



# 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

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 11, 2024**

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

**Melrose - Spring Hill -  
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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](mailto:bulletin@catholic-centered.org)

**Confession Times**

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

**Marriage**

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

**Baptism & RCIA**

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

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

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



## *Transforming Faith From Knowledge*

*"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."*

John 6:48-51

We continue this Sunday with the beautiful "Bread of Life Discourse" from John's Gospel. At the beginning of today's passage, we read that the people listening to this discourse "murmured about Jesus." They did so because He had been teaching them that He was the Bread of Life Who had come down from Heaven. For some of His listeners, this was too much to accept. It was especially difficult for those who knew Jesus and His family from Nazareth. When Jesus became aware of their murmurs, He confronted them straight on saying, "Stop murmuring among yourselves." He then doubled down on His teaching, taking it even further, telling them that whoever eats His flesh will live forever.

In some ways, Jesus' teaching could be said to defy human reason. Imagine hearing this teaching for the first time from someone who grew up in your hometown. Human reason alone is insufficient to comprehend and accept such teaching. But that is precisely the point. Human reason alone is insufficient. But when human reason is endowed with a special revelation from the Father in Heaven, then all becomes clear and all makes sense.

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ AUGUST 12-18** **ADORATION**

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Clemencia Chavez,  
 †Guadalupe Hernandez,  
 †Sergio Hernandez

Tu 7:30 am †Archie Meemken  
 We 7:30 am †Kathy Poepping  
 Th 7:30 am **Assumption Mass**  
 †Mary Elfering

**Th 6:30 pm Assumption Misa en Español**  
 †Odaliz Orozco Acevedo

Fr 7:30 am †Ralph Inderrieden  
 Sa 5:00 pm †Deceased & Living Members of  
 Lucille and Eymard Orth Family

\*Su 10:00 am †Mildred Mueller  
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †4to Aniversario luctuoso  
 de Julia Cervantes

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am **Assumption Mass**  
 †Alan Van Drehle

Sa 4:00 pm †Vernon Rieland

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa**

Tu 8:15 am Loren Wiechman  
 We 7:00 pm **Assumption Mass**  
 †Claude Toenyman  
 For the People

Su 10:00 am

**ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 7:30 pm †Marcella Lieser  
 Th 7:30 pm **Assumption Mass**  
 †Agnes Theiler

Su 10:00 am Good Harvest

**ST. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am **Assumption Mass**  
 †Virginia Klaphake

Sa 4:00 pm †Mathias Welle

**ST. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †Deceased Members of Denis &  
 Emily Schneider Family

Th 8:00 am **Assumption Mass**  
 †Wilfred Hinnenkamp

Su 8:00 am ††Raphael & Dolores Imdieke

**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**  
 Th 7:00 pm **Assumption Mass**  
 For the People

Fr 8:15 am †Claude Hoeschen  
 Su 8:00 am ††LaVern & Alice Fuechtmann

**\*Mass will be livestreamed.**  
 Visit: [oneinfaith.org](http://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 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.

**23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 704-665-0455.)

**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](http://havenofmercycatholic.org/mini-family-fest) to watch last year's video or you can call 320-632-5720 or email: [hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org](mailto:hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org).



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

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

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

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


Total.....	\$4,887.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	3,351.00
Plate/Loose .....	755.00
Designated Funds .....	781.00

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

Total.....	\$3,930.33
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,203.85
Plate.....	409.00
Votive.....	317.48

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

08-04	\$25	Lyle & Sharon Barthel - Melrose
08-05	\$25	Isaac & Deb Klaphake - Grey Eagle
08-06	\$25	Mike Kraemer - Sauk Centre
08-07	\$25	Melvin Hinnenkamp - Melrose
08-08	\$25	Jacob & Kelsey Primus - Melrose
08-09	\$50	Michael & Sharon Zierden - Melrose
08-10	\$25	Susan G. Fuchs - Melrose



**Parish Events**

We	08/14	9:00 am	Diocesan Admin Meeting
Th	08/15	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Th	08/15	7:00 pm	Feast of the Assumption Mass
Fr	08/16	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	08/16		No Adoration
Fr	08/16		Wedding Pictures
Fr	08/16	3:00 pm	Eiyneck/Kulzer Wedding

**Baptized in Christ...**

- ♥Oliver Leonardo Cervantes Munoz
- ♥Valentina Orozco Guzman
- ♥Maria Guadalupe Botello Rodriguez

**Get Your Tickets!** St. Mary's Parish Raffle tickets for our September 8 drawing are being sold before and after Masses throughout August. They can also be purchased at Magnifi - Melrose, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, Kraemer Lumber, and the parish office.

**Construction Update:** Exterior concrete will be poured this week and interior wall framing will follow.

**Welcome to our Parish...** We welcome Greg & Jamie Eiyneck, and their children, Dominic, Carmen, McKenzie, Isabel, Abigail, Vivian, and Nathan, to our parish.

