



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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ♦Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ♦Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ♦Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ♦Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ♦Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date**. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & 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.



The Essence of the Most Holy Trinity

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MAY 27 - JUNE 2

St. Mary - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Sergio Hernandez Chavez y La Familia Hernandez Montañez
Tu	8:00 am	††Lee & Betty Schulzetenberg
We	8:00 am	†Lynn Bussmann MacRae
Th	8:00 am	†Kathy Poepping
*Fr	8:30 am	SM School Mass †Donna Kociemba
Sa	5:00 pm	†Lorraine Imdieke For the People
*Su	10:00 am	Glenn & Ann Schwieters - 60th Wedding Anniversary
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español †Mariano Rodriguez †Jose Rodriguez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	SH School Mass †Blake Hemker Anniversary
Fr	8:15 am	SHS Graduation Mass †Ed Harren
Sa	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass The Rich Boeckermann Family
Su	8:00 am	††Edward & Agnes Job

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	††Mary Ann & Lori Zierden
Sa	4:00 pm	†Dorene Feldewerd †Ken Feldewerd

St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Mary Ann Engelmeyer
Su	10:00 am	For the People

St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Marcella Lieser
Su		NO MASS

St. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	10:00 am	SJSA School Mass †Luella Marthaler †Joan Marthaler-Gerads
Sa	4:00 pm	†Lloyd Lucken

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Amy Granby
Su	9:00 am	Corpus Christi Mass Dan & Char Meyer 45th Wedding Anniversary

*Mass will be livestreamed. Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ADORATION

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)

Sacred Heart - Freeport

No Adoration Friday, May 31



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

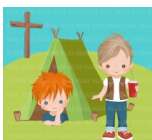
~ St. Mary ~ St. Michael ~ St. Andrew ~ St. John ~

- **New Assignments** Last weekend it was announced that as of noon on Wednesday, June 26, Fr. Mitchell Bechtold will be the Pastor and Fr. Oswaldo Roche will be the Parochial Vicar of the parishes of St. Andrew, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, and St. Michael. Fr. Marv is being transferred to serve as Pastor in Hillman, Onamia, Vineland, and Wahkon. Fr. Newton will be returning to India.
- **No Mass at St. Michael's** There will not be a 10:00 am Mass at St. Michael's in Spring Hill on Sunday, June 2.

Office Closure The Parish Offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Vocation Camp for Young Men Grades 7-10

We seek to provide an engaging environment where young Catholic men are able to listen to the voice of Jesus Christ. We desire to instill in their lives the faith and trust to follow Him no matter where He may lead. Tuesday-Thursday, June 18-20. This camp is at the beautiful Mead family residence on the lake. The days will be filled with physical and spiritual activities. Check in 9:00 - 9:30 am. **Note:** Camp families are welcome to join for Mass on Thursday, June 20 at 11:00 am with a potluck lunch to follow. Cost \$40 scholarship available. Questions please contact Julie Jacobs at Julie.Jacobs@gw.stedio.org or call 320-251-5001. Deadline to register is Tuesday, June 4. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024AvonCamp>

**Corpus Christi Celebration Mass (Sunday, June 2, 9:00 am)**

St. John's Church in Meire Grove is getting excited for Sunday, June 2! We hope our Corpus Christi celebration will pack the "house!" We hope lots of children (K-6) are going to walk at the head of our procession to view the chapels and lead the way for Bishop Patrick and the Blessed Sacrament. Just a heads up for whom this may concern: We will have 4-5 golf carts for those who need a ride to view the chapels. They will be waiting in the south parking lot right after Mass.

