



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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024

Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor
Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Parochial Vicar

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Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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 Tribulations to Come

Jesus said to his disciples: *“In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”* Mark 13:24-25

The “tribulation” of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and of those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

Before Christ’s second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the “mystery of iniquity” in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675).

Is this “final trial” happening today? Though it is impossible to apply Jesus’ prophecy and the *Catechism’s* teaching to one specific moment in time, the fact remains that this trial and tribulation will take place. That is for certain. But how and when it will take place we do not know. It might be that it already has taken place or that it is taking place right now. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words.

With that said, this final trial and “mystery of iniquity” does take place in all of our lives in various ways. When we devote ourselves to the love and service of God, we can be certain that our faith will be tested and that persecution will be experienced in one way or another. Knowing this, however, should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and to help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus’ words must instill hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil.

Jesus also said that when we see persecutions, trials and tribulation, we must “know that he is near, at the gates.” In other words, the greater the suffering one endures for their faith, the more present God is. He is there, at the gate of your heart, waiting for you to run to Him in trust and hope.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 18 - 24 **ADORATION**

ST. MARY - Melrose
 Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Lener Salgado
 †Nayeli Hernandez
 Tu 8:00 am †Archie Meemken
 We 8:00 am †Tom Kluempke
 Th 8:00 am †Donald Meyer
 Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
 †Mike Rieland
 Sa 5:00 pm †Ron & †Russ Roelike
 *Su 10:00 am †Wayne Zenzen
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Florentino Montanez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich
 Th 8:15 am †Steve Feldewerd
 Sa 4:00 pm †Don Gaebel

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
 First Tuesday of the month
 7:00 - 8:00 am

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa
 Tu 8:15 am William & Anthony Wiechman
 Su 10:00 am For the People

Immaculate Conception - New Munich
 First Thursday of the month
 7:00 - 8:00 am

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill
 Tu 8:00 am †Dan Schwieters
 Su 10:00 am For the People

St. Mary - Melrose
 First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
 in Spanish (en Español)

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald
SJSA School Mass
 †Deceased Relatives of
 David & Marilyn Welle
 Sa 4:00 pm †Tony, †Darlene, & †Mark Kulzer

Sacred Heart - Freeport
 Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

SACRED HEART - Freeport
 We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
 Anthony, William, &
 Herman Wiechman
 Fr 8:15 am †Teresa Braun
 Su 8:00 am †Darin Blommel

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove
 We 8:00 am †Aloysius "Al" Luetmer
 Su 8:00 am †John Nathe



*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 ~

- Votive Candles** As of January 1, the suggested donation for votive candles will increase to \$4 per candle.
- Thank You** Many thanks to your One In Faith ACC for all of the baby items, blankets, diapers, wipes, clothing and cash for the Respect Life Month Fundraiser for Options for Women. You are so generous! We wouldn't be in operation if it wasn't for supporters like you! God bless you! *~Options for Women*

Parish News:
 ~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~

- November Ministry Schedule** was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish.
- Calling All TECites:** The Tri-Parish Office is compiling a listing of parishioners who have attended TEC retreats in the past. Please contact the parish office to be added to the list.

Bulletin Deadline Change and Office Closures



The Parish Offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. With this closure, the bulletin will need to be printed early. **All notices must be to the bulletin editor by 9:00 am Monday, November 25.** If possible, please send your announcements by Friday, November 22.

The Johnny Holm Band

will be at the Freeport Community Center on Friday, November 29 (Thanksgiving Weekend). Doors will open at 8:30 pm. Music from 9:00 pm -12:00 am. Advance Sale tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Freeport State Bank, Magnifi, or the Sacred Heart School office. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20. This Johnny Holm event is sponsored by friends of Sacred Heart Catholic School for the benefit of Sacred Heart School.

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, November 26 at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/11-26-24/.

Advent Enrichment Materials and Advent Brochures

with confessions opportunities, Advent Service Projects, Mass times, and more are available in the back of the churches. Feel free to take them to enhance your Advent. Additional Advent programs can be found online, including Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever with Matthew Kelly and Ascension Press' Face to Face with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Visit their websites to sign up or for more information.



Holiday Décor

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

24 Hour Adoration: Meditate on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist:

Consider taking an hour from your schedule to adore and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. The Tri-Parish invites all the faithful for a special opportunity to kick off the Advent season to grow in relationship with Jesus through His real presence in the Eucharist. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, December 6 after the 8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport and extend through the night until the First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am on December 7. Volunteers are needed around the clock, particularly after 2:00 pm on Friday. Sign-up sheets are available at Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima. We cannot leave our Lord alone.



