



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

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

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Facebook: Tri Parish

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Freeport, MN 56331

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 St. Andrew
- ◆ Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆ Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆ Sundays 11:00 am 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.

Members of God's Family



"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." John 14:18-20

The feeling of being an orphan—of longing for belonging—reflects a deeper spiritual reality Jesus addressed with His disciples in today's Gospel. Those with close families are truly blessed, as a supportive family fosters personal growth and a sense of identity. When one is orphaned, the absence of these natural bonds can leave a lasting sense of loss. Yet even the strongest earthly family relationships point to a greater truth: our ultimate belonging is found in God's family.

Jesus understood the sense of loss His disciples would feel after His Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. When He said, "In a little while the world will no longer see me..." He was preparing them for His physical departure through the Ascension. But He reassures them: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...you will see me, because I live and you will live."

Initially, the disciples struggled to grasp the meaning of these words. Only after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit did they begin to understand. The same promise Jesus made to them applies to us today. Though we were not among those who witnessed His earthly presence, we too have a longing for His nearness—a longing to belong, to be loved, and to find our place within a family. This longing is fulfilled supernaturally through the gift of faith and our incorporation into God's divine family, the Church.

Faith is the key to this relationship. It is more than intellectual belief; it is the acceptance of a personal revelation from God and a choice to live according to that revelation. Jesus promises that those who love Him and obey His commandments will experience His presence and that of the Father. This experience begins through faith, which is a gift by which God communicates Himself to us, revealing His love and will. It is both certain and mysterious, a knowledge that leads us to divine hope and sustains us in the pursuit of God's will.

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en español**
 †Poula Margarita Zalgado
 Tu 8:00 am †John Waldorf
 We 8:00 am †Henry Petermeier Family
 Th 8:00 am †Joseph & Elizabeth Luckam
 †Aloys Leukam
 *Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
 †Herb, †Aurelia, †Tom, †Bob,
 †Harvey, †Dennis, & †Philip Schwieters
 Sa 5:00 pm †Gerald Rademacher
 *Su 9:00 am For the People
 Su 11:30 am **Misa en Español**
 †Luisa Gonzalez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm †Rosie Ostendorf
 †Ervin Duevel
 †Doris Mayers

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Su 10:00 am †Pat Martin

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Art & †Pearl Wendt
 Su 10:00 am †Benjamin Gruenes

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Herb Bertram
 Sa 4:00 pm †Victor & †Bertha Schoenberg

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †John Nathe
 Su 8:00 am †Raphael & †Dolores Imdieke

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport
Adoration is suspended
until further notice due to painting
of the interior of the church.



***Mass will be livestreamed.**

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

~ St. Mary ~ St. Michael ~ St. Andrew ~ St. John ~

•Sponsor Couples Needed for Marriage Ministry
 Mentor Couples are part of a couple-to-couple ministry in which married couples mentor engaged couples to help them prepare for a Christian marriage. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in learning more about the program, training, and time commitment.

•Baccalaureate Masses:

Sunday, May 10 8:00 am *St. John, Meire Grove*
 (For Meire Grove and Greenwald Seniors)
 Sunday, May 17 9:00 am *St. Mary, Melrose*
 (All high school seniors - Hispanic and Anglo - from St. Mary's and from any of the other parishes are invited to participate in this Mass! Seniors, please arrive at church at 8:45 am)
 Sunday, May 17 10:00 am *St. Michael, Spring Hill*
 All are invited to come and celebrate our seniors at these special Masses!

Parish News:

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

•Congratulations First Communicants We are happy to welcome the following students to the Table of our Lord as they celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3, at a special Mass. Your joy and smiling faces reminded us of how special the Gift of our Lord in the Eucharist is. **Sacred Heart:** Andrew Beste, Ryker Gieske, Lexi Herzog, William Herzog, Dominic Hoium, Bennett Kalthoff, Easton Kundert, Stella Kundert, Raymond Mages, Amiya Mayer, Graden Rademacher, Adelle Renneker, Loretta Terres, Addelyn Thielen, Raymond Thielen, Dale Wilwerding, Ethan Wilwerding, Lacey Wilwerding, Audrey Zachmann, Rylee Zenner **Immaculate Conception:** Olivia Eckblad, Zélie Holdvogt, Elliott Massmann, Everett Massmann, Kaleb Zenzen **St. Rose of Lima:** Owen Herkenhoff, Raya Meyer, Amelia Waltzing **St. Joseph:** Hudson Frieler **St. Martin:** Henry Moscho
•2026 Baccalaureate Masses will be celebrated during the Masses the weekend of May 16/17.

