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Church of St. Mary

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

Church of the Sacred Heart Freeport

Church of the Immaculate Conception New Munich

Church of St. Rose of Lima St. Rosa

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **November 8, 2026**

Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am
Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

♦Fridays	7:45 am	Sacred Heart
♦Saturdays	8:00 am	During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - St. Mary - Melrose
♦Saturdays	3:30 pm	Immaculate Conception
♦Saturdays	4:30 pm	St. Mary - Meire Grove
♦Sundays	11:00 am	St. Mary - Melrose
♦Or by appointment.		Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date**.
*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & OCIA

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

Anointing of the Sick – Homebound Communion
Pastoral Visitation – Joining/Leaving a Parish

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.

The Bridegroom and the Bride



Jesus told his disciples this parable: *"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise."* Matthew 25:1-2

The Parable of the Ten Virgins draws on culturally familiar language and practices from first-century Israel. Understanding the wedding customs of that time sheds light on its deeper meaning.

First, the bride and groom did not choose each other. The father of the groom selected a bride for his son and spoke to the bride's father to obtain his consent. If the bride's father agreed, the two fathers drew up a contract, which often included a financial contribution from the groom's family to the bride's—both to compensate for the loss of her presence in the household and to symbolize the value the groom placed on her.

Once an agreement was reached, the bride price was paid, and a betrothal ceremony took place. During this ceremony, the bride and groom were legally bound to each other, though they would not yet live together. From that point on, the bride belonged to the groom, and the union could only be dissolved through a formal divorce. After the betrothal, the groom returned to his father's house to prepare a place for his bride—often by building a new room onto the family home. This period of preparation could last up to a year. During that time, the bride remained in her father's house, readying herself and awaiting the groom's return.

When the groom had finished his preparations and received his father's consent, he and his friends would set out to retrieve the bride. This usually happened at night, and the exact timing was unknown to the bride and her attendants. As a result, they had to remain constantly watchful. When the groom drew near, a cry would go out—often accompanied by trumpet blasts or joyful shouts—announcing his arrival. The bride, accompanied by her virgin attendants, would rise to meet him with lamps lit. Together, they would process

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 9 – 15

ST. MARY - MELROSE

Tu	6:30 pm	**Misa en español (Melrose)**
		†Alphonse Hiltner
We	8:00 am	†Deceased Boecker & Kramer Family Members (Meire Grove)
Th	8:00 am	**SJSA School Mass (Greenwald)**
		†Ben Gruenes
*Fr	8:30 am	†Charles Gebeke
		†Jim & †Ruth Graham (Melrose)
Sa	5:00 pm	†Ron & †Russ Roelike (Melrose)
Su	7:30 am	†Joseph Younk (Meire Grove)
*Su	9:30 am	For the People (Melrose)
Su	12:00 pm	**Misa en Español (Melrose)**
		†Edward Tomsche

SACRED HEART - FREEPORT

Tu	8:15 am	†Al & †Esther Beuning
We	8:15 am	**SH School Mass**
		†Deceased/Living St. Rose of Lima Catholic United Financial
Th	8:15 am	†Marie B. Worms
Fr	8:15 am	†Kelly Mismash
Su	8:00 am	†Norman Hoppe

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH

Sa	4:00 pm	For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA

Su	10:00 am	†Ray Hoppe

***Mass will be livestreamed.** Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.*

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to the groom's house, where the door would be shut and the wedding feast would begin. The celebration itself could last several days.

It is against this backdrop that Jesus tells today's parable. The story takes place toward the end of the betrothal period, when the groom was expected to arrive at any moment. This period of watchful anticipation symbolizes our present age, when we are already bound to Christ through Baptism. The price for our mystical marriage was the death of the Son of Man, the Bridegroom Himself. Now we must remain vigilant, anticipating His arrival.

The bridegroom's arrival at midnight represents the unexpected moment of Christ's return at the end of time, at the hour of our death, and even His daily coming by grace. The cry in the dark symbolizes the call of accountability and divine judgment, when every soul will rise to meet the Lord. At that moment, it will become clear who among us was wise and who was foolish. The wise brought oil, symbolizing the necessary interior disposition of grace, charity, and perseverance. The foolish failed to prepare. And while all may have fallen asleep, only those who lived in readiness will enter the wedding feast. Once the door is locked, no one else may enter.

