



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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2024

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

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Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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.



“Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered them and said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” John 6:25-27

The day before, Jesus fed the crowds at the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. The next day, the people were hungry again, so they went looking for Jesus thinking that He might miraculously feed them again. In the passage above, Jesus uses their physical hunger to point them to a deeper spiritual reality.

Each one of us is hungry. We continually have cravings that we want satiated. Certainly, food and drink are among our cravings, but the deepest craving we each have is a spiritual one. The problem is that we often try to satiate ourselves in ways that will never satisfy us. Therefore, we each need to hear Jesus say, “Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” What is that food that the Son of Man will give to us? Of course, it is His very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is the Most Holy Eucharist.

This passage begins the lengthy “Bread of Life Discourse” from which we will read over the next three Sundays. Throughout this discourse, Jesus makes it clear that His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink. Eating Jesus’ flesh and blood is the only way to eternal life. Some who listen to this teaching find that it is too difficult to accept and, as a result, reject Jesus and His teaching. The discourse ends with Jesus asking the Twelve if they want to leave too. Peter gives the perfect response by saying, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

As we ponder this teaching of Jesus over the next few weekends, it is important to start with the foundation. The foundation is our spiritual hunger. We each experience it. We each are aware of it. We cannot escape it. For that reason, look into your own soul. What do you see? Do you see a certain restlessness and unfulfilled desire? Do you sense the cravings within your own soul? When you see this, know that you have discovered the starting point of the life of fulfillment. Unless you can see that hunger within, you cannot turn to the source of satiation.

The Eucharist is the source of all that we long for in life; however, too often we fail to see that. We can easily fall into the trap of seeing the Eucharist as an obligation we must meet each week. Sometimes Mass can even be seen as an inconvenience. If this is your struggle, try to use the next few Sundays to reexamine your understanding of the Most Holy Eucharist.

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†††Soledad, Audelia, y Alberto Ambriz
Tu 7:30 am †Bill Massmann
We 7:30 am †Donna Kociemba
Th 7:30 am †Marcy Blenker
Fr 7:30 am ††David & Al Duevel & Family
Sa 5:00 pm †Ron Kettler
*Su 10:00 am ††††Ervin & Virginia Klaphake, Frank & Evangline Hartung
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Primer Aniversario Luctuoso de Sergio Hernandez Chavez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Denise Holthaus
Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Steve Tschida
Su 10:00 am ††Bruce & Dan Elfering

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am Spring Hill Men's Society
Su 10:00 am †Donnie Feldewerd

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Peter Van Beck
Sa 4:00 pm †Kim Fuechtmann

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am ††††Henry & Marie Kampsen, Reinhold & Ella Meyer
Su 8:00 am †Joyce Yarke

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Robert "Bob" Hoeschen
Fr 8:15 am †Ed Harren
Su 8:00 am ††††Robert & Theresia Goebel Larry & Theresa Ehlert

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
No Adoration on Tuesday, August 6
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

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



◆ Outdoor Mass 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!

Parish Office Closure The Parish Offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Thursday, August 15 for Feast of the Assumption.

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.

Parish News:

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

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

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.stcdio.org.

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

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

Total.....	\$10,587.00
Regular Adult Offering	9,116.00
Plate/Loose	875.00
Designated Funds	596.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



07-28	\$25	Chuck Klaphake - Sauk Centre
07-29	\$25	Bob Braun - Melrose
07-30	\$25	Donald Klassen - Melrose
07-31	\$25	Ken Tschida - Melrose
08-01	\$25	St. Cecilia's Mission Group - Shirley Nathe, Melrose
08-02	\$25	Judy Kluempke - Melrose
08-03	\$25	Cindy Tschida - Melrose

Baptized in Christ...

♥Andrea Flores Garmendia

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.



Fellowship There will be refreshments served after all the Masses this next weekend, August 10 - 11 at St. Mary's. Please plan to come and stay awhile!

