



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 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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Fr. Marvin Enneking Phone: 320-256-3108

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Mailing Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
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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.

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.

Begging for Scraps of Mercy



At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." Matthew 15:21-22

After Jesus was harshly challenged by the Pharisees, He and His disciples took a 35-mile journey to the northwest to a region that was in pagan territory and outside of the jurisdiction of Herod and the Jewish leaders. It might have been a time of repose for Him and His disciples and an opportunity for Jesus to form the disciples more directly. It was during this retreat that a pagan woman came to ask Jesus for help.

As the story unfolds, we see that her prayer is a model for us all. First, she acknowledges Who Jesus is—the Son of David. This is a manifestation of her faith and a clear contrast to the lack of faith Jesus had experienced with many of the people in Galilee. Second, her request is expressed in straightforward and simple language, "Have pity on me!" And, "Lord, help me." Third, her prayer is persistent. Jesus allows her to manifest her persistence by first being silent to her request and then telling her, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Jesus obviously does not say this to be rude but to invite her to manifest her faith in a persistent way. And that she does. Finally, her prayer is one of deep humility. She responds, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." She was begging for the "scraps" of Jesus' mercy, and she received His mercy in abundance.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 21 - 27

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Ramon Ramirez
Tu 7:30 am ††Jim & Ruth Graham
†Charlie Gebeke
We 7:30 am ††Mark & Barb Meyer
Th 7:30 am †JoAnn Leukam Shephard
Fr 7:30 am †Vernon Dickhaus
Sa 5:00 pm †Barney Hollermann
For the People
*SU 10:00 am †Deceased & Living Members
of the Eveslage Family
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
Por la salud de Belester
Vazquez Sobreyra

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Mo 8:15 am Mass For Rain
We 8:15 am ††Lennie & Nancy Holmer
Fr 8:15 am ††Gothard & Irene Rademacher
Su 8:00 am ††Joyce & Jack Eveslage

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Lori Thomas
Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am John & Mary Jane Klaphake
55th Wedding Anniversary
We 7:00 pm Farmers, Healing, and Hope
Su 10:00 am †Al Beuning

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am NO MASS
Su 10:00 am Good Harvest

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am NO MASS
Sa 4:00 pm ††Edward & LaVerne Winter

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am NO MASS
Su 8:00 am ††Vincent & Rosie Schmiesing



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

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.

♦ Building, Grounds & Maintenance The Church of St. Mary 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 sjssamarym@gmail.com.

Messy Family Project Retreat Empowering moms and dads to embrace their calling. Gain wisdom, inspiration, and practical tools that will help strengthen your family. This event will be held at the Church of St. Mary, Alexandria on October 13-14. Visit www.stmaryalexandria.org for more information or to register.

Parish News:

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

- Last Call for Baking Enthusiasts There are times throughout the year when we need baked goods for events that range from funerals, faith formation, and young adult gatherings. If you would be willing to help provide baked goods for these gatherings, contact the Tri-Parish Office, 320-836-2143.
• The Feast of St. Cloud is September 7. Novena booklets for anyone who would like to pray a novena in honor of St. Cloud are in the back of the church in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. The novena begins on August 29.
• Men's Group Are you looking for a Men's program to grow in your personal/communal faith? The "That Man is You" men's program will be held Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning September 10, at Sacred Heart Church. The "That Man is You" approach is unique in both its structure and program. Program content includes instruction that incorporates "current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints." The focus is to build up Christian families. This program is open to all men of the Tri-Parishes, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima. Any man is welcome to come, married, single, old, and young. Please contact Chris Atkinson at 763-221-4172 or 320-256-3901 for more information and to sign up.
• Faith Formation Meal Help We are planning to offer faith formation families meals throughout the year. We are looking for individuals, businesses, and organizations to help with the preparation, serving, and cleanup of these meals. Our first meal will be on Wednesday, October 4. Contact Chrystal at 320-836-2143 if you are interested in helping and for more details.
• Parish Fiscal Year Financial Reports for July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023 are in the back of the church for anyone who wishes to view. On the back of the financial report are the parish statistics that are sent to the diocese annually giving the number of Catholics in the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Amy at 320-836-2143