Committed Adorers:

We are looking for some individuals or couples to be committed adorers for the Wednesday Evening Praise and Worship Adoration Nights at Sacred Heart. The dates are December 4, 2024; January 8, 2025; February 12, 2025; March 19, 2025; and April 9, 2025 from 5:30-8:30 pm. If you are able to commit to 30 minutes or more one month, a few months, or several months, that would be great. Please contact Amy at 320-836-2143 to sign up.

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

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

Total.....	\$7,889.87
Regular Adult Offering	5,365.00
Plate/Loose	956.92
Designated Funds	1,567.95

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



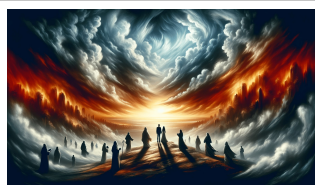
11-10	\$25	Chris Theiler / Nikki Zenk - Belgrade
11-11	\$25	Jeff Lang - Melrose
11-12	\$25	Linda Meyer - Grey Eagle
11-13	\$25	Joe Hennen - Freeport
11-14	\$25	Aiden Roering - Sartell
11-15	\$25	Joseph Primus - Melrose
11-16	\$25	Mary Ann Middendorf - Melrose

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Sherry Rausch, 54 †Frank Maleska, 93

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

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



The Tribulations to Come cont'd from page 1

As we approach the end of our current Church year, most of our readings at Mass will focus upon the end times. We will read about Jesus' glorious return in glory, the end of the world, and the establishment of His permanent Kingdom as Heaven and earth are united as one. It could take place today or tomorrow, or it might not take place for thousands of years. But it will happen. On that day, the day of the final judgment, the only thing that will matter is our fidelity to God. For that reason, we must daily strive to live as if that day were today. We must diligently prepare for that day and live for that glorious moment alone. If life is easy right now, we should work to be more selfless and sacrificial so as to be prepared. If life is challenging right now, we must enter those challenges with hope and trust, uniting every suffering to Christ's sufferings as a sacrifice of love.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus' prophecy that "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." As you do, know that these are words spoken not only to the Church as a whole, but also to you. Jesus wants you to know that any suffering and tribulation you endure, every "darkening of the sun" or any way that you feel "shaken" are opportunities for you to turn to God in trust. Invite our Lord into these experiences and know that they are signs of His closeness to help purify you and prepare you for the glorious day of His return.

Most glorious Judge, You will return one day in glory to judge the living and the dead. Before that day, You have revealed that Your Church will endure much suffering. Please give me hope during those moments in my life so that I can offer to You every suffering I endure as a sacrifice of love, offered in union with Your own perfect sacrifice. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

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

Total.....	\$5,583.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,395.85
Plate/Loose.....	564.00
Votive.....	224.00
School Support.....	150.00
Thanksgiving.....	50.00
All Saints Envelopes.....	100.00
All Souls Envelopes.....	100.00

Parish Events

Su	11/17	9:00 am	Private Event
Tu	11/19	4:30 pm	Wreath & Poinsettia Pick Up
We	11/20	4:30 pm	Marion Consecration Mini Session - NM
We	11/20	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	11/20	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Th	11/21	5:00 pm	NET Retreat - NM
Fr	11/22	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	11/22	9:00 am	Adoration

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Gianna Agnes Jandro**, the daughter of Adam & Paige Jandro, to our parish. Gianna Agnes was baptized on Sunday, November 10.

2025 Calendars are in the back of the church.

Server Cassock (Gown) Care The parish is looking for help with caring for the server cassocks. This includes washing and ironing the gowns throughout the year and could be an individual or a team of individuals. Please contact the Parish Office in Freeport if you are willing to assist with this task.

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 gift ideas!**



The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5	Lk 18:35-43
Tu	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22	Lk 19:1-10
We	Rv 4:1-11	Lk 19:11-28
Th	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 5:1-10	Lk 19:41-44
Fr	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Rv 10:8-11	Lk 19:45-48
Sa	Rv 11:4-12	Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37	

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,833.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,326.69
Plate/Loose.....	286.00
All Souls Envelopes.....	35.00
Cash Bazaar.....	75.00
All Saints Envelopes.....	76.00
Building/Maintenance.....	34.62

Parish Events

Tu 11/19 4:30 pm	Wreath & Poinsettia Pick Up - FR
Tu 11/19 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
We 11/20 4:30 pm	Marion Consecration Mini Session
We 11/20 6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2 - FR
We 11/20 6:30 pm	NET Retreat Set Up
We 11/20 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
Th 11/21 1:00 pm	Raffle Team Meeting
Th 11/21 5:00 pm	NET Retreat
Sa 11/23 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Sa 11/23 5:00 pm	Harvest Supper



