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Church of St. Mary

Campuses in Melrose & Meire Grove, serving the communities of
Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald & Spring Hill

Church of the Sacred Heart Freeport

Church of the Immaculate Conception New Munich

Church of St. Rose of Lima St. Rosa

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

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Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor

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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 8:00 am During Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament - St. Mary - Melrose

♦Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception

♦Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary - Meire Grove

♦Sundays 11:00 am St. Mary - Melrose

♦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.



The Wedding Feast of the Liturgy

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.” Matthew 22:1-3

Today’s parable is part of Jesus’ final teachings in Jerusalem during Holy Week. It continues His direct confrontation with the religious leaders of Israel—specifically, the chief priests and elders. Through this story, Jesus unveils the mystery of the Kingdom, the tragedy of Israel’s rejection, and the universal call to salvation.

The central theme of this parable is found in the opening line: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.” In this parable, the king is God the Father, the Son is Jesus, and the Wedding Feast represents the Messianic Banquet—a celebration of the eternal joy of union with God. Today, the Holy Mass is a real participation in that Messianic Banquet and a foretaste of its fullness to come.

The first invited guests “refused to come.” This is commonly understood to refer to many among the people of Israel who rejected Jesus as the Messiah, especially the religious leaders. The second invitation was ignored by some and met with hostility by others. This reflects the way the prophets were treated throughout salvation history—ignored, rejected, and often persecuted.

When the king learned of their refusal, he sent his troops to destroy those who had been invited, which is a clear reference to God’s justice, His judgment, and the penalty of grave sin: spiritual death. The king then sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find. This is the mission of the Church. From the moment Jesus founded His Church and entrusted it to the Apostles, the invitation to the heavenly banquet has gone out to the ends of the earth, and it continues to this day.

Each of us has received this divine invitation. Today, the fullest way to participate in the Wedding Feast is through the Holy Mass. The Mass is truly our wedding banquet, and our union with Christ is sealed in Holy Communion. But do we see the Mass this way? Often, we tend to evaluate the Mass by the personality and preaching of the priest, the quality of the music, or other superficial elements.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 12 - 18

ST. MARY - MELROSE

Tu	6:30 pm	Misa en Español (Melrose) †Michael "Mike" Pohlmann
We	8:00 am	†Deceased & Living Members of the Denis & Emily Schneider Family (Meire Grove)
Th	8:00 am	†Karlyann Boecker (Greenwald)
Fr	8:30 am	†Ervin & †Virginia Klaphake †Dan Klaphake (Melrose)
Sa	5:00 pm	†Jim Nathe (Melrose)
Su	7:30 am	For the People (Meire Grove)
*Su	9:30 am	†Cheyenne Pundsack (Melrose)
Su	12:00 pm	Misa en Español (Melrose) †Albina Sarmiento Martinez

SACRED HEART - FREEPORT

Tu	8:15 am	†Carol Mastey
We	8:15 am	SH School Mass †Judy Meyer Anniversary
Th	8:15 am	†James "Jim" Thoma
Fr	8:15 am	No Mass
Su	8:00 am	†Ed & †Irene Harren

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH

Sa	4:00 pm	†Kim Fuechtmann
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ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA

Su	10:00 am	For the People
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**Mass will be livestreamed. Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.*

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When we fail to attend Mass as we would attend the Wedding Feast of the Son of God, then we, like the first group, "refuse to come"—even if we are physically present. True attendance requires spiritual attentiveness and interior participation. When we view the Mass as a burden or inconvenience, we act like those in the second group who responded with indifference or hostility.

Ideally, we will attend Mass every Sunday—and more often if possible—willingly, joyfully, reverently, and with hearts prepared to encounter the Bridegroom. This requires that we remain in a state of grace. The parable ends with a sobering image: A man found at the feast without a wedding garment is cast out into the darkness. The "wedding garment" symbolizes the state of the soul, especially the presence of sanctifying grace, which is received in Baptism and restored through Confession. To approach the altar without this garment is to risk being cast out, as the man in the parable was. We must therefore examine our conscience, repent of sin, and prepare our hearts with devotion so that we may worthily partake of this Heavenly Meal.

Reflect today on the Mass as the true Wedding Feast of the Lamb. Do you approach this sacred celebration with joyful reverence, spiritual preparation, and genuine love for the Bridegroom? Strive to make your presence at Mass much more than physical; let it be the expression of a soul properly clothed, joyfully responding to the King's invitation. May our worthy participation in the Eucharist be a foretaste of the eternal banquet prepared for those who are invited and respond with all their hearts.