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

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

Total.....	\$18,480.40
Regular Adult Offering.....	17,480.00
Plate/Loose	315.40
Designated Funds.....	685.00
School Heaters (Goal: \$150,000).....	\$101,475.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

08-13	\$25	Jim Rademacher - Melrose
08-14	\$25	Davin Funk - Melrose
08-15	\$25	Joan Ellering - Melrose
08-16	\$25	Dina Pierskalla - Melrose
08-17	\$25	Beth Capping - St. Joseph
08-18	\$25	Michael Thell - St. Joseph
08-19	\$25	Jamie & Shannon Mueller - Melrose



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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,768.62
Plate.....	404.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,172.62
Other Donations	
Votive	\$48.00

Parish Events


Su	08/20	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party
Tu	08/22	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
We	08/23	7:00 pm	Catechist Retreat
Fr	08/25	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/25	9:00 am	Adoration

Rectory Update: Framing has begun! We should be ready for shingling and rough in for heating, plumbing, and electrical within two weeks. We greatly appreciate the community support!

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.

St Mary's Spirituality Group will be starting up again for the Fall. We meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the conference room at church. We are always open to new members wanting to join. Please call Lisa Brixius for more information 320-290-9613.




Votive Candles The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles: 1 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar, 1 on the St. Joseph Altar, 2 by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print, and 1 military remembrance candle by the votive stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.





One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money! A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.

***Gift cards are great for school shopping!**


"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
 Romans 11:29



Spiritual Gifts

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

Prayer for Anxiety



Blessed Lord Jesus, with each passing day, anxiety is growing. The lands need rain to endure the harshness of the weather, but none has come. I do not want to slip into doubt and fear. Assure me, Lord, that You will put an end to these problems. Let rain clouds swirl and move in quickly, bringing Your living water to all things and breathe life back into this Earth. In Your powerful name, Amen.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Saint Pius X, Pope Jgs 2:11-19	Mt 19:16-22
Tu	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jgs 6:11-24a	Mt 19:23-30
We	Jgs 9:6-15	Mt 20:1-16
Th	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51
Fr	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22	Mt 22:34-40
Sa	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17	Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Is 22:19-23	Rom 11:33-36
		Mt 16:13-20

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	\$2,289.08
Plate.....	335.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,624.08

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$37.50
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◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,188.54
Plate.....	292.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,480.54

Other Donations

Assumption.....	\$20.00
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◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,427.35
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,250.00
Children.....	4.35
Plate/Loose	53.00
Maintenance.....	70.00
Assumption.....	50.00

Parish Events

Tu 08/22 7:10 pm	K of C Mtg. - FR
We 08/23 7:00 pm	Catechist Retreat - FR
Th 08/24 7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 08/26 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Tu 08/22 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 08/22 7:10 pm	K of C Mtg. - FR
We 08/23 7:00 pm	Catechist Retreat - FR
Fr 08/25 7:30 pm	Rosary

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, August 27 - 10:00 am

(S) Sam Orbeck or Jack Orbeck
 (L) Katherine Orbeck
 (U) Bob Terres & Rick Terres
 (EM) (B) Sharon Schulzetenberg
 (EM) (C) Kathy Welle & Adam Kalthoff
 (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
 (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
 (CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
 (HK: Aug. 20 - Sept. 2) Sue (Roger) Meyer, Mary Miller, & Amanda Moscho

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
 All pink Cash Raffle tickets must be returned by Sunday, August 27 at 10:00 am Mass or to St. Rosa Lumber. Thanks! We appreciate all the support!!

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.

Attention St. Rosa Quilters... We are planning to sew the St. Rose of Lima Jubilee Quilt on Monday, August 21 at 10:00 am. We will have a potluck lunch. The main dish will be provided.

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.

