



# 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

Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024

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

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Bulletin Announcements**

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: [bulletin@catholic-centered.org](mailto: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**

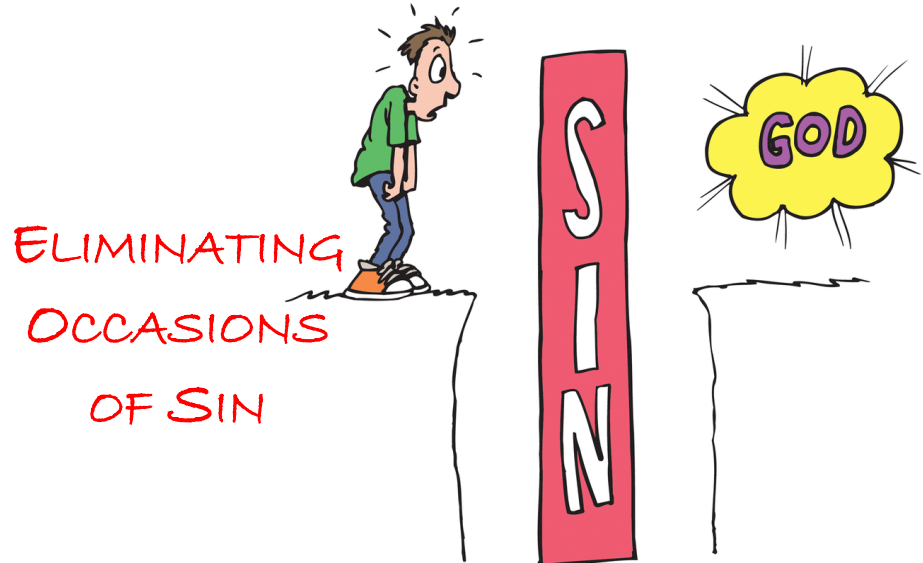
If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

**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.



*“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out...”* Mark 9:43-47

Sometimes we need to wake up to the horror of sin. Sin and sin alone is capable of sending you to hell. Hell is real, and going there for eternity is a real possibility. Therefore, we must do whatever it takes to avoid that frightful possibility. This teaching from Jesus might not, at first, be thought of as one of His most inspiring teachings, but it should be. It's not inspiring in the sense that it is quite graphic. But it is very inspiring in the sense that it has the potential to motivate us to action.

Are you motivated to do all that you can to avoid sin? Would you even go so far as to cut off your hand or foot, and to pluck out your eye so as to avoid sin? First of all, this should not be seen as a literal command in which Jesus is telling us to mutilate ourselves. But He is the one Who chose such graphic language. Therefore, we should not shy away from pondering these images in a prayerful way so as to more clearly see those things that lead us into sin. When we see them, we must take the radical step of completely eliminating them from our lives.

Many of the Church Fathers say that the hand, foot and eye in this teaching refer to our friends. Just as a hand, foot and eye are good in and of themselves, so also are friends. We are made for friendship with God and with others. However, not every friendship helps us grow closer to God. Therefore, when an earthly friend becomes a source of sin, we must eliminate that friendship.

Friendship is different from charity. We owe charity to all people, even those who are the most sinful. But acting with charity toward others is different from being friends with them. To be a friend implies mutual giving and receiving. And though we must always give of ourselves to others, we ought not always receive from them when what they have to offer is an invitation to sin. This is how we “cut it off” and “pluck it out.” When another person tries to relate to us in such a way that they lead us into sin, we must take that temptation very seriously and reject it with much vigor.

The hand, foot and eye in this teaching also represent every situation in life that tempts us to sin. For example, consider material possessions. If buying a very expensive car, house, or electronic gadget tempts you to become more materialistic, then you must avoid buying it. People are drawn to nice things. But does possessing

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ SEPT. 30 - OCT. 6** **ADORATION**

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 Por las almas del Purgatorio

Tu 7:30 am †Donna Kociemba  
 We 7:30 am †Marcy Blenker  
 Th 7:30 am †Lydia Schulzetenberg  
 Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**  
 †Lorraine Imdieke

Sa 5:00 pm †Stan Theis  
 \*Su 10:00 am †Donna Scholz  
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Cristina, †Audencio Hernandez  
 †Jose Refugio Hernandez

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**  
 †LeRoy Hoeschen

Fr 8:15 am †Fred Overman  
**Sa 8:00 am First Saturday Mass**  
 †Larry Ostendorf

Su 8:00 am †Norb & †Eleanor Dierkhissing

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am †James Schweyen  
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa**  
 Tu 8:15 am †Chad Toenyan  
 Su 10:00 am †Deceased Hartung, Roering,  
 & Wensmann Family Members

**ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**  
 Tu 8:00 am †Lawrence Fleischhaker  
 Su 10:00 am †Gladys Weisbrich

**ST. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**  
 †Kim Fuechtmann  
 Sa 4:00 pm †Lloyd Lucken

**ST. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †Rose Mary Schmiesing  
 Su 8:00 am For the People

**\*Mass will be livestreamed.**  
 Visit: [oneinfaith.org](http://oneinfaith.org) for the YouTube link.

**St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa**

First Tuesday of the month  
 7:00 - 8:00 am

**Immaculate Conception - New Munich**

First Thursday of the month  
 7:00 - 8:00 am

**St. Mary - Melrose**

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

**Sacred Heart - Freeport**

Wednesday, October 2 (5:30 - 8:30 pm)  
 Friday, October 4 (9:00 am - 12:30 pm)



**ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parish News:**

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

**•Respect Life Month** October is Respect Life Month and to contribute to a culture of life, bassinets will be placed in our churches to collect new baby items which will be given to Options for Women in Sauk Centre as they offer material assistance to women facing unplanned pregnancies as well as classes to learn to care for themselves and the baby. Items needed are clothes (especially for boys) sizes newborn to 4T, diapers sizes 1 to 5, and Enfamil (yellow & purple) baby formula.