Harvest Supper on

Saturday, November 23 in the church basement serving after the 4:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm. Menu: Loin Chops, Potatoes (German & small red), Sauerkraut, Beans, Beverages & Desserts. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6-10, Free age 5 and under. Parish raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds to help meet ongoing parish expenses. For additional information, please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 pm *St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*

Thursday, November 28

- 8:00 am *Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- 9:00 am *Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- 9:00 am *St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- 9:00 am *St. Mary, Melrose (Livestream)*
- 11:00 am *St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Mass)*



CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,049.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,663.85
Plate/Loose.....	370.00
Votive.....	16.00

Parish Events

Tu 11/19 4:30 pm	Wreath & Poinsettia Pick Up - FR
We 11/20 4:30 pm	Marion Consecration Mini Session-NM
We 11/20 6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
We 11/20 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
Th 11/21 5:00 pm	NET Retreat - NM
Fr 11/22 7:30 pm	Rosary



Prayer Requests...

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


For the Sick: Dorothy Schneider, Joan Schlicht, John Niehaus, Joyce Hauser, Laura Beuning, Lori Austing, Petra Oevermann, Regine Muellner, Sandy Welle, Tony Niehaus

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. Michael
-Sharon Schulzetenberg 320-248-7702
- ◆St. Mary's 320-256-3878

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 7:00 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$1,440.65
Regular Adult Offering.....	790.00
Children's Envelopes.....	4.65
Plate/Loose.....	73.00
Cemetery.....	173.00
Fuel Fund.....	200.00
Maintenance Fund.....	200.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, November 24 - 10:00 am

- (S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
- (L) Pete LeClaire
- (U) Rick Terres & Robert Van Drehle
- (EM) (B) Ruth Heinen
- (EM) (C) Stan Heinen & Grace Hopfer
- (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
- (HK: November 10-23) Jackie Schoenberg, Sharon Schoenberg, & Cyndi Schulzetenberg

Rosary Rally Please join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 23, at St. Michael's Church.

St. Micheal's Men's Society Breakfast



Sunday, November 24 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Serving sausage, eggs, potatoes, and breads. There will also be a bake sale.

Thank You To All the wonderful volunteers who helped with projects over the last two weeks! Our parish is fortunate to have people who give so generously of their time and talents!

- Group 3 for cleaning the whole church.
- The group of volunteers who painted and set up scaffolding.
- The group who did tuckpointing.
- The group who burned the brush pile.
- PAK Electric for donating the repair of the switch in the choir loft.

Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

for Catholic United Financial Council #126 of Spring Hill will be held on Sunday, December 1 in the church basement. Membership meeting at 12:30 pm, kids games at 1:00 pm and Santa will come at 2:30 pm. There will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome to join us.



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

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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

¡Celebración de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe! El Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria está realizando los preparativos para la más importante y significativa celebración de nuestra comunidad. Por lo que estamos aceptando donaciones para llevar a cabo esta celebración. Si ustedes gustan apoyar, los invitamos a que tomen un sobre especial y lo depositen en las colectas dominicales.



¡Trajes típicos! Está totalmente permitido usar los trajes típicos originarios de nuestros países de origen o comunidades indígenas para la Festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Los invitamos a que hagamos de esta festividad una celebración llena de colores, cultura y sobre todo de Fe.

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,660.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,305.00
Plate/Loose	136.00
Votives	24.00
All Saints.....	45.00
School Subsidy	50.00
Fuel Fund	100.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,592.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,174.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	340.00
Votives.....	28.00
All Saints.....	50.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, November 23 - 4:00 pm
 (S) Zachary Rieland
 (L) Kathy Gilk
 (U) Jim Uphoff & James Wahlage
 (GB) Jim & Sheryl Braun
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) Mary Opatrny & Mike Barten
 (HK - November) *Carol Winter, Kris Winter, Laurel Worms, & Steph Worms

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, November 24 - 8:00 am
 (S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
 (L) Char Meyer
 (U) Elmer Meyer & Karl Meyer
 (GB) Matt & Joy Silbernack
 (EM) (B) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
 (EM) (C) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
 (HK - November) *Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Heidi Meyer, & Karen Meyer

