



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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

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

**Melrose - Spring Hill -
Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Facebook: Tri Parish

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

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

Marriage

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

Baptism & RCIA

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

**Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion
Pastoral Visitation
Joining/Leaving a Parish**

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.



Journeying in Faith and Prayer

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." John 6:11-12

The people who were present for this miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish had to journey to be there. First, they followed Jesus to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, and then they followed Him up a mountain in a remote area. This is significant because it tells us that a miracle of such magnitude could only take place for those who had faith and acted on that faith. Jesus could have easily performed this miracle in the Temple in Jerusalem or in a synagogue where people doubted Him. If He did that, then many of His skeptics and critics would have seen His almighty power with their own eyes. Jesus could have also done this miracle in Nazareth, His hometown, in the presence of His extended family and friends. Perhaps if He had done this, then they would have come to believe in Him. But Jesus didn't do this incredible miracle in places where faith was lacking. Instead, He went to a remote area where only those who truly wanted to be with Him were present.

Note that the actions by which Jesus performed this miracle are similar to the way He instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper. We read above that Jesus "took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them..." Though this miracle is recorded in all four Gospels, in John's Gospel it is a prelude to Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse in which Jesus teaches, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Therefore, this miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish should be seen as a teaching about the Eucharist. It is in the Eucharist that Jesus feeds us to superabundance. The Eucharist is the gift of His very life and the food that will bring us to eternal life.

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Clemencia Chavez
 Tu 7:30 am †Catherine Primus
 We 7:30 am †Lydia Schulzetenberg
 Th 7:30 am †Rich Boeckermann
 Fr 7:30 am †Dale Wegleitner
 Sa 5:00 pm ††Dorine & Victor Sundermann
 *Su 10:00 am †Lorraine Imdieke
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Belester Vezquez Sobreyra

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Rich Rademacher Anniversary
 Sa 4:00 pm †Art Hopfer

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Joan Dobmeier
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am **NO MASS**
 Su 10:00 am **NO MASS**

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Peter Van Beck
 Sa **7:30 pm Barley Days**
 †Lloyd Lucken

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am **NO MASS**
 Su 8:00 am ††Vincent & Rosie Schmiesing

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



*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 ~

•Contact Information for Fr. Marv Enneking:

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 Hillman, MN 56338-9802
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Thank you to Albany Fiber Communications for their generous donation of \$25,000 towards the preschool renovation at Sacred Heart School.

Coming Soon July 31 - August 4 is the Stearns County Fair. IF you happen to be out checking the 4-H animals or any other exhibits don't forget to grab a tray of fried bread to help support our Pro-Life Across America Billboards!

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

 **"Tune My Heart"** is a diocesan workshop at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell for all musicians in the diocese. Steven Warner, musician and composer, and good friend of Bishop Patrick, is coming to share his gifts with us on Saturday, August 10. All singers and musicians are invited to a day-long workshop, including lunch, and ending with singing for the 4:00 pm Mass with Bishop Patrick presiding. Registration for both events can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STCDIOTuneMyHeart> and must be completed by Thursday, August 1. Questions can be directed to the Worship Office at worship@gw.stcdio.org or 320-255-9068.

Parish News:

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

•Living the Promise Grant Thank you to the Living the Promise campaign for their grant payments towards Catholic Education as follows:

Sacred Heart:

- \$1,900 Sacred Heart School
- \$450 Adult Faith Formation
- \$600 Youth Faith Formation

Immaculate Conception:

- \$450 Adult Faith Formation
- \$600 Youth Faith Formation

St. Rose of Lima:

- \$450 Adult Faith Formation
- \$600 Youth Faith Formation

•Children's Liturgy of the Word With the school year right around the corner, we are looking for help with Children's Liturgy of the Word in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa during weekend Masses. If you like working with children and sharing your faith with them, this could be the ministry for you. We need to have one confirmed member and one youth present during Children's Liturgy of the Word. If a Mass time in one of the parishes is better for you, you are more than welcome to help in that parish. If we do not have volunteers to carry out this ministry, it will not be available to your young people. Please contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

23rd National Conference for Single Catholics Looking to meet 400+ faithful single Catholics from all over the USA and beyond? Join us August 16-18 in Las Vegas, Nevada (or participate virtually and engage with others via online socials and small group discussions.) This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages! The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. (If attending in-person, use the promo code PARISH24 for a discount.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 704-665-0455.)

