



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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023

Fr. Marvin Enneking, Pastor
Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor
Fr. Arockiya Newton, 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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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Office Phone: 320-836-2143

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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.

Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound 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.



After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone.

Matthew 14:22-23

Our Gospel today presents us with two different images to ponder. The first one is recorded above, and the second one is the story of Jesus walking on the water. In the second story, the disciples were rowing against the wind and waves in the early morning before the sun rose. Jesus appeared to them walking on the water, and they were frightened. Jesus confronts the fear they experience and calls Peter to walk on the water as a sign of his faith in Him. Peter begins to walk on water, and then in fear, he begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus Who catches Him and then gently rebukes Peter for his lack of faith.

It is helpful to understand the first image in this Gospel passage as the context for the second. In this first image, we see Jesus dismissing the crowds after feeding the five thousand and going up a mountain to pray all alone. Though Jesus was always in perfect union with the Father and, therefore, had no need for prayer, He prayed nonetheless because it was His human expression of the deep union He had with His Father. As He prayed, He also set forth an example to all who would follow Him, teaching them by His example about the importance of private prayer. The primary lesson He taught on this occasion was that prayer is the remote preparation we need so as to overcome all apparent obstacles in life and to confront fear with perfect faith.

First, the obvious "obstacle" Jesus overcame through His prayer was symbolized by His walking on the stormy sea. No one walks on water. It's physically impossible. But that's the point. When we make our life of personal prayer a priority, God will lead us to accomplish that which appears to us to be impossible. It might not be walking on water literally, but His walking on water after spending the night in prayer is symbolic of every apparent impossibility we face in life. The lesson is that if God wills it, nothing is impossible. We will know that if we make personal prayer our first priority.

A second obstacle that Jesus confronts is fear. Fear is paralyzing and results in us "sinking" when life becomes difficult. Again, personal prayer is the necessary preparation for overcoming fear. What's interesting is that we have two witnesses of

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 14-20

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Servicio de Comunion en Español**
Feast of the Assumption
 ††Henry & Elizabeth Steinemann & Family

Tu 6:30 pm **Feast of the Assumption en Español**
 †Clemencia Chavez

We 7:30 am **NO MASS**
 Th 7:30 am **NO MASS**
 Fr 7:30 am †Valeria Braun
 Sa 5:00 pm ††Florence & Edward Hinnenkamp For the People

*Su 10:00 am †Irene Braun
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 Por el bienestar de Yasli Jimenes Pesqueda y la Familia Pesqueda Sanchez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Mo 8:15 am **Mass For Rain**
 Tu 7:00 pm **Feast of the Assumption**
 For the People

We 8:15 am †Walter Beuning
 Fr 8:15 am †Rita Ritter
 Su 8:00 am †Alice Fuechtmann

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Mo 7:00 pm **Feast of the Assumption**
 †Alan Van Drehle
 Th 8:15 am †Cel Funk Anniversary
 Sa 4:00 pm ††Norbert & Helen Holdvogt

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am **Feast of the Assumption**
 †Carla Wolbeck
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am **NO MASS**
 Tu 7:30 pm **Feast of the Assumption**
 ††John & Dorine Schwagel
 Su 10:00 am ††Gilbert & Marie Schoenberg

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Tu 8:00 am **Feast of the Assumption**
 †Francis Uphus
 Th 8:00 am †Matt Welle
 Sa 4:00 pm †Clarence Winter

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove


Tu 7:30 pm **Feast of the Assumption**
 †Clarine Stalberger
 We 8:00 am †Norbert Gramke
 Su 8:00 am Intentions of Ray & Carol Schneider



St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
 Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich
 Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Sacred Heart - Freeport
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Mass for Rain

Monday mornings during the month of August at 8:15 am at Sacred Heart.

*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 ~

• **The One In Faith website** has not been working. Bulletins should be available in all of the churches. Please call the parish office with any questions. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we work to get it restored.

Parish Offices will be closed on Tuesday, August 15 for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NET Retreat Team Housing: We are looking for housing for the NET Team who are hosting a retreat on September 23 for our 10th graders. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with these young adults who are on fire about their faith. They request that a minimum of 2 students are housed together. They bring their own pillows and sleeping bags. We would ask you to bring them to your home after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, September 23 in New Munich. Then on Sunday morning share breakfast with them and bring them back to Immaculate Conception Church, the time will be announced. Please contact Chrystal if interested.