THANK YOU St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone that contributed to the Tootsie Roll Fundraiser. Your Generosity raised \$2,678.00!! 100% of the proceeds are donated to Special Olympics, WACOSA and Camphill Village. AWESOME! Thanks from the Knights of Columbus!

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 8 - 12 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! As a volunteer you will journey with students ages 4 through entering grade 5, in a week filled with laughter, activities, and memories. Not only will the students grow their relationship with God, but you will too! Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website or by stopping by the Parish Office. Deadline for signing up is Friday, May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

Catholic Charities Senior Dining needs volunteers to help in the Albany Kitchen Mondays and every other Thursday, and Meals on Wheels deliveries in Melrose Thursday's, St. Rosa, New Munich areas. When you volunteer with Senior Dining/Meals on Wheels, you make a difference in the lives of our senior neighbors. Sign up to be a volunteer today at ccstcloud.org/volunteerhub or for more information call 320-845-4070.



Sacred Heart Festival will be on Sunday, July 19. 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 "250 Years of America." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email freeportmmparade@gmail.com.

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

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

Total.....	\$10,918.00
Regular Adult Offering	9,028.00
Plate/Loose	1,247.00
Designated Funds	643.00

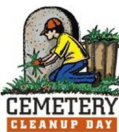
St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



05-03	\$25	Glen Van Drehle, Albany
05-04	\$25	Audrey & Joe Spengler, Albany
05-05	\$25	John & Mary Middendorf, Melrose
05-06	\$25	Ann Marie Primus, Melrose
05-07	\$25	Steve & Margie Hinnenkamp, Melrose
05-08	\$25	Charles Stueve, Melrose
05-09	\$25	Mary Schwieters, Grey Eagle

Baptized in Christ...

♥Arnold Stephen Scholz ♥Encarnacion Maria Garcia Ruiz



Cemetery Volunteer Day will be Monday, May 18 at 6:00 pm. In case of bad weather, it will be Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm. Please bring lawn mowers, leaf blowers, weed trimmer, rakes, and brooms. Please remove all items that are not permanently attached to the headstone or cement, including flower pots and stands to make cleanup easier. They will otherwise be removed. Please see Roger about permanently installing items.

St. Mary's Parish Raffle Tickets will be sold before & after all weekend Masses beginning May 16 until RiverFest. Tickets will also be available in the parish office. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

May 10, Sunday

◆**Mother's Day Breakfast** at Church of the Holy Spirit 2405 Walden Way St. Cloud, MN. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

May 11, Monday

◆**Rise! An Evening of Faith, Hope, and Healing!** At Saint Mary's Cathedral in the Upper Church in St. Cloud from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Praise and worship, prayer teams, testimonials, adoration, and reconciliation. Enjoy light refreshments and fellowship in the lower church reception area.

May 13, Wednesday

◆**Blood Drive** at the Melrose American Legion from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Melrose to schedule an appointment.

May 15, Friday

◆**Fish Fry** at the American Legion Post 101, Melrose. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm, take-outs available. Doors open at 3:00 pm.

May 16, Saturday

◆**Annual Spring Plant Exchange** sponsored by the Melrose Area Senior Citizen will be from 9:00 - 11:00 am in the parking lot of the Melrose City Offices. Bring a plant, take a plant. You can take plants even if you don't bring any. All are free.

May 19, Tuesday

◆**Bologna Daze** at Elrosa Bar & Lounge serving from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Music by Rueben Nathe & Friends. \$12 all you can eat. Sponsored by: Elrosa Senior Citizens.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$4,675.46
Regular Adult Offering	3,872.46
Plate	177.00
Votive	212.00
School Support	130.00
First Communion Plate	224.00
Peter's Pence	10.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00
Ascension	25.00

Parish Events

Mo	05/11		Church Painting Continues
Tu	05/12	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
Fr	05/15	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Su	05/17	8:00 am	Baccalaureate Mass
Mo	05/18	6:30 pm	Youth Night @ SHS Gym

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Teaghan Jane Hickman**, the daughter of Ryan & Meaghan Hickman, to our parish. Teaghan Jane was baptized on Saturday, May 2.

Community Garden is tilled and ready for planting.

If you are interested in reserving rows in the community garden, please call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143. Each row is spaced 5 feet apart and will be assigned on a first call basis.