My King and Bridegroom of the Church, the Mass is Your Wedding Feast and a foretaste of the eternal Banquet of Heaven. You invite us to this Feast not only in body, but with hearts recollected, minds engaged, and souls prepared by grace. May I always respond to Your invitation with faith and love, and celebrate the Holy Mass with all my heart, clothed in the garment of sanctifying grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

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ADORATION

St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español) and
Saturdays, 8:00 am - 9:00 am
in English

Sacred Heart - Freeport

NO Adoration, Friday, October 16

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo Weekday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Lk 11:29-32

Tu Weekday

Gal 5:1-6 Lk 11:37-41

We Weekday (Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr)

Gal 5:18-25 Lk 11:42-46

Th Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Eph 1:1-10 Lk 11:47-54

Fr Weekday (Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin)

Eph 1:11-14 Lk 12:1-7

Sa Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial)

Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b

Mt 22:15-21

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

Meire Grove Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.; Meire Grove, MN 56352

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St. Mary – Melrose

Total	\$7,705.00
Regular Adult Offering	5,991.00
Plate/Loose	1,216.00
Designated Funds	498.00

Spring Hill	\$365.00
Greenwald	\$130.00

St. Mary – Meire Grove

Total	\$1,967.50
Regular Adult Offering	1,375.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	96.00
Votives	56.00
Designated	440.00

St. Mary's - Melrose Calendar Raffle

10-04	\$25	Barry Hellermann, Melrose
10-05	\$25	Ed Budde, Melrose
10-06	\$25	Betty Dickhaus, Melrose
10-07	\$50	Kathy Klasen, Melrose
10-08	\$25	Roselyn Matchinsky, Melrose
10-09	\$25	Sara & Pat Christenson, Melrose
10-10	\$25	Brent & Key Harren & Family, Melrose



St. Mary's Mission Society will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at St. Mary's Church at 8:45 am in the gathering area. All are welcome!

Save the Dates: ♦Spring Hill Annual Worn-A-Bit Rummage and Bake Sale is set for Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and Sunday, October 25 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm (Sunday will be \$2 a bag) at the Church in Spring Hill. Lunch available both days. ♦**St. Mary's Christian Women Dues Collection & Craft Sale** - November 14 & 15.



Lector Workbooks are available for pick up in the Liturgical Ministry Room.

Congratulations to Kurt Meyer and Marvin Meyer who were both elected to three-year terms on the St. John's Finance Council. Thank you to Karen Meyer for serving two terms on the St. John's Finance Council.

Matching Grant Potato Pancake 

Supper in Meire Grove will be Sunday, October 18. Serving from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Takeouts will be available.

Lector Ministry Some parishioners have asked why we use two lectors at weekend Masses in Melrose. The Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass states, "whenever there is more than one reading, it is better to assign the readings to different readers, if available" (52). We are blessed with twenty-four lectors. Having two serve at each Mass gives them more frequent opportunities to proclaim God's Word. Lectors are called to prepare their readings carefully "so that the faithful may develop a warm and living love for Sacred Scripture" (55). Thank you to all our lectors for their preparation and faithful service!

St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 pm in the conference room at church.



Rosary Rally All are welcome to our Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 am at the Church in Spring Hill. We are celebrating the Final Apparition-the last day (Tuesday, October 13) that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the three shepherd children and the Miracle of the Sun.

With Sincere 'Thanks' for your donation to the Collection for Emergency Relief and Assistance in Venezuela. On June 24, 2006, two powerful earthquakes struck northern Venezuela just seconds apart, triggering a major humanitarian emergency across the country. The impact of the earthquakes has intensified humanitarian needs in a country already facing one of the region's worst humanitarian crises. An estimated 7.9 million people were already in need of assistance due to years of economic crisis, food insecurity and weakened public services. CRS and Caritas Venezuela are working to provide earthquake-affected families with critical aid to meet the most urgent needs in the aftermath. Your generosity, love and support make this possible for so many today and well into the future. On behalf of those who benefit from your kindness and generosity, our heartfelt gratitude!