**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.



**Helping Hands** Roger is looking for people to help with a variety of indoor and outdoor building, grounds, and maintenance tasks including pulling weeds, trimming, extra cleaning, minor repairs, picking up sticks around the grounds, etc. If you have an hour or two to spare every now and then and would like to help, please call the parish office at 320-256-4207. This can be done anytime - daytime, evenings, or weekends.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**August 11, Sunday**

◆**Annual Church Bazaar** at the Church of Seven Dolors 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](http://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, Friday**

◆**All You Can Eat Fish Fry** at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Thank you for your support!

**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@meltel.net](mailto:judy4life@meltel.net) or 320-453-7592 with questions or concerns.

**August 21, Wednesday**

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

**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.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,202.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,969.69
Plate/Loose .....	98.00
Building/Maintenance .....	84.62
School Support .....	50.00

**Parish Events**

Sa 08/17 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Sa 08/17 4:00 pm	Baptism
Sa 08/17 5:00 pm	Baptism

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,499.47
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,073.85
Plate/Loose .....	425.62

**Parish Events**

We 08/14 7:00 pm	Feast of the Assumption Mass
Fr 08/16 7:30 pm	Rosary

**Baptized in Christ...** We welcome **Peter Thomas Van Beck**, the son of Bailey & Martha Van Beck, to our parish. Peter Thomas was baptized on Sunday, August 4.

**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.
- If anyone has any ice cream pails that they would like to get rid of, please drop them off in the church basement. These are utilized for the offering during the outdoor Mass, as well as holders for napkins at food stands. Thank you in advance.
- Albany Bakery is willing to make cakes and deliver them on Saturday prior to the festival if a parishioner prefers/orders. Please call them to order. They are limiting this to 20 cakes this year.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

**NO MASS**

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Feast of the Assumption Mass**  
**Thursday, August 15 - 7:30 pm**

- (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
- (L) Gary P. Lieser
- (U) Conrad Gruber & Stan Heinen
- (EM) (B) Stan Heinen
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) No Rosary
- (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, August 18 - 10:00 am**

- (S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg
- (L) Katherine Orbeck
- (U) Dan Hemmesch & Adam Kalthoff
- (EM) (B) Grace Hopfer
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
- (HK: August 4-17) Kim Meyer, Linda Meyer, & Sue (David) Meyer

**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.

**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.

**Feast of Assumption Mass**  
 Please join the St. Michael's parish for an outdoor Feast of the 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:**

- II Emily Winkels♥Grant Theiler, 8-24 M
- III 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



*"GET UP AND EAT OR THE  
 JOURNEY WILL BE TOO  
 MUCH FOR YOU!"*

- 1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$2,922.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	1,995.00
Plate/Loose .....	915.00
Votives.....	12.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, August 17 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Zachary Rieland  
 (L) Herman Lensing  
 (U) David Welle & Chuck Winter  
 (GB) Kristen Pattinson & Family  
 (EM) (B) Herman Lensing  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - August) \*Rose Ann Rademacher, Trista Roelike, Joyce Schoenberg, & Sharon Schwieters

**Parish Leadership Update** There were 7 nominations for parishioners to replace Dustin Gregory on the Council; all have declined. Carol Winter, however, has agreed to accept the position. In lieu of an election, by unanimous agreement of the members of the current Parish Leadership and Finance, Carol Winter was appointed to a 3-yr term beginning July 1, 2024, filling the open position on the Leadership Council.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,227.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	800.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose .....	158.00
Votives.....	34.00
School Subsidy Support.....	175.00
Steeple Lighting.....	60.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Feast of the Assumption Mass**  
**Thursday, August 15 - 7:30 pm**

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe  
 (L) Rita Meyer  
 (U) Mike Wehlage & Daryl Zenzen  
 (GB) Denis & Emily Schneider  
 (EM) (B) Jim Leukam & Char Meyer  
 (EM) (C) Dan Meyer & Abby Zenzen

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, August 18 - 8:00 am**

(S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer  
 (L) Jim Leukam  
 (U) Tom Loxtercamp & Dean Meyer  
 (GB) Viola Leukam & Family  
 (EM) (B) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - August) \*Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, & Joy Silbernack

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

**Apreniendo 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



**Rosario y Oración** con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los últimos tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. ¡Todos son bien venidos!



**“I will raise him on the last day.”**

Reflect on the profound promise of resurrection and what your path to eternal life looks like. Will your path of holiness be as 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.stcdio.org](mailto:Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org).

For the faith to accept the healing power of Jesus, who wants more men and women to follow Him as priests, sisters, and brothers, 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.

