



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

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 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.



Being Shocked by Our Lord

Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. John 2:19-21

We celebrate, today, the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the mother church of the entire Roman Catholic Church. It was given to the Bishop of Rome in the fourth century and remained the pope’s primary residence until the building of St. Peter’s Basilica, at a time when the Lateran Basilica was falling into ruins. However, the Lateran Basilica to this day remains the most important Church in the world, since it is officially the Cathedral Church of Rome.

As we honor this church, we honor more than a building. The Lateran Basilica is a symbol of the one true Church of Jesus Christ. Its interior is beautiful and awe-inspiring so as to point us to the unimaginable beauty of the Church Herself, which is the Mystical Body of Christ.

Today’s Gospel depicts Jesus entering the Temple and driving the money changers out with a whip and the animals they were selling for profit. As He did so, He cried out, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” Psalm 69 is then quoted: *Zeal for your house will consume me.*

Jesus loves His Church as His own Body—because that is what it is. As His Body, the members of His Church are called and sent to act as His instruments, members of His saving action. Much more than a church building, today we honor the Church Herself—which means we honor you, insofar as you are a member of the Body of Christ. And in light of this Gospel passage for today’s Feast, we are reminded of the zeal that our Lord has for the cleansing of His Church.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 10 - 16

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
†Encarnacion Luis de la Cruz

Tu 8:00 am Special Intention for Edna & Robert
& †Deceased Members of their Families

We 8:00 am †Erma Moorman

Th 8:30 am †Melvin & †Erma Poepping

Fr 8:30 am **No School**
†Lawrence & †Melania Wenning

Sa 5:00 pm †Dolores Hiltner

*Su 9:00 am For the People

Su 11:30 am **Misa en Español**
†Sergio Hernandez Chavez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
Herman, Anthony, & William
Wiechman

Fr 8:15 am †Chris Welle

Su 8:00 am †Roman & †Elaine Blommel

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Marie B. Worms

Sa 4:00 pm †Melvin, †Erma, & †Dennis Poepping

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Robert Stoermann

Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Monica Barten

Su 10:00 am †Peter Waldorf

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
†Mathew Kasper

Sa 4:00 pm †Adam & †Cecilia Van Beck

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Joyce & †Trista Yarke

Su 8:00 am Thanksgiving -
Denis & Emily Schneider

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



*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 ~

•**The Central Minnesota Catholic** is the magazine of the Diocese of St. Cloud. You can access the digital edition at <https://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/>. If you currently receive the magazine by mail and prefer not to, please contact the parish office so we can remove your name from the mailing list. Likewise, if you aren't receiving it and would like to, let us know and we'll be happy to add you.

•**EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)** All four of the churches have the option for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer). If you are interested in signing up to handle your contributions to the church in this way, forms can be found on the website or at the parish office.

End-of-Year Giving: Stock, IRA's and QCD's Gifts of stock are always appreciated, and there are significant tax benefits available to those who give appreciated stock held longer than a year. Those who choose to donate stock are generally entitled to a tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the stock at the time the gift is made, not just the original cost. Additionally, donors do not incur any capital gains tax when stock is given away rather than sold. Please consider a stock gift when donating to your church, Sacred Heart School, St. Mary's School, or St. John's St. Andrew's School. When making a charitable rollover through IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), we always recommend that you seek professional advice in these matters. If you have any questions about this type of contribution, please contact the parish office in Melrose and Freeport with questions.

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

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.



Go and
Make
Disciples

Go and Make Disciples Everyone in grade 11 through adult is invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the lab in the basement of Sacred Heart School in Freeport. We will have snacks and discuss various Catholic topics. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, November 12. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting The One In Faith Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room. If you are wanting to be added to the agenda please contact Lisa Wuertz at 320-219-3624 or plwuertz@meltel.net before Monday, November 10.

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.



•**Pilgrims of Hope Women's Silent Retreat** - November 11-13 (Midweek)

•**"THE BIG MIDDLE - Midlife as an Invitation to a Deeper Relationship with God"** presented by Art Pingolt Men & Women's Retreat - November 14-16 (Weekend)

Walk With Us... Please join us for the 7th annual **Remember the Martyrs Walk** on Tuesday, November 11 at 11:00 am. Beginning in Freeport at Sister Koetter's shrine (in the Sacred Heart Parish Cemetery) with prayers and send-off, walk on the Wobegon Trail to Albany Catholic Church. Sister Adelaide Koetter was a sister of the Society of the Divine Word. As a missionary, she went to Papua, New Guinea to serve the poor. On March 17, 1943 she was tortured, killed and her body was thrown into the sea. Fr. John Kaiser, from Underwood, joined the Mill Hill missionaries and went to Kenya, Africa to serve the oppressed and poor. He was killed August 23, 2000. For those who wish to walk a shorter distance, a golf cart will be available to assist. Walk as much or little as you wish. Fr. Tony Kroll and Deacon Jim Schulzetenberg invite you to join them as we gather, walk and pray, remembering the martyrs and all those who sacrificed giving their lives for the good of others. See you on November 11 at 11:00 am.