An Epoch in Time, history book of St. Rose of Lima Parish, is available at the parish offices in Freeport and Melrose. Cost \$35

Parish News:

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

- **Tri-Parish Directory** We are looking to have a "Directory Team" composed of individuals from all 3 parishes to head up and work as a team to put together a new Tri-Parish Directory. If interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.
- **Crosier Mission Special Collection** This weekend, May 25/26, Fr. Zawadi, a mission priest from the Crosiers, will be here to celebrate the Masses in our Tri-Parish and to share about their mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The mission includes more than 120 Congolese Crosiers, with at least 15 young men applying for Crosier postulancy each year. The Crosiers built and operate Holy Cross School, which educates 1,600 students from poor families, giving them a safe and loving place to be educated. The Crosiers seek financial assistance to continue educating children and teens, as well as the young men in seminary formation. If you were not at Mass and would like to contribute to this cause, please mail or drop off your contribution at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
- **June Ministry Schedules** have been mailed or emailed out. They are also available on the Tri-Parish website.
- **Congratulations Class of 2024!** The Tri-Parish Community would like to congratulate our Seniors! May God Bless you and guide you successfully through your future endeavors! **Sacred Heart:** Adien Burg, Macy Davis, Landen Eiynek, Kaleb Frieler, Kendra Funk, Gabrielle Goebel, Arianna Hoeschen, Jonathan Job, Noah Mader, Westin Middendorf, Anna Neu, Autumn Oevermann, and Blaise Welle. **Immaculate Conception:** Brooks Holdvogt, Theresia Nathe, John Engetbretson, Morgan Nathe, Emma Revermann, Olivia Schmiesing, Eddie Wenker. **St. Rose of Lima:** Claire Arvig, Connor Engelmeyer, Chris Herdering, Ryan Herdering, Hannah Hoppe, Katelynn Toenyan, Keagan Williams.

VBS Training Wednesday, June 5 from 6:30 - 7:00 pm. If you signed up to help with Vacation Bible School or would like to help, please join us for training in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. If you have any questions, please contact Chrystal Sand at 320-836-2143.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352

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

Total.....	\$8,576.00
Regular Adult Offering	6,702.00
Plate/Loose	485.00
Designated Funds	1,389.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

05-19	\$25	Gene & Betty Rademacher - Melrose
05-20	\$25	Linda & Francisco Vazquez - Melrose
05-21	\$25	Carol Litchy - Melrose
05-22	\$25	Tom Budde - Melrose
05-23	\$25	Dave & Lisa Vogel - Melrose
05-24	\$50	Dorothy Middendorf - Melrose
05-25	\$25	Mary & Robbie Johnson - Grey Eagle



Baptized in Christ... ♦Graham Daniel Weber ♦Waylon Shane Opatz

St. Mary's Parish Leadership Meets on Wednesday, May 29, at 6:30 pm in the church conference room.

New Ministry Schedules are available in the kiosks for those who do not receive it via email.

Meet the Candidates Bulletin Insert for the parish and school leadership in this week's bulletin. Elections will be next weekend, June 1 & 2.



Children's Liturgy of the Word... For the summer months at St. Mary's, there will only be Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 am and 12:30 pm Masses on Sundays. We will **not** have CLOW on Saturdays during summer.

New Director of Music & Liturgy Greetings! My name is Sarah Woeste. I am the new Director of Music & Liturgy at St. Mary's. I have a degree in Liturgical Music from the College of Saint Benedict with voice as my primary instrument. I come to you from Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids, where I have served as Director of Music & Liturgy for over 20 years. I will be at all of the Masses June 1st & 2nd and will be available in the gathering space after Mass to visit.

A Big Thank You to all who helped with our annual cemetery cleanup night. Your help was so much appreciated.

~Cemetery Committee



Niche Columbarium A 96 niche columbarium has been installed in St. Mary's cemetery. Please contact the parish office with any questions or to purchase a niche.

St. Mary's Parish Raffle Update Due to a late notice from the State Gambling Control Board, we have been required to change the St. Mary's Parish Raffle from Saturday, June 29 at Riverfest to Sunday, September 8 at the Annual Parish Gathering for this year. The raffle committee will be contacting those who have already purchased tickets. Watch for more information soon!

"THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, AND IF CHILDREN THEN HEIRS, HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST..."

- Romans 8:16-17



If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$4,700.89
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,034.08
Plate/Loose.....	323.81
Votive	154.00
Ascension.....	111.00
Peter's Pence.....	75.00
School Support.....	3.00

Parish Events

Tu	05/28	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Fr	05/31		NO Individual Confessions
Fr	05/31	8:15 am	SHS 6th Grade Graduation Mass
Fr	05/31		NO Adoration

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †Neil Middendorf, who passed away Sunday, May 19. His funeral was celebrated here on Friday, May 24.

Sacred Heart Festival (Sunday, July 21) News:

♥**Festival Co-Chairs NEEDED!!** Sacred Heart is still looking for a couple or a few individuals to step forward to help chair this summer's festival. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this call to help the parish. Please contact Matt Herdering 320-250-3441 or Chris Klaphake 320-250-6229.

♥**Parish Festival Packets** can be picked up in the back of the church. All parishioners, college age and older, have a packet which includes raffle tickets for you to buy or sell as well as the worklist for the day of the festival. Please check the worklist carefully. If you are unable to work your shift, please find a replacement.

♥**Crafters Needed** The Festival Committee is requesting handmade craft donations that will be sold in the Quilt and More stand at the festival. You can drop items off at the Parish Office in Freeport. Any questions feel free to contact Jessica Goebel at 952-847-0520.

♥**Schedule of Events:** The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am with all the festivities to follow. The theme for the parade is "Old Tube TV Shows." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615.

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles: 1 on the St. Joseph Altar, 1 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.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

May 26, Sunday

♦**Breakfast** at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Grey Eagle. Sponsored by the Grey Eagle/Swanville Knights of Columbus. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Free will donation.

May 29, Wednesday

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

June 5, Wednesday

♦**Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

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

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,090.56
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,481.69
Plate/Loose	197.25
Votive.....	147.00
Ascension.....	110.00
Building/Maintenance	34.62
Peter's Pence.....	120.00

Parish Events

Tu 05/28 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - FR
Th 05/30 7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 06/01 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions



Weddings... Congratulations to Luke & Angeline (Satterlund) Zink who were married at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 18. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

Parish Raffle and More Immaculate Conception Parish Raffle and More is Saturday, June 8 with a Polka Mass and festivities to follow. Raffle tickets have been distributed, if you need more stop by Worms Lumber or New Munich Gas & Grocery. We are asking **all parishioners** to please provide one cake/baked good or to donate \$5. **Funeral group 5** will be asked to help work during this event. They will be notified with details as the date gets closer. Feel free to contact Tatum Holdvogt 507-259-6022 with any questions. Thank you!



God's Housekeepers for the month of June: Carol Thelen, DeAnna Massmann, Christie Zink & Lori Mayers. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

The Scriptures This Week Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	
	1 Pt 1:3-9	Mk 10:17-27
Tu	1 Pt 1:10-16	Mk 10:28-31
We	1 Pt 1:18-25	Mk 10:32-45
Th	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12	Mk 10:46-52
Fr	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16	Lk 1:39-56
Sa	Saint Justin, Martyr	
	Jude 17, 20b-25	Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)		
	Ex 24:3-8	Heb 9:11-15
		Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$15,945.17
Regular Adult Offering.....	14,656.92
Plate/Loose	793.25
Votive.....	485.00
Peter's Pence.....	10.00

Parish Events

Tu 05/28 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 05/28 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - FR
Fr 05/31 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 06/02 11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Meeting



Chair Couple Needed We are still looking for a third chair couple for the fall festival. If you would like to join, please reach out to: Adam or Jackie Wiechmann 320-293-0423 or 320-250-0401, Devin or Christine Middendorf 320-223-2642. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$978.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	657.00
Children	3.25
Plate/Loose	68.00
Fuel Fund.....	20.00
Maintenance.....	200.00
Holy Father.....	30.00

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, June 2 - 10:00 am

NO Mass due to Corpus Christi Mass at 9:00 am with Bishop Neary at St. John's in Meire Grove.