**"LEVÁNTATE  
 Y COME O  
 EL VIAJE  
 ¡SERÁ  
 DEMASIADO PARA TI!"**

- 1 Reyes 19:7

Dios sabe que comprometerse con un estilo de vida de mayordomía es difícil. Sin embargo, no fuimos diseñados para hacerlo solos, necesitamos la ayuda de Dios. Afortunadamente, Dios nos dio el regalo más grande de todos, Su hijo, Jesús. A través del don de la Eucaristía, unimos nuestro sacrificio con el sacrificio de Jesús para hacer la voluntad de Dios, Nuestro Padre. Recibimos la fuerza y el coraje para ser Sus discípulos misioneros.

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



### 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.stcldio.org](mailto:kateri.mancini@gw.stcldio.org).

**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](http://www.kingshouse.com).

- Men & Women Silent Retreat - August 23-25 (Weekend \$300)
- Women's Silent Retreat - September 10-12 (Midweek)
- Women's Silent Retreat - September 20-22 (Weekend)
- Men's Silent Retreat - September 27-29 (Weekend)

**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 Colleagueville. His presentation will draw from his book *Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call*. All are welcome.

**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, August 15 and Thursday, September 19 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto:uphus.nfp@gmail.com) or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



### The Scriptures This Week

#### Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

<b>Mo</b>	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c	Mt 17:22-27
<b>Tu</b>	Ez 2:8—3:4	Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
<b>We</b>	<b>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</b> Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22	Mt 18:15-20
<b>Th</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>Vigil:</b> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2	1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28
<b>Day:</b>	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
<b>Fr</b>	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63	Mt 19:3-12
<b>Sa</b>	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32	Mt 19:13-15
<b>Next Sunday - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Prv 9:1-6	Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58



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On that point, Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him" and that "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Therefore, even though it is beyond the ability of natural human reason alone to make sense of what Jesus was teaching, those who were drawn by the Father and listened to His voice were given a new form of knowledge that brought clarity to their human minds. This knowledge is essential if we are to know and understand the path to eternal life and if we are to understand and believe in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Sometimes we can fall into the trap of thinking that faith is just believing in something that is beyond us. But faith is much more. It's not just blindly believing. It's not just wishful thinking that turns into a personal choice to believe. Faith is based on something absolutely real and unmistakable. It's based on true spiritually revealed knowledge—a knowledge given to us by God. In fact, this form of knowledge, given by God, is far more certain than any other form of knowledge.

For example, you know that 2+2=4 because you can take two objects, add two more, and then count four. Or you know that music is playing because your ears perceive the sound. Thus, you rely upon your senses to produce knowledge to arrive at conclusions. Spiritually infused knowledge, however, is even more certain than that which we can obtain through our senses because it is God Who reveals the truth. Therefore, if God speaks to you and imparts to you a knowledge that His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink, and that if you eat His flesh and drink His blood then you will obtain eternal life, then this knowledge is certain, transforming, and becomes the basis of a life of pure faith. Though this may seem overly philosophical, it is true and necessary to understand.

Reflect, today, upon anything that you fail to have perfect faith in. Do you believe in the Most Holy Eucharist? Do you believe that it is the food for eternal life? Do you believe in everything Jesus taught? Examine your faith and where it is lacking; seek the voice of the Father. Only God can impart the deepest spiritual knowledge to you. For your part, you must listen, comprehend, accept and believe. Doing so will produce the gift of faith within your human reason, and that faith will be your guide to the life of the fullness of grace.

*Lord, You have revealed to us the deepest mysteries of life. You have revealed Your love and compassion, and You have revealed the way to eternal life. Please give me the gift of faith so that I will believe all that You have revealed. Please especially deepen my faith in the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## FAITH FORMATION

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

Contact Information: [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto: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@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.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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#### Youth Ministry:

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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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- **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 attended a Catalyst Training** on August 6/7. 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!**

- **Thank You to Freeport State Bank** for holding the Golf Classic again. We appreciate the work you put into the event for our three parochial schools. It was a beautiful day to spend with new and old acquaintances.
- **We are Looking for a Volunteer(s)** to help prepare trays at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. Contact Autumn if interested. 320-256-4247, [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org).
- **SM\$4Kids** is available again.
- **Open House** for parents and students is Tuesday, August 27, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.
- **The First Day Of School** for all preschool - 6th grade students will be Tuesday, September 3.
- **School Supply Lists** can be found on School Speak or our school website, [www.smsmelrosemn.org](http://www.smsmelrosemn.org).
- **Are you over 55 and like working with children?** If so, have you considered being a Foster Grandparent? This is a wonderful opportunity to share your gifts and talents by investing your time with children, building meaningful relationships, and enriching the lives of all involved. St. Mary's School is looking for helpers like this. If you, or someone you know may be interested in being a Foster Grandparent at St. Mary's School, please contact Pat Scherf. 320-293-0682 or [pat.scherf@ccstcloud.org](mailto:pat.scherf@ccstcloud.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](http://sjsaschool.org).
- **School Supply Lists** can be found on our school website at [sjsaschool.org](http://sjsaschool.org).

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