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

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

Total.....	\$7,894.90
Regular Adult Offering	6,054.00
Plate/Loose	976.90
Designated Funds	864.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

11-02	\$25	Paul Meier, Commerce Township, MI
11-03	\$25	Gail Schlicht, Melrose
11-04	\$25	Elsa Hughes, Austin, TX
11-05	\$25	Simone & Ben Austing, Becker
11-06	\$25	Rebecca Hooper, Melrose
11-07	\$50	Lyle & Sharon Barthel, Melrose
11-08	\$25	Nick Braegelman, Melrose



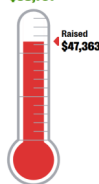
Mass Time Change For just this week, the daily Mass on Thursday, November 13, will be at 8:30 am.

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Alice Moening, 89

Sound System Thank you for your generous support of our Sound System project! So far, we've received \$47,363 in gifts and pledges—just over 80% of our goal! Donations may be mailed, dropped in the collection, or delivered to the parish office.

Sound System Goal
\$58,767



Christian Women Membership Dues Collection and Craft Sale will be the weekend of November 15 & 16. Donations are accepted.

St. Mary's Annual Stewardship Appeal is underway! We invite all parishioners to take time to reflect on the many blessings in their lives and to complete and return a stewardship commitment card. Cards may be mailed, dropped in the collection, or delivered to the parish office. If you have questions about any ministry or suggestions for new areas of service, please contact the parish office at 320-256-4207.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle Thanks to everyone's support, our calendar raffle ticket sales are off to a great start! Tickets are available at the parish office, Magnifi Financial (Melrose Branch), or Freeport State Bank (Melrose Branch). Be sure to purchase your tickets before 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 31!



Rosary Request If anyone has extra rosaries they are no longer using, please bring them to the parish office.

**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.



CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$7,337.54
Regular Adult Offering	4,835.54
Plate	667.00
School Support	50.00
All Saints	500.00
All Souls	710.00
Thanksgiving	50.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00
Church Painting	500.00

Parish Events

Tu	11/11	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
We	11/12	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	11/12	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
We	11/12	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples in Lab at SHS
Fr	11/14	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	11/14	9:00 am	Adoration
Mo	11/17	6:30 pm	Youth Group Hot Chocolate Bomb Making

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Iris Linnie Kulzer**, the daughter of Isaac and Audrey Kulzer, to our parish. Iris Linnie was baptized on Sunday, November 2.

May They Rest in Peace... Please pray for the following souls who died this past year. They were remembered at Mass last weekend with our traditional candle lighting ceremony.

♥Cyrilla Michael	October 22, 2024
♥Rosemary "Rosie" Rolfes	December 21, 2024
♥Fred Pfau	January 14, 2025
♥Viola Borgerding	March 6, 2025
♥Werner Osendorf	April 13, 2025
♥Viola Zwack-Beutz	April 14, 2025
♥Viola Meyer	April 17, 2025
♥Genevieve "Jennie" Hiltner	June 30, 2025
♥Robert "Bob" Roelike	August 13, 2025
♥Fr. Robert Rolfes	August 15, 2025
♥Diane Scherer	September 4, 2025
♥Bridgette Heidgerken	September 22, 2025
♥Alois "Al" Beste	September 29, 2025
♥Judy Meyer	October 14, 2025

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 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,465.84
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,717.33
Plate	209.01
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50
Furnace	125.00
Cash Bazaar	50.00
All Saints	799.00
All Souls	528.00

Parish Events

We 11/12 6:00 pm FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 11/12 7:00 pm FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 11/12 7:00 pm Go & Make Disciples in
Lab at SHS - FR
Sa 11/15 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
Mo 11/16 6:30 pm Youth Group Hot Chocolate
Bomb Making - FR

May They Rest in Peace... Please pray for the following souls who died this past year. They were remembered at Mass last weekend with our traditional candle lighting ceremony.