Construction Update: The maintenance shed is progressing. The underground rough-in plumbing and exterior are complete and we are ready for concrete. Then the framers can set the interior walls. Rough-in for plumbing and electric will follow. Thank you for the support of this project!

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$3,772.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,840.85
Plate.....	451.00
Votive.....	69.00
School Support.....	412.00

Parish Events

Fr	08/09	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/09	9:00 am	Adoration

2025 Sacred Heart Parish Festival will be on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

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.

“The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven.”

Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stedio.org.

That men and women share this heavenly bread and discern how God is calling them to serve others, we pray to the Lord.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

August 6, Tuesday

◆**Free Concert** The Meire Grove Band and New Ulm Municipal Band are playing a free joint concert inside the State Street Theater in New Ulm at 7:30 pm. There will be a 58-passenger charter bus with bathroom leaving the Meire Grove City Hall at 3:00 pm and returning around 11:30 pm. The original cost of the bus was \$1,100, but thanks to a generous \$500 donation from the Meire Grove Athletic Club, the new cost is \$600, which will be divided evenly between the riders. So far we have 26 riders. If you would like to ride along, please contact Kurt Meyer at 612-868-0643.

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 11, Sunday

◆**Annual Church Bazaar** at the Church of Seven Dolours in Albany. A polka Mass will be held at 10:30 am. A homemade chicken and ham dinner will be served from 11:00 am -1:30 pm. Quilt auction at 3:00 pm. Grand raffle and cash raffle drawings at 6:00 pm. Bingo, cake walk, pull tabs, \$100 cash wheel, kids games and food/beverages will be available. Entertainment by The Gene Ostendorf Band and Two for the Road.

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 14, Wednesday

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

August 16 - 18, Friday - Sunday

◆**Mini Holy Family Fest 2024**, Holy Family Church, Little Falls. Reconnect with God. Have fun as a family. Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Talks for Adults, Teens, & Kids, Games, Rosary, and so much more. For more information call 320-632-5720.

August 17, 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 freewill 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 Hange 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.

August 27, Tuesday

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

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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.....	\$1,830.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,670.69
Plate/Loose	125.00
Building/Maintenance	34.62

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,636.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,938.85
Plate/Loose	498.00
School Support.....	200.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$669.05
Regular Adult Offering.....	231.00
Children	4.30
Plate/Loose	13.00
Votive.....	235.75
Maintenance Fund.....	185.00

Parish Events
 Sa 08/10 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

Parish Events
 Su 08/04 11:00 am Baptism
 Tu 08/06 No Adoration
 Fr 08/09 7:30 pm Rosary

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, August 11 - 10:00 am
 (S) Shantel Gruber & Kenny Niehoff
 (L) Pete LeClaire
 (U) Robert Bertram & Tyler Bertram
 (EM) (B) Jenny Kalthoff
 (EM) (C) Sandra Gruber & Ruth Heinen
 (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire
 (HK: August 4-17) Kim Meyer, Linda Meyer, & Sue (David) Meyer

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.



No Adoration There will be no adoration on Tuesday, August 6 because Fr. Dan will be on retreat.

Festival Information:
 •Parishioner Parish Festival envelopes/tickets are available to pick up in the gathering space of church.
 •Please review the work schedule and if you are unable to work your shift, please assist with finding a replacement.

Christian Women Annual Meeting will be 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 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.