Attention St. Joseph Society Members Please return all sold and unsold tickets and money to the Parish Office in Freeport or drop them in the collection no later than Wednesday, May 13.

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Easter Weekday Acts 16:11-15	Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tu	Easter Weekday <i>(Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr)</i> Acts 16:22-34	Jn 16:5-11
We	Easter Weekday <i>(Our Lady of Fatima)</i> Acts 17:15, 22—18:1	Jn 16:12-15
Th	Saint Matthias, Apostle <i>(Feast)</i> Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	Jn 15:9-17
Fr	Easter Weekday <i>(USA: Saint Isidore)</i> Acts 18:9-18	Jn 16:20-23
Sa	Easter Weekday Acts 18:23-28	Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday - The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)		
	Acts 1:1-11	Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

Physical Address: 102 St. Michael Avenue N.
Spring Hill, MN 56352

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,032.18
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,070.92
Plate	337.26
Building/Maintenance	400.00
First Communion Plate	224.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,551.08
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,943.08
Plate	285.00
First Communion Plate	223.00
Easter	100.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,989.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	975.00
Children's	5.00
Plate/Loose	94.00
Fuel Fund	450.00
Cemetery	25.00
Maintenance Fund	400.00
School Support	20.00
Home Mission	20.00

Parish Events

Sa 05/16 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
Sa 05/16 4:00 pm Baccalaureate Mass
Mo 05/18 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym

Parish Events

Fr 05/15 7:30 pm Rosary
Su 05/17 10:00 am Baccalaureate Mass
Mo 05/18 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym

Wedding... Congratulations to **Adam & Tami (Rademacher) Helmin** who were married at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud, on Saturday, April 18. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

Graduation Social:

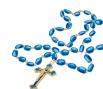
Saturday, May 16 There will be a social in the Gathering Space after the Immaculate Conception Mass on Saturday, May 16. Everyone is welcome to join in celebrating our high school graduates. **Servers Requested:** Chairs: Dan & Mary Krueger, Co-Chairs: Richard & Diane Lemm, Servers: Joel & Ann Klein, Eugene & Agnes Kunstleben, Tyler Klaphake, Herman & Jackie Massmann, Joshua & DeAnna Massmann. All servers please bring cookies, a cake or bars. Thank you everyone in advance for serving.



Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, May 17 - 10:00 am

- (S) Kenny Niehoff & Hank Primus
- (L) Gary P. Lieser
- (U) Pat Bertram & Randy Bertram
- (EM) (B) Jenny Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire
- (HK: May 17-30)
Megan Lieser, Pam Lieser, & Sage Lieser



Rosary Rally Please join us for a Rosary Rally at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 16, at St. Michael's Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!

05/03	\$25	Kristi Butkowski - Freeport
05/04	\$25	Kaileigh Schmidt - St. Stephen
05/05	\$25	Becca Sauerer - St. Joseph
05/06	\$25	Megan Scherping - Freeport
05/07	\$25	Jackie Fiedler - Albany
05/08	\$25	Ryan Becker - Albany
05/09	\$25	Chuck Anderson - Sauk Centre

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."

1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

Public Rosary...

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



St. Mary, Melrose

- Weekdays & Saturdays a half hour before Mass
- Wednesday: 1:00 pm
- Thursday (Spanish): 6:30 pm (Except the 1st Thursday)

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

St. Michael, Spring Hill

- Tuesday: 7:30 am
- Sunday: 9:30 am

St. Andrew, Greenwald

- Thursday: 7:40 am
- Saturday: 3:40 pm

St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove

- Sunday: 7:30 am
- Monday: 7:00 am

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
Physical Address: 211 W 2nd Avenue N.
 Greenwald, MN 56335

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN
Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.
 Meire Grove, MN 56352

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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 Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,498.00
Regular Adult Offering	500.00
EFT	850.00
Plate/Loose	28.00
Votives	25.00
Home Mission	10.00
Cemetery	50.00
School Support	10.00
Easter	25.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,696.45
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,330.00
EFT	140.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	118.95
Votives	77.00
School Support	10.00
Home Mission	20.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, May 16 - 4:00 pm

(S) Wyatt Roelike & Connor Roelike
 (L) Linda Heinze
 (U) Benjamin Stepan & James Wehlage
 (GB) Jon & Laurel Worms
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - May) *Mariann Lucken, Lorene Meyer, Patricia Murphy, & Doris Nathe