**•Fill the Truck** Let's help those in need by collecting non-perishable food items for the Melrose Area Food Shelf. On the weekend of October 7 and 8 before and after all Masses throughout the One in Faith 4-parish cluster, we will have a vehicle in the parking lot at church for you to put your donations in. Please check kiosks and bulletin boards for a list of items that are needed at the Food Shelf. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but haven't been confirmed? We will have an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Melrose. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptized Catholics. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. Please contact one of the parish offices or come to this meeting if you are interested in learning more about this program.

**Theology on Tap** Join us on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm at the Freeport Community Center in Freeport. Fr. Dan will be giving a small presentation on the topic "The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist." Following that presentation, he will have an open Q & A. Any questions are welcome; they do not need to relate to the topic previously discussed. There will be a freewill offering meal from 6:00 pm until gone, as well as a cash bar.

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

**Parish News:**

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

**•Adoration** will close at 12:30 pm on Friday, October 4.

**Adoration with Praise & Worship Music** Wednesday, October 2 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Come spend time with the Lord in Adoration and music.



**Eucharistic Adorers Needed** The Tri-Parish Community is seeking people who are willing to be committed adorers as well as substitutes for weekly Eucharistic Adoration. Even if you can only commit once a month, contact the office because we could put a team of adorers together. Please prayerfully consider signing up to spend an hour with our Lord. Contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to sign up.

**Save the Date** for our Christmas Quarter Craze. Freeport Christian Women are excited to announce the date for Monday, November 18 at the Freeport Community Center. More information regarding tickets and the event will be announced closer to the event. For now, keep the night open for some fun, laughter and prizes!

**Great Marriages Don't Just Happen - Couples create them!** Begin creating your awesome marriage by attending the October 19-20 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for a listing of additional retreats or call 651-454-3238.



**Natural Family Planning...** Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage. Natural Family Planning is a loving way for couples to cooperate with nature and God's plan for married love. It is a natural and highly effective way to achieve and postpone pregnancy. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursday, October 17 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](mailto: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!


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

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

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Total.....                   | \$12,282.25 |
| Regular Adult Offering ..... | 10,402.00   |
| Plate/Loose .....            | 1,180.25    |
| Designated Funds .....       | 700.00      |


**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

|       |      |                                       |
|-------|------|---------------------------------------|
| 09-22 | \$25 | Cory & Jenna Middendorf - Melrose     |
| 09-23 | \$25 | Renee Kemper - Melrose                |
| 09-24 | \$25 | Lisa Pundsack - Melrose               |
| 09-25 | \$25 | Heidi Althaus - Melrose               |
| 09-26 | \$25 | Arlene Pflipsen - Lino Lakes, MN      |
| 09-27 | \$50 | Emalee Klasen & Toni Klasen - Melrose |
| 09-28 | \$25 | Julie Gerads - Melrose                |



**Died in the Hope of Resurrection...** †Dolores Petermeier, 91

**Construction Update:** The electricians, plumbers, and heating people were in this past week to complete their work. We are ready for final inspection and occupancy!



**St. Mary's Mission Society** will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at St. Mary's Church at 8:45 am. All are welcome!

**October is Mission Month** All parishioners are members of the Mission Society. All, both male and female, are encouraged to attend our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 8:45 am at St. Mary's. We are asking all parishioners to donate a free will offering to the Mission Society. We used to call it "dues." As we reflect on our MANY blessings, we realize we have been given much. We are called - as a parish - to respond to those in need. Place your donation in any envelope, write "mission" on it, and place in the collection or bring to the office. Please be generous in your support of the St. Mary's Mission Society! Thank you

**Stewardship Renewal** October is our parish's Stewardship Renewal. We are planning a ministry fair with the theme "Building for the Lord." More information to come.

**2024 Parish Raffle Winners**

- \$20,000 Bob Botz
- \$5,000 John & Lillian Arnzen
- \$1,000 Craig & Amanda Maus
- \$500 Joan Ellering
- \$500 Ruth Bertram & Sharon Sobania
- \$500 Jim Middendorf
- \$500 Joyce Meyer, Sue Moening, & Kelli Noll
- \$500 Kathy Kettler
- \$500 John Grutsch
- \$500 St. Mary's School
- \$500 Scott Bussman
- \$500 Lou Ann Brinkman
- \$250 Jolene DesMarais
- \$250 Aaron Theiler
- \$250 Daniel Dobmeier
- \$250 Dean Mohs
- \$250 Dale & Ann Schleper
- \$250 Betty Kemper



**Thank You** to all who purchased tickets and supported the fundraiser. We would like to extend a special "thank you" to the Melrose American Legion for providing the gambling permit to St. Mary's Parish. A total of 954 tickets were sold.