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

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

Total.....	\$10,750.25
Regular Adult Offering	7,971.00
Plate/Loose	876.25
Designated Funds	1,903.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



07-21	\$25	Ellen Klasen - Melrose
07-22	\$25	Charlene Sand - Melrose
07-23	\$25	Tom Morton - Melrose
07-24	\$25	Gerald Blenker - Melrose
07-25	\$25	Bill Hinnenkamp - Melrose
07-26	\$50	Tina Haider & Pat Nathe - Melrose
07-27	\$25	Bob Braun - Melrose

Baptized in Christ...

♥Jose Arturo Hernandez Martinez

St. Mary's Parish Raffle tickets are available at Magnifi - Melrose, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, Kraemer Lumber, and the parish office. They will also be sold before and after Masses throughout August.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

July 30, Tuesday

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

July 31, Wednesday

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

August 7, 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.

August 13, Tuesday

◆**American Red Cross Blood Drive** sponsored by the Freeport Lions Club will be held from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Freeport Community Center. Give the precious gift of life. Appointment are needed. We are always in need of people with type "O" blood. Schedule your appointment online at redcross.org or call Janet Butkowski at 320-836-2837 or 320-282-2904.

August 16, Saturday

◆**Pro-Life Retreat** at Assumption Church in Eden Valley 8:00 am until noon. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction; KC led Procession & Prayer Service at the Tomb of the Unborn in the Assumption Church Cemetery. Speaker at 11:00 am. Refreshments & light lunch provided. Cost will be Free Will with no pre-registration required. Please come join us for the morning as we pray and seek "Guidance to Speaking the Truth" from speaker Maggee Hangge from the MN Catholic Conference. Contact Judy Haag at judy4life@melnet.net or 320-453-7592 with questions or concerns

August 25, Sunday

◆**26th Annual Quilt Bingo** at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center in Richmond 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Cost \$15 per packet good for 15 regular games. Paper bingo cards. Bring your dabbers. Special game sheets \$3 each. Quilt Raffle. Must be 18 to play. No checks please. Food and refreshments available. Prizes are queen size quilts.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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Total.....	\$4,636.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,154.85
Plate.....	1,153.00
Votive.....	179.00
School Support.....	150.00

Parish Events

Fr	08/02	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/02	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	08/03	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass

St. Joseph Society News The sponsored rosary request will be on KASM radio Monday, August 19 thru Sunday, August 25. All members behind in dues please update them and get them to current status. \$10 per year. Contact Andy Welle 320-290-0430.



Thank You A huge thank you to Mary Kay and Gerard Huhne and Aaron and Ashley Burg for stepping forward to chair the 2025 Parish Festival.

Thank You We had a wonderful turnout for this year's festival! Thank you to everyone who contributed. The participation of our parishioners plays a vital role in the success of this event. We will post the profits in the coming weeks.

Raffle Winners The list of raffle winners can be found in the back of church, on the Tri-Parish website and Facebook page, and Sacred Heart Parish Festival Facebook Page. Thank you to all who donated toward the raffle and purchased tickets.

One in Faith ACC Is Invited to Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



◆ **Outdoor Mass** with Bishop Neary Thursday, August 15 at 7:30 pm at St. Michael's Parish in Spring Hill. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held in church. Poor Clares collection will be taken. Bring your own chair. Refreshments will be served after Mass. **Everyone is welcome! Please bring a friend!**

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 ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,564.32
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,124.69
Plate/Loose	196.00
Votive.....	109.01
School Support	100.00
Building/Maintenance	34.62

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Total.....	\$1,389.62
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,098.85
Plate/Loose	65.00
Votive.....	225.77

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$517.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	347.00
Children	5.00
Plate/Loose	35.00
Maintenance Fund.....	130.00

Parish Events

Th 08/01 7:00 am Adoration
 Sa 08/03 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Tu 07/30 No Adoration
 Fr 08/02 7:30 pm Rosary

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, August 4

No Mass - Barley Days

(HK: August 4-14) Kim Meyer, Linda Meyer, & Sue (David) Meyer

May He Rest in Peace Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**LeRoy "Lee" Wolbeck**, who passed away Friday, July 19. His funeral was celebrated here on Friday, July 26.

God's Housekeepers for the month of August: Char Mayers, Diane Boeckers, Linda Feldewerd, Georgine Nathe, Peggy Thelen, Joelle Niebergall. Since we have the new gathering space we will have six people cleaning each month. 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.



Sponsor a Votive Candle
 The parish is looking for someone to sponsor one of the candles on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. There are also other candles available to be sponsored for the upcoming months. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

Parish Festival Envelopes/Tickets will be available to pick up in the greeting space of church starting today, Sunday, July 28.



