

$ONE \ IN \ FAITH \ {\it Area} \ {\it Catholic} \ {\it Community} \ {\it of}$

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

Fr. Marvin Enneking, Pastor Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor Fr. Arockiya Newton, Parochial Vicar

Melrose - Spring Hill -<u>Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:</u>

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Office Phone: 320-256-4207 Fr. Marvin Enneking Phone: 320-256-3108 Office Email: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com Website: www.oneinfaith.org Facebook: Church of St. Mary, Melrose Mailing Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE Melrose, MN 56352

Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Office Phone: 320-836-2143 Email: triparish@albanytel.com 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 & RCIA

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

<u>Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion</u> <u>Pastoral Visitation</u> 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.



Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away." Matthew 25:14–15

Many people dream of doing great things in this life. Those who play sports dream of winning the championship. Those in business dream of growing their business. Artists and actors dream of becoming well-known. In almost everything we do, we dream of excelling. This drive is part of the natural desires God has given to us.

When it comes to the most important part of our lives, we must strive to excel also. What is the most important part of our lives? It is the calling we have received to serve the will of God. Therefore, we must strive to unite our natural desire for excellence with our faith so that we will be driven to fulfill the glorious mission God has entrusted to each one of us.

Every natural ability we have must be seen as a gift, given to us by God for the purpose of glorifying Him and furthering His Kingdom on earth. In our parable today, the man who went on a journey entrusted each of his servants with a large sum of money. To one he entrusted five talents; to another two; to a third, one. A talent was a measurement of precious metals such as silver or gold. In today's value, one talent of silver would be worth about \$30,000 USD. That's a lot of money entrusted to each of these servants. However, when the master returned, he referred to this initial gift to each as a small amount and then promised to entrust a large amount to the two servants who used the talents well.

ADORATION

ACC Mass Times and Intentions \sim November 20 - 26

St. I	Mary - N	/lelrose	Імм	ACULATE	CONCEPTION - New Munich	
Mo	6:30 pm	†Julia Cervantes	We Th	7:00 pm 8:15 am	Thanksgiving Mass ††Vernon & Joseph Rieland NO MASS	
Tu	8:00 am	†Salvador Sanchez †David Bierschbach	Sa	4:00 pm	†Don Gaebel	
*We	7:30 pm	Thanksgiving Mass †Valeria Braun		1	LIMA - St. Rosa	The second second second
Th	6:30 pm	Misa en Español de Acción de Gracias †††Rodolfo Chavez,	Tu Th	8:15 am 9:00 am	Anthony & William Wiechman Thanksgiving Mass †Dec./Liv. of Al & Rose	
		Maria del Rosario Rodriguez y Victoriano Orozco	Su	10:00 am	Wiechman Family For the People	<i>St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa</i> Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am
Fr Sa	8:30 am 5:00 pm	†Jeanette Barth †Randy Pieper For the People	Sт. Ти	MICHAEL 8:00 am	- Spring Hill St. Michael's Men's Society	<i>Immaculate Conception - New Munich</i> NO Adoration Thursday, November 23
*Su Su	10:00 am 12:30 pm	†Irene Braun Misa en Español †Clemencia Chavez	Th	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass †Dec./Liv. Relatives of Tony & Mary Gruenes	<i>St. Mary - Melrose</i> First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm in Spanish (en Español)
		†Guadalupe Hernandez Chavez	Su	10:00 am	†Donnie Feldewerd	Sacred Heart - Freeport
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We Th	8:15 am 8:00 am	††Jim & Irene Obermiller Thanksgiving Mass ††Al & Valeria Mareck	Th Sa	8:00 am 4:00 pm	†Luella Marthaler NO MASS ††Edward & LaVerne Winter	
Fr Su	8:15 am 8:00 am	†Margaret Scherer †††Lawrence, Laura, & LaVern Scherping	ST. We Th	JOHN - M 8:00 am 9:00 am	eire Grove ††Leo & Anna Mae Schneider Thanksgiving Mass	North Star
v		will be livestreamed. aith.org for the YouTube link.	Su	8:00 am	†Wilfred Hinnenkamp †Joseph Younk	

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News: ~ St. Mary ~ St. Michael ~ St. Andrew ~ St. John ~

•Our parishes celebrated Respect Life Month by providing assistance to Options for Women in Sauk Centre. Thank you for your donations to support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life. You can continue to support their work by dropping off new or gently used clothing and toys, baby supplies, etc. at their Sauk Centre office from 1:00 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. By helping moms we help build a culture of life to the praise and glory of God.

