



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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

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

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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.



Justice Through Mercy

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. Luke 18:1

In our parable for today, we have the witness of a widow who came to a dishonest judge and continuously begged him for a just judgment. Though the judge did not care about the woman, he eventually rendered a just decision for her because she was so persistent. It's interesting that Jesus used the image of a "dishonest judge" to teach us about persistent prayers being answered. He does so because He wants us to understand that if even those who are dishonest respond to persistence, then so much more will the Just Judge of Heaven respond to persistence.

Will God answer any prayer you pray if you offer that prayer day and night, day after day without fail? Does God eventually give into our requests as a parent might give into a child who keeps begging for something? Not exactly. One of the most important qualifiers mentioned in this parable is the word "just." We read that the woman's plea before the judge was, "render a just decision for me..." At the conclusion of the parable, Jesus gives this interpretation: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" When we pray, we ought not pray for whatever we want. We ought not pray for our preference, selfish desires, or our own ideas. We must pray only for the justice of God. When we do so with unwavering perseverance, God will secure our rights and bring forth His justice.

Justice, in the mind of God, is not only about righting certain wrongs. The prime example of this is the death of our Lord Himself. Clearly, Jesus was purely innocent and yet He suffered greatly. For that reason, would we conclude that the suffering and death of the Son of God was an injustice? Not really. The reason for this is that justice can be achieved best by mercy. Because Jesus embraced the injustice of His suffering and death and turned it into a free embrace out of love, this "injustice" became a sacrifice of love by which an abundance of mercy was bestowed. Jesus had every right to call down fire from Heaven and to destroy those who sinned against Him. But He

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 20 - 26

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	No Misa en Español
Tu	8:00 am	†Laverne Jung
We	8:00 am	†Deceased & Living Members of Norb & Eleanor Schwieters Family
Th	8:00 am	†Deceased Members of the Duevel Family
*Fr	8:30 am	SM School Mass †Joe Rueter
Sa	5:00 pm	†Lucille Mae Moore
*Su	9:00 am	†Eymard & †Lucille Orth
Su	11:30 am	Misa en Español †Manuel Hernandez Gutierrez †Clemencia Chavez †Sergio Hernandez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	SH School Mass †Cyrilla Michael Anniversary
Fr	8:15 am	†Leona Bertram
Su	8:00 am	†Bob Roelike

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	†Celestine "Cel" Rieland Anniversary
Sa	4:00 pm	†Thomas Holdvogt

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Leo & †Gracie Eveslage
Su	10:00 am	For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	NO MASS
Su	10:00 am	†Mary Ann Schulzetenberg

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	SJSA School Mass †Mathew Kasper
Sa	4:00 pm	For the People

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	NO MASS
Su	8:00 am	†Vincent & †RoseMary Schmiesing

***Mass will be livestreamed.**

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

First Tuesday of the month
7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

First Thursday of the month
7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

•October is Respect Life Month To support mothers in need, bassinets are placed in our churches to collect new baby items for Options for Women in Sauk Centre. The center provides education and material assistance to women facing unplanned pregnancies, serving more than 840 visits last year. Needed items include:

- Baby clothes (boys preferred), sizes 3 months-4T
- Enfamil Formula (Regular & Gentlease)
- Diapers (sizes 1-6)
- New car seats
- Wipes, baby wash, and baby healthcare items

Please keep their clients and staff in your prayers.

• All Souls Day (November 2) falls on a Sunday this year. Masses of anticipation that weekend are also to use Mass texts for All Souls. There will be no Gloria. During the Masses at St. Mary's there will be a special time of remembrance for members of our four parishes who have died in the past year.



Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed who were confirmed this past Saturday by Fr. Scott Pogatchnik at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Sacred Heart, Freeport: Alexis Solaja-Beste, Joshua Dewald, Isabel Eiynek, Simon Eiynek, Elijah Eveslage, Elaina Frieler, Brandon Goebel, Noah Goebel, Zoe Hoeschen, Peyton Job, Annabelle Lester, McKenna Lieser, Evelyn Notch, Kyan Roering, Molly Rue, Wyatt Scherping, Levi Scherping, Chloe Viere, Rachel Welle, Maximillian Welle, Elijah Zink

Immaculate Conception, New Munich: Tristan Dingmann, Alex Hoppe, Dominic Hoppe, Morgan Moll, Nicole Rademacher, Noah Zink
St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa: Brady Parish, Nolan Toenyan, Isaak Wiechmann, Ava Williams

A Jubilee Year of Hope Event Join us for A Conversation About Hope on Saturday, November 1, 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids. Panelists Kathy Janku, Father William Orbih and Daniella Zsupan-Jerome will share their experiences of hope. There will be time for questions and small group discussion, and you are invited to attend Mass at 5:00 pm.

**Parish News:**

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

•November Ministry Schedule was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish.

•Policies on Cemetery Flowers, etc. According to the cemetery policy, all wreaths, flowers, and other objects not glued or cemented to the monuments need to be removed by Monday, November 3. Anything left after this date will be removed and saved for a few weeks for those who wish to pick them up before discarding. Over the winter, items not glued or cemented to the monuments often blow off and get buried in the snow, ending up tangled in the snow blower when clearing a path for a grave.

•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.

•Food Shelf Collection The Tri-Parish Youth will be trick or treating for the food shelf on Friday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. They will be going door to door collecting non-perishable items in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. If you are able, please consider having items available for this cause. In the event the youth do not make it to your home, you can drop off food donations in the back of the churches. If you prefer to make cash donations, they can be dropped off at the Tri-Parish Office or in the Sunday collection. Thank you for supporting this cause.

Sacred Heart School is Currently Hiring in our Infant and Toddler Care Center from 7:30 - 10:30 am and/or from 2:30 - 5:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact the school at 320-836-2591.

Scam Emails Several parishioners have recently received emails that look like they're from Fr. Dan or Fr. Mitchell asking for a favor. These messages are not from them. Please do not reply or engage with these emails. Our priests will **never** request money or gift cards by email.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

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

Total.....	\$11,600.25
Regular Adult Offering	9,727.00
Plate/Loose	1,161.00
Designated Funds	712.25

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

10-12	\$25	Joan Budde, Melrose
10-13	\$25	Kim Fuechtmann, Hastings
10-14	\$25	Carol Klaphake, Melrose
10-15	\$25	Meghan Klaphake, Brooten
10-16	\$25	Don Andersen, Melrose
10-17	\$50	Chuck & Sue Walz, Melrose
10-18	\$25	St. Mary's Church



Sound System If you'd like to support the Sound System project, donations may be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped off at the parish office. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a difference and is truly appreciated!

St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 pm in the conference room at church.

The Mission Society supports local and foreign mission groups. For more information, you will find copies of the 2025 Mission Society donations in the kiosks at both doors at St. Mary's. Thank you for your generosity.

Save the Date The Christian Women membership dues collection and craft sale will be the weekend of November 15 & 16.

St. Mary's Annual Stewardship Weekend will be October 25/26. We celebrate all the gifts that God has given us and in turn give them back to God through our sharing of our time, talent and treasure. Our contract with Catholic Stewardship Consultants has come to an end. We have numerous books and cards available from last year. They are mostly up to date, and we would like to put them to good use. We intend to have new cards and booklets ready for next year. If you have questions about a ministry, please contact the office 320-256-4207. All members are encouraged to fill out a stewardship commitment card. They can be placed in an envelope and added to the regular collection.

