



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

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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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 & OCIA

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

Anointing of the Sick, Homebound 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.



Eternal Glory

When Judas had left them, Jesus said: "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once." John 13:31-32

If the life we live here and now is all we will ever have, then it makes sense to believe that death is our worst enemy. But as we know, this life is but a grain of sand in the ocean in comparison to eternity. For that reason, we must see death as our passing into the glories that await. The death of a loved one is difficult for sure. And when we face our own death, there are many temptations we might experience toward fear of the unknown. But if the Son of God chose to endure death itself, then we must work to see death differently.

Today's Gospel passage speaks of Jesus' coming death as His glorification. "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him." Jesus spoke these words right after Judas left the Last Supper to betray Him. From an earthly perspective, it is unlikely that anyone would consider their betrayal and brutal death as the moment when God is glorified. But from a heavenly and eternal perspective, Jesus' death was the greatest glorification He could offer to the Father. This only makes sense when we put on the mind of God.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MAY 19 - 25

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
†Maria Sanchez Perez

Tu 8:00 am †Deceased & Living Members of
the John R. Helsper Family

We 8:00 am †Virginia Tise

Th 8:00 am †Irene Braun

*Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
†Kevin Olmscheid

Sa 5:00 pm †Ron Kettler

*Su 10:00 am †Albert & Cyrilla Brixius

Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
†Por el Pueblo

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
†Neil Middendorf

Fr 8:15 am **SH School Graduation Mass**
†Henry & †Adella Blommel

Su 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the
Elmer Elfering Family

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Thomas Holdvogt

Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Elmer Gangl

Su 10:00 am †Gracie Eveslage

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †David Schoenborn

Su 10:00 am †Deceased & Living Members
of St. Mary's Mission Society

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 10:00 am **SJSA School Graduation Mass**
†David (Bucky) Backes

Sa 4:00 pm †Victor & Bertha Schoenberg

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Lucille Imdieke

Su 8:00 am †Amy Granby

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

NO Adoration Friday, May 23



***Mass will be livestreamed.**

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS



Vacation Bible School June 9 - 13 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Send your children, ages 4 through entering grade 5, for a wild good time! This summer's theme is True North. Children will be "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." True North is filled with Bible stories, music, games, and other fun ways to learn that God is with you every day, no matter what. Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website. Contact the Tri-Parish Office if you haven't registered. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Way of the Beatitudes - Summer Group Study

Interested in growing in your faith this summer? Join us for a 6-part book study series on living the beatitudes in our modern age. Bi-weekly meetings will be Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Tri-Parish Office beginning Wednesday, June 4. RSVP by Thursday, May 22. Contact: Jessica Goebel at jessicafinnegan@msn.com or call 952-847-0520.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation

Bible School June 9 - 13 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Students entering grade 6 through adults are invited to prayerfully consider joining us for an amazing start to your summer! Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website. Contact the Tri-Parish Office if you haven't registered. Don't miss the best week of the summer!



Sacred Heart Parish Festival will be on Sunday, July 20. The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am with all the festivities to follow. The theme for this year's parade is "Minnesota Winter." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email freeportmnpa@ gmail.com.



Save the Date: The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 24 at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. Proceeds benefit the One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. John's/St. Andrew's.

Parish News:

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

•Photo Directory Information on the directory and signing up for a photo session has been mailed out (St. Rosa and Sacred Heart) or found in your festival packet (Immaculate Conception). We would love to have every family participate. There will be no cost to you to have your picture taken and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 and a directory. Please watch for more information to come.

•June Ministry Schedules have been mailed or emailed out. They are also available on the Tri-Parish website.

Catholic Century Farm Award

The Diocese of Saint Cloud would like to honor Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more. Farm families who meet the criteria will be honored by the Bishop, with a certificate and special award for their home. Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 1 for presentation in August. If you, or someone you know, has a Catholic Century Farm, visit <https://stedio.org/rural-life/> for more information and to and apply to be honored for your century or more of farming with faith!



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.



Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: Solid grounding in the Catholic tradition empowers our youth to face challenges with hope and resilience. The diocese is proud to support vibrant youth formation programs, 27 Catholic schools serving 4,632 students and religious education for 9,748 youth. To learn more about Catholic education visit <https://youtu.be/-dtf-flu0nA>

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

*Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352*

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

Total.....	\$12,338.95
Regular Adult Offering	9,694.00
Plate/Loose	1,353.00
Designated Funds	1,291.95

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

05-11	\$250	Sue Walz - Melrose
05-12	\$25	Tricia Klaphake - Melrose
05-13	\$25	John & Marie Silbernagel - Melrose
05-14	\$25	Nancy Rausch - Prior Lake
05-15	\$25	Michael Hellermann - Melrose
05-16	\$25	Jake & Kelsey Primus - Melrose
05-17	\$25	Mindy Arnzen - Melrose



Baptized in Christ... Berklee Marie Elfering

Memorial Day Mass St. Mary's will have an outdoor Memorial Day Mass in the cemetery at 8:30 am on Monday, May 26. Please bring your own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be moved into the church.



Cemetery Volunteer Day will be Monday, May 19 at 6:00 pm. In case of bad weather, it will be Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 pm. Please bring lawn mowers, leaf blowers, weed trimmer, rakes, and brooms. Please remove old flowers and any items not attached to tombstones to make cleanup easier. They will otherwise be removed.

Parish Finance Meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, at 5:30 pm.

Additional Sacristans Are Needed for our Masses. The sacristan does the behind the scenes tasks that make our liturgies flow smoothly. Some duties include setting up communion, setting up the books used for Mass, checking in with liturgical ministers, and cleaning up after Mass. Fr. Mitchell will provide training. Scheduling is flexible. Contact the office for more information 320-256-4207.

Plant Volunteer Needed St. Mary's is in need of a volunteer who is willing to come once per week to water, fertilize and repot plants in the church as needed. If you are good with plants, please consider helping with this ministry. Contact Sarah Woeste in the office 320-256-9516.



Summer Daily Mass Time Change Beginning Tuesday, June 3, through Friday, August 29, the daily Mass time at St. Mary's will be 7:30 am Monday through Friday.

**One in Faith ACC Schools
Gift Card Programs**

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money!

A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.

***Gift Cards are great gift ideas!**



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CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$4,875.85
Regular Adult Offering	4,314.85
Plate	381.00
Votive	180.00

Parish Events

Fr	05/23	No Individual Confessions
Fr	05/23	8:15 am SHS 6th Grade Graduation
Fr	05/23	No Adoration

Embroiderers Needed If you enjoy embroidering or appliquéing, the festival quilting group would like assistance with dish towels. You can stop at the Tri-Parish Office entryway and pick up a packet to complete and return. The packets will have 7 dish towels and applique patterns. Please sign the towels out and return to the parish office when complete. Thank you!



**Sacred Heart Festival
(Sunday, July 20) News:**

Schedule of Events: The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am. Following the parade, there will be food, games, and entertainment. The theme for the parade is "Minnesota



Winter." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email freeporlmparade@gmail.com.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

◆ **Melrose Community Garden** There are plots available at the Melrose Community Garden which is right next to St. Pat's Cemetery. Please call Mary at 320-217-3030 for more information or to reserve your space.

May 18, Sunday

◆ **Breakfast** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church, St. Francis (44055 State Hwy 238, Freeport). Free will offering. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Proceeds to benefit participants from Elmdale, St. Francis, and Upsala parishes to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference.

May 20, Tuesday

◆ **Bologna Daze** at Elrosa Bar & Lounge serving from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Music by local musicians. \$11 all you can eat. Sponsored by: Elrosa Senior Citizens. Last Tuesday of the month through September.

May 23 & 24, Friday & Saturday

◆ **Auxiliary Poppies:** The American Legion Auxiliary of Melrose will be distributing poppies in Melrose & Freeport. All donations are donated to veterans.

May 25, Sunday

◆ **Breakfast** at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Grey Eagle Sponsored by Grey Eagle/Swanville Knights of Columbus. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Free will donation. All proceeds will go to help fund local Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,245.27
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,726.77
Plate	336.00
Easter Envelopes	140.00
Home Missions	5.00
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50

Parish Events

Tu 05/20 7:00 pm Christian Women Meeting
Sa 05/24 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

Christian Women Meeting St. Ann's
Christian Women will be meeting Tuesday,
May 20 at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space.
All are welcome.

Correction: Expansion Update The
diocesan loan has been paid in full. This
leaves the parish with the \$200,000 NM
Investors loan to pay off. Thank you to all
who have made contributions towards this
expansion and elevator project. Please
prayerfully consider making a donation to
help pay off the final loan.