Employment Opportunities in the One In Faith ACC ...



♦ **Bookkeeper** The Parish Office in Melrose has an immediate opening for a bookkeeper. The position is 20 hours a week in the Melrose office. Primary duties include paying and recording bills, tracking and reporting donations and income, and providing reports as needed. Contact Pam at pam@stmarysofmelrose.com or call 320-256-4207.

♦ **Childcare Assistants** Sacred Heart School ECC is hiring assistants in our childcare program for the upcoming school year. There is a possibility of hours in both Before and After School Care. Students 16 years or older and adults may apply. Call the school office at 320-836-2591 for application information.

Parish News:

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



• **Baking Enthusiasts** Do you love to bake? There are times throughout the year when we need baked goods for different events. These events range from funerals, faith formation, and young adult gatherings. If you would be willing to be added to a list and be contacted to help provide baked goods for these gatherings, contact the Tri-Parish Office, 320-836-2143.

♦ **Building, Grounds & Maintenance** The Church of St. Mary's in Melrose has an immediate opening for a Building, Grounds, & Maintenance Person. Primary responsibility would be the year-round upkeep of the parish buildings, grounds, and equipment. This person would oversee other maintenance and custodial workers as well as volunteer helpers. To apply, please contact Pam at pam@stmarysofmelrose.com or call 320-256-4207.

♦ **Music Teacher** Melrose Area Schools is hiring a music teacher for the upcoming school year. The position would involve traveling to the Catholic Schools in the district. If you are interested in the full position, call Melrose area schools at 320-256-5160.

♦ **Sacred Heart School** is looking for a part-time music teacher a few days a week. Call Kristie Harren at 320-836-2591.

♦ **St. Mary's and St. John's - St. Andrew's Schools** are looking for a part-time music teacher for the upcoming school year. This position would be approximately 10 hours per week (8 at St. Mary's and 2 at SJSA). If you are interested, please contact Autumn Nelson at anelson@smsmn.org or Mary Miller at sjsamarym@gmail.com.

The St. Mary's livestream has not been working. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we work to get it restored.


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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$18,891.18
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,626.00
Plate/Loose	567.25
Designated Funds.....	13,697.93
School Heaters (Goal: \$150,000).....	\$101,275.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

08-06	\$25	Justin Drossel - Melrose
08-07	\$25	Donna Theiler - Melrose
08-08	\$25	Linda Kraemer - Sauk Centre
08-09	\$50	Allison Krynski - Hastings
08-10	\$25	Brenda Lieser - Sauk Centre
08-11	\$25	Nancy Mellesmoen - Melrose
08-12	\$25	Perry & Dannielle Ellering - Melrose



Baptized in Christ... Camila Antonela Garcia Gonzalez

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

- †Edward Bussmann, 85
- †Dorine Sunderman, 89

Schedule Change: From Labor Day to Memorial Day, the Friday daily Mass will be at 8:30 am regardless of the school calendar. If there is school, the SMS students will do the Mass.

Church Grounds: You may have noticed the yellow bollards that were recently installed by the front doors. These were necessary because of the wind that tends to swirl around that entrance. They should keep the doors from blowing too far open and damaging the doors and frame again. They had to be low to the ground for the most coverage of the door without risking breaking the large panes of glass. The color yellow is for safety so they can be seen and not tripped over.



The Scriptures This Week
 Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Dt 10:12-22	Mt 17:22-27
Tu	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2	1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28
	Day: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab	1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
We	Dt 34:1-12	Mt 18:15-20
Th	Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17	Mt 18:21-19:1
Fr	Jos 24:1-13	Mt 19:3-12
Sa	Jos 24:14-29	Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Is 56:1,6-7	Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
 Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2191

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Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,922.62
Plate.....	372.22
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,294.84
Other Donations	
Votive	\$89.01
School Support.....	100.00

Parish Events

We	08/16	5:30 pm	Youth Event
Fr	08/18	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/18	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	08/18	5:30 pm	Wedding Music Rehearsal
Fr	08/18	7:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sa	08/19	7:30 am	Wedding Prep
Sa	08/19	11:30 am	Wedding Pictures
Sa	08/19	2:00 pm	Tschida/Wiechman Wedding
Su	08/20	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party

Festival News... Thank you to all who came and supported the Sacred Heart Parish Festival. Overall, the festival brought in over \$96,000. Mark your calendar for next year's festival, July 21, 2024.



