



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 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 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.



**AUTHENTIC
LOVE**

**The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked,
“Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?”
They were testing him. Mark 10:2**

The Pharisees were not interested in the deepest truths of God. They were only interested in twisting God’s truths in an attempt to prove their own self-righteousness. The question they posed to Jesus was a trap, but Jesus doesn’t fall into it. He asks them what Moses taught about the love in marriage and then explains that their understanding of Moses’ teaching was based on the hardness of their hearts and not the original intent of God as was revealed in the beginning.

Our Church’s teaching regarding the indissolubility of marriage flows from the teachings found in the Book of Genesis, subsequently confirmed and clarified by Jesus in today’s Gospel. When a true marriage bond is established by the free and total consent of a man and woman, that bond can only be separated by death.

From a much broader perspective, the marriage bond of which Jesus speaks also reveals to us the depth of commitment that God has made to each one of us and the reciprocal commitment He invites us to make. God’s covenant offered to us is freely given, total, and irrevocable. This is important to understand. God will never change His mind when it comes to the commitment He has made to each one of us. For our part, we must continuously seek to reciprocate that commitment by giving ourselves to the will of God in the same way.

Though much more could be said about this exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees regarding earthly marriage, we must also see in this exchange a common trap that we will encounter in our marital covenant with God and our love of others. Just as the Pharisees used the law of marriage to try to trap Jesus in His speech, caring nothing about the deeper truths that this teaching revealed, we can also use the Law of God in a way that reveals our own hardness of heart. Love, be it that of marriage or the love that is the basis of our union with God, can easily be used as a weapon rather than a source of unity. Regarding others, we can easily fall into the trap of using the precepts of love as a source of manipulation and persuasion. “If you loved me, then you would...” Regarding our love of God, we can often reduce our love into a reluctant following of God’s most basic laws, such as “I have to go to church.”

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 7 - 13 ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm NO Misa en Español
Tu 7:30 am NO MASS
We 7:30 am NO MASS
Th 7:30 am †Bill Massmann
Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass
†Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
†Dennis Crescentia Kraemer
*Su 10:00 am †Lydia & †Roman Schulzetenberg
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
Por el Pueblo

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am NO MASS
Su 10:00 am †Ron Leners

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am NO MASS
Su 10:00 am Melvin & Jeanette Kalthoff

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJS School Mass
†Fran Thelen
Sa 4:00 pm †Gary Winter

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am NO MASS
Su 8:00 am †Deceased and Living
Members of St. John's
Catholic United Financial

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

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am NO MASS
Fr 8:15 am †Wesley Prax
Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Thomas Holdvogt
Sa 7:00 pm Confirmation Mass
Confirmands

*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 ~

•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. This weekend 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!

Parish News:

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

•Mass Time Change The youth of our Tri-Parish and some neighboring parishes will be confirmed at Immaculate Conception next Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 pm. Please note that there will be no 4:00 pm Mass on that day. Please pray for all who will be confirmed.



BINGO Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on Sunday, October 27 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch includes hot turkey sandwich, chips, pickle and cookie. Beverages are available for sale. Variety games such as Good Neighbor Bingo and Blackout. There will also be a quilt raffle. Fun for the entire family. Sorry, no checks, cash only. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Society of Melrose.

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.

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 or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

NET Retreat Team Housing: We are looking for housing for the NET Team who are hosting a retreat on Thursday, November 21 for our 10th graders. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with these young adults who are on fire about their faith. They request that a minimum of 2 students are housed together. They bring their own pillows and sleeping bags. We would ask you to bring them to your home after the retreat at 9:00 pm on Thursday, November 21 in New Munich. Then on Friday morning share breakfast with them and bring them back to Immaculate Conception Church, the time will be announced. Please contact Chrystal if interested, 320-836-2143.

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.



World Mission Rosary Sacred Heart School will be praying the World Mission Rosary on Wednesday, October 9 at 8:15 am at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. All are invited to join them in praying this special rosary.


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

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

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| Total..... | \$11,460.00 |
| Regular Adult Offering | 8,467.00 |
| Plate/Loose | 1,171.00 |
| Designated Funds | 1,822.00 |

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

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|-------|------|----------------------------------|
| 09-29 | \$25 | Chuck Winter - Greenwald |
| 09-30 | \$25 | Cindy Hellermann - Melrose |
| 10-01 | \$25 | Walter Miller - Montgomery |
| 10-02 | \$25 | Joe Hennen - Freeport |
| 10-03 | \$25 | Joe & Tricia Klaphake - Melrose |
| 10-04 | \$50 | Mary Philippi - Brainerd |
| 10-05 | \$25 | Angela Richardson - Westland, MI |



Baptized in Christ...
 ♥Jose A. Morente Garcia ♥Juana Cristina Morente Garcia

Construction Update: The rough landscape backfill and driveway are complete and the subcontractors are performing the finishing touches on everything. Thank you to everyone for their continued support of this project.