- ♥ Spencer Neuens-Studer January 23, 2025
- ♥ Jeffrey "Jeff" Rieland January 31, 2025
- ♥ Ronald "Ron" Hoppe July 9, 2025
- ♥ Jeanette "Jeanie" Hoppe July 26, 2025

**Harvest Supper** Saturday,

November 22 Immaculate Conception Church basement, New Munich, after 4:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm. Menu: Loin Chops, Potatoes (German & small red), Sauerkraut, Beans, Beverages & Desserts. Tickets: \$10 - Adult, Ages 6-10 - \$5, Age 5 and under - Free. Parish Winter Raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds: Help meet ongoing parish expenses. For additional information please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,087.46
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,558.46
Plate	289.00
All Saints	90.00
All Souls	150.00

Parish Events

We 11/12 6:00 pm FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 11/12 7:00 pm FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 11/12 7:00 pm Go & Make Disciples in
Lab at SHS - FR
Fr 11/14 7:30 pm Rosary
Su 11/16 11:00 am Baptism
Su 11/16 11:30 am Private Event
Mo 11/17 6:30 pm Youth Group Hot Chocolate
Bomb Making - FR

May He Rest in Peace... Please pray for Joseph "Joe" Wiechmann who died April 28, 2025. He was remembered at Mass last weekend with our traditional candle lighting ceremony.



Thank You to everyone who came to support the St. Rose Catholic United Financial at the breakfast. All the wonderful help was greatly appreciated, as was the support from the people who ate.

St. Rose Christian Women News...

• **We are in need of a new vice president.** Please contact Lisa Herdering with any questions.

• **Christmas meeting and party** will be Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm Join us for a fun get together. \$15 gift exchange.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,613.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,034.00
Children's	3.00
Plate/Loose	126.25
Cemetery	270.00
Fuel Fund	90.00
School Support	30.00
All Saints	10.00
Catholic Charities	50.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, November 16 - 10:00 am**

(S) Lukas Kalthoff & Noah Terres
(L) Gary P. Lieser
(U) Jim Klassen & Allen Lieser
(EM) (B) Melvin Kalthoff
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) Kathy Welle
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
(HK: November 2-15) Mary Ann Spanier,
Mary Stalboerger, & Rhonda Sunderman

Baptized in Christ...

♥ Callan Robert Lieser

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

† Benjamin Gruenes, 41

Save the Date Catholic United Financial Council #126 of Spring Hill will have their annual meeting and Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7. More details to follow.

2026 Contribution Envelopes We have changed companies and beginning with the January 2026 mailing, your personalized contribution envelopes will arrive in your mailbox on a bimonthly schedule. If you haven't received yours by the end of December, please contact the parish office.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

November 12, Wednesday

◆ **November Soup Luncheon** The Melrose Area Senior Citizens invite you to join them at the Melrose Area Senior Center, located in the lower level of the Melrose City office. Serving from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Freewill offering. All are welcome!

November 15 & 16, Saturday & Sunday

◆ **Annual Bake & Craft Sale** at Saint Anthony Parish Center 2405 1st St. N St. Cloud, MN 56303. Sale begins Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and Sunday from 7:30 am - 12:00 pm during the Men's family breakfast.

November 16, Sunday

◆ **Fall Cash & Gift Cards Bingo** at St. Francis Xavier School cafeteria, Sartell. Doors open at 12:30 pm with Bingo starting at 1:00 pm. \$10 per card includes 24 games. Snacks available. Proceeds will be used to help with needs throughout the surrounding areas. This event is sponsored by St. Monica's Christian Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Sartell.

November 20, Thursday

◆ **Freeport Senior Citizens meeting** at the Freeport Senior Center. NOTE TIME CHANGE: 12:00 pm start. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

November 22, Saturday

◆ **Harvest Supper** at Immaculate Conception Church basement, New Munich. Serving after the 4:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm. Tickets: Adult \$10, Ages 6-10 \$5, Age 5 and under free. Parish Winter Raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds: Help meet ongoing parish expenses. For additional information please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

November 22&23, Saturday & Sunday

◆ **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** Join us at Holy Spirit Church 2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud, MN from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm on Saturday and 9:00 am - 12:30 pm on Sunday for unique assortment of hand crafted items and gifts.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,009.00
Regular Adult Offering	730.00
Plate/Loose	134.00
Votives	30.00
All Saints	95.00
School Support	5.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00
Catholic Charities	5.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, November 15 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Noah Dehmer & Zachary Rieland
(L) Cassandra Kettner
(U) Dave Nathe & Daniel Nietfeld
(GB) Roger & Joyce Schoenberg
(EM) (B) Mike Barten
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(HK - November) *Kris Winter, Laurel Worms, Steph Worms, & Wanda Ahrens