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 prayer. First is Jesus' witness. He prayed because it was good and right to pray. The second is Peter. He prayed when he started to sink. He said, "Lord, save me!" This is the prayer of one who failed to have faith and prayed out of a present need rather than out of pure love of God. Too often, Peter exemplifies the prayer life that many Christians have. We often wait to pray until we need help and are sinking. But what if Peter had also spent the night in prayer simply out of love of God? What if he had just finished praying all night when he was invited to walk on water? Perhaps then he would have easily walked to Jesus and would not have given into fear.

Reflect, today, upon making your life of prayer the number-one priority in your life. Maybe you have many responsibilities in life. Nothing is more important than praying—and not only when you feel trapped or feel like you are sinking. Instead, we must all establish an unbreakable habit of prayer to God for the singular reason that it is good and right to do so. The fruit of such a life of prayer is that no matter what obstacle comes our way, we will have the faith we need to follow every command of our Lord, overcoming even that which appears to be impossible.

My prayerful Lord, You spent the night in prayer to Your Father not because You needed help, but because of Your love. Your prayer was an expression of that love and was a natural requirement of it. Please help me to also establish an unbreakable habit of prayer so that my love for You will remain strong and so that I can follow You through every apparent obstacle in life.
Jesus, I trust in You.

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

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 ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,312.08
Plate.....	94.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,406.08

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$416.00
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,171.54
Plate.....	286.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,457.54

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$10.00
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◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆
 No Mass

Parish Events

We 08/16	5:30 pm	Youth Event - FR
Th 08/17	7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 08/19	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Tu 08/15	7:00 am	NO Adoration
We 08/16	5:30 pm	Youth Event - FR
Fr 08/18	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Fr 08/18	7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 08/19	12:00 pm	Wedding Pictures
Sa 08/19	2:00 pm	Peterson/Kemper Wedding

Liturgical Ministries
 Sunday, August 20 - 10:00 am

(S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg & Kenny Niehoff
 (L) Pete LeClaire
 (U) Roger Meyer & Mark Schoenberg
 (EM) (B) Darlene Schonenberg
 (EM) (C) NO Precious Blood
 (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
 (HK: August 6 - 19) Kim Meyer, Linda Meyer, & Sue (David) Meyer

New Addition Update: The floor for the new addition is poured. Things are moving along. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this project.



Pink Cash Raffle Tickets
 Return sold tickets and money at church or drop off at St. Rosa Lumber.

Votive Candles St. Anne's Christian Women of New Munich will be funding the two votive candles placed on the High Altar for one year.



St. Rose Fall Festival tickets are available in the gathering space of the church along with the work schedule. Anyone needing more tickets contact Bev Wiechman at 320-836-2918.

St. Rose of Lima Parish Jubilee Mark your calendars for our 125th Jubilee celebration to be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023. More details will follow.



"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."

Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

One in Faith ACC Is Invited to Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

◆ **Outdoor Mass** with Bishop Neary Tuesday, August 15 at 7:30 pm at St. Michael's Parish in Spring Hill. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held in church. Poor Clares collection will be taken. Bring your own chair. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Everyone is welcome! Please bring a friend!

Public Rosary will be prayed weekly.

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

- Tuesday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English in the gathering space in the St. Rose of Lima Church.



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**SATURDAY
SEPT 9TH
4:00-10:00PM**

Food For Thought Fundraiser



Many students in our local district go without food the whole weekend they are away from school. Food For Thought is a non-profit food backpack program dedicated to feeding students in ISD 740. Together, with Famo Feeds, will you help us fight local child hunger?

If you cannot attend in person, your generous and tax deductible donation can be mailed to Famo Feeds, with checks payable to Birch Hills Community Church.