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

Fellowship There will be refreshments served after all the Masses this next weekend, October 12-13 at St. Mary's. Please plan to come and stay awhile!!

St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm in the conference room at church.

Parish Ministry Fair Before/After Masses Next Weekend
 On October 12-13, you will have the opportunity, at our Parish Ministry Fair, to learn more about our parish ministries and talk to people who are involved. The theme is "Building for the Lord." The fair will be in the gathering area before and after all Masses. It will be after these Masses, that you will receive your stewardship renewal packets. Please prayerfully review these materials and discern where God is calling you in the coming year. On Commitment Sunday, October 26-27, each parish family is asked to return their completed commitment card or complete a card online at our parish website, www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys.

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.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

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| Mo | Our Lady of the Rosary | Gal 1:6-12 | Lk 10:25-37 |
| Tu | | Gal 1:13-24 | Lk 10:38-42 |
| We | | Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 | Lk 11:1-4 |
| Th | | Gal 3:1-5 | Lk 11:5-13 |
| Fr | | Gal 3:7-14 | Lk 11:15-26 |
| Sa | | Gal 3:22-29 | Lk 11:27-28 |

Next Sunday - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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

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

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| Total..... | \$5,085.65 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 3,875.85 |
| Plate/Loose..... | 506.00 |
| Votive..... | 358.80 |
| School Support | 345.00 |

Parish Events

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| Su | 10/06 | 3:00 pm | Coast to Coast Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet |
| Tu | 10/08 | 6:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| We | 10/09 | 8:15 am | SHS World Mission Rosary |
| We | 10/09 | 6:00 pm | Faith Formation Grade 2 |
| We | 10/09 | 7:00 pm | Confirmation Practice - NM |
| Fr | 10/11 | 7:45 am | Individual Confessions |
| Fr | 10/11 | 9:00 am | Adoration |
| Sa | 10/12 | | Catholic United Financial Breakfast Setup |
| Su | 10/13 | 8:30 am | Catholic United Financial Breakfast |

World Mission Rosary See ACC News for details.

Welcome to our Parish...We welcome Bruce and Cali Dickhoff to our parish.

Community Garden Please remove all items from the garden by Monday, October 14 so it can be plowed. Thank you.

Catholic United Financial Breakfast Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial #101 will be serving a Sausage/Pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 13 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church basement. Proceeds are donated to Sacred Heart School.

Thank You to the anonymous donors who gave \$53,952.87 to the Sacred Heart School Endowment fund. This endowment fund was established for supporting Sacred Heart School. The goal is to grow this fund for the school to be able to use the annual interest earned to help with teacher wages and needs for the students at large.

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Prayer for Life
A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA
Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
 St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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| Total..... | \$3,290.31 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 2,906.69 |
| Plate/Loose | 149.00 |
| Cash Bazaar | 100.00 |
| Building/Maintenance | 134.62 |

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| Total..... | \$2,304.85 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 1,843.85 |
| Plate/Loose | 461.00 |

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| Total | \$1,143.75 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 717.00 |
| Children..... | 0.75 |
| Plate/Loose | 175.00 |
| Maintenance Fund..... | 225.00 |
| Fuel Fund | 20.00 |
| Votives..... | 6.00 |

Parish Events

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| Su | 10/06 | 6:30 am | COF Breakfast Prep |
| Su | 10/06 | 8:30 am | COF Breakfast |
| Tu | 10/08 | 6:30 pm | CUF Mtg. for Raffle |
| We | 10/09 | 6:00 pm | Faith Formation Grade 2- FR |
| We | 10/09 | 7:00 pm | Confirmation Practice |
| Th | 10/10 | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| Sa | 10/12 | 11:00 am | Rosary in the Parking Lot |
| Sa | 10/12 | | No Individual Confessions |

Parish Events

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| Mo | 10/07 | 7:00 pm | Christian Women Meeting |
| Tu | 10/08 | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| We | 10/09 | 6:00 pm | Faith Formation Grade 2- FR |
| We | 10/09 | 7:00 pm | Confirmation Practice - NM |
| Fr | 10/11 | 7:30 pm | Rosary |
| Sa | 10/12 | 11:00 am | Baptism |
| Sa | 10/12 | 11:00 am | Family Gathering |

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, October 13 - 10:00 am
 (S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
 (L) Pete LeClaire
 (U) Peter Wuertz & Randy Barten
 (EM) (B) Ruth Heinen
 (EM) (C) Stan Heinen & Grace Hopfer
 (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
 (RL) Kathy Welle
 (CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
 (HK: October 13-26) Karen Rademacher, Betty Schmidt, & Rhonda Schmidt

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †Steven "Steve" Feldewerd, who passed away Monday, September 30. His funeral was celebrated here on Friday, October 4.