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

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| Total.....                  | \$4,995.85 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 3,972.85   |
| Plate/Loose.....            | 496.00     |
| Votive.....                 | 76.00      |
| School Support .....        | 328.00     |
| Human Development .....     | 70.00      |
| World Mission Sunday .....  | 50.00      |
| Assumption .....            | 3.00       |

**Parish Events**

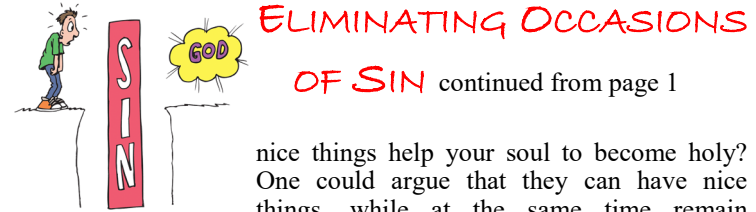
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| We | 10/02 | 5:30 pm | Adoration with Praise and Worship Music      |
| We | 10/02 | 6:00 pm | Elementary Faith Formation Grades 1-6        |
| We | 10/02 | 7:00 pm | Faith Formation Grades 7-11                  |
| Fr | 10/04 | 7:45 am | Individual Confessions                       |
| Fr | 10/04 | 9:00 am | Adoration                                    |
| Fr | 10/04 | 1:00 pm | SHS Prayer Service                           |
| Sa | 10/05 | 8:00 am | First Saturday Mass                          |
| Su | 10/06 | 3:00 pm | Coast to Coast Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet |

**May She Rest in Peace...** Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †Elizabeth "Betty Lou" Goebel, who passed away Friday, September 20. Her funeral was celebrated here on Tuesday, September 24.

**Sponsor a Votive Candle** The parish is looking for someone to sponsor one candle by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print. There are also candles in the upcoming months that are available for sponsorship. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.



**Rosary Rally** The Sacred Heart Public Square Rosary Rally for Life will be held on Saturday, October 5 at 9:15 am in downtown Freeport in the pavilion. All are welcome and we encourage those attending First Saturday Mass to join in as well.



nice things help your soul to become holy? One could argue that they can have nice things, while at the same time remain spiritually detached from them. But this is difficult to live. The more luxurious our material possessions, the more tempted we will be to rely upon them for our happiness. Therefore, choosing to live simply is almost always better for your soul than choosing to live in luxury. This teaching also applies to anything else that could become a source of temptation.

Reflect, today, upon those things or persons in your life that have become an occasion of sin for you. Do not fool yourself into believing that you can handle the temptation. If you have some source of ongoing temptation in your life, you need to eliminate it. Ponder this very graphic teaching from Jesus and try to apply it to your life. Identify those things that lead you into sin and eliminate them with much determination.

**My radical Lord, You call all of Your children to a life of holiness and perfection. Please help me to take Your teachings seriously so as to eliminate all occasions of sin from my life. May I have the eyes to see these temptations and the courage to reject them with all my might. Jesus, I trust in You.**

**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Total.....                  | \$2,671.23 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 2,104.69   |
| Plate/Loose .....           | 322.00     |
| Votive .....                | 164.92     |
| Building/Maintenance .....  | 34.62      |
| Human Development .....     | 20.00      |
| Cash Bazaar .....           | 25.00      |

**Parish Events**

|          |         |                          |
|----------|---------|--------------------------|
| We 10/02 | 6:00 pm | Elem. FF Grades 1-6 - FR |
| We 10/02 | 7:00 pm | FF Grades 7-11 - FR      |
| Th 10/03 | 7:00 am | Adoration                |
| Fr 10/04 | 8:30 am | COF Breakfast Prep       |
| Fr 10/04 | 1:00 pm | SHS Prayer Service       |
| Sa 10/05 |         | COF Breakfast Prep       |
| Sa 10/05 | 3:30 pm | Individual Confessions   |
| Su 10/06 | 6:30 am | COF Breakfast Prep       |
| Su 10/06 | 8:30 am | COF Breakfast            |

**Welcome to our Parish...** We welcome Duane & Shelley Kemper, and their children, Ashley and Addison, to our parish.

**BAKE SALE** **Bake Sale:** St. Ann's Christian Women will hold a bake sale Sunday, October 6 in conjunction with the Catholic Order of Forester's Breakfast in the church basement. Parish members with the last names beginning with N-Z are asked to bring baked items to the church basement Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. If you choose not to bake, you are asked to please donate \$10.

**Save the Date:** Catholic Order of Foresters Court, St. Leo Court #786 of New Munich Annual Matching Fund Breakfast on Sunday, October 6 in the church basement.

**God's Housekeepers** for the month of October: Kelly Thielen, Bonnie Poepping, Dorothy Funk, Marlene Pflipsen, Joyce Thull, and Greta Rademacher. 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.

**Confirmation Social** Saturday, October 12 after the 7:00 pm Mass in New Munich. Everyone is welcome. **Servers Requested:** Chairs: Cory & Heidi Feldewerd, Co-Chairs: Jim & Deb Feldewerd, Servers: David & Deb Feldeverd, Alyssa Feldewerd, Leon & Susan Feldewerd, Mark & Bethany Feldewerd. All servers please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Total.....                  | \$2,893.77 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 2,188.85   |
| Plate/Loose .....           | 362.92     |
| Votive .....                | 332.00     |
| Human Development .....     | 10.00      |

**Parish Events**

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|----------|---------|--------------------------|
| Tu 10/01 | 7:00 am | Adoration                |
| We 10/02 | 6:00 pm | Elem. FF Grades 1-6 - FR |
| We 10/02 | 7:00 pm | FF Grades 7-11 - FR      |
| Fr 10/04 | 1:00 pm | SHS Prayer Service       |
| Fr 10/04 | 7:30 pm | Rosary                   |

