



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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

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

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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.



The Mysteries of the Kingdom

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private. Mark 4:33-34

The deepest mysteries of our faith can only be understood by someone who has deep faith. Understanding requires much more than just a keen intellect; it also requires an interior attentiveness to and familiarity with the voice of God. For that reason, as Jesus spoke to the crowds, He used parables and figures of speech rather than speaking directly about the mysteries of Heaven.

By analogy, if you were to attend a very special feast and you had well-formed taste buds, you might enjoy being served the best cut of meat cooked to perfection with a fine glass of wine. But to a small child, such a meal might not be that appealing. The same is true with music. If you were a musician who studied and played music throughout life, then you might have a greater appreciation for certain types of music. Others might simply be drawn to a certain type of music by the beat or because it has catchy lyrics.

In a similar way, a person who has only a little faith might not be immediately drawn into the deepest mystical truths of God when they are explained directly and clearly. Instead, they might find that a simplified Gospel message that uses familiar imagery or stories is better able to catch their attention and communicate the message.

This is good to understand because it's good for us to turn to the means of communication with God most suited for our depth of faith and understanding. For most people, it will be very useful to see themselves as one of those people in the crowds to whom Jesus spoke His parables. We should especially see ourselves as a part of the crowds as we begin our journey of faith. However, when a person has spent much time in prayer and meditation over the years and their faith begins to deepen, they may find that parables and stories are not as inspiring as they once were. They need more. They long for God to speak to them more clearly and deeply.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JUNE 17 - 23

ADORATION

St. Mary - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Jesus Rodriguez Maldonado †Agustin Martinez Medel
Tu	7:30 am	†Ray Ostendorf
We	7:30 am	†Bill Massmann
Th	7:30 am	††Al & Jean Seanger
Fr	7:30 am	†Sharon Meyer
Sa	5:00 pm	†Larry Thostenson For the People
*Su	10:00 am	††Ferdinand & Florence Schroden
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español †Sergio Hernandez Chavez y Familia Hernandez Montanez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	††Vern & Kevin Stroeing
Fr	8:15 am	††Larry & Dave Ostendorf
Su	8:00 am	†Deceased/Living Members of the Atkinson Family

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	†Thomas Holdvogt
Sa	4:00 pm	††Roman & Martha Vos

St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

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

St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Marcella Lieser
Su	10:00 am	†Donnie Feldewerd

St. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	†Helen Maritsch
Sa	4:00 pm	†††John, Leona, & Jim Frieler

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Sherwood Meyer
Su	8:00 am	†Sam Schneider

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - MelroseFirst Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)**Sacred Heart - Freeport**

Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

***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 ~

•Please Join in a Farewell Celebration for Fr. Marv & Fr. Newton to be held at the Melrose Legion on Sunday, June 23 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Food and entertainment will be provided. This event is hosted by the Greenwald, Meire Grove, Melrose, and Spring Hill parishes. All are welcome!

Vacation Bible School Thank You: Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Vacation Bible School! 25 volunteers and 56 children had a great time learning how to Dive into Friendship with God. Thanks to the amazing volunteers for giving of their time and talents to make this a great week!

Bonfire and Yard Games Young adults are invited to our bonfire and yard game night on Wednesday, June 19 at 7:00 pm. Contact Alyssa at 320-429-0770 or Katie at 320-333-9871 for the address or with questions. We're always looking forward to seeing new faces!



One in Faith ACC Dramatic Presentation... Robert Bolt's play "A Man for All Seasons" presents the conflict faced by St. Sir Thomas Moore in 1500 England. The play calls for a cast of 12 to 15 people between the ages of late teen to adult. Those interested in working on a One in Faith ACC production of the play should contact Herman Lensing at hj_lensing@meltel.net or text/call 320-493-3023.



Nun Run Father Doug invites young women (rising juniors to mid-20s) who are interested in religious life to join the Nun Run Tuesday-Thursday, June 25-27. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024NunRun>. If you have questions, please contact the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001.

House Blessing... If you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan call the Tri-Parish Office, Freeport (320-836-2143).

One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunities...

•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.

Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We will meet at 7:00 pm on Saturday, July 13 at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

Christ the King Retreat Center

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

•Women's Silent Retreat - July 9-11 (Midweek)

•Men & Women Silent Retreat - July 19-21 (Weekend \$300)



CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

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

Total.....	\$5,722.19
Regular Adult Offering	3,227.10
Plate/Loose	1,276.84
Designated Funds	1,218.25

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

06-09	\$25	Anna Mae Denne - Akeley
06-10	\$25	Michelle Warzecha - Melrose
06-11	\$25	Veronica Juarez - Melrose
06-12	\$25	Dennis & Vicki Long - Owens Cross Roads, AL
06-13	\$25	Fritz & Jean Hellermann - Melrose
06-14	\$50	Linda & Francisco Vazquez - Melrose
06-15	\$25	Nancy Kemper - Melrose

**Baptized in Christ...**

- ♥Vayda Mae Schulzetenberg
- ♥Pearl Eve Schulzetenberg

Died in the Hope of Resurrection

†Caroline Pohlmann, 92

Fr. Newton's Farewell Liturgy will be on Sunday, June 16 at the 12:30 pm Spanish Mass.

NO 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, June 29 at St. Mary's Church.

Polka Mass Please join us for the Riverfest Polka Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 29 in the Sauk River Park. The Night Owls will begin playing music at 3:30 pm so come early! Please bring your own chairs.

Festival Choir is Forming for Fr. Marv's farewell liturgy at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 23. All singers & musicians are invited to take part in this celebration. We will have a rehearsal on Tuesday, June 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Contact Sarah Woeste in the parish office at sarah@stmarysofmelrose.com or 320-256-4207 if you would like to be involved.

**Public Rosary...**

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

All are invited and welcome!



- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- 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 THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$3,614.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,912.85
Plate/Loose.....	525.00
Votive	140.00
Ascension.....	27.00
Building/Maintenance	10.00

Parish Events

Fr	06/21	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	06/21	9:00 am	Adoration

Thank You to Hennen Lumber for their generous donation of \$2,500 toward the window project.

Catholic United Financial Family Picnic Sacred Heart Catholic United PVT #101 will hold a family picnic on Monday, June 24 on the parish grounds near the shed. Gather at 6:30 pm for card playing, kids games, and refreshments. A picnic supper will be served from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. All Sacred Heart Catholic United members and their families are invited to attend. If the weather is uncooperative, the event will be held in the church basement.

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.

The Scriptures This Week
Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	1 Kgs 21:1-16	Mt 5:38-42
Tu	1 Kgs 21:17-29	Mt 5:43-48
We	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Th	Sir 48:1-14	Mt 6:7-15
Fr	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Mt 6:19-23
Sa	2 Chr 24:17-25	Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Jb 38:1, 8-11	2 Cor 5:14-17
		Mk 4:35-41

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,570.56
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,041.69
Plate/Loose	494.25
Building/Maintenance	34.62

Parish Events

Su	06/16	11:30 am	Baptism
Th	06/20	7:00 am	Adoration
Sa	06/22	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Thank You to the New Munich Lions for their donation of \$5,100 towards upcoming resealing and striping of the parking lot. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Expansion and Elevator Project

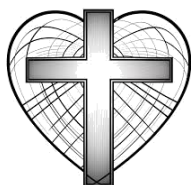
The final invoice has come in for the elevator expansion. The grand total for this project including all preliminary architecture costs came in at just over \$1,100,000. There will still be a few more expenses to complete the landscaping outside. At this time, we will need to take a loan out from the diocese above the loan from the NM investors. Please prayerfully consider donating to this project. There are a number of different ways to donate. You can make a single donation, make a designated monthly loan payment, pledge a payment over a predetermined timeframe, etc.



A Big Thank You to everyone who helped with our Parish Raffle and More event last Saturday. It wouldn't have been possible without the help of people before, during, and after the gathering. It was a delightful turnout for the Polka Mass and fellowship afterwards. Thanks again to everyone who gave of their time, talent, and energy; it is greatly appreciated! We will post the profit from the event once all bills have been accounted for. The top 7 raffle winners from the event are listed below. A full list can be found in the back of the church and on the Tri-Parish Facebook page and website.

Cash Raffle Winners:

\$2,000 – Andy Holdvogt
\$1,500 – Bev Winter
\$500 – Al Bueckers
\$500 – Eugene Kunstleben
\$500 – Max Wehlage
\$500 – Jim Boeckers
\$500 – Norm Schwieters

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,218.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,659.85
Plate/Loose	559.00

Parish Events

Tu	06/18	7:00 am	Adoration
Fr	06/21	7:30 pm	Rosary

Cash Raffle Ticket**Pink Cash Raffle Tickets**

We will be having the \$100 Pink Cash Raffle again this year. It will be to help pay for concrete sidewalks and other maintenance for the church. Tickets are now available. We thank you in advance for all your participation and efforts in selling the chances.