- Calendar Raffle Winners:** Catholic United Financial #324 Calendar Raffle Winners are listed below:
- 11/10 \$50 MaryAnn Wensman
 - 11/11 \$75 Greg Spear
 - 11/12 \$25 Ann Kuhl
 - 11/13 \$25 Zach Middendorf
 - 11/14 \$25 Dan Eveslage
 - 11/15 \$25 MaryAnn Wensman
 - 11/16 \$50 Mike Kulzer

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news - it's never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

"Y entonces verán al 'Hijo del Hombre viniendo en las nubes' con gran poder y gloria." (Marcos 13:26)

Todos tendremos ese día en el que estemos delante de Dios y nuestra vida se desarrolle como una película. Cuando esto sucede y Dios nos pregunta a cada uno de nosotros: "¿Qué has hecho con los dones que te he dado?" ¿Cómo responderás? La buena noticia es que nunca es demasiado tarde para empezar a vivir un estilo de vida agradecido y generoso.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

November 20, Wednesday
 ♦Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
November 21, Thursday
 ♦Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.
November 23, Saturday
 ♦Harvest Supper at Immaculate Conception Church basement, New Munich. Serving from after the 4:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm. Menu: Loin Chops, potatoes (German & small red), sauerkraut, beans, beverages, and desserts. Tickets: \$10 - Adult, Ages 6-10 - \$5, Age 5 and under are free. Parish raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds: Help meet ongoing parish expenses. For additional info please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.
November 24, Sunday
 ♦St. Michael's Men's Society Breakfast at St. Michael's, Spring Hill. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Sausage, eggs, potatoes, and breads. There will also be a bake sale.
 ♦Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast at Church of Saint Anthony of Padua in St. Anthony, MN 6 miles North of Albany. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. All you can eat old fashioned ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, breakfast breads, rolls, coffee, and milk. Tickets: Adults \$12, Children ages 4-10 \$6 and ages 3 and under are free.

November 24, Sunday Continued
 ♦Turkey Bingo & Cash Raffle at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville. Chicken Queso Bowl, Sloppy Joe's, Chips, and baked goods sold a la carte from 12:00 pm until gone. Bingo from 1:30 - 4:30 pm. Raffle drawing at 4:30 pm. Raffle Tickets \$25 each. Only 850 tickets sold. Grand Prize \$5,000.
November 27, Wednesday
 ♦Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
November 29, Friday
 ♦Johnny Holm Band from 9:00 pm to 12:30 am at the Freeport Community Center. This event is sponsored by Friends of Sacred Heart Catholic School for the benefit of Sacred Heart School, Freeport. Tickets are \$20 at the door, or advance sale tickets are \$15 and can be purchases at Sacred Heart School, Freeport State Bank or Magnifi Financial.
November 29, Friday - December 13, Friday
 ♦Melrose Area Arts Council Online Art Auction Fundraiser. In person viewing starts November 19 at 312 Main Street E. Melrose.
December 4, Wednesday
 ♦Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
 ♦Feet First Clinic at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

youthministry@catholic-centered.org

or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♥ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 28-30 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 52 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$200. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 5 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 with questions.
- ♥ **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, 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 FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 20. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 10: NET Retreat 2024-2025** 10th graders save the date of Thursday, November 21 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm for the required NET Retreat. This retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception in New Munich.
- **Wreath & Poinsettia Pick Up** Tuesday, November 19 from 4:30 - 5:45 pm in Sacred Heart Church basement. The poinsettias will need a warm vehicle to transport them. This is the only date for pick up. If you are unable to pick up your wreaths and poinsettias on the designated date, you will need to make arrangements for someone else to pick them up.

Service Project:

- **Christmas Caroling** Saturday, December 7 from 1:30 - 5:00 pm. We will meet in Immaculate Conception church basement. We will sing carols for the residents at local care facilities. We will end the evening with Mass in New Munich. Permission forms are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Forms are due Wednesday, November 20.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.
- **Grades 7-8: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 20 from 7:15-8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.
- **Grades 10/11/12 for those that signed up:** NET Retreat at Immaculate Conception Church in New Munich from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Supper is included.
- **First Reconciliation/Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, November 23 from 9:00-10:30 am at St. Mary's Church. Students only.

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- ♥ **Thank You** to everyone who brought food to donate to the Melrose Area Food Shelf. Donations were collected at the All School Mass on November 6.
- ♥ **Our Preschool Students** are collecting food for their "Stuff the Turkey" campaign. Their food drive will go until Tuesday, November 26.
- ♥ **SHS Veterans Day Program** was on Monday, November 11 at 12:30 pm. Thank you to the Melrose VFW Post #101, Women's Auxiliary and Melrose Boys and Girls State Representatives for always taking time to participate in our program. We appreciate all of our veterans and their service to our country!
- ♥ **Bishop Patrick Neary** will be coming to Sacred Heart School to celebrate Mass and visit the school on Wednesday, November 20.
- ♥ **No School** Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving break.
- ♥ **Looking Ahead:**
 - **Johnny Holm** will be at the Freeport Community Center on Friday, November 29. Please see the ACC Section of the bulletin for more information.