Calendar Raffle Winners Catholic United Financial #324 Raffle Winner drawing was held Saturday, November 1, at the Greenwald Pub with officers and other members present. Winners are listed below:



11/1	\$50	Joe Heinze
11/2	\$50	Sharon Schwieters
11/3	\$25	Jason Barten
11/4	\$25	Bridget Kasper
11/5	\$25	Roger Schoenberg
11/6	\$25	Allan Ulbricht
11/7	\$25	Veronica Inderrieden
11/8	\$50	Linda Heinze

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,998.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,550.00
Children's	0.25
Plate/Loose	135.00
Votives.....	33.00
All Saints	275.00
School Support	5.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, November 16 - 8:00 am**

(S) Faith Meyer & Mya Nathe
(L) Jim Leukam
(U) Don Schneider & Ken Schneider
(GB) Dean & Karen Meyer
(EM) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
(HK - November) *Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernack, Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, & Janice Funk

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**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

Vigilia de Cristo Rey: El Ministerio Hispano invita a toda la comunidad a una noche de oración y adoración eucarística el día sábado 21 de Noviembre a las 6:30pm.

**Fiesta a la Virgen de Guadalupe 2025:**

El Consejo de Liderazgo Parroquial Hispano ya está trabajando en la planeación de la festividad a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, por lo cual anunciamos que ya estamos recibiendo donaciones para realizar esta actividad. Los encargados de recolectar las donaciones este año son Maria Salinas, Guadalupe Montañez, Romeo Garcia y Salustia Cruz. En unas semanas más estaremos dando más información sobre el tema.

¡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.

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.

**Being Shocked by Our Lord** Cont'd. from page 1

How is the Church purified? It is purified by the cleansing of Her members. That means that Jesus desires, with perfect zeal, to drive out every sin from your soul, cleansing the filth that keeps you from fulfilling your essential role as a member of His Body.

Sometimes we become slack in our own commitment to be purified. We can easily become comfortable with the sins we commit, and we can form habits that are hard to break. When this happens, it is useful to ponder this story of the cleansing of the Temple and see it as Jesus' desire to cleanse our own soul. At times, we need to be shaken up, challenged, confronted and encouraged

with the unwavering zeal in the heart of our Lord.

Reflect, today, upon this powerful image of Jesus cleansing the Temple. As you do, apply it to your own life. The people selling and buying in the Temple must have been shocked at Jesus' zeal and actions. If you have become complacent with your sins, try to allow this holy shock to also wake you up. Allow our Lord's zeal to affect you, and know that His purifying actions are acts of love by which He desires to free you to become a more fully functioning member of His holy Church.

My zealous Lord, Your heart burns with a deep desire to cleanse me and all Your children from sin. Your zeal reveals Your deep love and Your willingness to do all that You can to make me a fuller member of Your Body, the Church. Open my mind and will, dear Lord, to all that You wish to say to me and give me the grace to respond to Your purifying action in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-6: Next Class** will be Wednesday, November 12. Students will meet in their classrooms.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class** will be Wednesday, November 12. Students will meet in their classrooms.
- **Parent Class: Next Week!** Parents of students in grades 1-6 will meet in the Sacred Heart Church Basement on Wednesday, November 19, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm while students are in class.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 12, 6:00-7:00 pm, St. Mary's Church, students and parents.
- **Grades 7/8: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 12, 7:15-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church, students and some parents.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- **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.



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
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Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Briana Worms
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Jake Primus, Pat Christenson,
Lindsey Gruber, and Greta Rademacher
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♥ **Thank You to the Freeport Lions** for our new Vision and Hearing Machine and materials. We appreciate your support with helping keep the health of our students a top priority.

♥ **Thank You to the Beste and Meyer Families** for their generous memorial donations to SHS from the funerals of their loved ones. We will continue to pray for them!

♥ **Thank You** to everyone that came to our Vocabulary Parade! It's always nice to pack the gym in support of our students

♥ **We SURPASSED our Goal** for our Care-A-Thon raising over \$19,200! Thank you again to everyone that donated. The students earned their cotton candy reward from the Grieve family this week! Thank you, Andy Grieve, for coming in to celebrate our students and treating them all to cotton candy!

♥ **Our 1st Grade class will be collecting food shelf items** at school and before their Mass on Wednesday, November 19.

LOOKING AHEAD:

♥ **Veterans Day Program** is on Tuesday, November 11 at 12:30 pm.

♥ **No School** on the following Fridays in November 14 and 28.

♥ **Johnny Holm** Friday, November 28 at the Freeport Community Center benefiting SHS.