**Weddings...** Congratulations to **Dylan & Mikayla (Von Wahlde) Fleischhacker** who were married at St. Rose of Lima on Saturday, September 21. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

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| Total .....                           | \$4,366.30 |
| Regular Adult Offering.....           | 517.00     |
| Children.....                         | 2.30       |
| Plate/Loose .....                     | 120.00     |
| Maintenance Fund.....                 | 70.00      |
| Fuel Fund .....                       | 300.00     |
| Donation.....                         | 3,000.00   |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Deve..... | 157.00     |
| Church Rental.....                    | 200.00     |

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Sunday, October 6 - 10:00 am**

- (S) Kenny Niehoff
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz
- (EM) (B) Sandra Gruber
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
- (HK: Sept. 29 - Oct. 12) Cheri Poepping, Melissa Poepping, & Amanda Primus



**Rosary Rally** Join us for a rosary rally on Saturday, October 12 at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill at 10:00 am by the grotto. In case of bad weather it will be held in the church.

**Save the Date:** St. Michael's Annual Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale is set for October 26 and 27. Volunteers needed!!

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**September 29, Sunday**

◆**Feast of St. Michael** To celebrate St. Michael's Feast Day following the all school Mass in Spring Hill. Catholic United Financial will be sponsoring coffee and rolls. All are invited, please join us in the church basement.

◆**Smorgasbord Breakfast** hosted by the Albany Legion Post 482 will be serving at the Church of Seven Dolours Parish Hall, Albany from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

◆**Sunday Breakfast** at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Traditional Mexican breakfast of eggs, chorizo, potatoes and onions, freshly made tortillas, and salsas. Make your own breakfast burritos. Children ages 4 and under are free. Children ages 5-9 \$8. Ages 10+ \$12.

**October 2, 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.

**October 6, Sunday**

◆**St. Margarets Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast** in Lake Henry. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm in the church basement. Adults \$9 in advance or \$9.50 at the door. Children ages 6-12 \$5. Children ages 5 and under are free.

**October 6, Sunday**

◆**Melrose Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** served by the Melrose Fire Department from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. \$10 tickets, 5 & under eat free. Your support is appreciated.

**October 9, Wednesday**

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

**October 16, Wednesday**

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

**October 17, Thursday**

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

**October 26, Saturday**

◆**Lori Austing Benefit** at the Freeport Community Center from 4:00 - 9:00 pm, to help raise money for a wonderful family. Please join us for Dinner & Drinks, Entertainment, Silent Auction, and 50/50 Raffle. You can also donate to the Austing Benefit Account set up at the Freeport State Bank.

**The Melrose Senior Center** will begin hand quilting early in October and will accept quilts to be hand quilted at that time. Contact Ruth Traeger at 320-256-3887 or 320-492-4583.



# Meet the Confirmation Candidates

These young men and women are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, October 12, at 7:00 pm in New Munich.

They now ask for our faith community's prayers, support and example of discipleship that they may be ready to live more deeply in the life of the Holy Spirit which they entered into at Baptism.

Jordan Arnzen is the son of Fred & Linda Arnzen. He is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Jordan has chosen Rose Mary Pundsack to be his sponsor because "She is very devout to her faith and she helps me to be faithful to God." Jordan helps set up and take down during the parish festival. His faith is important to him because "It keeps me on the right path in life and it is a major part of my life."



Brayden Blenker is the son of Corey & Manda Blenker. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Brayden's confirmation sponsor is Deana Middendorf. He choose her because "She is a good example of a Catholic. She is nice, kind, and caring." His faith is important to him because "Jesus died for us."

Audrina Burg is the daughter of Aaron & Ashley Burg. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Audrina is involved in lacrosse and tennis. She also helps with VBS at church. She has chosen Sue Gross to be her confirmation sponsor because "She is very passionate about her faith and is always encouraging others to be more faithful." Audrina says her faith is important to her because "There have been tough times that my faith has guided me through and I found light when I thought there was only darkness."



Jorja Canfield is the daughter of Rick & Jessica Goebel. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. She has chosen her grandmother, Tamara Finnegan, as her confirmation sponsor because she talks about God with her and worked as a nurse throughout her life. Jorja is a catechist for the Elementary Faith Formation students. Her faith is important to her because "It's reassuring to know there's always someone to talk to and that you're never fully alone."

Addison Christenson is the daughter of Jason & Tanya Christenson. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. She has chosen Madison Christenson as her confirmation sponsor because "She is my sister and someone who I look up to a lot in my life. She is fantastic by leading by a good example, especially in her faith." Addison is active in NHS, musical, and softball at Melrose High School. She is also a 4-H member. Her faith is important to her because "I can see God in everything around me. Whether it's in nature, the world, my friends, or family that bring out the best in me."



Riley Elfering is the son of John & Alecia Elfering. He is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Riely has chosen his grandmother, Karen Sand, as his sponsor because "She means a lot to me and is always there for me when I need her." Riley is involved in football, basketball, baseball, and NHS at Melrose High School. His faith is important to him because "When I face difficult or important decisions in my life I rely on my faith to help me choose the right path."

Owen Feldewerd is the son of Gary & Ashley Feldewerd. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Owen has chosen Erwin Feldewerd as his confirmation sponsor because "He is my grandpa and one of my biggest role models. He is great example of how to live out your faith." Owen is involved trap and FCA at Melrose High School. He also participates in youth service activities at church. His faith is important to him because, "It is important to my parents and family as I have grown up. As I have grown up it has become important to me to have faith and grow closer to God."