**Prayer Requests...**

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

For the Sick: Judy Meyer, Fr. Roger Klassen, Anne Wolke, Ted Hoeschen, Tillie Bueckers, Kathy Elfering, Sandy Welle, Joyce Hauser, Dorothy Schneider, Michelle Russel, Lori Austing

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

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$5,199.04
Regular Adult Offering	4,498.54
Plate	532.50
Votive	168.00

Parish Events

Tu	10/21	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
We	10/22	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	10/22	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-11
Fr	10/24	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	10/24	9:00 am	Adoration
Mo	10/27	2:00 pm	Baptism

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

10/12	\$25	Adam & Ashley Meyer - Melrose
10/13	\$25	Ann & Kevin Rolfes - Twin Falls, ID
10/14	\$25	Lisa Bielejeski - Bradenton, FL
10/15	\$25	Jim & Joanna Ruprecht - Avon
10/16	\$25	Mary Monroe - Melrose
10/17	\$25	Judy Olmscheid - Freeport
10/18	\$25	Steve Christenson - Viroqua, WI

**Justice Through Mercy**

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had a far better plan. Instead, by choosing to accept the injustice of the Cross, and by freely embracing it with His own will, the injustice was transformed and a far greater good came forth.

In our own lives, whenever we are wronged by another, we are often tempted to anger and to desire revenge in the name of justice. We want them to pay for what they did. If you ever feel that way, know that the greatest form of justice is mercy. Know that your free embrace of injustice brings forth the transforming power of God in a way that punishment or retribution could never accomplish. This is the form of justice we must pray for night and day. We must beg God for the ability to accept all sufferings with love, to offer those sufferings as a sacrifice, and to allow them to be transformed into mercy. If this is our persistent prayer, we can be certain that our prayer will be answered.

Reflect, today, upon anything for which you desire justice. Is there anything that has been unfair in your life? Do you dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon you by another? As you call those things to mind, know that the power of your persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy. Beg for this gift and know that God will always answer those prayers.

Most just Judge, You desire to transform every injustice into mercy by calling us to freely embrace those injustices out of love. This is a high calling, dear Lord, but it is also a glorious one. Please give me the grace I need to follow Your example and to persevere in this form of prayer always. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,432.94
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,432.33
Plate	663.11
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50
Thanksgiving	200.00
Cash Bazaar	100.00

Parish Events

Mo 10/20 3:00 pm	Harvest Supper Committee Mtg.
We 10/22 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 10/22 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-11 - FR
Sa 10/25 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 10/26 11:30 am	Baptism

Elevator and Expansion Update:

The parish has an outstanding loan to the New Munich Investors in the amount of \$150,000. Please consider contributing to help pay off the final loan taken out to make the church handicap accessible.



WORN-A-BIT RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 9 am to 1 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 9 am to 12 pm

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BASEMENT
SPRING HILL**

LUNCH AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,442.46
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,533.46
Plate	529.00
Building/Maintenance	100.00
School Support	280.00

Parish Events

Su 10/19 11:00 am	Baptism
Tu 10/21 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
We 10/22 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 10/22 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-11 - FR
Fr 10/24 5:00 pm	Setup for Halloween Party
Fr 10/24 7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 10/25 8:00 am	Setup for Halloween Party
Sa 10/25 10:00 am	Jaycees' Kids Halloween Party
Sa 10/25 6:30 pm	Setup for Catholic United Financial Breakfast
Su 10/26 8:30 am	Catholic United Financial Fall Breakfast

Please Join the St. Rose Catholic United Financial



for Breakfast on Sunday,
October 26 from 8:30 am -
12:00 pm in the church
basement. Free will offering.
Pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, and fruit.

St. Rose Christian Women would like to thank everyone that attended the fall meeting.

- We are in need of a new vice president and treasurer, please contact Lisa Herdering with any questions.
- Christian Women are asked to bring baked goods for a bake sale during the Catholic United Financial breakfast Sunday, October 26. We also need volunteers to work, please contact Lisa.
- Christmas meeting and party will be Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm Join us for a fun get together. \$15 gift exchange.

Festival News... Thank you to all who came and supported the St. Rose of Lima Festival. Overall, the festival brought in \$83,486.77. Mark your calendar for next year's festival, September 6, 2026.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$470.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	375.00
Children's	4.00
Plate/Loose	56.00
Fuel Fund	35.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, October 26 - 10:00 am**

(S) Stella & Jameson Schoenberg
(L) Lisa Wuertz
(U) Tyler Bertram & Conrad Gruber
(EM) (B) Ruth Heinen
(EM) (C) Stan Heinen & Grace Hopfer
(Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
(HK: Oct. 19 - Nov. 1) Cyndi Schulzetenberg, Sharon Schulzetenberg, & Jennifer Spanier

Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale

is just around the corner. Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and Sunday, October 26 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. The event will be held in the church basement. Lunch available both days. Anyone wishing to make a cash donation to offset the cost of making pies and/or luncheon, please contact Amy at 320-987-2255 by Wednesday, October 22. Volunteers needed.