**Correction to the Christian Women
Quilt Raffle Ticket** should be as follows:
7. 2 Embroidered Religious Dish Towels
(Judy Olmscheid)
8. Pr. Quilted X-Mas Stockings
(Jean Hopfer)

Parish Raffle & More The Immaculate
Conception Parish Raffle & More will be
held Saturday, June 7. Funeral Group 6 will
be asked to help with the food stand. Workers
will be contacted.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,670.23
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,359.23
Plate	311.00

Parish Events

Su 05/18 11:00 am Private Event
Tu 05/20 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Fr 05/23 7:30 pm Rosary

**Sacred Heart School****Calendar Raffle Winners!**

05/11	\$100	Nikki Klinkhammer - Royalton
05/12	\$25	TJ Berg - Long Prairie
05/13	\$25	Lisa Hilsgen - St. Joseph
05/14	\$25	Jongvil Willard - Hampton, VA
05/15	\$25	Kim Wiechman - Freeport
05/16	\$25	Judy Gaebel - Freeport
05/17	\$25	Peter Wiechman - Freeport

LOVE
ONE ANOTHER
as I have
loved YOU
John 15:12

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$476.55
Regular Adult Offering.....	364.00
Children	0.55
Plate/Loose	92.00
Fuel Fund	20.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, May 25 - 10:00 am**

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
(L) Pete LeClaire
(U) Conrad Gruber & Stan Heinen
(EM) (B) Nick Waldorf
(EM) (C) Kathy Welle & Adam Kalthoff
(Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClarie
(HK: May 18 - 31) Luann Kalthoff,
Shirley Klaphake, & Janice Klassen

Baptized in Christ... Zelig Victoria Hopfer

Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: Shirley Laing, Lori Austing,
Sandy Welle, Beatrice Massmann, Dorothy
Schneider, Tony Niehaus

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

Sacred Heart -	
Judy Caveny	320-248-8830
Immaculate Conception -	
Bernice Zink	320-837-5321
St. Rose of Lima -	
Kayla Harren	320-333-8461
St. Michael -	
Sharon Schulzetenberg	320-248-7702
St. Mary's	320-256-3878

The Scriptures This Week**Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I**

Mo	Easter Weekday Acts 14:5-18	Jn 14:21-26
Tu	Easter Weekday (Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest) Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a
We	Easter Weekday (Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs) Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
Th	Easter Weekday (Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious) Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11
Fr	Easter Weekday Acts 15:22-31	Jn 15:12-17
Sa	Easter Weekday Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23		Jn 14:23-29

Public Rosary...

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



- Sundays at 7:30 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Tuesdays at 7:30 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays, May 21 and 28 at 7:30 pm by the Grotto on the South side of the church in Meire Grove.
- 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.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,162.00
Regular Adult Offering	670.00
EFT	1,350.00
Plate/Loose	82.00
Votives	60.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, May 24 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Zachary Rieland
(L) Linda Heinze
(U) Benjamin Stepan & Jim Uphoff
(GB) Pat & Deb Keller
(EM) (B) Kris Winter
(EM) (C) Mary Opatrny
(HK - May) *Julie Kulzer, Rose Lensing,
Mariann Lucken, & Lorene Meyer

Mass Time Change Please note the Mass time change for Thursday, May 22. This is the 6th grade graduation Mass and it will be at 10:00 am.

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,496.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	874.00
Plate/Loose	507.00
Votives.....	45.00
Cemetery	50.00
Home Mission	20.00
Easter	1,000.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, May 25 - 8:00 am**

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
(L) Kurt Meyer
(U) Don Schneider & Ken Schneider
(GB) Viola Leukam & Family
(EM) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
(HK - May) *Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer,
Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, Virginia
Nathe, & Geri Primus

Month of May Rosary We will be praying the rosary each Wednesday evening throughout the month of May, ending on the 28 at 7:30 pm. We will be praying by our grotto on the south side of the church. Chairs will be provided. In case of inclement weather, we will pray it inside by Mary's altar. Everyone, from ALL parishes, is invited!

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

Preparación bautismal: La clase de preparación bautismal ya se realizó el sábado pasado. Si aún hay personas interesadas en la preparación bautismal hable con el diácono Jesús Hernandez después de misa para registrarse para la próxima sesión de clases que se llevará a cabo el sábado 24 de Mayo de 2025. **Nota importante:** Los padrinos de bautismo deben ser católicos practicantes, es decir deben ser mayores de 16 años, confirmados, solteros o casados en la Iglesia y participar frecuentemente en la misa.