Christian Women will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, August 13. There will be Mass at 7:30 pm followed by a light meal and a short meeting. If there is anyone that would like to join the Christian Women please contact Sandra Gruber, Ruth Moscho, or Jeanette Kalthoff.

No Mass There will not be an 8:00 am Mass in Spring Hill on Tuesday, August 13, due to the evening Mass that day.

Feast of Assumption Mass
 Please join Bishop Neary and the St. Michael's parish for an outdoor Feast of Assumption Mass at 7:30 pm on Thursday, August 15. Poor Clares collection will be taken, all are welcome! Bring a chair and friends. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be in the church. Refreshments will be served after Mass.



"I Implore You to Walk in a Manner Worthy of the Calling with which You have been Called."

Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stedio.org.

For a greater appreciation of the richness of every vocation to love Christ and that more men and women will respond to His invitation to follow Him as priests and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

Public Rosary...

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

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



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

Banns of Matrimony:
 I Audrey Eiyneck♥Isaac Kulzer, 8-16 FR

For the Sick: Alex Hoppe, Sandy Welle, Joyce Hauser, Ron Heinen, Petra Oevermann, Lori Austing

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

CHURCH OF ST. 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



Preparación Bautismal:

Invitamos a todos los Padres que desean que sus hijos reciban el Sacramento del Bautismo a que se registren para tomar las clases de preparación. Una vez confirmada la fecha de la próxima clase se les enviará un mensaje de aviso. Para más información habla con el Diacono Jesus después de misa o hable a la oficina parroquial de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.

Aprendiendo a Evangelizar: Invitamos a todas las personas que hablan Español a una clase que nos prepara y nos enseña a conocer más a profundidad nuestra Fe Católica. Si usted está interesado o interesada, los esperamos aquí en la iglesia todos los Sábados de 8:00 a 9:30am.

¡Necesitamos servidores!
 La comunidad Hispana de la Iglesia de Santa María crece más constantemente, y como Iglesia estamos llamados a servirnos los unos a los otros, por eso queremos invitarlos a que se unan a cualquier Ministerio Hispano. Ejemplos: Ministerio de Proclamadores de la Palabra, Ministerio de Audio y Video, Ministerio de la Sagrada Eucaristía, Ministerio de Música, entre otros. Todos podemos involucrarnos más en nuestra Iglesia y servir a Dios y a nuestros Hermanos de una manera especial. "El que quiera ser primero, que se haga servidor de sus Hermanos" - Marcos 10, 44



◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,146.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,055.00
Children.....	1.00
Plate/Loose	75.00
Votives.....	15.00

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Total	\$1,765.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,315.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	193.00
Votives.....	37.00
Donation.....	200.00
Maintenance Fund.....	20.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, August 3 - 7:30 pm
Barley Days Mass

(S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan
 (L) Cassandra Kettner
 (U) Arnold Nietfeld, Daniel Nietfeld, Harold Rademacher, Roger Schoenberg, Mark Silbernick, & Benjamin Stepan
 (GB) Alan & Sandy Niehoff
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny, Kris Winter, Clarine Beier, Dustin Gregory, & Herman Lensing
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - August) *Rose Ann Rademacher, Trista Roelike, Joyce Schoenberg, & Sharon Schwieters

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, August 4 - 8:00 am

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
 (L) Karen Meyer
 (U) Herb Imdieke & Jerry Imdieke
 (GB) Nick & Kate Kelzer
 (EM) (B) Daryl Zenzen & Nick Kelzer
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - August) *Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, & Joy Silbernick



Journeying in Faith and Prayer

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Unfortunately, it seems that very few people ever discover the gift of the Eucharist. Many people look at their participation in Mass as a duty that they must fulfill rather than as an invitation to share in the superabundant life. The only way we will discover

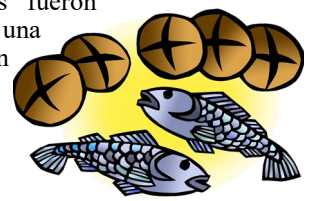
the superabundant life given to us through the Eucharist is by working to imitate the faith of the people whom Jesus fed on that mountain. Again, the people who received this miracle had to journey either around or across the sea and climb a mountain. So also with us, the only way to come to a fruitful participation in the Eucharist is to make a concerted effort. The journey we make is one of faith, and the mountain we climb is one of prayer. Unless we believe deeply in our Lord, believe in the superabundant and transforming power of the Eucharist, seek it out faithfully every week and do so prayerfully, we will never be fed in this superabundant way.