Bulletin Deadline Change and Office Closures The



Parish Offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. With this closure, the bulletin will need to be printed on Wednesday. All notices must be to the bulletin editor by 9:00 am

Monday, November 20.

Holiday Décor Do you need a wreath for your door, a centerpiece for your table, or a beautiful poinsettia? The Tri-Parish Youth Group has some available for purchase as part of their annual fundraiser. Contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to purchase. This is a great way to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group and enjoy beautiful holiday décor.

The Johnny Holm Band will be at the Freeport Community Center on Friday, November 24. (Thanksgiving Weekend). Doors will open at 8:30 pm. Music from 9:00 pm -12:00 am. Advance Sale tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Charlie's Café, Magnifi,

Freeport State Bank, or the Sacred Heart School office. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20. This Johnny Holm event is sponsored for the benefit of Sacred Heart School.

Parish News:

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

- •Men's Group will meet on November 19, December 3, December 10, and December 17. We will not meet the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26.
- •December Ministry Schedules, including December Holy Days, have been emailed or mailed 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.
- •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.



Enriching your marriage must be a top priority! Give each other the best CHRISTmas gift possible by attending the December 9 and 10 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt.

Olivet Conference Center in Farmington. Register at <u>www.marriages.org</u>. If you have questions please call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238 or email <u>mary@marriages.org</u>.

House Blessings... Call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE Melrose, MN 56352

************** Weekly Offerings **************

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Total	\$10,502.00
Regular Adult Offering	8,577.00
Plate/Loose	954.00
Designated Funds	971.00
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St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

11-12	\$25	Reg & Ann Welle - Ironton	
11-13	\$25	Sandy Bueckers - Sauk Rapids	
11-14	\$25	Mindy & Brent Anderson - Brooklyn Park	
11-15	\$25	Curt Feldewerd - Melrose	0
11-16	\$25	Roger Meyer - Melrose	K T
11-17	\$25	Lois & Greg Brunn - Rochester	1
11-18	\$25	Glenn & Vicki Hinnenkamp - Melrose	1
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Main Church Doors On very windy days, the two large front church doors will be locked. On those days, please use the smaller east or west side doors at the main entrance.

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card



We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, <u>www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys</u>, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of Church of St. Mary. Please take this opportunity to discern how

God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

Happy Birthday to St. Mary's Church Building! This

weekend we remember and commemorate the dedication of St. Mary's Church which was November 21, 2020. We have been blessed in so many ways and continue to be blessed with the honor to celebrate Mass in this beautiful sacred space.





"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."

– Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the ones that means the most to you. CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331 Church Basement 320-836-2191

********** Weekly Offerings *****	*****
Adult Envelopes	\$3,934.62
Plate	322.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,256.62
Other Donations Votive	\$215.00
All Saints' Envelopes	5.00
Thanksgiving	1,010.00
Christmas	10.00
All Souls' Envelopes	10.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00

			<u>Parish Events</u>
Su	11/19	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party
Su	11/19	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party Men's Group
	11/21		Choir Practice
We	11/22	-	NO Adoration
Fr	11/24	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	11/24		NO Adoration

2024 Calendars are available in the back of the church.



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From a human perspective, we should see the natural gifts that God has given us as a huge amount. From a divine perspective, we must see every natural gift from God as only the beginning. God has so much more He wishes to bestow upon us. In order to obtain those riches of grace, we must first use well what we have been given for God's glory

and for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

What has our Lord entrusted to you? What gifts and talents do you have? As you think about your natural talents, consider how well you use them for the service of God. Using your natural abilities only for yourself is the same as refusing to use them for God. To the one man who was entrusted with one talent and did nothing with it, the master said, "You wicked, lazy servant!" He then took the one talent away and gave it to the one with ten who was responsible with the master's money. So in our lives, if we fail to dedicate our natural abilities to the service of God, we will lose even the little we have. But if we unite our natural desire for greatness with the call to serve the will of God, then there is no limit to the riches of grace God will bestow.

Reflect, today, upon how diligent you are in your drive to fulfill the will of God in your life. If you feel as though you cannot make much of a difference, then try to dispel that idea. Try to do small things well. Work at perfecting your charity in your daily life. Commit yourself to daily prayer. Strive to weed out all sin in your life. Do the small things well and God will smile on these little offerings and transform them into a superabundance of grace.