Orden de iniciación cristiana para adultos: se invita a todas las personas que no han recibido ningún sacramento de iniciación (bautismo, confirmación y primera comunión) o personas que deseen convertirse en Católicos a que hablen con el diácono Jorge Carrillo para pedir información sobre el programa y comenzar a planear sus preparación.



Quinceañeras: el Padre Mitchell Bechtold ha decidido que las bendiciones al cumplir los XV años se realizarán solo por los Diáconos. No se realizará la celebración de la Santa Misa simplemente se celebrará la liturgia de la palabra y la bendición. Este tipo de celebraciones no tendrán ningún costo, simplemente una donación voluntaria para el Diácono. Si tiene preguntas hable con los diáconos o llame a la oficina parroquial.

Eternal Glory Cont'd. from page 1

As we continue to celebrate our Easter Season, we look beyond the suffering of Christ to see the fruit of His suffering. We see that death was defeated and that Jesus will now forever live in His glorified and resurrected body in Heaven. He will forever carry the marks in His hands, feet and side, and those marks will forever glorify the Father. The Resurrection of Christ changes everything, including death. For that reason, we must continually work to put on the mind of God and see our human lives as He sees them.

What is it that you live for in this life? What are your goals and ambitions? If you find that you focus excessively upon immediate pleasures, material wealth, selfish objectives and passing ambitions, then it is time to ponder the lesson of Jesus' glorification. By facing His own death as an opportunity to glorify the Father, Jesus made it possible for us to do the same. And though there will always be a healthy sorrow associated with the passing of a loved one, the hope of Heaven and eternal glory must become the lens through which we see all things in this life.

When you look at your life, it is essential to see the cross that God has given to you. That is because your cross is the gateway to this eternal glory. Each person's cross will be different. A cross is not simply our suffering; it's our call to live sacrificially. This is love. It's the calling we are given to lay our lives down for others. To serve others. To forgive every wrong, to love every sinner, to show mercy and compassion toward those in need. And to do all of this in response to God's perfect will. The crosses in our lives are opportunities for love in its purest form. This is how Jesus saw His Cross and this is how we must see ours.

Reflect, today, upon death, but try to look at it as a calling to give of yourself sacrificially out of love. The best way to prepare yourself for a glorious death is to live in the love of God here and now. To the extent that you can do that, God will be glorified as you share in the glory given to Christ.

My loving Lord, You transformed death itself into the perfect means by which You gave glory to Your Father and were glorified Yourself. Please help me to enter into Your mind so that I can see my life as You see it and to live for that eternal glory to which I am called. Jesus, I trust in You.

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FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information:

csand@catholic-centered.org

• **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, your packet was mailed to you. If you didn't receive it, contact the parish office. Please turn in all registration forms and fees for 2025/2026 as soon as possible. You can drop them off at the Parish Office in Freeport or mail to PO Box 155, Freeport.

Melrose, Spring Hill,

Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.org

• **Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026:** If you haven't already registered your child(ren) for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year, please do so before Sunday, June 1. Registration Forms may be picked up and dropped off at the St. Mary's Church Office or found online at www.oneinfaith.org. The registration form is for First Communion preparation classes, Confirmation preparation classes, and regular Faith Formation classes. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

♥ **Valleyfair and Feed My Starving Children Trip** will be on Monday, July 14. Pick up will be in Freeport at 8:15 am and return around 8:15 pm. Sign-up forms are available on the Tri-Parish website, sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline for sign-up is Monday, June 30.

♥ **Diocesan Youth Council 2025-2026 applications being accepted:** This council is made up of youth in grades 9 through 12 from a variety of parishes from across the diocese. Youth meet five or six times annually. The DYC helps plan and assist in the implementation of diocesan sponsored youth ministry events. These events are primarily, but not exclusive to, the Diocesan High School Youth Day, the Middle School Youth Rally/Lock-in and the High School Castaway Retreat. Please visit <https://forms.gle/YRNNLoLzJqwqCyhF8> to complete the DYC Application. Contact Kent Schmitz with any questions at: 320-251-0111, ext. 4 or kent.schmitz@gw.stcdio.org.