Allison Fiedler is the daughter of Allen and Courtney Fiedler. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Allison chose Rhonda Uphus as her confirmation sponsor because she is the person that leads their family most in their faith. Allison is involved in the Melrose Swim Team. Allison's faith is important to her because "It is how you get to heaven and how you can get closer to Jesus."

Mason Geise is the son of Gary & Christina Geise. He is a member of St. Anthony Parish. Mason chose his uncle, Andrew Hartung, to be his confirmation sponsor because "He is strong in his faith." Mason's faith is important to him because "It helps me get through tough times."



Jeremiah Goebel is the son of Russell & Cara Goebel. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Jeremiah has chosen his godfather, Corey Oevermann, to be his confirmation sponsor. Jeremiah is involved in football at Melrose High School. His faith is important to him because "I want to be a better person."

Tyler Herdering is the son of Jeff & Sarah Herdering. He is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Tyler chose his godmother, Lynn Burg, as his confirmation sponsor because "She is active in her church and faith." Tyler is involved in trap shooting and track and field at Melrose High School. His faith is important to him because "It gives me strength and purpose in times of need."



Collin Herkenhoff is the son of Tom & Vicky Herkenhoff. He is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Collin chose Gene Blommel to be his confirmation sponsor because "He is simple and genuine in his faith. His day to day actions of being a good person show his faith." Collin helps at the parish festival every year. His faith is important to him because "With faith we know if we trust in God he will provide us with the necessary resources we need in both good times and difficult times."

Mara Hollenkamp is the daughter of Jay & Heidi Hollenkamp. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Mara has chosen Beatrice Hollenkamp to be her confirmation sponsor because "She is the holiest person I know. I feel I could talk to her about anything and she will give the right advice." Mara is involved in basketball at Melrose High School. She also helps at VBS and is a catechist for the Elementary Faith Formation students. Her faith is important to her because "I have grown up in this faith my whole life. I want to become close to God as I grow in my faith. I truly believe that God is the one true creator."





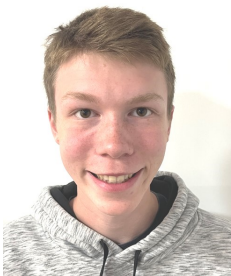
Allie Hoppe is the daughter of Joe & Barb Hoppe. She is a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Allie has chosen her aunt, Missy Bueckers, to be her confirmation sponsor because she has always been there to guide Allie through life. Missy is also her biggest supporter and picks her up when she is down. Allie is involved in volleyball and softball at Melrose High School. Allie's faith is important to her because "It is something I can always depend on and fall to when I am struggling or even if my day is going right."

Addison Kemper is the daughter of Duane & Shelley Kemper. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Addison has chosen Amanda Kemper to be her confirmation sponsor because "She has always been the most supportive person I've known. She also always taught me to stand up for what I think is right." Addison is involved in tennis and synchronized swimming at Melrose High School. Her faith is important to her because "It's always been something I've been very passionate about. Every time I'm down about anything my faith always brings me back up."



Kaitlyn Klasen is the daughter of Anthony & Julie Klasen. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Kaitlyn has chosen Mike Klasen to be her confirmation sponsor because "He has played a big role in the person I have become and has always led me down the right path. Whether it's making sure we pray both before and after meals, or going to church. He has always been a great role model." Kaitlyn is involved in softball and basketball at Melrose High School. Her faith is important to her because "I want to get to Heaven and I want to live a great full life that helps me get to Heaven."

Isabella Kuechle is the daughter of Jesse & Jennifer Kuechle. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Isabella has chosen her brother, Andrew Kuechle, to be her confirmation sponsor because "He has always been there for me with his guidance and support growing up." Isabella's faith is important to her because "I grew up surrounded by God's teachings, and want to keep growing in my faith." Isabella is involved in the diving, softball, and NHS at Melrose High School.



Noah Moening is the son of Jason & Laura Moening. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He has chosen his great uncle, Jim Boeckers, as his confirmation sponsor because he has always been a faithful and active member of the church and is a good role model for Noah. Noah is involved in trap shooting, and NHS at Melrose High School. His faith is important to him because "Without it, life would be very hopeless. Faith in God and Jesus is the most important part of life."

Brinley Ritter is the daughter of Rick & Melissa Ritter. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Brinley has chosen her aunt, Shannon Ritter, to be her confirmation sponsor because she is involved in the parish. I also look up to her and respect her. Brinley is involved in tennis, speech, is a part of the media team and NHS at Melrose High School. Her faith is important to her because "It connects me with the rest of my family and with God."





Emily Sand is the daughter of Benjamin & Jennifer Sand. She is a member of St. Anthony Parish. She has chosen Kelly Hoppe to be her confirmation sponsor because “She is strong in her faith and I’ve known her since I was little.” Emily is involved in archery at Albany High School. She is also taking flight lessons at the St. Cloud Airport. Her faith is important to her because “I want to be closer to God.”

Sophia Schmiesing is the daughter of Eric & Laurie Schmiesing. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. She has chosen her grandmother, Bernice Zink, to be her confirmation sponsor because “For as long as I can remember she would be in church with me and she helped bring me into my faith.” Sophia is involved in volleyball and trap shooting at Melrose High School. She also helps with VBS and is a catechist for the Elementary Faith Formation students. Her faith is important to her because “It is a part of me that I’ve had for a while and I truly believe.”