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles for the month of September: 3 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Stand and 4 on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

Thank You everyone for the community support shown at the outdoor Assumption Mass with Bishop Neary. Thank you Catholic United for the refreshments and hospitality. The Poor Clares collection was \$867.

Come Celebrate the Feast of St. Rose of Lima



Join us for a Mass for Farmers, Healing, and Hope

- ◆ All are invited to join the St. Rose of Lima Parish on the Feast of St. Rose Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Ice Cream Social to follow Mass



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.


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

For the Sick: Shari Salina, Joe Salina, Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Beatrice Massmann

Banns of Matrimony:
 II Katherine Maus♥Tyler Roerick, 9/2 Freeport

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

- ◆ Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny 248-8830
- ◆ Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink 837-5321
- ◆ St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren 333-8461
- ◆ St. Mary's 256-3878



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,184.00
Regular Adult Offering	945.00
Plate/Loose	82.00
Assumption.....	5.00
School Subsidy.....	5.00
SJSA School Reimburse GEM....	147.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, August 26 - 4:00 pm

(S) Gretta & Leo Kasper
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) Dan Boecker & Dan Eveslage
 (GB) Paul & Kathy Buermann
 (EM) (B) Dustin Gregory
 (EM) (C) Herman Lensing & Mary Opatrny
 (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

- 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.
- August 27, Sunday**
 ◆St. Francis of Assisi 67th Annual Fall Festival. Mass at 10:00 am in church. Chicken and ham dinner starting at 11:00 am. Silent Auction throughout the day. Grand Raffle at 7:00 pm. St. Francis is located 10 miles north of Albany on State Hwy. 238.
- August 30, Wednesday**
 ◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- September 9, Saturday**
 ◆Famo Feeds Food for Thought Drive to feed kids. Live music, raffle, monetary freewill offering only. Open to the public. Please RSVP by Friday, August 25 with the number attending to orders@famofeeds.com or call 320-836-2145.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,644.70
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,772.45
Children.....	3.25
Plate/Loose	180.00
Votives.....	64.00
School Subsidy.....	25.00
Community Park.....	600.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, August 27 - 8:00 am

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
 (L) Kaylee Nathe
 (U) Ray Primus & Dennis Schmiesing
 (GB) John & GERALYN Primus
 (EM) (B) Dan Meyer & Karl Meyer
 (EM) (C) Elmer Meyer & Sue Meyer
 (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 bien venidos!

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.

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.
- ◆Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC para información juvenil.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you are interested in registering your students, contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport for forms, 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 2: First Communion Student and Parent Interviews** Wednesday, September 6. Please see the schedule that was mailed with beginning of the year information or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.
- **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

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- ♥ **Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays starting September 6 through the end of the school year, from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.
- ♥ **Faith Activities and Open Gym** Wednesday, September 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym. Join us for some faith activities and open gym. Deadline to register is Wednesday, August 30. Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

- 08/13 \$25 Aaron & Amanda Theiler - Melrose
- 08/14 \$25 Chuck & Pam Barth - Melrose
- 08/15 \$40 Deb & Dale Hellermann - Melrose
- 08/16 \$25 Bonnie Bielejeski - Albany
- 08/17 \$25 Corey Oevermann - Freeport
- 08/18 \$25 Corissa Blommel - Freeport
- 08/19 \$25 Tony Wandersee - Sartell

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
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- ♥ **First Day of School** for all students PreK - Grade 6 will be Tuesday, September 5. Open House for PreK will be on Wednesday, August 30 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Open House for K-6 will be on Thursday, August 31 from 4:30 - 7:00 pm.

♥ **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.