Elizabeth Brown, Director, St. Cloud Mission Office

Fr. William Vos, Director, Catholic Relief Services



Daily Raffle will again take place for the month of November. Raffle tickets have been given out to members of Catholic Financial and members of the community. Reminder the tickets need to be turned in by October 20, to either Mike Barten, Angie Barten or Greenwald Farm Center. If you would like to purchase more tickets or didn't receive any, please contact one of the above. All proceeds will be going to support SJSA Catholic School. Thank you in advance for your support.

October is Respect Life Month Help us build a culture of life by supporting Options for Women in Sauk Centre, a faith-based pregnancy resource center that offers hope, compassion, education, and practical assistance to women facing unexpected pregnancies. Bassinets will be located at St. Mary's and St. John's churches throughout October to collect the following items: •New or gently used clothing, sizes 3 mo. - 4T, •Enfamil formula, •Diapers, especially sizes 5 and 6, •Baby healthcare items, •Pack 'n Plays, •New car seats. Monetary donations are also welcome. Envelopes will be available near the bassinets. Thank you for helping mothers and babies in our community!

October is Mission Month. All parishioners are members of the Mission Society. All, both male and female, are encouraged to attend our meetings. Check the bulletin for dates and times. We are asking all parishioners to donate a free will offering to the Mission Society. We used to call it "dues." As we reflect on our MANY blessings, we realize we have been given much. We are called - as a parish - to respond to those in need. Place your donation in any envelope, write "**St. Mary's Mission Society**" on it, and place in the collection or bring to the office. All unmarked mission donations will be given to the diocesan mission appeal. Please be generous in your support of the St. Mary's Mission Society

TRI-PARISH NEWS:

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

♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ **All Souls' Remembrance** St. John's Abbey has invited our parishes to submit names of deceased loved ones as part of their All Souls' Remembrance ministry. In the entry of our parishes, there is a sign-up sheet to add deceased loved ones' names. We will collect these names through the month of October and submit them to St. John's for them to pray for these individuals during the month of November.


**Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!**

10/04	\$25	CJ & Kayla Harden - Rice
10/05	\$25	Julie Meyer - Freeport
10/06	\$25	Donna Worms - Melrose
10/07	\$25	Sue Rieland - Freeport
10/08	\$25	Dan Krousey - Sauk Centre
10/09	\$25	Gina Quinn - Sauk Centre
10/10	\$25	Chuck Anderson - Sauk Centre

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

Total	\$6,652.46
Regular Adult Offering	4,697.46
Plate	554.00
Votive	91.00
School Support	510.00
Building/Maintenance	775.00
World Mission Sunday	25.00

Parish Events

Su 10/11	8:30 am	Catholic United Financial Breakfast
We 10/14		No Faith Formation Grades 1-10 MEA
Fr 10/16		No Individual Confessions
Fr 10/16		No Adoration
Mo 10/19	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym



Wedding... Congratulations to **Ethan & Emily (Engel) Harren** who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, October 3. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

Pancake/Sausage Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 11. Serving from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial #101 for the benefit of Sacred Heart School



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

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

Total	\$3,537.92
Regular Adult Offering	2,361.92
Plate	421.00
Cash Bazaar	610.00
Building/Maintenance	140.00
Human Development	5.00

Parish Events

We 10/14		No Faith Formation Gr 1-10 MEA
Th 10/15	4:00 pm	Ken Bushman Visitation
Fr 10/16	10:00 am	Ken Bushman Visitation
Fr 10/16	11:00 am	Ken Bushman Funeral
Sa 10/17	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Mo 10/19	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

Thank You to everyone who helped work for the "Matching Fund Breakfast," held Sunday, September 27; and also, to all who supported our fund-raising efforts for helping pay toward the "On-Going Church Maintenance Expenses" and by coming to eat. Congratulations - the winner of the quilt was Ruth Wehlage.

The Officers of the Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Leo Court, #0786, of New Munich.



Annual Church Cleaning will be on Tuesday, October 20 beginning at 9:00 am. Lists are available indicating what needs to be done. Please bring a bucket and rags. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Those families that are unable to help clean are asked to donate \$10 toward the cost of lunch and cleaning supplies. Donations can be dropped off in the church basement, collection basket, or Tri-Parish Office. Thank you for helping maintain our beautiful church. We welcome guys and gals. Many hands make for less hard work.