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, May 17 - 8:00 am

(S) Faith Meyer & Grace Meyer
 (L) Jim Leukam
 (U) Nick Kelzer & Jayme Klaphake
 (GB) Mike & Julie Wehlage
 (EM) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
 (HK - May) *Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke, Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, & Mary Kay Leukam



Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:
 I Tara Schmidt♥Matthew Keller, 5-30 M

For the Sick: Dolores Notch, Bethany Downs, Joyce Houser, Lyle Gross, Dorothy Schneider, Len Frieze, Fr. Roger Klassen, Michelle Russel

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

Rosary for the Month of May At the St. John's Church in Meire Grove, we will be praying the rosary each Wednesday evening throughout the month of May, starting on the 6th and ending on the 27th, at 7:00 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!

Members of God's Family

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Faith also unites us with one another. Through faith, we are no longer orphans but brothers and sisters in Christ. Our natural longing to belong finds its ultimate fulfillment in God's glorious family, which begins on earth and is perfected in Heaven.

Reflect today on the desire in your heart to belong, to be loved, and to be part of a family. Recognize that this longing finds its ultimate fulfillment in the family of God. Though we await the fullness of this communion in Heaven, we can experience it even now. Commit yourself to respond to Jesus' invitation by embracing your place in His family through prayer, the sacraments, and daily acts of love. Recognize that He is in the Father, we are in Him, and He is in us. Embrace this reality, allowing the gift of faith to draw you more deeply into the divine family to which we are called.

My revealing Lord, deep within my soul I long for You and desire to be one with You and Your Father through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Please reveal Yourself to me so that I can know You, live according to Your commandments, and flourish in Your family of faith, through the Church, begin now and become perfected in Heaven.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Memorial Day at the Cemetery
Monday, May 25, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY
 HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

- 8:30 am Memorial Day Mass - *St. Mary's Cemetery, Melrose*
 (If the weather is bad, it will be moved into the Church. This will be followed by a program at the Melrose American Legion at 9:30 am.)
- 8:30 am Memorial Day Program - *St. Rosa Cemetery, St. Rose*
- 9:15 am Memorial Day Program - *Sacred Heart Cemetery, Freeport*
- 10:00 am Memorial Day Program - *Immaculate Conception Cemetery, New Munich*
- 10:45 am Memorial Day Program - *St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Meire Grove*

Melrose Honor Guard will have a reading of deceased veterans' names, followed by a couple of readings and placing of flowers in front of the rifle and helmet. Ending with the firing of rifles and the Star Spangled Banner.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, please look for your registration packet in the mail. Please turn in all registration forms and fees for 2026/2027 by Friday, May 15 to avoid an increase in costs. 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@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Baccalaureate Masses:** Please see One in Faith (4 Parish News) section for dates, times, and locations.
- **Registration for Faith Formation:** If you haven't already registered your children for next year's Faith Formation classes, please do so by June 1st (materials cost less if we can order them sooner!). Registration forms are on the little Faith Formation table just outside the church office or can be found online at www.oneinfaith.com (click the Education tab, and then click Family Faith Formation).

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

youthministry@catholic-centered.org or
faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Youth Night** Next Monday, May 18 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym! Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for a fun evening of games, prayer, and a talk on how to bring faith into sports as a high school athlete. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Faith
Formation
Registration**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Amy Van Beck
SHS BOARD:

Myranda Beuning, Bethanie Ettle,
Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle,
Lindsay Frieler, and Chris Klaphake

www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591
Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Briana Worms
SMS BOARD:

Jenn Lubarski, Cindy Hemmesch,
Jake Primus, Becky Hukriede,
Lindsey Gruber, and Greta Rademacher

Phone: 320-256-4257
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PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD:

Amber Bueckers, Kathy Gilk, Adam
Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Heidi Meyer,
Trista Roelike, and Jenny Wilson

Phone: 320-987-3133
www.sjsaschool.org

♥ **Congratulations to the 2nd Graders** as they celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3. Thank you Mrs. Berg for all your time and dedication helping them prepare for this beautiful Sacrament.

♥ **Teacher Appreciation week** was May 4 - 8. Thank you to everyone that showed them extra love last week. We appreciate all that they do for our school and the students.

♥ Our K - 6 will attend an **all school field trip** on Friday, May 15 sponsored by the Freeport State Bank! K and 1st grade will attend the Amazin' Farmyard and 2nd - 6th will go to the Skating Place in St. Cloud. Thank you FSB for offering this fun opportunity for our students!