Matching Fund Breakfast Sunday, October 6 sponsored by St. Leo Court #786, Catholic Order of Foresters. Serving from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the church basement. Menu: Ham, fried potatoes, eggs, etc. Proceeds go to "Erect New Mass Time Sign".

Fall Rosary Rally The Rosary will take place on Saturday, October 12 at 11:00 am on the Immaculate Conception Parking Lot. If inclement weather, we will go into the church.

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.

New Addition Social: Saturday, October 19 To celebrate the completion of the elevator and gathering space, Bishop Neary will bless the new addition at the 4:00 pm Mass in New Munich. Following Mass, there will be a social to celebrate. All are welcome. **Servers Requested:** Chairs: Melvin & Linda Feldewerd, Co-Chairs: Paul & Sandra Feldewerd, Servers: Nancy Feldewerd, Wilfred & Dorothy Feldewerd, Travis & Charlene Fread, Christopher & Brittany Frieler, Christopher & Tracy Frieler. All servers please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.

 **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!!

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

Banns of Matrimony:
 III Allison Keller♥Cody Jacobson, 10-12 SH
 III Hope Schreifels♥Jacob Klein, 10-12 M

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

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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| ◆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 |



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If love is to be pure and holy, it must rise above erroneous interpretations of love and be lived in the way it was intended to be lived. Pure love is always self-giving. It is sacrificial. It always looks to the good of the other. Love is total and must be irrevocable. Love forges a bond that should never be broken. It must endure everything and is possible only when it is grounded in the love that God has for us.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you love. Does the hardness of your heart lead you to misrepresent the love God wants you to share with others? Do you minimize the requirements of love? Is your love total, irrevocable, and freely given? Is your love self-seeking or self-giving? Reflect upon the pure and holy nature of the love God has offered to you, and recommit yourself to offer this same depth of love to God and to others so that the covenants that result from your love will always endure.

Lord of the Covenant, Your love is perfect. It is pure, it is selfless, self-giving, total and irrevocable. Please help me to love You with this same love so that I can share in the divine marriage covenant to which I am called. May this holy love also overflow into every relationship so that You will be the foundation of those holy bonds.
Jesus, I trust in You. mycatholic.life

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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| Total | \$1,690.00 |
| Regular Adult Offering | 1,590.00 |
| Plate/Loose | 39.00 |
| Votives..... | 36.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 25.00 |

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, October 12 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
 (L) Kathy Gilk
 (U) Al Inderrieden & Pat Keller
 (GB) Ron & Carol Winter
 (EM) (B) Mike Barten
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Herman Lensing
 (HK - October) *Kay Van Beck, Judy Wehlage, Ruth Wehlage, & Bev Winter

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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| Total | \$3,215.25 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 2,488.00 |
| Children..... | 0.25 |
| Plate/Loose | 232.00 |
| Votives..... | 85.00 |
| Donations..... | 200.00 |
| Fuel Fund..... | 210.00 |

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, October 13 - 8:00 am

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
 (L) Char Meyer
 (U) Matt Silbernack & Mike Wehlage
 (GB) Marvin & Rita Meyer
 (EM) (B) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
 (EM) (C) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
 (HK - October) *Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, & Sheri Luetmer

All St. John the Baptist Parishioners
 We need your help to clean the church basement on Monday, October 14, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



HISPANIC MINISTRY

¡Inscríbete en la parroquia! Si asistes frecuentemente a la celebración de la Misa en nuestra parroquia y no te has registrado como miembro de está, te invitamos a que te registres y formes parte de nuestra gran comunidad hispana registrada. ¡Ya somos casi 500 feligreses hispanos registrados en la parroquia de Santa Maria! Si tienes preguntas al respecto llama al 320-256-9500 de 8:00am-12:00pm para asistencia en español.

¿Eres adulto y aún no has recibido todos tus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunion)?: el Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria 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.



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.



Thank You to the anonymous donor who paid for all of the repairs and painting of the southwest wall in our church.

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

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.