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- ♦ **We are looking for two volunteers** to help serve lunch at school on Fridays. Lunch is from 11:15 am -12:20 pm. Contact Autumn at 320-256-4257 if you are interested.
- ♦ **SMSS\$4Kids** is once again available for pick up at school. How does SMSS\$4Kids work? You purchase a card at full value, and the merchant donates a portion of the card value to St. Mary's School. Example: A card value is \$100, and the merchant donates 4%, \$4 goes back to the school. Call or stop by the school for a list of vendors and more information. Thank you for your support with the SMSS\$4Kids program.
- ♦ **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.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking
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- ♦ **SJSA School Board Meeting** is Tuesday, August 22 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.
- ♦ **SJSA received a check** for \$187.82 for aluminum can recycling. Thank you for recycling with SJSA. The aluminum can recycling trailer is in the south parking lot of St. John's Church in Meire Grove.
- ♦ **St. John's - St. Andrew's Teacher Workshop** is Monday, August 29 - Thursday, August 31.
- ♦ **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.



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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.



Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) 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. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact one of the parish offices or Deacon Ernie Kociemba at kociemba@meltel.net or call 320-248-5124.

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-stewardship-day-stewardship-as-a-eucharistic-way-of-life/>.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS EVENTS POSTPONED



It is with great regret that, due to a serious medical issue in Dr. Timothy O'Malley's family, the Diocese of St. Cloud is postponing the "Becoming Eucharist" Congress events slated for September 8-9. Plans are in the works to reschedule Dr. O'Malley's visit at a later time. Information will be shared as soon as it is available. Please continue to pray for all to experience renewed love of Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival for more Eucharistic Revival resources, events and information.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit All Catholic Women are invited to attend the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Fall Conference Saturday, September 16 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 514 - 1st Street SE, Wadena. Schedule of Events: 9:00 am Registration & Refreshments, 9:30 am Welcome & Business Meeting, 10:10 am DCCW Commission Panel, 10:30 am Rosary—Fruits of the Rosary, 11:00 am Mass with Bishop Neary, Installation of Officers, 12:00 pm Lunch, 1:00 pm Speaker - Kathy Janku "Fruits of the Holy Spirit," 2:30 pm Closing Prayer, Lap Quilt Drawing & Door Prizes. Registration fee payable to St. Cloud DCCW is \$20 by September 6. Mail to Lora Knafla, 11719 - 16th Avenue NW, Rice MN 56367. Questions contact Lara 320-393-2701. Website: stcloudccw.org. Handicapped accessible. Hosted by: Northwestern Deanery



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The Resurrection of the Dead, and the Life of the World to Come

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Begging for Scraps of Mercy

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Do you desire the scraps of Jesus' mercy in the way a dog desires the scraps from the table of its owner? Hopefully you do. This is the disposition that we must all have in prayer. Sometimes, out of pride, we can think that we have a right to God's mercy. We can think that God owes us.

And though we might realize that mercy is not deserved, we must allow that truth to sink in deeply. That is why this story is so important. It presents us with the ideal way to pray and the humble interior disposition we must have when approaching God.

Prayerfully sit with the image of a dog begging for scraps from the table. When a dog is given what is left over, it is thrilled. To us, eating the scraps from another's plate is undesirable. But if the "plate" belongs to the Savior of the World and the "food" is His grace and mercy, then that changes everything. In the end, the Master also invites us to the table and feeds us with the finest of spiritual food. But that doesn't change the fact that we must always have the humble disposition exemplified by this humble woman.

Reflect, today, upon this holy woman. In the end, Jesus cried out, "O woman, great is your faith!" But that did not come until she wholeheartedly expressed her faith with humility and persistence. With her as a shining example, reflect upon how you pray to God. Do you pray with self-righteousness, as if you deserve God's mercy? Do you tend to see God as one Who owes you something? Do you get angry with God when He doesn't immediately answer your demands? Try to humble yourself like this woman. Beg for whatever God wants to give to you. Do so with perseverance and the utmost trust. If you do, our Lord will not only pour forth the scraps of His mercy, He will also pick you up and invite you to the glorious meal of His abundant grace.

Most merciful Jesus, I beg of You that I be given only the scraps from the table of Your mercy. I beg this of You with all my heart. Though I do not deserve You, I seek You anyway. You know what I need, dear Lord; please bestow upon me Your mercy for those needs. Jesus, I trust in You.

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