Checks Written To:
Birch Hills Community Church
MEMO: Food For Thought

Checks Mailed To:
Famo Feeds
PO Box 7
Freeport, MN 56331



Live Music, Raffle

Free Food, Beer, and
Wine

Monetary Free Will
Offering Only

RSVP by Aug 25th
with number
attending to
orders@famofeeds.com

This event is open to
the public

EVENT TO BE HELD AT

FAMO FEEDS

446 Industrial Drive
Freeport, MN 56331
(320) 836-2145

Famofeeds.com

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,292.00
Regular Adult Offering	2,391.00
Plate/Loose	895.00
Votives.....	6.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, August 19 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
 (L) Cassandra Kettner
 (U) Jason Barten & Gary Bertram
 (GB) Jim & Sheryl Braun
 (EM) (B) Clarine Beier
 (EM) (C) NO Precious Blood
 (HK - August) * Rose Lensing, Mariann Lucken, Lorene Meyer, Patricia Murphy, Doris Nathe, & Sandy Niehoff

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

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,282.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	925.00
Children.....	3.25
Plate/Loose	193.00
Votives.....	56.00
Steeple Repair.....	60.00
School Subsidy.....	45.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, August 20 - 8:00 am

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
 (L) Karen Meyer
 (U) Andrew Primus & John Primus
 (GB) Jeron & Brenda Nathe
 (EM) (B) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
 (EM) (C) NO Precious Blood
 (HK - August) *Mary Kay Leukam, Ruth Klaphake, Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, & Charlene Meyer

Catholic United Financial  **Save the Date:**
 Potato pancake and sausage supper. Sunday, October 15. Serving 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Sponsored by Catholic United Financial.

HISPANIC MINISTRY



Una oportunidad de empleo en Faith ACC ...

◆La Oficina Parroquial en Melrose tiene una apertura inmediata para un contador. El puesto es de 20 horas a la semana en la oficina de Melrose. Las tareas principales incluyen pagar y registrar facturas, rastrear e informar donaciones e ingresos, nómina y proporcionar informes según sea necesario. Para presentar una solicitud, envíe una carta de interés y un curriculum vitae a: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com o llame al 320-256-4207 si tiene preguntas.

◆La Iglesia de Santa María en Melrose está contratando para una persona de construcción, terrenos y mantenimiento. La responsabilidad principal sería el mantenimiento durante todo el año de los edificios, terrenos y equipos de la parroquia. Esta persona supervisaría a otros trabajadores de mantenimiento y custodia, así como a ayudantes voluntarios. Para presentar una solicitud, envíe una carta de interés y un curriculum vitae a: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com o llame al 320-256-4207 si tiene preguntas.



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

- August 15, Tuesday**
 ◆Freeport Lions Club is sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Freeport Community Center from 12:30 to 6:30 pm. Give the precious gift of life. Appointments are needed. We are always in need of people with type "O" blood. Schedule your appointment online at redcross.org or call Janet Butkowski at 320-836-2837 or 320-282-2904.
- August 16, Wednesday**
 ◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- August 17, Thursday**
 ◆Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.
- August 18, Friday**
 ◆Fish Fry at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm.
- August 20, Sunday**
 ◆"500" Card Party at Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport. Start time is 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served. All are welcome to join.
- August 23, Wednesday**
 ◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- August 24, Thursday**
 ◆The Melrose Area Senior Center is sponsoring a Cream Can Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the Senior Center, located in the lower level of the Melrose City Center. The cost is \$10. You must prepay at the City Center by August 21. Seating is limited.

Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo o matrimonio, 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.

Actualización de Church Grounds: Es posible que haya notado los bolardos amarillos que se instalaron recientemente junto a las puertas delanteras. Estos eran necesarios debido al viento que tiende a arremolinarse alrededor de esa entrada. Deben evitar que las puertas se abran demasiado y dañen las puertas y el marco nuevamente. Tenían que estar cerca del suelo para la mayor cobertura de la puerta sin correr el riesgo de romper los grandes paneles de vidrio. El color amarillo es por seguridad para que puedan ser vistos y no tropezados.

