospel.

Though it is true that much of your time might need to be devoted to the ordinary duties of life, such as making a living and caring for the home and family, it is also true that most people need to reorder their priorities by making sure that the will of God is the central mission of their lives. How is this best accomplished? It begins with the virtue of prudence. Prudence is both a natural virtue and a supernatural one. On a natural level, prudence is called the "mother of all virtues" because it is the quality by which every other virtue, all our time and energy, goals and ambitions are directed. Prudence is the act of vigorously using our minds to creatively and zealously work to achieve the most important goals in life. Supernatural prudence is a spiritual gift by which our natural abilities of prudence are infused with the grace of God, and we are better equipped to know how to accomplish God's will for our lives.

Reflect, today, upon what your list would look like if you were to make it honestly. What do you spend the most time and energy doing? Even if you need to spend most of your time on the ordinary aspects of life, this becomes a holy endeavor when you do it because God is inspiring you to do so. In that case, even the ordinary becomes grace-filled and becomes a way by which you glorify God. The only way for you to know if you are using your time and energies properly is by being open to the gift of supernatural prudence. Pray for that gift today and ask our Lord to more directly order your life so that everything you do is for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Lord, You are perfect Wisdom; You are Prudence Itself. Please flood my mind and will with Your divine presence and fill me with a desire to make Your perfect will the central mission of my life. Please help me to know how to order my days so that everything I do gives You glory and works toward the salvation of souls, beginning with my own. Jesus, I trust in You.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm. All grade 1-6 classes will meet in their designated classroom in the Tri-Parish Office. Please follow room signs.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm.
 - **Grade 7:** Tri-Parish Office First Level Living Room
 - **Grade 8:** Sacred Heart School Art Room
 - **Grade 9:** Sacred Heart School Auditorium
 - **Grade 10:** Sacred Heart Church Basement
- **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, September 24 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.
 - **The Rite of Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, October 11 at 7:00 pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Students and sponsors meet in the church basement at 6:00 pm.



Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 7/8:** Wednesday, September 24, 7:15-8:30 pm. Students and some parents. Introduction to using the Bible and our topic: Why Do We Suffer?
- **Grades 9/10:** Wednesday, September 24, 7:15-8:30 pm, Students and some parents. Service Project (write invitations to All Souls Mass)
- **Confirmation** students that signed up - Saturday, September 27, Service project: Roadside clean-up 10:00-11:30 am. Meet at St. John's Church parking lot in Meire Grove. Lunch included.
- **First Eucharist Class:** Sunday September 28, 10:00-11:15 am Class for students & parents.
- **First Eucharist Families:** at 9:00 and 11:30 am Masses at St. Mary's Church on Sunday September 28: **Welcoming blessing for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist families during Mass** (Your family can go to either the 9:00 or the 11:30 am Mass. If your family's home parish is not St. Mary's and you'd like to have this blessing done at your home parish instead, just let Rita or Juliann know - we'll arrange for that to happen!)

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• **Thank you to Rahn's Oil and Propane** for the donation from the Dutchmen Spirit Pump! We are so very grateful for our community support!

• **We Are Celebrating Grandparent's Day** on Friday, September 26! All are welcome to Mass at 10:00 am, a short program after Mass and lunch after in the church basement in Freeport.

• **Thank You to the Melrose Homecoming Royalty** for coming to visit us this week! Always fun to see alumni in the court.

• **SHS School Picture Day** will be on Tuesday, September 30.

• **Chicken Soup Sale** is happening on Saturday, September 27 at Freeport Fall Fest. See Soup details on page 4.

• **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. Contact the school if you would like to pre-order soup.

• **Pick up a registration form** at the school or view our Facebook page to print off a 1K form. We will also have race day registration!

• **Sacred Heart School Annual Care-A-Thon Fundraiser** will take place on Friday, October 3. Thank you all in advance for your donations to our students at SHS! Fundraisers like the 1K, Care-A-Thon, etc. are what help keep our school affordable and successful!

• **Thank you to the Grey Eagle Knights of Columbus** for their recent donation of \$500 to St. Mary's School to purchase Bibles for our students. Every student in grades 1st through 6th has a Bible that they keep from year to year.

• **We have two weeks left** until our Marathon/Prayer-a-thon. We are grateful for the donations and prayers we've received so far. Our goal is to raise \$23,000, which is included in our school budget for the 2025-2026 year. Along with fundraising, we believe in the power of prayer and would love to pray for you and your families. Donations and prayer requests can be sent to St. Mary's School, 320 5th Ave. SE Melrose, MN 56352.

• **We are grateful** to Julie Berscheit and Juliann Heller for the many years they have shared their musical gifts with us at school Masses. While new commitments mean they will join us only as they are able, we remain thankful for their contributions. We are also blessed to welcome Jane Salzl, who has now joined us in leading our community in prayer through music.

• **Grandparents Day** will be celebrated at St. Mary's School on Wednesday, October 15.

• **SJSA received a check for \$510.22** from Rahn's Oil & Propane "Spirit Pump" at Melrose 1 Stop. Thank you to Rahn's and all who support the area schools by purchasing gas at the "Spirit Pump."

• **Pizza Sale Pick-Up** is Saturday, September 27 from 9:00 - 10:00 am in the school basement.

• **Greenwald Elevator Softener Salt Sale** The Greenwald Elevator is having a salt sale with proceeds benefiting SJSA. Salt can be ordered by the bag or pallet now through Tuesday, October 15. The pick up date is Thursday, November 6 at the Greenwald Elevator. You can place your order with any SJSA family, by calling the school at 320-987-3133, or by calling the Greenwald Elevator at 320-987-3159. Thank you for supporting the Greenwald Elevator Salt Sale.

• **Animal Blessing** The Blessing of the Animals will be Friday, October 3 at 2:00 pm between the church and school. All are welcome to bring their pets to be blessed. Farm animals are welcome too. We hope you can come and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with us.

• **SJSA Workathon** is Friday, October 10. The students will be raking leaves and doing outside clean-up in Greenwald. If you would like your yard raked, please call the school at 320-987-3133. Please support our students as they seek pledges to reach our fundraising goal of \$18,000. Thank you.

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