♥ **NCYC** The Diocese of Saint Cloud will be bringing a group to Indianapolis, Indiana November 19 - 23 for NCYC 2025: I Am | Yo Soy. NCYC is a time for high school youth from around the nation to gather and celebrate being Catholic through prayer, Mass, and activities. If you are interested in attending, contact Chrystal Sand at 320-836-2143 or csand@catholic-centered.org, or Pam Pundsack at 320-256-9503 or pam@stmarysofamelrose.org with questions.

♥ **Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.

Tri-Parish Youth Group:

♥ **Youth Leadership Team Applications** are being accepted until Friday, May 30. This is a leadership program for high school students, grades 9-12 interested in serving, leading, and supporting their peers as they develop a deeper experience of Jesus Christ and the Catholic church. You will plan and lead youth events and activities. This will be your opportunity to be a voice in learning about your faith. Applications are available on the Tri-Parish website, sacredheartfreeport.org and you can turn them in to the Tri-Parish Office.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from the distractions of daily life for couples in good marriages. Give your marriage this gift! The next available Weekends are November 22-23 in Alexandria, MN and May 30-June 1 in Valley City, ND. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

Stewardship as a Way of Life "...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38) We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy, and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

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Time to Expand Your Circle of Friends? Try a TEC Retreat. "God has a wonderful way of connecting the dots in our lives to people that will honor who we are, right where we are" (Tiffany Wilson). A TEC retreat will expand your circle of friends with those who will lift you up, support you, encourage you, and bring you closer to God. Come meet some new friends. Register for one of our three-day TEC retreats. www.cmttec.org. Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open to both youth (age 16+) as well as adults and is located just north of Little Falls.

Catholic Rural Business Award is given to a Catholic business owner of a rural business within the St. Cloud Diocese, in recognition of their significant contributions to rural life through time, talent or treasure; the award is a way of honoring those who demonstrate their faith in how they run their business. It is presented to Catholic business owners who demonstrate: Catholic values in all areas of their life; serves rural areas; are recognized as leaders in their community; are committed to supporting the dignity of their employees and customers; and in these and other ways exemplify the faith and the work-ethic of St. Joseph the Worker. Any community member, including the owners themselves or their employees, can nominate a Catholic rural business to receive this award each year. One award will be given annually, presented in August. Visit <https://stcdio.org/rural-life/> to nominate a business.

Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/5-27-25/.

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♥**Congratulations to our PreK Graduates!**
 They had their Graduation program and picnic on Thursday, May 15.

♥**6th Grade Graduation & Last Day of School at SHS** - Friday, May 23.

♥**Next Week we will Finish Off the School Year** with an AR bike riding incentive, AR Store, Sprinters 5K, Kindergarten Field Trip, Track and Field Day, Volleyball - 6th grade vs. Teachers, awards, and of course 6th grade Graduation.

♥**We are Currently Hiring** for help in our Toddler Center, if you are interested, please contact the school at 320-836-2591.

♥**Save the Date:** The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 24! Proceeds benefit One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools.

♦**Our Newly Elected School Board Members** are Lindsey Gruber and Greta Rademacher. We would like to thank Cory Ellering and Bob Arceneau for the six years they shared their gifts on the School Board.

♦**St. Mary's Sixth-Grade Promotion** will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, May 27, at 7:00 pm. A reception sponsored by the Christian Women will follow the Mass.

♦**There are Still Openings** for prospective 2025-2026 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call 320-256-4257 or email anelson@smsmn.org.

♦**The SMS State of the School Report** can be accessed by scanning the QR code, or visiting the school website under the SMS K-6, School Information tab. <https://www.smsmelrosemn.org/>

English Version



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♦**Thank You to the Greater Melrose Community Foundation Fund** for a \$1,000 Spark Plug Grant for Chromebooks for our third and fourth grade students.

♦**Thank You to Pete Rothfork** for sponsoring the bus for our 5th and 6th grade trip to the Minnesota State Capitol and Fort Snelling.

♦**SJSA School Board** meets Tuesday, May 20 in the school basement.

♦**Sixth Grade Graduation Mass** is Thursday, May 22 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's. Congratulations to our graduates: Keegan Frieler, Morgan Hellickson, Collin Kelzer, and Wyatt Roelike. An all-school picnic will follow the Mass.

♦**The Last Day of School at SJSA** is Thursday, May 22. Teacher workshop is Friday, May 23. Summer office hours will vary. Please call 320-987-3133 and leave a message or email Mary at sjsamarym@gmail.com or Kristen at sjsakristenu@gmail.com with any school related business.

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