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

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

- ◆Noche de apertura de la Formación en la Fe: ¡miércoles 6 de septiembre en St. Mary's en Melrose!
- ◆Familias de Primera Comunión: ¡Por favor asistan a las 6:00 pm! Habrá una orientación especial para el año de Primera Comunión. Esta es una reunión muy importante, por lo que pedimos que asistan todos los estudiantes de la Primera Eucaristía, así como 1 padre / tutor.
- ◆Confirmación Familias: ¡Por favor asista a las 7:15 pm! Habrá una orientación especial para el año de Confirmación. Esta es una reunión muy importante, por lo que pedimos que asistan todos los estudiantes de Confirmación, así como 1 padre / tutor.
- ◆Familias con estudiantes en los grados 1, 3-10: ¡Por favor asistan a las 6:00 o a las 7:15 pm!
- ◆Comenzaremos cada una de las dos sesiones con una bendición de estudiantes. Luego le daremos información esencial para el año, así como calendarios y materiales para cada nivel de grado. ¡Ven unos minutos antes o quédate un poco tarde, para jugar algunas bolsas de frijoles y comer algunas golosinas!
- ◆Consulte la aplicación Remind y su correo para obtener más información!
- ◆Grado 10: NET Retreat Save the Date 2023-2024 Los estudiantes de 10 grado reservan la fecha del sábado 23 de septiembre de 11 am a 5 pm en la iglesia de New Munich para el Retiro NET requerido.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** Registration packets were mailed out. If you have not received your packet, contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport, 320-836-2143. You can drop off forms and payment at the Tri-Parish Office or mail to PO Box 155, Freeport, MN 56331.
- **Grade 10:** NET Retreat Save the Date 2023-2024 10th graders save the date of Saturday, September 23 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm for the required NET Retreat. This retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception in New Munich.
- **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart Church basement.
 - **Reminder:** Saint Report is due Wednesday, August 30.
 - **The Rite of Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, October 14 at 6:00 pm at the Church of the Sacred Heart.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Opening night of Faith Formation:** Wednesday, September 6 at St. Mary's in Melrose!
- **First Communion Families:** Please Attend at 6:00 pm! There will be a special orientation to the First Communion year. This is a very important meeting, so we ask that all First Eucharist students attend, as well as 1 parent/guardian.
- **Confirmation Families:** Please attend at 7:15 pm! There will be a special orientation to the Confirmation year. This is a very important meeting, so we ask that all Confirmation students attend, as well as 1 parent/guardian.
- **Families with students in grades 1, 3-10:** Please attend either at 6:00 or at 7:15 pm!
- **We will start each of the two sessions** with a blessing of students. Then we will give you some essential information for the year, as well as calendars and materials for each grade level. Come a few minutes early or stay a little late, to play some bean bags and eat some goodies! Check the Remind App and your mail for more information!
- **Grade 10:** NET Retreat Save the Date 2023-2024 10th graders save the date of Saturday, September 23 from 11:00 am-5:00 pm for the required NET Retreat. This retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in New Munich.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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- ♥ **Kickball & Cookout** Wednesday, August 16 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Grounds. Join us for kickball, a meal together, and fellowship. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us. Contact Chrystal if you would like to join us.
- ♥ **Paschal Challenge** for young men in grades 9-12 August 19 at the Church of St. Paul, Sauk Centre, MN. Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross, and His Resurrection in a **WHOLE** new way! Led by Fr. Greg Paffel, Fr. Doug Liebsch, & Seminarians – 8:30 - 9:00 am registration. Families are welcome to attend closing Mass at 5:00 pm with a meal to follow. Cost: free.

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Give yourself and someone you love the gift of a Central Minnesota TEC Retreat

Central Minnesota TEC is once again hosting three -day TEC retreats at its center just north of Little Falls. Consider gifting yourself with a TEC retreat.

If you are searching, struggling, looking for some direction, in need of support, desiring Christ-centered friendships, and/or want to deepen your relationship with God – A TEC retreat is just the answer. TEC retreats are designed for both youth (age 16+) and adults. For full TEC schedule and details, go to www.cmtec.org, or call 320-532-4455.

Rural Life Celebration This year's event will take place on Sunday, August 20, beginning with an outdoor Mass starting at 10:30 am. It will be held on the beautiful grounds of St. Nicholas Parish in Belle River. Mark your calendars! Mass will include a collection for the Rural Life Fund, as well as honoring the Catholic Century Farm Award and Rural Business Award recipients. Meal and family-friendly activities to follow Mass. The event is free.

Mini Holy Family Fest 2023 God-Centered Family Fun!

August 18 - 20, Holy Family Church, Little Falls. Camping, Mass Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, Adult/Teen Talks, Games, Rosary Bonfire, and much more. Speakers: Noelle Garcia & David McHugh, Luke & Elizabeth Spehar, AFC Staff. Spiritual Retreat Masters: Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C., Fr. Doug Liebsch, Fr. Benjamin Kociemba, Fr. Patrick Hoelt, Fr. Scott Pogatchnik. For registration form/agenda call 320-6932-5720, email: [holyfami-](mailto:holyfami-lybp@gmail.com)

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SAVE THE DATES!