Most generous Lord, You have entrusted to me a particular mission in life. May I work to excel in that mission, even if it seems small and insignificant. As I do, please pour forth Your abundant blessings of grace so that I will excel in giving You the greatest glory possible and will be a greater instrument of the coming of Your Kingdom on earth. Jesus, I trust in You. mycatholic.life

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

**** Weekly Offering	****
Adult Envelopes	\$1,464.08
Plate	87.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,551.08
<u>Other Donations</u> Building/Maintenance Votive Boiler Repair	\$37.50 65.00 30.00

		Parish Events
Su Th	11/19 11/23	7:00 pm Men's Group - FR NO Adoration
		3:30 pm Individual Confessions

Baptized in Christ...We welcome Elsie Ann Mayers, the daughter of Kurt & Katie Mayers, to our parish. Elsie Ann was baptized on Saturday, November 11.

New Addition Update Insulation is in, and sheet rocking has begun. Things are moving along nicely. Brick work is near completion on the north side. Please prayerfully consider donating to this project.





HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

Area quilters, the Melrose Senior Center is accepting quilts to be hand quilted and we welcome any quilter to join us! We start at 1:00 pm Monday through Friday in the senior center. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Traeger at 256-3887 or 320-492-4583.

November 19, Sunday

◆<u>St. Michael's Men's Society Breakfast & Bake Sale</u> serving from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in the Spring Hill church basement. Tickets: Adults, \$9 advance \$9.50 at the door, Children tickets sold at the door. Ages 6-12 \$3.

◆<u>"500" Card Party</u> at Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport. Start time is 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served. All are welcome to join.

November 22, Wednesday

◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

November 24, Friday

◆Johnny Holm Band at the Freeport Community Center. Doors open at 8:30 pm, music from 9:00 pm to 12:00 am. Advanced sale tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at Charlie's Café, Freeport State Bank and Magnifi or by calling Sacred Heart School office 320-836-2591. At the door will be \$20. The event benefits Sacred Heart School.

November 29, Wednesday

•Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

December 1, Friday

•<u>Spring Hill Recreation Club Community</u> Christmas Party and annual meeting at 7:00 pm at Horseshoe bar. Food and drinks provided. Everyone is invited!

ONE IN FAITH SUNDAY BULLETIN

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17 St. Rosa, MN 56331 Church Basement 320-836-2537

**** Weekly Offering	****
Adult Envelopes	\$1,716.54
Plate	331.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,047.54
Other Donations	
Votive	\$193.61
Thanksgiving	200.00

Parish Events

Su	11/19	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu	11/21	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu	11/21	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Th	11/23	11:30 am	Family Gathering
Fr	11/24	7:30 pm	Rosary

Lost & Found: Earbuds found by the church in St. Rosa. If you think they are yours, please call Donna at 320-250-6342.



NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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

******** Weekly Offering ********

Total	\$6,077.32
Regular Adult Offering	1,060.00
Children	3.75
Plate/Loose	32.00
Fuel Fund	140.00
Thanksgiving	100.00
All Saints' Day	20.00
Well Donation from Christian Wo.	3,000.00
Worn-A-Bit from St. Mary's Mission	1,721.57

Liturgical Ministries Thursday, November 23 - 9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass

(S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg & Olivia Kalthoff
(L) Gary P. Lieser
(U) Chico Welle & Ron Welle
(EM) (B) Conrad Gruber
(EM) (C) Sandra Gruber & Ruth Heinen
(Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, November 26 - 10:00 am
(S) Sam Orbeck & Jack Orbeck
(L) Katherine Orbeck
(U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz

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(U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz
(EM) (B) Stan Heinen
(EM) (C) Jeanette Kalthoff & Melvin Kalthoff
(Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Marvin Rademacher & Amy Orbeck
(HK: Nov. 26 - Dec. 9) Cyndi Schulzetenberg, Sharon Schulzetenberg, & Mary Ann Spanier



St. Michael's Men's Society Breakfast & Bake Sale serving today, Sunday, November 19 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

in the Spring Hill church basement. Tickets: Adults, \$9 advance \$9.50 at the door, Children tickets sold at the door. Ages 6-12 \$3.

Annual Meeting & Christmas Party

St. Michael's Parishioners who are members of Catholic United Financial Council #126 will have their annual meeting and Christmas party on Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 pm in the church basement. Kids games start at 1:00 pm and Santa will come at 2:30 pm. There will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Mission Christmas party will be Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 pm in the church basement. There will be a \$5 gift exchange and pot luck lunch. New members are welcome.