St. Ann's Christian Women Committee

***Prayer for Life***

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

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

*I shall live in the
house of the Lord all
the days of my life.*

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

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Total	\$2,535.24
Regular Adult Offering	2,060.08
Plate	459.16
Votive	16.00

Parish Events

We 10/14	6:00 pm	No Faith Formation Gr 1-10 – MEA
Fr 10/16	7:30 pm	Rosary
Mo 10/19	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

Christian Women News: The St. Rose Christian Women officers would like to thank everyone that attended the fall meeting! Was good to see so many! We will be hosting a bake sale during the Catholic United Financial breakfast on Sunday, October 25. The Christian Women are asked to bring baked goods.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

•**Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm. All classes will meet in their designated classrooms in the Tri-Parish Office.

•**Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm.

Service Project:

•**Card Making** will be on Wednesday, November 4 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Students in grades 6-12 will be making Christmas Cards. Permission slips are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is Wednesday, October 28.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

•**Next Class:** Wednesday, October 21 for grades 1, 3-12.

• **Please Join Us** for our BINGO fundraiser on October 11th. Doors will open at 3:30, the first game of BINGO will start at 4:00. \$15 for a meal and 1 BINGO card. We will be selling beverages and treats as well. All proceeds will support our youth at summer camp, Castaway, and other youth events. We will also have several 50/50 raffles and play a few quarter games as well. We look forward to meeting you and having some fun.

•**Please call the Faith Formation phone number** rather than sending a text message. This phone does not receive text messages.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Tri-Parish Youth Ministry:Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org

•**Youth Night** Monday, October 19 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym in Freeport! Open to grades 9-12 from any parish!

•**Youth Night at Fall Farm Fest** Anyone in grade 9-12 are invited for a fun night at the Van Beck Ranch on Monday, October 26 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Cost is \$10 and covers festivities, one beverage, and one snack. Additional items will be available for purchase. Please bring cash if interested. To reserve your spot or for any questions, contact Kasia at youthministry@catholic-centered.org or 218-821-3269 prior to October 26. Forms are available on the Tri Parish website and in each of the churches and are due on or before October 26.

•**St. Cloud Diocese Apostle Games Grades 9-12:** Sunday, October 25. This year the St. Cloud Diocese is excited to announce the exciting, competitive, and enriching Apostle Games coming to our very own St. Cloud State University! The day will be filled with prayer, food, games, and Mass. We invite and encourage all our youth to embark on this fun-filled day celebrating National Youth Day. If interested, please pick up an interest form at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport or in the back of the church in Freeport, New Munich, or St. Rose. For more information contact Alexandra at 320-836-2143 or faithformation@catholic-centered.org.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry:Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

•There will be **no regular Youth Group meeting** today. Bingo will be our Youth Group activity.

•If you would like to **donate to Youth Ministry**, please place your gift in an envelope labeled "St. Mary's Youth Ministry." Donations will support Castaway, summer camp, retreats, and other activities that help lead our youth closer to Christ.

•**Apostle Games Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, October 14. Planning to attend Apostle Games? Please register and submit payment by October 14. For questions contact Mark Kociemba.

•**Please Join us for Youth Group** for fun and faith on Wednesday, October 28. The Faith Formation Class for this night for grades 6th-8th will be our Youth Group Kickoff. Please arrive at the St. Mary's Gym by 6:30 pm and we will be done by 8:00 pm on this night. Questions? Please call Mark Kociemba at 320-256-9501 (calls only, no texts) or 612-430-2351. All 6th-8th graders are welcome from the whole ACC.

•**Summer Camp Is Coming—Don't Miss Out!** This year's 5th through 8th graders are invited to join Youth Ministry for summer camp at Camp Cana in Missouri!! If you're interested, please let Mark Kociemba know.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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♥Our **Care-A-Thon** was on Friday, October 2. Our goal this year is \$18,000. We are about half way to our goal. The fundraiser involved students participating in a service project - cleaning gravestones in each of the parishes of our Tri-Parish community and then holding a prayer service to pray for requests we received from friends, family, parishioners, etc. A group also visited Tree of Life Assisted Living in New Munich. **Donations are still being accepted.**

♥The **Sacred Heart Caring Coats Drive** began on Monday, October 5. If you have any new or gently used coats, hats, or mittens that you are not using anymore, we will gladly take your donations and get them to those in need.

♥Sacred Heart celebrated **World Mission Rosary day** on Wednesday, October 7.

♥**Grandparents Day** was celebrated on Friday, October 9 with Mass at 10:00 am in Freeport, a short program and lunch in the church basement for the grandparents and students. Thank you to all the Grandparents that were able to come and celebrate with us!