See yourself as one of the bridesmaids, dozing in the stillness of night, only to be startled awake by the sudden trumpet blast and the cry: "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" Are you ready, today, to meet the Lord? Or do you, like the foolish virgins, presume you still have plenty of time left to prepare? This parable calls us not only to be ready for death—which may come without warning—but also to be attentive to the many ways Jesus comes to us daily by grace. He knocks at the door of our hearts in moments of prayer, in opportunities to love, to repent, to forgive, and to surrender. Each of these is a visitation, a miniature midnight cry. Every graced invitation is one we must be ready for, with our lamps burning and our hearts open. To delay, to resist, or to put Jesus off is to risk being shut out—not only from the eternal wedding feast, but also from the joy of His presence here and now.

Reflect today on the oil in your own lamp. Is it full and ready to burn brightly at a moment's notice? Have you been attentive to the daily promptings of grace, or have you grown spiritually drowsy, distracted by worldly cares? Ask the Lord to awaken your soul, to keep you vigilant and eager for His coming, whether at the end of your life or in the quiet moments of each day. Remain watchful and be prepared to follow Him in every moment of every day.

My Lord and Bridegroom of the Church, You call us to vigilance, so that when You come to us—whether by grace throughout the day or at the end of our lives—we may be ready to follow You into the wedding feast of Divine Union. Free me, I pray, from all complacency and spiritual sloth. Grant me instead the virtues of attentiveness and diligence, that I may respond to every graced moment with love and fidelity. May each response draw me into deeper communion with You, now and forever. Jesus, I trust in You.

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ADORATION

St. Mary - Melrose

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** *(Feast)*
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Tu **Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** *(Memorial)*
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Lk 17:7-10

We **Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop** *(Memorial)*
Ti 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19

Th **Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr** *(Memorial)*
Phlm 7-20 Lk 17:20-25

Fr USA: **Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin** *(Memorial)*
2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17:26-37

Sa **Weekday** *(BVM)*
3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 **or** 25:14-15, 19-21

CHURCH OF ST. MARY
Melrose Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE; Melrose, MN 56352
Meire Grove Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.; Meire Grove, MN 56352

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St. Mary – Melrose

Total	**$13,524.00**
Regular Adult Offering	10,364.00
Plate/Loose	1,072.00
Christmas	150.00
Thanksgiving	50.00
Designated Funds	1,888.00
Spring Hill	**$326.00**
Greenwald (Cemetery)	**$465.00**

St. Mary – Meire Grove

Total	**$2,379.50**
Regular Adult Offering	2,040.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	307.00
Votive	32.00

St. Mary's - Melrose Calendar Raffle

11-01	$75	Michael Schmidt, Melrose
11-02	$25	Charlie Rieland & Deb Klaphake, Melrose
11-03	$25	Susan Terres, Melrose
11-04	$50	Karla Wensman, Melrose
11-05	$25	Kathy Klasen, Melrose
11-06	$25	Dave Brang, Melrose
11-07	$25	Brad Johnson, Gina Harren & Maci Soennecker, Grey Eagle



Hospitality… Join us after all Masses November 14-15 for cookies, refreshments and fellowship in the gather space. Hope to see you there!

Thank You! A special thank you to the Melrose Fire Department for burning the brush pile at St. Mary's! A big thank you also goes to the Melrose City Public Works Department for helping remove a tree that was at risk of falling onto a public road. We greatly appreciate the hard work and support of our community partners!

St. Michael's Men's Society Breakfast on Sunday, November 22 from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm at the church in Spring Hill. Serving sausage, eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, and beverages. Adults $10. Children ages 6-12 tickets are sold at the door for $3. Extra tickets are available at Extra Innings and Horseshoe. We will also be having a bake sale!



The Winter Liturgical Ministry Schedule (November 28-February 10) will be created soon. Please enter any dates you are unavailable to serve in MSP and review your preferred Mass times. If you are willing to serve at either 5:00 pm or 9:30 am Mass, please select both times.

God's Housekeepers Schedules for Meire Grove are available in the church and on the website. Thank you to everyone who generously gives their time to keep our church clean and welcoming!



Liturgical Ministers (Sacristans, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, AV Ministers, Greeters, and Lectors): Please continue to sign up through MSP online to help with 5:00 pm Mass. Even if you aren't scheduled, please stop by the sacristy when you arrive to see if your help is needed.

Bounced Emails Each week, Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) sends automatic emails reminding ministers of their scheduled assignments or notifying them of available positions for the weekend. Some liturgical ministers with a meltel.net email address are not receiving these emails. If you have a meltel.net address, please check your spam folder and add sarah@clients.rotundasoftware.com as a safe sender. If you do not wish to receive automatic reminders, please let Sarah know so she can update your profile settings.