♦ **St. Mary's and SJSA students** will hold a Veterans Day program on Tuesday, November 11, at 8:30 am in the St. Mary's school gym. All are welcome!

♦ **Conferences** are on Tuesday, November 11, and Thursday, November 13, from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

♦ **No School** on Friday, November 14.

♦ **St. Mary's School will celebrate its Thanksgiving Mass** at 8:30 am on Friday, November 21. Each class is working to collect at least 60 food shelf items to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. All are welcome to join us for Mass and bring items for the food shelf.

♦ **Save the Date!** St. Mary's Christmas Program is at the Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, on Wednesday, December 10, at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Little Saints program is also scheduled for December 10 at 10:00 am in the SMS gym.

♦ **As of September 30**, St. Mary's School had \$1,589,102.30 in the school endowment fund. Of this amount, \$901,696.06 is principal, which is not to be spent. Additionally, the endowment committee has awarded the school \$726,000 since establishing this fund. Thank you for supporting this fund. The endowment committee members are Gary Meyer, Lori Braegelmann, Alice Schaefer, Dave Rahn, and Rosie Athmann.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

11/02	\$40	Barb Beuning - Freeport
11/03	\$25	Margaret Atkinson - Freeport
11/04	\$25	Dana Tschida - Baxter
11/05	\$25	Ruth Bertram - Sauk Centre
11/06	\$25	Dick Christenson - Melrose
11/07	\$25	Deb Geislinger - Eden Valley
11/08	\$25	Karen Lien - Fort Morgan, CO



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Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal: In our faith communities, friends and neighbors gather as the Body of Christ to pray, celebrate Mass and learn how to become missionary disciples. Those called to serve in diocesan ministries assist and encourage priests, parishes and schools by listening to their needs, fostering relationships and accompanying them in their vocations. These ministries include marriage and family life, multicultural ministry, social concerns, education and formation for Church leaders, good liturgical practices and respect for the sanctity of life at all stages. Your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal strengthens Catholic life. Make a gift today at www.stedio.org/annualappeal.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16 Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.

Marriage & Natural Family Planning: Nature Cycles For A Reason: so does your body Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a healthy way to plan your family. NFP cooperates with God's design for your body. It is effective, wholesome, and great for your marriage. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, November 20 and Thursday, December 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!



Time to Expand Your Circle of Friends? Try a TEC Retreat. "God has a wonderful way of connecting the dots in our lives to people that will honor who we are, right where we are" (Tiffany Wilson). A TEC retreat will expand your circle of friends with those who will lift you up, support you, encourage you, and bring you closer to God. Come meet some new friends. Register for one of our three-day TEC retreats. www.cmtec.org. Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open to both youth (age 16+) as well as adults and is located just north of Little Falls. The next TEC Retreat is Saturday, December 27—Monday, December 29.



You Knit Me Together in My Mother's Womb. Did you know that God knew you before you were born? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for January 23-25, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.



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Theology Day Can't make it Friday morning? We've got you covered! For the first time ever, Theology Day is coming to Tuesday nights at Emmaus Hall at St. John's University, Collegeville! Enjoy the same thought-provoking presentations and conversation—now with another opportunity to attend. All sessions are from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Check-in at 6:00 pm.

- **Finding Hope in a Time of Change** Presenter: Noreen Herzfeld, Ph.D - Tuesday, November 11
- **Beyond Belief: How Belonging, Joy, and Encounter Awaken Faith for Young People Today** Presenter: Director Donelle Poling - Tuesday, January 20, 2026
- **Christian Hope: Ark, Anchor, and Action** Presenter: Fr. William Orbih, Ph. D. - Tuesday, March 10, 2026
- **"Pilgrims of Hope": The Theology and Practice of Pilgrimage** Presenter: Chris Conway, Ph.D. - Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Heavenly Father, we take
time, not just from tradition,
but from a grateful heart
remembering all those who
have served our nation. We
pay tribute to all our
veterans, We are thankful for
the freedoms we have today
because of their service. Bring
eternal peace to their hearts
and satisfaction in you.
In Jesus Name, Amen.

Pray for Everything

Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: Ron & Patty Finken, James (Chip) Posch, Fr. Roger Klassen, Anne Wolke, Ted Hoeschen, Tillie Bueckers, Kathy Elfering, Sandy Welle, Joyce Hauser, Dorothy Schneider, Michelle Russel

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The Scriptures This Week

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6
Tu	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop (Memorial) Wis 2:23—3:9 Lk 17:7-10
We	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr (Memorial) Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19
Th	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (Memorial) Wis 7:22b—8:1 Lk 17:20-25
Fr	Weekday Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37
Sa	Weekday (Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM) Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

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