Brynn Shaw is the daughter of Nick & Gwen Shaw. She is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. She has chosen her grandmother, Pat Scherping, to be her confirmation sponsor because “She is really deep in her faith, so I know that she will be able to help and guide me in the right path on the way to confirmation and in the future.” Brynn is involved in gymnastics at Melrose High School. Her faith is important to her because “It can help me grow closer to God and become the best individual that I can be.”

Ava Smith is the daughter of Jeremey & Emily Smith. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. She has chosen Kristie Harren to be her confirmation sponsor because “She has been a strong faithful leader as well as a family friend.” Ava is involved in swimming and basketball at Melrose High School. She also helps at the church festival. Her faith is important to her because “It has been and always will be a way that I can feel comfortable talking to God and getting help with all of my problems.”



Izabel Van Beck is the daughter of Mike & Amy Van Beck. She is a member of Immaculate Conception Parish. She has chosen her uncle, Cory Van Beck, to be her confirmation sponsor because “We have a lot in common, including our Catholic faith. He has taught me a lot in life, like how great God is and how to always thank him.” Izabel is involved in golf, films the football games, and is a leader for FCA at Melrose High School. Her faith is important to her because “I think it is the only thing we really need in life, and we need it at all times. I believe Catholic is the only true religion and I am glad to be Catholic. I believe Jesus died for us, so I think we should live for him.”

Thatcher Van Beck is the son of Noah & Sara Van Beck. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish. He has chosen his brother, Quentin Van Beck, to be his confirmation sponsor because “He is very close to God and takes his faith seriously and I admire that.” Thatcher is involved in FFA and swimming at Melrose High School. He is also a 4-H member. His faith is important to him because “I know I need Jesus in my life because my faith is important to me. I also know you need to have Jesus in your life in today’s world, and you must be strongly rooted in your faith.”





**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**

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Total .....                       | \$673.00 |
| Regular Adult Offering .....      | 465.00   |
| Plate/Loose .....                 | 29.00    |
| Votives.....                      | 13.00    |
| Fuel Fund .....                   | 100.00   |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Deve. | 66.00    |

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Total .....                          | \$1,977.25 |
| Regular Adult Offering.....          | 1,259.00   |
| Children.....                        | 0.25       |
| Plate/Loose .....                    | 158.00     |
| Votives.....                         | 28.00      |
| Donations.....                       | 200.00     |
| Maintenance Fund.....                | 85.00      |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Develop. | 247.00     |

**¿Eres adulto y aún no has recibido todos tus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión)?**: el Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa María cuenta con el Programa RICA que ayuda a preparar a todos aquellos adultos que aún no han recibido los sacramentos de iniciación y de igual manera prepara aquellas personas que no eran católicas pero desean entrar en total comunión con la Iglesia Católica. Si a usted le interesa entrar a este programa o conoce a alguien que desea prepararse para recibir sus sacramentos, hable con los diacono Jorge Carrillo o Jesus Hernandez para registrarse o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, October 5 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Zachary Rieland  
 (L) Isaiah Gilk  
 (U) Steve Gilk & Peter Heinze  
 (GB) Dale & Kris Winter  
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - October) \*Kay Van Beck, Judy Wehlage, Ruth Wehlage, & Bev Winter

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, October 6 - 8:00 am**

(S) Miranda Meyer & Mya Nathe  
 (L) Jim Leukam  
 (U) Ken Schneider & Marvin Schneider  
 (GB) Martha Meyer & Family  
 (EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - October) \*Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, & Sheri Luetmer

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

**Banns of Matrimony:**  
 II Allison Keller♥Cody Jacobson, 10-12 SH  
 II Hope Schreifels♥Jacob Klein, 10-12 M  
 III Abby Hinnenkamp♥Adam Van Beck, 10-5 M

**For the Sick:** Dorothy Schneider, Joan Schlicht, John Niehaus, Joyce Hauser, 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

**100 Year Anniversary** Please join us for Mass to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the present St. John the Baptist Church building on Sunday, October 6. Abbott Doug Mullen from St. John's Abbey will preside. We are proud of our current Benedictine structure and heritage. Come celebrate with us! Fellowship and Refreshments immediately following Mass.

**Mark your Calendar:** St John's Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper! Sunday, October 20 serving from 3:00 - 7:00 pm at St. John's Church Basement in Meire Grove.



**The Scriptures This Week**  
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

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|---|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Mo</b>   | <b>Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b><br>Jb 1:6-22                                  | Lk 9:46-50            |
| <b>Tu</b>   | <b>Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b><br>Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 | Lk 9:51-56            |
| <b>We</b>   | <b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b><br>Jb 9:1-12, 14-16  | Mt 18:1-5, 10         |
| <b>Th</b>   | Jb 19:21-27  | Lk 10:1-12            |
| <b>Fr</b>   | <b>Saint Francis of Assisi</b><br>Jb 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5  | Lk 10:13-16           |
| <b>Sa</b>   | Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17  | Lk 10:17-24           |
| <b>Next Sunday - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> | Gn 2:18-24   | Heb 2:9-11            |
|   |  | Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 |

**Preparación Matrimonial:** Invitamos a todas las parejas hispanas que están planeando recibir el sacramento del Matrimonio el próximo año a que se registren para recibir la entrevista con el Sacerdote y comenzar con su preparación. Para más información hable con el Diácono Jorge Carrillo después de Misa o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.