♥**Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast** is Sunday, October 11. It will take place in the Sacred Heart Church basement from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Enjoy Swany White pancakes, Pep's Pork sausage, eggs, applesauce, sweet bread and beverage.

♥**MEA Break** is coming up on Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16.

♦We celebrated our **Marathon/Prayer-a-thon** on Friday, October 2. It was a beautiful day to enjoy God's creation and exercise our bodies while raising money for St. Mary's School. We will compile your prayers into a book and pray them daily in the classrooms. Thanks to all of you, we raised \$25,000 and collected over 240 prayers.

♦**SMS families will sell Harry's Pizzas** now through Wednesday, October 21. Pepperoni, sausage, cheese, 4 meat, chicken bacon ranch, breakfast, and chicken alfredo - \$12 a pizza. Contact any SMS family, the school at 320-256-4257, or stop in the Church office. The delivery date is Thursday, November 5 in the school gym.

♦**No School** on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, October 14-16 due to a workshop day to prepare for our accreditation visit on November 16-18 and Education MN.

♦**The Catholic Church recognizes October as Mission Month and the Month of the Rosary.** St. Mary's School children will pray the World Mission Rosary at Church on Wednesday, October 21, at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join us as a community for this prayer.

♦St. Mary's School will celebrate **Grandparents Day** on Friday, October 23. Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin the day with Mass at church at 8:30 am, followed by a program at 10:15 am with preschool-6th grade at church, and ending the day with lunch at school.

♦**The Melrose Fire Department visited SJSA** on Wednesday in honor of Fire Prevention Week! We are so grateful for their dedication to keeping our students and community safe. Thank you to our local firefighters for taking the time to visit and teach our students about fire safety!

♦Our students participated in a **special Day of Prayer** on Friday, October 9, lifting up all of the intentions we received through our Prayer-a-Thon fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who continues to support SJSA, our students, and our mission. We are incredibly grateful for your prayers and generosity!

♦**Our annual Oktoberfest** celebration is Wednesday, October 14 from 5:30-8:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Meire Grove! Join us for great food, live polka music, fellowship, and a special performance by SJSA students at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

♦**No School** on Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16 due to MEA.



Public Rosary...

We have much to pray for and even more to be thankful for.
 All are invited and welcome!

St. Mary – Melrose
 Wednesday: 1:00 pm
 Thursday (Spanish): 6:30 pm
 (Except the 1st Thursday)
 Saturday: 4:30 pm

St. Mary – Meire Grove
 Monday: 7:00 am

Greenwald
 Thursday: 7:40 am

Sacred Heart, Freeport
 Tuesday: 7:45 am
 Wednesday: 7:45 am
 Thursday: 7:45 am
 Friday: 7:45 am
 Sunday: 7:30 am



Immaculate Conception, New Munich
 Saturday: 3:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
 Friday: 7:30 pm
 Sunday: 9:30 am

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

II Joran Carlson♥Dominic Eiyneck, 10/24 - FR
 III Katelyn Wehlage♥Tyler Dregney, 10/15 - MG

For the Sick: Pat Bushman, Carol, Bethany Downs, Cali Dickhoff, Dorothy Schneider, Joyce Klaphake Hauser, Ken VanderWeyst, Len Frieze, Marv Stueve, Michelle Russel

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 (Spring Hill):	Sharon Schulzetenberg	320-248-7702
St. Mary's (Melrose):		320-256-3878

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BINGO: St. Mary's Youth Ministry is hosting bingo today, October 11, at St. Mary's School gym! Doors open at 3:30 pm, and games begin at 4:00 pm. Admission is \$15 and includes food and a bingo card. Proceeds will support youth activities throughout the year. Please join us for an afternoon of fun!

Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed who were confirmed this past Sunday, October 4 by Fr. Scott Pogatchnik at the Church of the Sacred Heart. **Sacred Heart, Freeport:** Autumn Austing, Landon Bueckers, Laurynn Eiyneck, Johnathan Ettel, Wyatt Feldewerd, Cole Fiedler, Ava Hollenkamp, Thor Hoppe, Emalee Klasen, Macey Middendorf, Parker Revermann, Aubrey Ritter, Aiden Sand, Eve Shaw, Wyatt Soenneker, Edmund Terres, Landon Terres, Jenavieve Van Beck, Molly Wilwerding **Immaculate Conception, New Munich:** Brecken Elfering, Logan Hoppe, Liberty Tschida, Sydney Zink **St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa:** Abby Herkenhoff, Elaine Herkenhoff, Kelli Pundsack, Tyler Rakotz, Tyler Stoermann



Wreaths, Centerpieces, and Poinsettias...