St. Rose of Lima Festival News:

- Your Help Is 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.
- Grand Raffle Donations:** Any parishioners interested in donating to the Grand Raffle for the festival should contact the festival committee, or mail donation to the parish office. Our Grand Raffle is a great success each year thanks to local businesses and parishioners who support the event.
- Work Schedule:** If you have any preferences for the festival work schedule, please contact Adam or Jackie Wiechmann 320-250-0401 or Devin or Christine Middendorf 320-223-2645.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

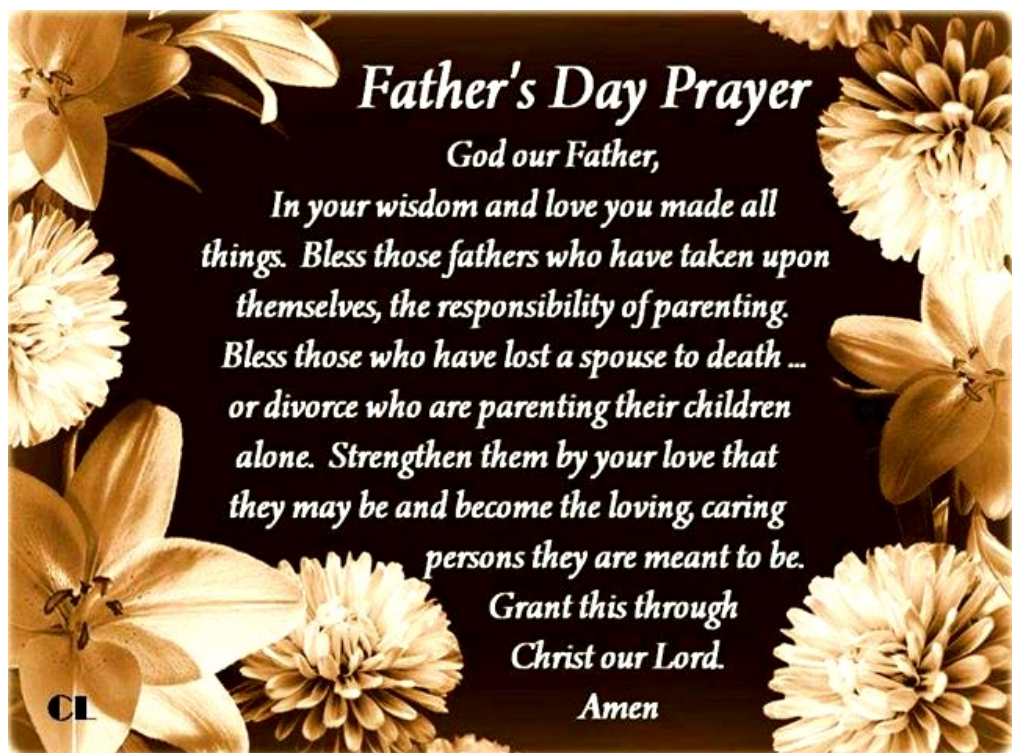
◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,489.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,212.00
Children	4.00
Plate/Loose	173.00
Maintenance.....	100.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, June 23 - 10:00 am**

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
(L) Ralph Klassen
(U) Rick Terres & Robert Van Drehle
(EM) (B) Melvin Kalthoff
(EM) (C) Grace Lange & Gary P. Lieser
(Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
(RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
(CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
(HK: June 9-23) Jeanette Kalthoff, Jenny Kalthoff, & Luann Kalthoff

Baptized in Christ... Asher Aaron Lieser



CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,509.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,440.00
Plate/Loose	42.00
Votives.....	12.00
School Subsidy Support.....	5.00
Peter's Pence.....	10.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, June 22 - 4:00 pm

(S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan
(L) Cassandra Kettner
(U) Dan Eveslage & Bill Frieler
(GB) Paul & Kathy Buermann
(EM) (B) Clarine Beier
(EM) (C) Dustin Gregory & Herman Lensing
(HK - June) *Rose Lensing, Mariann Lucken, Lorene Meyer, Patricia Murphy, Doris Nathe, & Sandy Niehoff

Prayer Requests...

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

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

Banns of Matrimony:

III Grace Lange♥Samuel Hopfer, 6/22 - SH
III Bertha Alicia Raya Orozco♥Octavio Garibo Gallegos, 6/22 - M

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

◆Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny 320-248-8830
◆Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink 320-837-5321
◆St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren 320-333-8461
◆St. Mary's 320-256-3878

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,794.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,270.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	231.00
Votives.....	43.00
Donations.....	200.00
School Subsidy Support.....	50.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, June 23 - 8:00 am

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
(L) Missy Illies
(U) Andrew Primus & John Primus
(GB) Ken & Linda Schneider
(EM) (B) Daryl Zenzen & Nick Kelzer
(EM) (C) Jim Leukam & Elmer Meyer
(HK - June) *Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, & Geri Meyer

Baptized in Christ...