LOOKING AHEAD:

♥ 6th grade class will pack food for **Food for Thought** on Tuesday, May 12.

♥ **5th and 6th grade class** will be gone at a field trip to the cities on Wednesday, May 13.

♥ **Kindergarten Class** will visit Pung's Farm in Freeport on Thursday, May 14.

♥ **PreK 4/5 Graduation** will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 am.

♥ **Our last day of school at SHS** is Friday, May 22 with a picnic lunch for the students at lunch time and a family ice cream social at 2:00 pm.

♦ **Bishop Neary** will be at St. Mary's School on Friday, May 15, to celebrate with the school at 8:30 am Mass. We will also celebrate the 2nd graders at SMS who've received their First Holy Communion. All are welcome.

♦ **Thank You Melrose Bowl** for allowing our students to experience the sport of bowling during the month of May.

♦ **Thank You** for your continued support of the **SMSS4Kids** program. Sunday, May 17 will be the last day to place an order for **non-local** scrip cards to receive in time before school is out. You can still go online to order digital cards. We will be reopening the first week of school.

♦ **St. Mary's Sixth-Grade Promotion** will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:00 pm. A reception sponsored by the Christian Women will follow the Mass.

♦ **There are still openings for prospective** 2026-2027 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call or email anelson@smsmn.org.

• **Happy Mother's Day** from the students and staff at SJSA!

• **Field Trips** Our K-6 students, along with Sacred Heart students, will attend a field trip sponsored by the Freeport State Bank on Friday, May 15. K-2 will go to the Amazin' Farmyard in Eden Valley and 3-6 will go to the Skatin' Place in St. Cloud. Thank you to Freeport State Bank for their generosity.

• **There are still openings in our Preschool and Kindergarten** for the 2026-2027 school year. SJSA has an all-day M, W, F preschool and five day all-day kindergarten. If you are interested, call SJSA at 320-987-3133.

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ACC Book Study As we are all going through the All Things New process together we would like to invite individuals from across our ACC and beyond to join us for a book study. The book is *Radical Hospitality*. We have some books at no cost until they run out. The study will be on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. The study will begin on May 6 and run through mid-June. It will be led by Jessica Goebel and Amy Hoeschen. Please reach out to the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport to sign up 320-836-2143.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 8 - 12 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Children ages 4 through entering grade 5, are invited to register for a week of activities, songs, and new adventures! This summer's theme is Rainforest Falls. Children will be "Exploring the Nature of God." Rainforest Falls 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 or stopping by the Parish Office. Deadline for signing up is Friday, May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

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 or Melrose. 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.

Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: If you have yet to see our 2026 Video, please take a moment to learn more about ministries that form agents of compassion and build the kingdom of God right here in Central Minnesota. You can visit <https://youtu.be/IfuRqcZTnDI>



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Centre on Thursday, May 21 and Thursday, June 18 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!



Blessed are They Who? 2026 Retreats at 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.

- Women's Silent Retreat - May 15-17 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - June 1-4 (Midweek 4-day/\$375)
- Men & Women's Summer Retreat - June 26-28 (Weekend)

Save the Date: 2026 Rural Life Celebration This year's Rural Life Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 16 beginning at 1:30 pm at the Moenedick Family Farm in rural Perham. The event will include Mass on the farm with Bishop Neary, the annual Catholic Century Farm and Rural Business Awards presentations refreshments and family-friendly activities.

Embroidered Dish Towels Do you need a bridal shower or wedding gift? Or do you need a new set of dish towels to use at home? Sacred Heart Parish has embroidered dish towels available for sale. They are \$35 for a set of seven and can be purchased at the Freeport Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00-5:00 pm or by calling Dolores Notch at 320-836-2450.



Lord, Guide Me as a Mother

GOD, GIVE ME THE PATIENCE AND WISDOM
TO RAISE MY FAMILY TO WALK IN YOUR PATH.
PUT YOUR *loving hands* OVER EACH OF US
AND LET US KNOW YOUR PRESENCE
IN ALL WE DO FROM DAY TO DAY.
NOURISH ME, SO THAT I
MAY NOURISH THOSE UNDER MY CARE.
Motherhood IS A SPECIAL GIFT, LORD,
AND I HUMBLY ASK TO BE FILLED
WITH THE STRENGTH AND UNDERSTANDING
TO GUIDE MY *family* TO LIVE
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