Cemetery Crucifix Painting

A huge thank you and blessings to the parishioners that painted the cemetery crucifix! It turned out wonderfully and makes a beautiful focal point in the cemetery. Thank you to John & Sharon Schulzetenberg for painting Jesus and to Jeff & Jay Lieser for painting the cross. Thank you also to Mark Schoenberg, Gibby Schoenberg, Duane Moscho, and Steve Lembeck for taking down and putting the cross back up. If you have a chance, please walk or drive to the cemetery to see the wonderful handiwork of these talented volunteers!

Public Rosary...

We have much to pray for and even more 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 7:00 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.



CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,405.00
Regular Adult Offering	860.00
EFT	1,350.00
Plate/Loose	159.00
Votives	36.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, October 25 - 4:00 pm

(S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan
(L) Isaiah Gilk
(U) Steve Gilk & Peter Heinze
(GB) Dave & Doris Nathe
(EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
(EM) (C) Kris Winter & Mike Barten
(HK - October) *Judy Wehlage, Ruth Wehlage, Bev Winter, & Carol Winter

Rosary Before Mass 
The Catholic United Financial #324 officers will lead the rosary before the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, October 25. All Catholic United Financial members are invited to join.

**Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper Today** (October 19) St. John's

Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper. Serving from 3:00 to 7:00 pm in the St. John's church basement in Meire Grove.

Adults: \$14 advance or \$15 at door. Children 10 and under: \$6.00. Pre-school free. Tickets available from any St. John's Parishioner. On the menu: Potato Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, Cinnamon Bread, Potato Salad, and Desert. Take-outs available.

Come and enjoy a great meal & fellowship!

- Please remember to work your scheduled shift.
- Bring your baked items to the church basement.
- Return any proceeds from sold tickets/donations and any unsold tickets by Sunday, October 19.
- This event may be eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1,000.

YOUTH MINISTRY**One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:**

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

◆**Grades 9-12: St. Cloud Diocese Apostle Games:** Sunday, October 26 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 Kasia at 320-836-2143 or faithformation@catholic-centered.org.

◆**Hot Chocolate Bomb Making** Grades 6-12 are invited to get messy and creative while making hot chocolate bombs on Monday, November 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Snacks will be provided. Forms are available at the parish offices and on the Tri-Parish website. Deadline is Wednesday, November 12.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$5,755.14
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,127.89
EFT	540.00
Children's	.25
Plate/Loose	179.00
Votives.....	58.00
Fuel Fund	100.00
Parking Lot	750.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, October 26 - 8:00 am

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
(L) Rita Meyer
(U) Tim Meyer & Jeron Nathe
(GB) Anthony & Sheri Luetmer
(EM) Char Meyer, Dan Meyer, Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
(HK - October) *Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, & Cindy Schneider

Thank You to all who helped clean our church basement last week in anticipation for SJSA's Oktoberfest and CUF's Potato Pancake Supper. It looked fabulous and was greatly appreciated.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Invitación: Invitamos a todas las personas que gusten celebrar con el Padre Oswaldo su 30 aniversario sacerdotal a una misa de acción de gracias que se llevará a cabo el día 26 de Octubre de 2025 a las 11:30 am en la Iglesia de Santa Maria después de Misa se ofrecerá un refrigerio.

Bodas en 2026: Se le invita a todas las parejas que están planeando recibir el sacramento del matrimonio el próximo año en nuestra parroquia a que pasen a la oficina parroquial a agendar su fecha. Es importante comenzar su preparación por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha planeada ya que a veces el proceso puede prolongarse más de lo planeado.