(HK: May 26 - June 8) Jeanette Kalthoff, Jenny Kalthoff, & Luann Kalthoff

Due to Corpus Christi at St. John's in Meire Grove, there will not be 10:00 am Mass at St. Michael's on Sunday, June 2.

St. Michael's Parish Leadership Meets on Tuesday, June 4, at 7:30 pm in the church.

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

- I Samantha Poepping♥Derek Welle, 6/15 - SH
II Kenedy Meyer♥Erik Barten, 6/8 - MG

For the Sick: Dorothy Schneider, Petra Oevermann, Lori Austing, Sandy Welle, Joe Soenneker, Ethan Zink, Kyle Lieser, Fran Hinnenkamp

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

Public Rosary...

We have many intentions to pray for
and much to be thankful for.

All are invited and welcome!



- Tuesdays at 7:30 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.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$625.00
Regular Adult Offering	585.00
Plate/Loose	37.00
Votives.....	3.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, June 1 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
(L) Kathy Gilk
(U) Bob Worms & Jon Worms
(GB) Jason & Angie Barten
(EM) (B) Kris Winter
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(HK - June) *Rose Lensing, Mariann Lucken, Lorene Meyer, Patricia Murphy, Doris Nathe, & Sandy Niehoff

Mass Time Change The Thursday, May 30, Mass at St. Andrew's has been moved to 10:00 am. All are welcome to celebrate the SJSA School 6th grade graduation Mass at that time.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,165.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,568.31
Children.....	0.25
Votives.....	42.36
Plate/Loose	445.00
Holy Father.....	110.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, June 2 - 9:00 am
Corpus Christi Mass with Bishop Neary

(S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer
(L) Kurt Meyer
(U) Elmer Meyer & Karl Meyer
(GB) John & GERALYN PRIMUS
(EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
(EM) (C) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
(HK - June) *Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, & Geri Meyer

Corpus Christi Mass and Procession
Sunday, June 2, at 9:00 am with Bishop Neary.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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.

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!

**Memorial Day**

In honor of those we have known
and loved in the past,
In recognition of the gifts
and sacrifices they have made
on our behalf,
And in our sincere hopes that
We may be worthy of their memory,
We light our candles,
We give our thanks,
And we offer our prayers.
Amen

**The Essence of the Most Holy Trinity**

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As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing "about" God. It's the beginning of a knowledge "of" God.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw me into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by me each day through the gift of transforming mystical prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information:

csand@catholic-centered.org

•Faith Formation Registration:

If you missed registration night, your registration packet was mailed to you. Please call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 if you still need to register.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald,

Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.com

•**Registration** If you haven't already, please register your child(ren) for next year's Faith Formation program sometime before the end of May (materials cost less if we buy them now, in Spring.). Registration forms can be found online or can be picked up and returned to the Parish Office.



YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.com

♥**Praise & Worship Night** Sunday, June 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary in Alexandria. Join Brit and the Band of Castaway Club for a night of praise & worship. We will depart from the Sacred Heart parking lot in Freeport at 5:30 pm and return around 9:00 pm. There is no cost to attend this event. Permission forms are available on the Tri-Parish Website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org or at the Tri-Parish Office. Contact Alyssa at 320-429-0770 for more information.

♥**Valleyfair and Feed My Starving Children Trip** will be on Monday, July 8. We head to Valleyfair for the morning and will package food in the afternoon. Pick up will be in Freeport at 8:15 am and return around 8:15 pm. Sign-up forms are available on the Tri-Parish website, sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline for sign-up is Monday, June 24.