**Preparación Bautismal:** El ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa María invita a todos los padres que desean que sus hijos reciban el sacramento del bautismo a que se registren para recibir la preparación bautismal. Si tiene preguntas al respecto hable con el Diacono Jesus Hernandez o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para atención en Español.

**"LLENA LA TROCA"**

ONE IN FAITH Comunidad Católica del Área Uno en la Fe

Ayudemos a los necesitados recolectando alimentos no perecederos para el Melrose Area Food Shelf. El fin de semana del **5 y 6 de octubre**, antes y después de cada Misa.

**UBICACION DE ENTREGA:**  
 Tendremos un vehículo en el estacionamiento de cada Iglesia para que puedan depositar sus donaciones.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



**PASTOR:** Fr. Dan Walz  
**PRINCIPAL:** Kristie Harren  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**  
 Amy Van Beck  
**SHS BOARD:**  
 Myranda Beuning, Julie Job,  
 Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle,  
 Lindsay Frieler, and Jenelle Herkenhoff  
 www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591  
 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



**PASTOR:** Fr. Mitchell Bechtold  
**PRINCIPAL:** Autumn Nelson  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**  
 Briana Worms  
**SMS BOARD:**  
 Cory Ellering, Bob Arceneau,  
 Jenn Lubarski, Cindy Hemmesch,  
 Jake Primus, and Pat Christenson  
 Phone: 320-256-4257  
 www.smsmelrosemn.org



**PASTOR:** Fr. Mitchell Bechtold  
**PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**  
 Kristen Pattinson  
**SJSA BOARD:**  
 Kathy Gilk, Adam Kalthoff, Kate  
 Kelzer, Kurt Meyer, Trista Meyer,  
 Jenny Wilson, and Kristi Zimmer  
 Phone: 320-987-3133  
 www.sjsaschool.org

♥ **We Celebrated Grandparent's Day** on Friday, September 27. Thank you to everyone that came and made the day extra special for the students.

♥ **The 14th Annual SHS 1K and 5K** was on Saturday, September 28! It was a great day and we appreciate everyone that supported Sacred Heart School with their participation and donations to the event.

♥ **Our Annual Care A Thon Fundraiser** for SHS is on Friday, October 4. The kids will participate in service projects and have prayer time as well. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a student at SHS for this fundraiser.

♥ **Our Catholic United Financial Breakfast** is coming up on Sunday, October 13. Families have their tickets to sell so if you are interested in attending the breakfast reach out to one of our amazing families.

♥ **Thank You** to all who have supported the opening of the Toddler Center and the remodel of the school basement for preschool at Sacred Heart School. A special thank you to the following organizations for awarding grants towards this project: Albany Mutual Telephone, Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE), Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph the Worker, and Painting a Brighter Future (Kraemer Lumber). Thank you to the businesses who have shared time, talent and treasure: All State Communication for the intercom needs, Backforty Woodworks for custom door jambs and staining, Bembom Fencing for fencing around the new toddler playground, Brothers Fire & Security for the moving of fire safety equipment, Creekside Woodworks for the new cabinetry, Hennen Flooring & Mark Hasse for the flooring and installation, Hennen Lumber for the false ceiling & doors, Herdering Inc. for sand for the new sandbox, Justins Concrete Construction for the new cement on the west side of the school, Melrose Plumbing and Heating for adding plumbing into the new PreK room and other plumbing needs, Mid Central Heating and Air Conditioning for heating in the PreK rooms, Millwood Electric for all the electrical needs, Overman Drywall for all the wall repairs, Scherping Tree and Stump Removal for the playground mulch, Sue Smith Painting for painting and staining, Thull Excavating for the drain tile needs, Gerald Wiechman for many odd jobs, Evan Wiechmann for vinyl lettering on doors, Worms Lumber and Ready Mix for the cement work around new playground. Thank you to all the volunteers that also helped make this possible. We would also like to thank the Freeport State Bank for the new blinds in the gymnasium.

♦ **Grandparent's Day** will be celebrated at St. Mary's School on Tuesday, October 15. Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin the day with Mass at church at 8:30 am, followed by a program at 10:15 am with preschool-6th grade at church, and ending the day with lunch at school.

♦ **We Have One Week Left** until our Marathon/Prayer-a-thon. We are grateful for the donations and we've received so far. Our goal is to raise \$23,000, which is included in our school budget for the 2024-2025 year. Along with fundraising, we believe in the power of prayer and would love to pray for you and your families. Donations and prayer requests can be sent to St. Mary's School, 320 5th Ave. SE Melrose, MN 56352.

♦ **SJSA Oktoberfest** is Tuesday, October 15 in the St. John's Church basement in Meire Grove from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Come join us for great food and music. We will have a live polka band and the student performance at 7:30 pm.

♦ **Greenwald Elevator Softener Salt Sale**  
 The Greenwald Elevator is having a salt sale with proceeds going to SJSA. Salt can be ordered now through Tuesday, October 15 and can be ordered by the bag or pallet. The pick-up date is Thursday, November 7 at the Greenwald Elevator. Salt can be ordered through any SJSA family, by calling the school at 320-987-3133, or by calling or stopping by the Greenwald Elevator 320-987-3159. Thank you for supporting the Greenwald Elevator Salt Sale!

♦ **Animal Blessing** The Blessing of the Animals will be Friday, October 4 at 2:00 pm between the church and school. All are welcome to bring their pets to be blessed. Farm animals are welcome too! We hope you can come and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with us.