Coros Parroquiales:

Los coros parroquiales hispanos están invitando a todas las personas que tienen talento para cantar o tocar algún instrumento a que se registren para formar parte del ministerio de música. Los coros necesitan más integrantes y todos son bienvenidos.

¡Necesitamos servidores! Los invitamos a que se unan a cualquier ministerio parroquial para ofrecer su tiempo y talento al Señor y a su Iglesia. Los ministerios en los que ustedes pueden servir son: ministros extraordinario de la comunión, lectores, sacristanes y monaguillos. Si están interesados hablen con cualquier diácono o llamen a la oficina parroquial para más información.

**The Scriptures This Week**

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Weekday (Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest)	Rom 4:20-25	Lk 12:13-21
Tu	Weekday	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21	Lk 12:35-38
We	Weekday (Saint John Paul II, Pope)	Rom 6:12-18	Lk 12:39-48
Th	Weekday (Saint John of Capistrano, Priest)	Rom 6:19-23	Lk 12:49-53
Fr	Weekday (Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop)	Rom 7:18-25a	Lk 12:54-59
Sa	Weekday (BVM)	Rom 8:1-11	Lk 13:1-9
Next	Sunday - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18	2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 22 at 6:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 11: Last Class:** Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart School Gym.

Service Projects:

- **Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf** Students in grades 6 - 12 will be Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf on Friday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We will meet at Sacred Heart Church basement and will cover the towns of Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. Permission forms are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is Wednesday, October 22.
- **Card Making** will be on Wednesday, November 5 from 7:00 - 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 29.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofnelrose.com

- **Grades 7/8: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 22, St. Mary's Church, 7:15-8:30 pm. Students and some parents.
- **Confirmation: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 22, St. Mary's Church, 7:15-8:30 pm. Topic: What is Eucharist? Due date for bringing in yellow Confirmation info sheet and bulletin questionnaire info sheet. Students and an adult/Confirmation sponsor. If you have any of the following at home, please bring them along to class (we will be making the communion bread for Mass the following week): a rolling pin, mixing bowl, wooden spoon, cookie sheet, pizza cutter.
- **First Reconciliation/Eucharist: Next Class:** Sunday, October 26, 10:00-11:15 am (between the 9:00 and 11:30 am Masses). Students and parents.
- **First Reconciliation/Eucharist Service Project:** help collect food for the Food Shelf at all weekend Masses, October 25/26. See your texts messages to sign up for which Mass your family can help with!

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- ♥ **The SHS Caring Coat Drive** has started! If you have any new or gently used winter coats, hats, mittens, snowpants, etc. for youth in our communities, please bring them into SHS. The Caring Coat Drive will run until Saturday, November 1.
- ♥ **We are Looking for Help** in our Infant and Toddler Care Center from 7:30-10:30 am and/or from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact the SHS Office.
- ♥ **Toddler Care Openings** If you or someone you know is looking for toddler care, please have them contact the office.
- ♥ **Thank You** to everyone that came out to support The Catholic United Financial Breakfast last Sunday. The breakfast was a huge success!
- ♥ **Thank You** to everyone that donated to the Sacred Heart School annual Care-A-Thon Fundraiser. We have surpassed our goal of \$16,000! We appreciate all your support and donations to Sacred Heart School!

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ♥ **SHS Vocabulary Parade** will be on Friday, October 31 at 1:30 pm.

- ♦ **SMS families will sell Harry's Pizzas** now through Wednesday, October 22. 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 6 in the school gym.
- ♦ **Thank you to Magnifi Financial** for volunteering at St. Mary's School on Monday, October 13. We appreciated their help preparing bags for preschoolers and kindergartners to be shared at church once a month, and helping us get ready for Grandparents Day.
- ♦ **St. Mary's School children will pray the World Mission Rosary** at Church on Wednesday, October 22, at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join us as a community for this prayer.