♥Diocesan Youth Council 2024-2025 applications being accepted:

This council is made up of youth in grades 9 through 12 from a variety of parishes from across the diocese. Youth meet five or six times annually. The DYC helps plan and assist in the implementation of diocesan sponsored youth ministry events. These events are primarily, but not exclusive to, the Diocesan High School Youth Day, the Middle School Youth Rally/Lock-in and the High School Castaway Retreat. Please visit <https://stcdio.org/cem/faith-formation/leadershiptraining/> to download DYC Applications and invite your high school youth to consider serving on the DYC. Contact Kent Schmitz with any questions at: 320-251-0111, ext. 4 or kent.schmitz@gw.stcdio.org.

Tri-Parish Youth Ministry (Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception & St. Rose of Lima):

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

•**Youth Leadership Team Applications** are being accepted until June 30. This is a leadership program for high school students, grades 9-12 interested in serving, leading, and supporting their peers as they develop a deeper experience of Jesus Christ and the Catholic church. As a member of the Youth Leadership Team, you will gain the support of a Christian community, a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment, spiritual challenge, the joy of affecting others in a positive way, and personal growth, among other things. You will help plan and carry out youth events. You will be able to give input on what the youth would like to do for service and fun outings/activities. This will be your opportunity to be a voice in learning about your faith. Applications are available on the Tri-Parish website, sacredheartfreeport.org.

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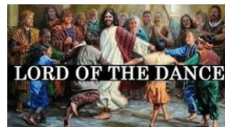
•**St. Mary's School Teaching Positions:** St. Mary's School is actively searching for exceptional, licensed teachers to join our amazing staff for the 2024-2025 school year. We're looking for a full-time elementary teacher and a part-time media teacher. Do you know someone who's graduating this spring or wants to change careers? Please spread the word! If interested, please email anelson@smsmn.org with your resume and references.

•**Sacred Heart School Early Childhood Teacher Positions:** Sacred Heart School in Freeport is seeking faith filled, energetic and caring candidates to fill positions for Early Childhood teachers for our new toddler room for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must be able to demonstrate teacher qualifications as defined by MN State Licensing and Human Services, and be willing to work with a dedicated, motivated and well experienced team. Interested persons should send a cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and references to: Sacred Heart School, Attn: Kristie Harren, PO Box 39, Freeport, MN 56331 or kharren@shsfreeport.org or call 320-290-1426. Join our team today! Positions are open until filled, so seize the opportunity and apply now.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School

June 10 - 14 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Students entering grade 6 through adults are invited to prayerfully consider joining us for an amazing start to your summer! Please call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 if you would like to be a volunteer. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

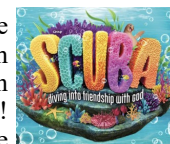
"Lord of the Dance" Fun, Food & Fund Day



Thursday, June 20 Looking to get out and have some fun? Love Silent Auctions? Gather your friends and head to St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sauk Centre for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Fun, Food & Fund Day on Thursday, June 20. Registration and refreshments start at 8:15 am; silent auction opens at 9:00 am. Enjoy entertainment throughout the day while you "shop." Mass and lunch are included. Silent auction closes at 12:45 pm. Registration is \$20 by Monday, June 10; \$25 after Monday, June 10 or at the door. Make check payable to St. Cloud DCCW and send to Lora Knafla, Treasurer, at 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367; or contact Lora at 320-393-2701.

Rosary in May The St. John's Church in Meire Grove will be praying the rosary each Wednesday evening throughout the month of May at 7:00 pm. We will be praying by our grotto on the south side of the church. Chairs will be provided. In case of inclement weather, we will pray inside by Mary's altar. Everyone from ALL parishes is invited!

Vacation Bible School June 10 - 14 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Send your children, ages 4 through entering grade 5, for an under the water good time! This summer's theme is Scuba. Children will be "Diving into friendship with God." Scuba is filled with Bible stories, music, games, and other fun ways to learn that God is with you every day, no matter what. Please call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 if you would like to attend. Don't miss the best week of the summer!