♥Sophie June Marthaler

Nominations for St. John's Leadership Council will take place next Sunday, June 16 at the 8:00 am Mass at St. John's in Meire Grove. The election for this position is scheduled to be held on Sunday, June 30.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

Fiesta de Bienvenida: La comunidad Hispana invita a todos los feligreses de habla hispana a una celebración de bienvenida para nuestros nuevos sacerdotes; el Padre Mitchel y el Padre Oswaldo, el domingo 30 de Junio después de misa de las 12:30pm. estaremos compartiendo alimentos, postres y bebidas en un ambiente de convivio mientras conocemos y saludamos a nuestros nuevos párrocos. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

El Centro de Retiros Cristo Rey en Buffalo realiza retiros durante todo el año. Mejore su vida de fe con uno de los retiros a continuación. Para obtener más información o para registrarse, llame al 763-682-1394 o visite www.kingshouse.com.

•Retiro en español para hombres y mujeres
Julio 5-7 Haz esto en memoria mía

Oración para el Dia del Padre

Dios, Padre Nuestro,
En tu sabiduría y en tu amor
fueron creadas todas las cosas.
Bendice aquellos padres que
han asumido por sí mismos la
responsabilidad de la paternidad.
Bendice a los que han perdido a su
esposa por la muerte o el divorcio y
que están criando a sus hijos solos.
Fortalecerlos con tu amor para que
ellos puedan ser y se conviertan en
las personas amorosas y
afectuosas que deben ser.
Concédele por Cristo nuestro
Señor. Amen

The Mysteries of the Kingdom

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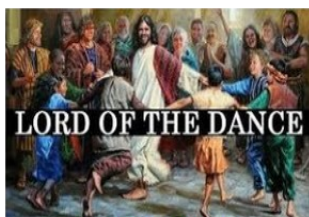
Practically speaking, as your faith grows, it is good to look for the deeper ways that God speaks to you. How does He come to you and explain His will and the truths of faith more directly as Jesus did to the Apostles? Perhaps reading the lives of the saints, the *Catechism of the*

Catholic Church, or some other spiritual book will engage you more deeply. Also, some Scripture passages may feed you more as you grow in faith, such as the passages where Jesus speaks more directly to His disciples.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you are most fully fed by God's holy Word at this point in your life. The best way to identify this is to consider what it is that has given you the most consolation and inspiration as of late. How has God's Word most powerfully resonated within you over this past year? Identifying the way that God has spoken to you recently is the best way to decide how to continue to receive from Him all that He wants to teach you and reveal to you at this point of your journey of faith. Continue to seek out God's voice, and be open to letting Him draw you ever more deeply into the beautiful depths of the mysteries of His Kingdom.

Glorious Word of God, You choose to speak to Your people in varied ways. To some, You speak through parables and figures of speech. To others, You speak more directly and intimately, revealing the depths of Your Heart. Please speak to me in the ways that will deepen my faith so that I can continue my journey into the many mysteries You wish to reveal. Jesus, I trust in You.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

“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 \$25 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.

Mini Holy Family Fest August 16-18, 2024 on the Grounds of Holy Family Parish, Little Falls. The fest is for the whole family, camping, on-site lodging, Holy Mass, Adoration, confessions, music, food, games, children and youth programs. To register go to <https://afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend/> For more information go to havenofmercy catholic.org/mini-family-fest to watch last year's video or you can call 320-632-5720 or email: hfoffice@havenofmercy catholic.org

Volunteer Courtesy Shuttle Drivers Needed!

Mother of Mercy is looking for part-time volunteers to help drive our residents to their appointments/errands. No big commitment is needed and the vehicle & training is provided. M.O.M. will call you and check if you are available and you can say “Yes or No” as your schedule allows. A background check is required. Please call 320-845-2195 and ask for Renee.



NFP, it's time! It's time to give Natural Family Planning a chance! The benefits are many. It's environmentally safe and has no harmful side-effects. Most importantly, NFP respects God's plan for married love. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursdays, June 20 and July 18 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

“When the Crop Permits, the Harvest has Come.”

Are you being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.studio.org. That with dedicated spirits, we ask the Lord of the Harvest to provide an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.



Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is a three-day retreat weekend. The experience of TEC brings alive the heart of our Christian Faith – that being the life of Jesus, his death, and his resurrection. But it's not just about who Jesus was or what Jesus did. A TEC retreat makes that experience real and relevant for each person. In that sense, the retreat is a “lived experience” – deeply personal yet very much part of a larger loving community. TEC has influenced the lives of over 41,000 youth, young adults, and adults in Central Minnesota and beyond. You are invited to check out a TEC weekend and encounter Christ in perhaps a new and most profound way. For information, retreat dates, and registration, go to CMTEC.org.

Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 pm CT. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/6-25-24/.

Bishop's Annual Appeal The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Happy Father's Day!

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

June 16, Sunday

♦ Annual Freeport Fire Department Ham Bar-B-Que Serving from 4:30 - 9:00 pm at the Freeport Community Center. \$10 a meal. Please help support our local fire department.

June 17, Monday

♦ 21st Annual Drive for Education Golf Tournament hosted by Holy Family School at the Albany Golf Club in Albany. Early Bird check-in begins at 9:30 am with the shotgun start at 11:00 am. A dinner served at 5:00 pm. Team and individual registrations are accepted, and all skill levels are welcome. Entry fee is \$100 per person including green fees, golf cart, and dinner. Preregistration is required. Raffle tickets are also available for \$100 each (only 100 sold) for a chance to win \$5,000 in cash prizes. Hole sponsorship is available. Proceeds benefit Holy Family School curriculum and general school needs. Registration forms are available on the school's website at holymfamilyalbany.org. For more information, call Aaron at 320-309-3853 or HFS at 320-845-2011.

June 20, Thursday

♦ Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

June 19, Wednesday

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

June 21, Friday

♦ “All You Can Eat” Fish Fry at the Melrose American Legion. Please join us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Takes outs are available. Your support is appreciated!

June 22, Saturday

♦ St. Martin Parish Festival Join us from 11:00 am - 11:30 pm for PeeWee baseball home run derby, Bean bag tournament, live music all afternoon & evening (The Dairy Daughters), children's games, bingo, cake walk, quilt auction, food stands, beer garden, and auto show. More information at www.hohcatholic.org/sm-festival

June 25, Tuesday

♦ Bologna Daze at Elrosa Bar & Lounge serving from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Music by Gig Noonan. \$10 all you can eat bologna, potato wedges, sauerkraut, baked beans, homemade bread and dessert. Sponsored by: Elrosa Senior Citizens.

June 26, Wednesday

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

June 29, Saturday

♦ Riverfest Join Freeport State Bank in celebrating Riverfest 2024 with Nite Owls Band at Sauk River Park. Pre-Mass music starting at 3:30 pm. Polka Mass at 4:00 pm. Proud to be a co-sponsor of the 1K/5K.

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- ♥ **Sacred Heart School had their last day of school on Friday, May 31.**
- ♥ **Summer Care at SHS started on Monday, June 3.** You will see kids coming and going from the school grounds on a regular basis.
- ♥ **Report cards will be going out in the mail this week or handed out at VBS and summer care.**
- ♥ **SHS Teach Me Tuesdays** started on Tuesday, June 11. This is an enrichment program held on various Tuesdays throughout the summer where the kids do projects, experiments, gardening, reading, educational games, activities, etc.
- ♥ **The Freeport State Bank golf classic** will take place on Thursday, July 25.
- ♥ **SHS Employment Opportunities**—See the ACC section of this bulletin.

- ♦ **Our Newly Elected School Board Members** are Cindy Hemmesch and Jenn Lubarski. We would like to thank Ali Arzen for the years she shared her gifts on the School Board.
- ♦ **St. Mary's Catholic School** is a faith filled community that illuminates the teachings of Jesus by using our hearts, hands and voices as Christian witnesses while striving for academic excellence.
- ♦ **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.

- ♦ **SJSA summer office hours will vary.** If you have any questions, please email Mary at sjsamarym@gmail.com. You may also call the school at 320-987-3133 and leave a message on the school office answering machine. Thank you and have a safe and fun summer!



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

06/09	\$25	Tamara Rotert - Litchfield
06/10	\$25	Nathan & Kym Wiechman - Alexandria
06/11	\$25	Alvin Gerads/Lucy Cordes - Waite Park
06/12	\$25	Norb & Audrey Overman - Albany
06/13	\$25	Kay Sawyer - Melrose
06/14	\$25	Lisa Funk - Albertville
06/15	\$25	Dillon Blonigen - Paynesville

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. 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

- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **Paschal Challenge** for grades 9-12 August 17 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, and Seminararians – 8:30-9:00 am registration. Families are welcome to attend closing Mass at 5:00 pm with a meal to follow. Cost: Free. Deadline to register is August 3. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024PaschalChallenge>.

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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