October 6, Sunday
 ♦**Matching Fund Breakfast** sponsored by St. Leo Court #786, Catholic Order of Foresters, of New Munich in the Immaculate Conception Church basement. Menu: Ham, fried potatoes, eggs, etc. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Proceeds go to: "Erect New Mass Times Sign." Contact: 320-837-5239.

♦**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.

♦**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.

♦**Fall Soup Luncheon** at the Melrose Senior Center, located at the Melrose City Offices. Serving will be from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Free will offering, all are invited.

October 13, Sunday
 ♦**Sausage/Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by Catholic United Financial #101. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement, Freeport.

♦**Chicken & Ham Dinner** sponsored by Holdingford Knights of Columbus #9307. Serving from 3:30 - 6:30 pm at the Pelican Lake Ballroom, St. Anna. Adults \$15. Children ages 5-12 \$10. Take outs available.

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

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.

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- ♥ **SHS had Picture Day** on Tuesday, October 1.
- ♥ **The Preschool Students** had a great time at the Van Beck Ranch - Fall Farm Fest for their annual fall field trip on Thursday!
- ♥ **Our Annual Care A Thon Fundraiser** for SHS was on Friday, October 4. The kids participated in service projects and had a prayer service in the Tri-Parish Community. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a student at SHS for this fundraiser. Donations are still being accepted. Let's help the students reach their goal of \$16,000 and their Cotton Candy reward!
- ♥ **The Kindergarten and 1st grade students** will go on a field trip Tuesday, October 8 to the Great Theatre performance of Winnie the Pooh.
- ♥ **Our Caring Coats Drive** will begin on Monday, October 7. If you have any gently used fall/winter items (coats, hats, mittens, scarves, etc.) that you are no longer using, we would love to have you bring them to SHS. All donations stay in the area. Thank you in advance for your donations.
- ♥ **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. Serving in the Sacred Heart Church basement from 8:30 am until noon.

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Thank You** for your participation in the Coborns Reward Program. You helped us earn \$1,296.34. If you haven't already signed up and designated St. Mary's School as the school you want your points to be donated to, you can still do this. Go to www.morewards.com to sign up.
- ♦ **There will be NO School** on Wednesday -Friday, October 16-18, due to Education MN and a workshop day.
- ♦ **The Next School Board Meeting** is Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 pm.

- ♦ **The Melrose Fire Department** will visit SJSA on Wednesday, October 9 as part of Fire Prevention Week. The tour of the fire truck is always a highlight for the students.
- ♦ **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!
- ♦ **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!

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- ♦ **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 9. Home Lesson.
- ♦ **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 9 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- ♦ **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in Immaculate Conception Church.
 - **The Rite of Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Service Projects:

- ♦ **Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf** Students in grades 6-12 will be Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We will meet at Sacred Heart Church basement and will cover the towns of Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. Permission forms are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is October 23.
- ♦ **Card Making** will be on Wednesday, November 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Students in grades 6-12 will be making Christmas Cards. Permission slips are available on the website, sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is Wednesday, October 30.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmmarysofmelrose.com

- ♦ **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 9 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.
- ♦ **Grades 7-8: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 9 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.
- ♦ **Confirmation: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 9 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students with an adult.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

♥**Pumpkin Youth Night** Students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us for a night of painting, games, food, and more. Monday, October 21 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart basement. If you have questions, please contact Alyssa 320-429-0770.

♥**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.

♥**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.

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Rosary Coast to Coast and Divine Mercy Chaplet



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.

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.



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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



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.

- Holiness of the Saints - October 16 (Day)
- Married Couples Retreat - October 18-20 (Weekend)

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 meet at 7:00 pm on the second Saturday (October 12) of each month at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

Are You Ready? Adult Day with PJ Anderson Join us on Saturday, October 26 in St. Joseph, MN for three events designed for adults. There's something for everyone: a morning of reflection (9:00 - 11:00 am), and afternoon for parents and families (2:00 - 4:30 pm, children's session for ages 4-12) and a FREE concert (7:00 - 8:30 pm). Register at: <https://stcdio.org/event/are-you-ready-foor-pj-anderson/>

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

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| 09/30 | \$25 | Amy Christen - Maple Grove |
| 10/01 | \$25 | Ethan Van Beck - New Munich |
| 10/02 | \$25 | Mike Gerads - Freeport |
| 10/03 | \$25 | Tony Klasen - Melrose |
| 10/04 | \$25 | Jeron Theiler - Sauk Centre |
| 10/05 | \$25 | Danny & Jenny Grieve - Glyndon |

Public Rosary...

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



- 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.
- October 12 Immaculate Conception Church, New Munich on the parking lot at 11:00 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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