There's still time to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group Fundraiser. Poinsettias, wreaths, sprays, centerpieces, and tabletop trees are still available. Call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143 if interested or if you have any questions.

This is a great way to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group and enjoy beautiful Christmas décor.

West Central Deanery All women in the West Central Deanery are invited to the Council of Catholic Women Fall General Meeting on Thursday, October 22 at St. Martin Church in St. Martin, MN. Registration will be at the Parish Hall across the street. Event Schedule: 5:30 pm: registration and Silent Auction set-up Parish Hall, 6:00 pm: Prayer Service at the St. Martin Church, followed by a light supper (\$6), business meeting, short program, and Silent Auction all held at the Parish Hall. Closing: Silent Auction item awards and door prizes. Kindly RSVP for the supper to Jean Hopfer at 320-837-5239 or ecthull@albanytel.com by October 15. Feel free to bring a friend.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation and you missed the information meeting, please contact one of the offices to sign up. We will be starting classes on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's in Melrose.

World Mission Sunday The weekend of October 17/18 we will join Catholics all over the world in celebrating the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Leo asks us to respond to that call saying, "One in Christ, United in Mission." We act in solidarity this day, as we pray and share our gifts to help build-up the church around the world where the witness of Christ and support of the poor is still needed most. Envelopes are available in your monthly packets or as your Sunday collection. All funds collected on World Mission Sunday support the pastoral, catechetical, charitable and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,150 of the most in-need dioceses in 180 countries through the efforts of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society directed by Pope Leo and administered by our local Mission Office. Please plan to give generously. For more information on the mission needs of our world and mission activities of our diocese, visit: www.stcloudmissionoffice.com

Save the Date Freeport Christian Women will be hosting their Fall Quarter Craze on Monday, November 2 at the Freeport Community Center. Please stay tuned to their Facebook page for information on the date when tickets will go on sale.



Marriage & Natural Family Planning:

Love Beyond Measure: Natural Family Planning...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage. Natural Family Planning is a loving way for couples to cooperate with nature and God's plan for married love. It is a natural and highly effective way to achieve and postpone pregnancy. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, October 15 and Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

October 11, Sunday

♦Knights of Columbus Chicken & Ham Dinner at Pelican Lake Ballroom, St. Anna. Serving 3:30 – 6:30 pm. Takeouts available.

October 14, Wednesday

♦Lion's World Service Day All Seniors are invited to the New Munich City Hall. Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm followed by bingo.

♦October Soup Luncheon hosted at the Melrose Senior Center located in the Melrose City Office building from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Dr. Zachary Dingmann, Superintendent of the Melrose Area Schools, will be present to speak about the constitutional amendment on the ballot in November. If anyone would like to contribute a soup or bread for the luncheon, please contact Ruth Traeger at 320-492-4583. Free will offering, all are welcome!

October 15, Thursday

♦Freeport Senior Citizens Meeting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 cards and Bingo will be played.

October 16, Friday

♦Central Minnesota's Aging with Attitude Expo at Sauk Centre High School. Free and open to the public 8:00 am until 1:30 pm.

♦Fish Fry at the American Legion Post 101, Melrose. Serving from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. All you can eat. Take-outs are available. Doors open at 3:00 pm. Your support is very much appreciated.

October 18, Sunday

♦Quilt/Ham Bingo at St. Elizabeth Church in Foley, MN. Bingo starts at 1:00 pm. \$10 per card for 20 games. 2 \$100 blackout games at \$2 per card per blackout game.

October 24-25, Saturday-Sunday

♦Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale at St. Michael's Church Basement, Spring Hill. Saturday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Sunday will be \$2 a bag. Lunch is available both days.

October 25, Sunday

♦Fall Sausage Supper at St. Francis de Sales Parish Center, Belgrade, MN. Serving from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. Adults \$12. Children 5-12 \$6. Children four and under are free.

♦Quilt Bingo & Raffle at Church of St. Anthony, St. Cloud, MN. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Bingo starts at 5:30 pm. Handmade quilt and cash prizes.

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