♦ **SJSA Workathon** is Friday, October 11. The students will be raking leaves and doing outside clean-up in Greenwald. If you would like your yard raked, please call the school at 320-987-3133. Please support our students as they seek pledges to reach our goal of \$18,000 for this school fundraiser. Thank you for supporting SJSA students!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

## One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: [youthministry@catholic-centered.org](mailto:youthministry@catholic-centered.org)  
 or [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

♥ **Youth in grades 9-12 are invited** to join us for the High School Youth Day on Sunday, October 27, at Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria, MN. This event is put on by the St. Cloud Diocese and has a world renown speaker/musician, PJ Anderson, who has even lead worship at multiple World Youth Days! Please fill out a youth interest form (available in the back of the churches or St. Cloud Diocese website) and return them to Pam at St. Mary's church office or drop it off at the Tri-Parish office in Freeport.

♥ **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.

## Sacred Heart School

### Calendar Raffle Winners!

|       |      |                                  |
|-------|------|----------------------------------|
| 09/22 | \$25 | Amy Hoeschen - Melrose           |
| 09/23 | \$25 | Mark & Emily Zachmann - Freeport |
| 09/24 | \$25 | Virgil Schleper - Freeport       |
| 09/25 | \$25 | Tom & Kristy Overman - Brooten   |
| 09/26 | \$25 | Rachel Payette - Hawley          |
| 09/27 | \$25 | Becky Welle - Avon               |
| 09/28 | \$25 | Joy Skeldon - St. Cloud          |

## FAITH FORMATION

### Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org)

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 2 at 6:00 pm. Classroom Lesson. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 2 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm.
  - **Grade 7:** Meet in the parish office.
  - **Grade 8:** Meet in the Sacred Heart School Art Room.
  - **Grade 9:** Meet in the Sacred Heart School Auditorium.
  - **Grade 10:** Meet in the Sacred Heart Church Basement.
- **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart School gym. Enter using the door on the east side of the building by the gym.
- **Notice of Safe Environment Training** Each year the United States Conference of Bishops in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People require that our Catholic Schools and Faith Formation programs offer training for all children about personal safety. We will be having this training for grades 1-6 on Wednesday, October 2. If a parent chooses not to have their child (ren) take part in this program, a Declination Statement must be signed and returned to the Faith Formation office prior to the date of training. You can find the Declination Statement form on our website under the Faith Formation tab.

### Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- **Grades 7-8: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 2 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.
- **Confirmation: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 2 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students with an adult.
- **Confirmation Students who signed up: Road Ditch Cleanup:** Saturday, October 5. Meet in the Meire Grove church parking lot at 10:30 am; lunch to follow. If your mentor/sponsor can join you, please ask them to come along!
- **1st Communion Service Project:** Help load the trucks at FILL the TRUCK for the Food Shelf at weekend Masses October 5 and 6.

### “Whoever is not against us is for us.”

**Priesthood Sunday** Pray for you priest. They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being everyday in the name of God.

For all those men who bravely answered God's calling to the priesthood and choose to follow Him fervently everyday, we pray to the Lord.

## ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2



**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](http://CMTEC.org).

**Reboot a Life Changing Event** Join us for an inspiring night with Catholic speaker and author, Chris Stefanick! Reboot! Is the fun, inspiring, and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. Sunday, October 20 at 6:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary 420 Irving Street, Alexandria, MN. Tickets are \$33. Limited availability! Get your tickets soon! For ages 12+. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit [www.RealLifeCatholic.com](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com).

**Young Adult Ministry: “From Minister to Mechanic: Finding God in all the Places”** The Office for Ministry with Young Adults is partnering with three different areas in our diocese to sponsor some Theology on Draft evenings this fall, “From Minister to Mechanic: Finding God in all the Places.” Our speaker for the evenings is Cathy Heying, the founder and executive director of The Lift Garage, a nonprofit auto repair shop that provides low-cost car repair for low-income Minnesotans. Cathy has a rich history of social service and mission. In 2015, Cathy was named both a CNN Hero and the Irwin Tools Tradesperson of the Year. Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to these evenings to learn and share faith, fellowship, food and refreshments. Appetizers will be served, and participants may purchase refreshments. Next event is:

- Tuesday, October 8, 7:30-9:00 pm at Beck's Burgers, Staples
- Thursday, November 14, 6:00-8:00 pm at El Loro Restaurant, Sauk Rapids



**Rosary Coast to Coast** Rosary Coast to Coast Please join in praying for our nation on **Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Freeport** or at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. The Rosary will be prayed simultaneously with Rosary Rallies across the United States being led by the National Rosary Rally at the nation's capital. The Divine Mercy Chaplet for our nation will follow. This is a great time to come together to pray with our brothers and sisters across our country asking for God's mercy upon us and the conversion of our country. God Bless the United States of America! The St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus council will be sponsoring and leading the Rosary and Chaplet at Sacred Heart.

**Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser...** The Tri-Parish Youth will once again be selling wreaths and poinsettias. Please support our youth by placing an order. Orders can be placed by contacting one of our youth or by calling the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.



## Public Rosary...

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



- October 5 downtown Freeport in the Pavilion at 9:15 am.
- October 6 Sacred Heart Church, Freeport at 3:00 pm. (Coast to Coast Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet)
- October 12 St. Michael's Church, Spring Hill by the Grotto at 10:00 am.
- 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.

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