• **2024 Sacred Heart Parish Festival** will be Sunday, July 21, 2024.

• **Eucharistic Congress** The Diocese of St. Cloud will host a Eucharistic Congress September 7 - 9. The three-day event includes a day for clergy formation on September 7, the Feast of St. Cloud, which will be held at Sacred Heart in Freeport. This is an invitation only event. The second day will be a diocesan-wide retreat day at Seven Dolours in Albany, and the third day is a family-friendly outdoor experience with speakers, activities, Mass, processions, adoration and music by the band SONAR at Lake George in St. Cloud. More information is forthcoming. Stay tuned!

Natural Family Planning for August A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre: Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 pm. For additional sites, information, or to register, visit www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp or contact Sheila Reineke at 320-252-4721 ext. 308.




Stewardship as a Eucharistic Way of Life. This virtual event is Wednesday, August 23, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Join us for this exploration of the Eucharist as a guide for living a life of stewardship and developing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Fr. Greg Paffel and Blanca Barragan will delve into the Four Pillars of Stewardship (Prayer, Hospitality, Formation and Service) and how they come to life in our celebration of the Eucharist. The Diocese of St. Cloud welcomes all who are interested in learning more about stewardship. This free event will be presented in English and Spanish. Registration is required for this free event. For more information or to register, visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/2023->


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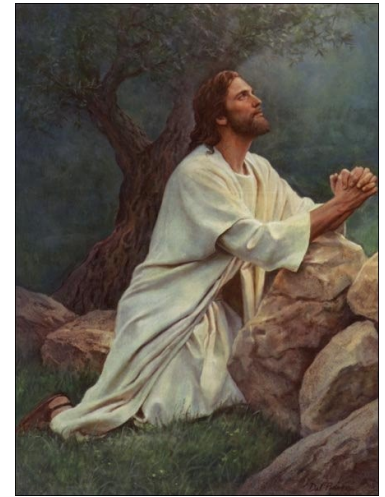
- ♥**Thank you** to all the families who came to clean last week. It's wonderful to have the school bright, shiny, clean, and ready for the start of the school year!
- ♥**It's getting to be that time...** already! School supplies are getting stocked in stores. If you're ready to begin school shopping but you've misplaced your copy of the SHS school Supply list, check out the school website at www.shsfreeport.org also available on the Sacred Heart School Facebook page.
- ♥**Open House for ECC** will be on Wednesday, August 30 and K-6 Open House will be on Thursday, August 31. The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 5.
- ♥**Sacred Heart School ECC** is hiring assistants in our childcare program for the upcoming school year. There is a possibility of hours in both Before and After School Care. Students 16 years or older and adults may apply. Call the school office at 320-836-2591 for application information.

- ♦**SMSS4Kids** is available again.
- ♦**Open House** for parents and students is Tuesday, August 29, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.
- ♦**First Day Of School** for all preschool - 6th grade students will be Tuesday, September 5.
- ♦**School Supply Lists** can be found on School Speak or our school website, www.smsmelrosemn.org.

**Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners**

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- ♦**Mark your calendars!** SJSA Open House for Preschool is Wednesday, August 30 from 4-5 pm. Open House for grades K-6 is Thursday, August 31 from 4-7 pm with a parent meeting at 6:00 pm. The first day of school for the 2023-2024 school year is Tuesday, September 5.
- ♦**St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School** is open to all students preschool - 6th grade. SJSA is dedicated to providing a Christ-centered learning environment to foster the growth and development of each child.
- ♦**Preschool Helper Needed** SJSA is looking for a volunteer to help in our preschool classroom on Wednesdays for 8:00 am - 2:30 pm. If you are interested, please email Mary at sjsamarym@gmail.com or call the school at 320-987-3133.



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

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Prayer for Hope for Rain



All-Powerful Lord Jesus, what reason do I have to doubt

You? Every promise You have ever made has been fulfilled through the incarnation of Your Son. Send Your wondrous hope into my soul, so that I know that I can trust in Your word and count on Your promises. You know that rain is needed, and I want to place my hope in You. Amen.

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