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

Banns of Matrimony:
 I Emily Winkels♥Grant Theiler, 8-24 M
 II Audrey Eiyneck♥Isaac Kulzer, 8-16 FR
For the Sick: Alex Hoppe, Sandy Welle, Joyce Hauser, Ron Heinen, Lori Austing, Petra Oevermann

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:
 ♦Sacred Heart
 - Judy Caveny 320-248-8830
 ♦Immaculate Conception
 - Bernice Zink 320-837-5321
 ♦St. Rose of Lima
 - Kayla Harren 320-333-8461
 ♦St. Mary's 320-256-3878



"very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
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 Church Basement 320-987-3160

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN
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 Church Basement 320-987-3631

HISPANIC MINISTRY



Preparación Bautismal:
 El diácono Jesus Hernandez estará dando una clase de preparación bautismal el próximo Sábado 10 de Agosto a la 1:00 pm. Si usted desea que su hijo/a reciba el sacramento del bautismo por favor de anotarse con el Diacono Jesus o hable a la oficina de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$761.00
Regular Adult Offering	624.00
Plate/Loose	59.00
Votives.....	43.00
Maintenance Fund.....	35.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,655.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,195.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	171.00
Votives.....	24.00
Maintenance Fund.....	265.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, August 10 - 4:00 pm
 (S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) Jim Uphoff & James Wehlage
 (GB) Aronld & Alma Nietfeld
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Dustin Gregory
 (HK - August) *Rose Ann Rademacher, Trista Roelike, Joyce Schoenberg, & Sharon Schwieters


Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, August 11 - 8:00 am
 (S) Isaac Zenzen & Collin Kelzer
 (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Nick Kelzer & Jayme Klaphake
 (GB) Jim & Kay Leukam
 (EM) (B) Jim Leukam & Char Meyer
 (EM) (C) Dan Meyer & Elmer Meyer
 (HK - August) *Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, & Joy Silbernick

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 9:30 am.

¡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



Feast of the Assumption
Mass Schedule:



Wednesday, August 14
 •7:00 pm St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa

Thursday, August 15
 •7:30 am St. Mary, Melrose
 •8:00 am St. Andrew, Greenwald
 •8:15 am Immaculate Conception, New Munich
 •6:30 pm St. Mary - Spanish Mass, Melrose
 •7:00 pm Sacred Heart, Freeport
 •7:30 pm St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
 •7:30 pm St. Michael, Spring Hill outdoor Mass



Sunday Mass, more than anything else in life, must be understood as the source of our deepest satisfaction in life. It must be seen as the answer to every interior longing and restlessness we have. It is not money, recognition, status, power, or anything else in life that fulfills us. It is God. And God comes to us first and foremost in the celebration of the Mass. Do you believe this? Do you understand?

Reflect, today, and for the next few weeks, upon the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. As you do, try to see it as the answer to every interior longing and hunger that you have in life. Try to make an act of faith in this spiritual truth. If you do not regularly experience the satiation offered by consuming the Eucharist, ask yourself why not. Believe in everything that Jesus teaches in this holy discourse of the Bread of Life. If you do, you will also begin to receive the nourishment that our Lord promises.

My Eucharistic Lord, You are the Bread of Life and the source of all satisfaction in life. Your Body and Blood, given to me through my participation in the Holy Mass, is the greatest Gift I could ever receive. Please renew and deepen my love for You in this Gift so that I will find full satisfaction and fulfillment in You alone. Jesus, I trust in You.

"CADA DÍA EL PUEBLO SALDRÁ Y RECOGERÁ SU PORCIÓN DIARIA; ASÍ LOS PROBARÉ, PARA VER SI SIGUEN MIS INSTRUCCIONES O NO".
 - Éxodo 16:4

Cuando los israelitas recogieron más de lo que les correspondía diariamente de maná, el excedente se volvió gusano y podrido. De la misma manera hoy en día, la autosuficiencia, el orgullo y el ego conducen al acaparamiento y al excedente excesivo de bienes y dinero. Vivir un estilo de vida de mayordomía nos ayuda a discernir nuestros "deseos" de nuestras "necesidades". Vivir un estilo de vida agradecido y generoso nos recuerda que Dios proveerá todo lo que necesitamos y que tenemos mucho para compartir.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

SAVE THE DATE: 2024 Stewardship Day is Thursday, October 17 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The day will feature Bernie Evans, professor emeritus from Saint John's University in Collegeville. His presentation will draw from his book *Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call*. All are welcome.