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		\$1,438.00
Regular Adult Offering		1,210.00
Plate/Loose		86.00
Votives		12.00
Fuel Fund		100.00
All Saints' Day		30.00

Liturgical Ministries Wednesday, November 22 - 8:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass

(S) Savannah Finken & Zachary Rieland
(L) Julie Kulzer
(U) Bob Worms & Jon Worms
(GB) Jim & Ruth Wehlage
(EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
(EM) (C) Kris Winter & Clarine Beier

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, November 25 - 4:00 pm

(S) Logan Frieler & Megan Frieler
(L) Herman Lensing
(U) Jeff Ahrens & Jason Barten
(GB) Robert & Judy Wehlage
(EM) (B) Dustin Gregory
(EM) (C) Herman Lensing & Mary Opatrny
(HK - November) *Linda Trisko, Lee
Uphoff, Joni Van Beck, Kay Van Beck,
Judy Wehlage, & Ruth Wehlage

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

******** Weekly Offering ******** Total \$3,447.25 Regular Adult Offering..... 1,232.00 Children..... 3.25 Plate/Loose 204.00 Votives..... 64.00 School Subsidy..... 50.00 All Saints' Day..... 894.00 Donations..... 200.00 Fuel Fund..... 200.00 Community Park..... 600.00

Liturgical Ministries Thursday, November 23 - 9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass

(S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer
(L) Karen Meyer
(U) Matt Silbernick & Mike Wehlage
(GB) Gary & Irene Marthaler
(EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
(EM) (C) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, November 26 - 8:00 am

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
(L) Missy Illies
(U) Daryl Zenzen & Chad Funk
(GB) Dan & Char Meyer
(EM) (B) Dan Meyer & Karly Meyer
(EM) (C) Elmer Meyer & Char Meyer
(HK - November) *Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, Ann Brang, Janice Funk, Kally Illies, & Darlene Imdieke

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Formación en la fe: Información de contacto: Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

•No hay clases esta semana debido a las vacaciones de Acción de Gracias.

•Jóvenes en los grados 6-12 están invitados a unirse a nuestra Noche Divertida de Otoño con Adoración el Sábado 19 de Noviembre, de las 6:00 a las 7:30 pm. Comenzaremos en la escuela católica con un tiempo de gimnasio, partida de Sardinas y meriendas. Después nos iremos a la iglesia para la adoración y terminar la noche. Por favor deja a tu hijo en la escuela católica y recogelo en la iglesia.

Habrá Adoración al Santísimo cada Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.



Rosario y Oración con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los últimos tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo omatrimonio, favor de hablar con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús Hernández. O llama a la oficina 320-256-4207.

Clínica de Salud Gratis. Cada tercer jueves del mes en el Centro Hispano de Waite Park, de 2 a 5:30 pm se atiende con cita o sin cita. 106 7th Ave North, Waite Park, 56387. Llame hoy para programar una cita. 320-492-2220.

Public Rosary

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for. *All are invited and welcome!*



- 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

<u>Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:</u> Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

•Grade 1, 3-6 Next Class: Wednesday, November 22. Home Lesson.

- •Grade 2: Next Class: Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 pm. Meet in the parish office.
- •Grade 7-10: Next Class: Wednesday, November 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm Sauk Centre High School Auditorium. Steve Angrisano. Internationally recognized Catholic composer, presenter, and passionate music missionary. Always rooted in humility and faithfulness, Seve's highly effective and authentic style of ministry springs from his deep love for Jesus Christ. Evening will end with Adoration. Students are expected to attend. This is considered a classroom night. Students will need to be dropped off at 6:50 pm and picked up at the Sauk Centre High School Auditorium.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire

<u>Grove:</u> Contact Information: <u>faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com</u>

•No Class this week due to Thanksgiving Break.

Youth Ministry

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

csand@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **◆No Bible Study** on Wednesday, November 22. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 29.
- ♥Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join in our Fall Fun Night with Adoration on Sunday, November 19, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We will start at the school with gym time, a game of Sardines and snacks. Then we will head to church for Adoration to finish the night. Please drop off your youth at the school and pick up at the church.
- ◆New Year's Party Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Saturday, December 2 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church Basement. We will be celebrating the beginning of a new church year. Join us as we prepare for Advent, play games, and more. We will end with Mass at 4:00 pm. Permission forms are available on the website, sacredheartfreeport.org.
- ◆Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12: Friday Sunday, March 22-24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 51 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost \$190. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 31 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 with questions.



- ◆Parent/Teacher Conferences went well last week. Thank you to all the parents that brought in food, treats, and snacks for the teachers all week.
- ◆School Liturgy on Wednesday, November 22 will be planned Mrs. Benson and the 5th grade students.
- ◆No School on Thursday, November 23. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Also, no school on Friday, November 24.
- ◆2nd Grade Class will present their Top 20 on Thursday, November 30.
- ◆Johnny Holm will be at the Freeport Community Center on Friday, November 24. This event is sponsored for the benefit of Sacred Heart School. Tickets are \$20 at the door, but if you want to buy your tickets in advance for \$15 call the school office at 836-2591 or they can be purchased at Charlie's Café, Freeport State Bank or Magnifi.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



- •No School Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24, Thanksgiving break. SMS students and staff wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.
- •Save the date! St. Mary's Christmas Program is at the Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, on Wednesday, December 13, at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Little Saints program on Friday, December 15, at SMS.