Reflect, today, upon the symbolism of Jesus traveling to this remote area so as to perform this most incredible miracle. See this journey that you are invited to take as a journey toward the discovery of the superabundant grace bestowed upon you through the Most Holy Eucharist. The only way that you will receive this grace is by committing yourself to the journey of faith and prayer. Don't miss out. Don't ignore the incredible value of this Gift. Seek out our Lord and discover His Gift of superabundant grace within your fruitful participation in the Holy Mass.

My Eucharistic Lord, You call me to journey up the mountain of faith in the most Holy Eucharist through prayer and determination. May I more deeply discover the great value of the Holy Mass and seek to be fed by You in this superabundant way. Jesus, I trust in You.

"AQUÍ HAY UN MUCHACHO QUE TIENE CINCO PANES DE CEBADA Y DOS PECES; PERO, ¿DE QUÉ SIRVEN ESTOS PARA TANTOS?"
 - Juan 6:9

El milagro de los panes y los peces lleva dos mensajes importantes. En primer lugar, por poco que tengamos, siempre tenemos suficiente para compartir. En segundo lugar, Cristo puede tomar nuestros humildes dones y hacer grandes cosas con ellos si estamos dispuestos a permitirselo. Nada es imposible para Dios. Todos nuestros regalos, grandes o pequeños, nos fueron dados por una razón. ¡Ningún regalo es demasiado pequeño o insignificante!



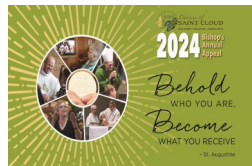
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Attention Youth entering grades 9-12 & College Freshman. MCCL Pro-Life Summer Leadership Camp at Camp Koronis, Paynesville. 4 Days of Education (2 full days & 2 partial days) August 11-14, including guest speakers & sessions covering topics of abortion & other right to life issues. It equips students to make a difference in their schools & communities in a summer camp environment with games & fun outdoor activities. The cost is \$100 (includes meals, accommodations, materials, a t-shirt) but could be covered by either KC's or 40 Days For Life, Contact Judy Haag Judy4life@meltel.net 320-453-7592. For more details go to www.mccl.org/camp.

Living Our Faith on God's Holy Land Diocese of St. Cloud Office of Social Concerns 2024 Rural Life Celebration Sunday, August 18 at the Samantha and Nathan Middendorf Farm 17655 Co. Rd. 36, Long Prairie. During the month of August we celebrate and honor God's creation. Join us as we come together for faith, food and fellowship beginning with a 1:30 pm outdoor Mass with Bishop Neary, C.S.C followed by a meal and ice cream. Enjoy family friendly entertainment. There will be a special collection to support the rural life fund and a presentation of the Catholic Century Farm and Catholic Rural Business Awards. Please bring your own chair if you are able. This event will happen rain or shine. If you have any questions, contact Kateri Mancini at kateri.mancini@gw.studio.org.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Help us foster vocations and strong families. Discerning a life of service to the Church requires time, prayer and soul searching. The ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal create opportunities to discern vocations through retreats, visits and one-on-one engagement. Those pursuing priesthood and the diaconate are supported spiritually, emotionally and financially in their journeys toward ordination. Individuals, couples and families are supported in creating loving households through programs and initiatives that encourage healthy family life including men's and women's conferences, retreats, natural family planning, healing ministries to the divorced and grieving, and spiritual and educational opportunities. See how your donations support vocations by viewing our video at: https://youtu.be/aaqW_qlyYS3Q



Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group: Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We will meet at 7:00 pm on Saturday, August 10 at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

Is God calling you to experience life in a Christian Community? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat experience for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Retreats are held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held September 20 - 22 beginning at 5:30 pm Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost of the weekend is \$70, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need. Registrations may be made online at centralmnkoinonia.org or by emailing cmkoinonia@gmail.com for a paper copy.



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.
 •Men & Women Silent Retreat - August 2-4 (Weekend \$350)
 •Men & Women Silent Retreat - August 23-25 (Weekend \$300)

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

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.



The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus Jer 13:1-11	Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tu	Jer 14:17-22	Mt 13:36-43
We	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 15:10, 16-21	Mt 13:44-46
Th	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Jer 18:1-6	Mt 13:47-53
Fr	Jer 26:1-9	Mt 13:54-58
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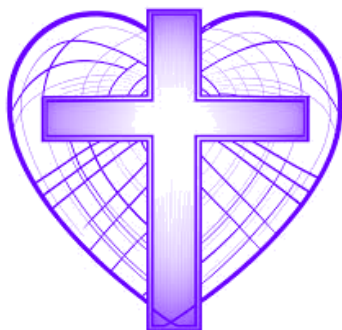
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- John 6:9

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