- ♦ **Thank You** for your support in helping us raise \$15,991 for our Harry's Pizza Fundraiser.
- ♦ **Thank You** to the Grey Eagle Knights of Columbus for their recent donation of \$500 to St. Mary's School to purchase Bibles for our students. Every student in grades 1st through 6th has a Bible that they keep from year to year.
- ♦ **St. Mary's School Will Celebrate Its Thanksgiving Mass** at 8:30 am on Friday, November 22. Students are collecting food shelf items. All are welcome to join us for Mass and bring items for the food shelf.
- ♦ **Save The Date!** St. Mary's Christmas Program is at the Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, on Wednesday, December 11, at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Little Saints program is on Friday, December 13, at 10:00 am in the SMS gym.

- ♦ **SJSJ School Board Meets** on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.
- ♦ **SJSJ Received \$161.60** for aluminum can recycling. The recycling trailer is located in the south parking lot of St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Thank you for recycling with SJSJ.
- ♦ **"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35** Not everyone is privileged enough to have a place to call home. Being homeless can make it a struggle to fulfill basic needs. Catholic Charities of St. Cloud is collecting Blessing Bags for the homeless this Advent season. As an Advent service project, SJSJ students are collecting personal care items December 2-13 to put together Blessing Bags. Personal care items can include: socks, gloves, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, personal size tissues, comb or brush, deodorant, washcloths, lip balm, and water bottles. Gift bags, Christmas cards and spiritual notes of encouragement are also welcome. If you would like to donate, please drop items off at SJSJ during the school hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm). Thank you!

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

Theology Day at Saint John’s University in Collegeville is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper spiritual life or understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives to learn from and interact with the theologians of Saint John’s School of Theology and Seminary. It offers a chance for these scholars to gain insights and grow in their faith, as well. Enhance your spiritual life with one of the events listed below. All events are held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Emmaus Hall. For more information or to register, please call 320-363-3560 or visit www.theologyday.com.

•True Happiness: Wisdom of the Heart - Friday, November 22

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Central Minnesota TEC celebrates 46 years of hosting Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreats in the diocese of St. Cloud. It is the largest TEC retreat program in the United States, with more than 42,000 participants. TEC is geared towards youth (age 16+) as well as adults. As Pope Francis invites us to “Moments of Encounter” with our God and each other, TEC provides the perfect three-day retreat experience to do just that. Consider taking time over the coming months to participate in an encounter retreat like Central Minnesota TEC. You won’t regret it. Check out the monthly TEC retreat schedule at www.cmtec.org.



Bishop’s Annual Appeal

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**Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!**

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11/11	\$40	Kristen Tschida - Avon
11/12	\$25	Brenda Tschida - Melrose
11/13	\$25	Grant Theiler - Melrose
11/14	\$25	Missy Bueckers - Freeport
11/15	\$25	Ron & Karen Greenslade - Stewartville
11/16	\$25	Jesse Herding - Bemidji



Eagle’s Healing Nest Donation Drive

The Tri-Parish Faith Formation will be collecting items to help the Eagle’s Healing Nest provide for the needs of our many veterans. How can you help? You can donate items such as cleaning supplies, toiletries, bed sheet sets, paper plates, paper towels, winter gloves, general art supplies, or a monetary donation. Please drop off items in designated boxes in the back of the Tri-Parish churches in Freeport, New Munich and St. Rosa, in the weekend collection with the envelope marked Eagle’s Healing Nest, or at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport no later than Tuesday, December 10.

An Epoch In Time history book of St. Rose of Lima Parish is available at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. Cost \$35

Low Gluten Hosts are available for individuals that have a gluten intolerance. Please note, these hosts still contain gluten, less than 0.001% gluten, and are not completely gluten free. If you would like to have more information about the low gluten hosts, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport. When you are planning to have a low gluten host for Mass, it will be necessary to have the host within a pyx (the parish can provide a pyx) and placed upon the altar for consecration. You will need to let Father know that you are present prior to Mass, and that you will be in his Communion line.

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



**“Heaven and earth will pass away,
by my words will not pass away.”**

Cherish the precious words of the Lord. He may be calling you to a life of contemplation as a cloistered monk or nun, whose lives are devoted to prayer and reflection. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org.

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