•**Thank you** for your support in raising \$11,900 in our Harry's Pizza Fundraiser.





- •Harry's Pizza Sale It's time to stock up for the holidays! SJSA students are selling Harry's Pizza November 22 - December 7. You can also order pizzas by calling the school at 320-987-3133 or fill out the order form that will be in next week's bulletin. Pizza pick-up is Saturday, December 16 Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!
- •SJSA School Board meets Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.
- •Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at St. John's St. Andrew's Catholic School!
- •No School November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

- 11/12 \$25 Nick Shaw Freeport
- 11/13 \$25 Ben & Sarah Wiechman St. Rosa
- 11/14 \$25 Karla & Matt Zierden Albany
- 11/15 \$25 Dave & Kathy Welle Freeport
 - 11/16 \$25 Becky Willing Grey Eagle
 - 11/17 \$25 Karen Wensmann Melrose
 - 11/18 \$25 Amanda Maus Melrose

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Building Relationship with God Consider taking an hour break from the busyness of the world to come adore and spend time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. The Tri-Parish invites all the faithful for a special opportunity to kick off the Advent season to grow in relationship with God. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, December 1 after the 8:15 am Mass

at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport and extend through the night until the First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am on December 2. There will be juice and snacks available in the church basement for you to enjoy in fellowship with fellow adorers who have embraced this commitment. Volunteers are needed around the clock, particularly after 2:00 pm on Friday. Sign-up sheets are available at Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima or call or text Elisha Kemper 320-492-1229 or Darlene Engelmeyer 320-491-1357 to sign up. We cannot leave our Lord alone.

Mass for Suicide, Healing, and Remembrance

This Mass is open to all people across the diocese and serves to remember loved ones lost by suicide and to promote healing for those who still grieve their passing. The Mass will be part of the Cathedral's Sunday liturgy on Sunday, November 26 at 9:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud.

Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo hold retreats throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com.

- Men's Silent Retreat December 1-3 (Weekend)
- Advent Day of Prayer December 6 (Wednesday)
- Advent Silent Retreat for Men & Women December 8-10 (Weekend)
- Men's Silent Retreat January 12-14 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat January 19-21 (Weekend)



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Faithfully Yours: Discover Natural Family Planning (NFP)! NFP cooperates with nature and

God's plan for married love. The Billings Ovulation Method is a natural, highly effective method for postponing or achieving pregnancy without the use of vices A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation

drugs or devices. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursday, December 21 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at <u>uphus.nfp@gmail.com</u> or (320) 290-8751. The class is approximately 1¹/₂ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

The Scriptures This Week Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35
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- TuThe Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Mc 6:18-31Lk 19:1-10
- We Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28
 - 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44
- FrSaint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59Lk 19:45-48
- Sa 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

 Mt 25:31-46
 Mt 25:31-46



Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and

vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit <u>www.stcdio.org/annualappeal</u>.

Partner or Servant: What are we looking for when we look for AI? Noreen Herzfeld, PH.D.

We all know that computers are excellent tools. But recent advances in AI seem to promise more. Robots are being designed as caregivers and even as sexual partners. Programs such as ChatGPT and Midjourney act as collaborators or relational partners. As Christians we are called to be in relationship with each other and with God. Are we now extending this call to computers? We will examine what it takes for a relationship to be fully authentic, with each other, with God, and with AI. Friday, December 8, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Emmaus Hall, St. Johns' University

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three-day retreat weekend. The experience of TEC brings alive the heart of our Christian Faith – that being the life of Jesus, his death, and his resurrection. But it's



not just about who Jesus was or what Jesus did. A TEC retreat makes that experience real and relevant for each person. In that sense, the retreat is a "lived experience" – deeply personal yet very much part of a larger loving community. TEC has influenced the lives of over 41,000 youth, young adults, and adults in Central Minnesota and beyond. You are invited to check out a TEC weekend and encounter Christ in perhaps a new and most profound way. For information, retreat dates, and registration, go to <u>CMTEC.org</u>.

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

For the Sick: Meaghan Hickman, Shari Salina, Joe Salina, Lynn Bussmann MacRae

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

•Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny248-8830•Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink 837-5321•St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren•St. Mary's256-3878





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