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♥**Thank You** to the Freeport State Bank for sponsoring our end of the year field trip. This year we are going to the A Maze'n Farmyard on Tuesday, May 28.

♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, May 29 will be planned by Mr. Kuechle and the 3rd grade students.

♥**SHS will Celebrate** track and field day, student awards, and Teachers vs. 6th grade volleyball on Thursday, May 30.

♥**6th Grade Graduation Mass** Join us on Friday, May 31 at the 8:15 am Mass.

♥**Last Day of School** will be on Friday, May 31.

♥**Thank You** to everyone that came to Mass and the social to celebrate Sister Janine Braun and her retirement. She was a huge part of Sacred Heart School and will be greatly missed!!

♥**Congratulations to our Preschool Graduates** that will be moving on to Kindergarten next year! They had a wonderful celebration on Thursday, May 23.

♥**Thank You** to everyone that turned in Teal's grocery receipts. We received a check in the amount of \$262.74.

♥**SHS Employment Opportunities**—See the ACC section of this bulletin.

LOOKING AHEAD:

•**SHS Summer Care Opens** on Monday, June 3.


•**Teachers and Staff** will have workshop days on June 3 and 4.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

05/19	\$40	Gwen Shaw - Melrose
05/20	\$25	Mark Middendorf - Freeport
05/21	\$25	Joan Overman - Albany
05/22	\$25	Megan Scherping - Freeport
05/23	\$25	Dale Korneck - Avon
05/24	\$25	Joan Rademacher - Greenwald
05/25	\$25	Theresia Nathe - Freeport

♦**St. Mary's Sixth-Grade Promotion** will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, May 28, at 7:00 pm. A reception sponsored by the Christian Women will follow the Mass.

♦**The Last Day of School** for all students is Friday, May 31.

♦**The SMS State of the School Report** can be accessed by scanning  the QR code or visiting the school website under the SMS K-6, School Information tab. <https://www.smsmelrosemn.org/>

♦**School Board Elections** will be held at the Masses on June 1 and 2. We thank Ali Arnzen, who has served on the School Board for the past three years. Cindy Hemmesch will be running for a second term along with Jenn Lubarski, a new candidate.

♦**Thank You** for your continued support of the SMS\$4Kids program. The last day to order this school year will be Sunday, May 26. Orders can be picked up at the school on Friday, May 31. We will start selling scrip again in September. You can continue to order e-gift cards throughout the summer. We made a profit of \$5,612 from the usage of the program this year.

♦**There are Still Openings** for prospective 2024-2025 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call 320-256-4257 or email anelson@smsmn.org.

♦**SMS Employment Opportunity**—See the ACC section of this bulletin.



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♦**SJSA Kindergarten Graduation** is Tuesday, May 28 at 1:45 pm.

♦**SJSA 6th Grade Graduation Mass** is Thursday, May 30 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's in Greenwald. ***Please note** the Mass time change for that morning. A family picnic will follow.

♦**SJSA's Last Day of School** is Thursday, May 30.

Teachers' Prayer for the End of the School Year:

Christ, Teacher and Lord,
 Bless all in this school as we seek
 to end our year with the grace You so
 generously provide. We give thanks
 for the students and the faculty, the
 administrators, and all who have
 contributed to this year of nurturing
 and growth. We affirm all the
 positive moments: Of insight, of the
 excitement of learning, Of
 accomplishment, of creativity, Of
 laughter, of a sense of community.
 We recognize the times of struggle,
 of difficult work, of
 misunderstanding, Even of failure...

We give these to You for
 transformation, So they can
 become seeds that will find fertile
 soil. As we leave for the summer,
 May we take with us the knowledge
 that You will keep us all in Your
 embrace so we may rest and be
 restored, And so we can continue in
 the ongoing discovery of Your Love.
 Amen.



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