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 23-25 (Weekend \$300)

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.)

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.



Bishop's Annual Appeal Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of July 29, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,208,044 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (86.29%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 6,832 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stedio.org/annualappeal.



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 can 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.

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



Are You Looking for Faith-Sharing Support in Your Life?

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.




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.

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.



The Scriptures This Week		
Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II		
Mo	Jer 28:1-17	Mt 14:13-21
Tu	The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10
We	Jer 31:1-7	Mt 15:21-28
Th	Saint Dominic, Priest Jer 31:31-34	Mt 16:13-23
Fr	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7	Mt 16:24-28
Sa	Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10	Jn 12:24-26
Next Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	1 Kgs 19:4-8	Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, your registration packet was mailed to you. Please call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 if you still need to register.
- **Grade 11: Next Class:** Wednesday, August 28 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.
 - **Reminder:** Saint Report is due Wednesday, August 28.
 - **The Rite of Confirmation** will take place on Saturday, October 12 at 4:00 pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmmarysofamelrose.com

- **Registration** If you haven't already, please register your child(ren) for next year's Faith Formation program. Registration forms can be found online or can be picked up and returned to the Parish Office.

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- **Paschal Challenge** for grades 9 - 12 August 17 at the Church of St. Paul, Sauk Centre, MN. Follow Jesus and experience the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross, and His Resurrection in a WHOLE new way! Led by Fr. Greg Paffel, Fr. Doug Liebsch, and Seminarians – 8:30 - 9:00 am registration. Families are welcome to attend closing Mass at 5:00 pm with a meal to follow.

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♥ **Thank You** to everyone that came out to support the FSB Golf Classic! We had a nice warm day and a lot of support for our area Catholic Schools.

♥ **Families**, have your children watch for letters from their teachers that will be in the mail soon. We are starting to plan for the new school year and are excited to see you all back in the building in just a month!

♥ **Our NEW Toddler Room is Fully Staffed** and we have room for a few more toddlers to join the group. Please contact the school office if you are interested or have any questions. The toddler building phone number is 320-836-2585 and school main office is 320-836-2591.

♥ **Our Early Childhood Team** will be attending a Catalyst Training on August 6 and 7. They will be concentrating on learning techniques for our littlest SHS students regarding behavior, discipline and learning approaches - making sure they are all using the same process and language between all ages.

♥ **Sacred Heart School Staff** back to school Mass and brunch will be on Wednesday, August 28.

♥ **SHS Office will be Open Periodically** throughout the summer mostly in the mornings a few days a week. If you need something, you can also use FastDirect.

♥ **Wishing You All a Fun and Safe Summer!**

♦ **Check out the St. Mary's School booth** at the Stearns County Fair in the 4-H building.

♦ **If You Have Any Questions** during the summer, please call 320-256-4257 or email Autumn at anelson@smsmn.org.

♦ **There are Still Openings** for prospective 2024-2025 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call 320-256-4257 or email anelson@smsmn.org.

• **Mark Your Calendars!** SJSA Open House for Preschool is Wednesday, August 28 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. We still have openings for preschool. Please call the school at 320-987-3133 for information. Open House for grades K-6 is Thursday, August 29 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm with a parent meeting at 6:00 pm. The first day of school for K-6 is Tuesday, September 3. The first day of preschool is Wednesday, September 4.

• **St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School** is open to all students grades preschool - 6th grade. We have openings in all grades for the 2024-2025 school year. Please check out our website at sjsaschool.org.

• **School Supply Lists** can be found on our school website at sjsaschool.org.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

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"EACH DAY THE PEOPLE ARE TO GO OUT AND GATHER THEIR DAILY PORTION; THUS WILL I TEST THEM, TO SEE WHETHER THEY FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS OR NOT."

- Exodus 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs." Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

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