- ♦ **SJSA students prayed the World Mission Rosary** on Friday, October 3 and prayed the Rosary for the Memorial Of Our Lady of the Rosary on Tuesday, October 7.
- ♦ **Thank you to the Magnifi Financial** employees who volunteered at SJSA on Monday, October 13. The volunteers did prep work for our Oktoberfest.
- ♦ **SJSA School Board Meets** Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

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An Invitation From Saint John's Abbey - All Saints Vigil

Douglas Mullin, and the monks of Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, invite you to attend the All Saints Vigil liturgy and reception at the Abbey Church on Friday, October 31. Tours of the rarely seen Saints Chapels in the crypt of the church will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by a special Vigil of All Saints liturgy at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow the liturgy in the Founders Room of the Quad. All are invited. Feel free to bring a friend. We hope you will join us.



Today is World Mission Sunday, a day when we celebrate our Baptismal call to Mission with the words, "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples." Our prayers and sacrificial gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through the St. Cloud Mission Office support the efforts of clergy, religious and lay missionaries striving to act upon the call to love and serve as Christ around the world, as they offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to communities, children and families in need in 180 countries primarily throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. If you forgot your World Mission Sunday envelope, you can send it to the parish office or directly to the St. Cloud Mission Office at: 11—8th Avenue So., St. Cloud MN 56301. Thank you for your prayers and support for mission today!

Fall Quarter Craze Freeport Christian Women are hosting their Fall Quarter Craze on Monday, November 3 at the Freeport Community Center. Tickets will be available for purchase at Decor & More in Melrose (Located inside True North Marketplace) beginning Thursday, October 23. Tickets are just \$5 and only 75 tickets are sold. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and the event begins at 7:00 pm. Join us for a fun night!



All Women in the West Central Deanery are invited to the West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women for their Fall General Meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at St. Michael Church in Spring Hill. The evening will begin with registration at 5:30 pm, followed by the Mass at 6:00 pm, a light supper (\$6), meeting and Silent Auction. (For the Silent Auction, please bring an item to place on the auction. Easily used items are preferred.) Join us and bring a friend. Please RSVP for supper to Jean Hopfer at 320-837-5239 by Monday, October 20.

~Jean Hopfer, Deanery President



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.

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.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

October 19, Sunday

♦ Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Serving from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Adults \$15. Children 10 and under \$6. Preschool free.

♦ All You Care to Eat Breakfast Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. Anthony Parish Center 2405 1st St. N. St. Cloud, MN 56303. Adult \$12. Grades 7-12 \$6. PreK-Grade 6 are Free.

October 22, Wednesday

♦ Tony Melendez Live in Concert at Saint Boniface Church in Cold Spring at 6:15 pm.

October 23, Thursday

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

October 25, Saturday

♦ Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in St. Michael's church basement, Spring Hill. Lunch available.

♦ Craft & Bake Sale & Wild Rice Soup Luncheon Serving from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church 308 2nd St N. Sartell.

♦ 43rd St. Mary's Catholic Church Fall Bazaar 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Chokio. Homemade crafts, seasonal crafts, baked goods, homemade lunch, soup, desserts, pie. Raffle drawing at 12:00 pm.

October 26, Sunday

♦ St. Rose Catholic United Financial Breakfast serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima Church basement in St. Rosa. Free will offering.

♦ Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale From 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in St. Michael's church basement, Spring Hill. Lunch available.

♦ 4th Annual Fall Breakfast at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Tickets available at the Legion Monday and Friday from 3:00 - 7:00 pm or at Freeport State Bank, Melrose and Magnifi Financial, Melrose. Adults and children 11 and older \$12 or \$14 at the door. Children ages 10-6 \$7. Children 5 and under are free. Portion of the proceeds will go to the Melrose Archery & Trap.

♦ Sausage & Pancake Supper at the Parish Center, located across from St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Belgrade. Serving from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. All you can eat. Dine in or take-out. Adults \$10. Children 5-12 \$6. Children 4 and under free.

♦ Quilt Bingo & Raffle at the Church of St. Anthony 2405 1st Street North St. Cloud, MN 56303. Across the street in the parish center. Hot Beef Sandwich Dinner serving at 4:00 pm, Bingo at 6:00 pm. Handmade quilts, quilt raffle, and cash prizes.

October 28, Tuesday

♦ 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 at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/10-28-25/.

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