Special Collection Next weekend is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development special collection to help those working to end poverty in the United States. Please consider using your envelope (or one found in the church) to support this important campaign.

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance Thank you to everyone who helped with the All Souls Mass of Remembrance. It was a beautiful liturgy and a fitting way to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Special thanks to the youth and families who provided and served refreshments after Mass.



St. Mary's Calendar Raffle - Ticket sales are off to a great start! Tickets are $20 and 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 Thursday, December 31!

All Souls Book of Remembrance During November, you are invited to add the names of loved ones to our All Souls Book of Remembrance in the gathering space at St. Mary's. As we remember them, we give thanks for their lives and pray that God will welcome them into the fullness of eternal life. Praying for the dead is an expression of love and hope in Christ, who has conquered death. May our remembrance draw us closer to God and to all who have gone before us.

Accompanist The Saturday 5:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's is in need of an accompanist once or twice a month. If you have keyboard or guitar skills, we would welcome your help. Contact Sarah Woeste at 320-256-9516 for more information.



Annual Stewardship Appeal Our Annual Stewardship Appeal is underway! Fr. Mitchell has asked all parishioners to reflect on the blessings in their lives and complete and return a stewardship commitment card. If you have ideas for new areas of ministry or questions about an existing ministry, please contact the parish office at 320-256-4207. Completed cards may be placed in an envelope and added to the regular collection. A QR code is also provided for online submissions.

Matching Grant Calendar Raffle Drawing for Catholic United Financial #324 was held Sunday, November 1 at the Greenwald Pub with officers and some members present. Winners for Week 1 are listed below:

11/01	$50	Don Imdieke
11/02	$25	Jim Schmiesing
11/03	$25	Mike Van Beck
11/04	$25	Jayme Boecker
11/05	$25	Jason Barten
11/06	$50	Scott Rademacher

TRI-PARISH NEWS:
~Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima~

●**Seeking Committee Members** Fr. Dan wants to form a committee that will assist in the process of merging the three parish corporations of Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima into one corporation. He would like to have representatives from each of the three parish corporations in the process. If you are interested and would be willing to serve on this committee, please reach out to the Tri-Parish office 320-836-2143 no later than November 30, 2026.

●**Volunteers Needed:** We are seeking volunteers to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. Rose of Lima. This ministry is a meaningful opportunity to assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion during Mass. Training for this ministry will occur later this year. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Tri-Parish office at 320-836-2143. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important service to our parish community.

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

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Total …	**$7,985.33**
Regular Adult Offering ……	3,838.73
Plate …….	549.00
Building/Maintenance ..……..	10.00
School Support ……	35.00
All Souls Plate …..……..	70.60
All Saints Envelopes ……..	2,837.00
All Souls Envelopes ……	540.00
Thanksgiving ……...	100.00
Human Development …….	5.00

Parish Events

We	11/11	10:00 am	Lake Wobegon Walk
We	11/11	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	11/11	7:05 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	11/13	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	11/13	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	11/13	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sa	11/14	11:30 am	Wedding Prep
Sa	11/14	2:00 pm	Wilwerding/Kallock Wedding
Mo	11/16	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

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.

Lori Austing	October 21, 2025
David "Dave" Humbert	February 27, 2026
Trent Atkinson	March 6, 2026
Irene Roelike	April 19, 2026
Anne Marie Wolke	May 24, 2026
Lawrence "Max" Sand	June 2, 2026
Frances Fischer	July 1, 2026
Clara Michael	July 9, 2026
Thomas "Tom" Blommel	August 4, 2026
Dolores Notch	August 24, 2026
Dorothy Ann Van Heel	August 24, 2026
Richard Nienaber	September 19, 2026

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

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

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Total …	**$3,416.52**
Regular Adult Offering ……	1,136.92
Plate …….	644.00
Building/Maintenance …….	100.00
All Souls Plate ……	70.60
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes ……	10.00
All Saints Envelopes …….	1,295.00
All Souls Envelopes ……..	160.00

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.

Kade Feldewerd	October 19, 2025
Laura Mayers	December 28, 2025
Sandra "Sandy" Bushman	May 15, 2026
Donna Mae Halbert	May 22, 2026
Jerome Raeker	May 27, 2026
Richard "Rich" Hoppe	May 28, 2026
Hugo "Shorty" Massmann	May 30, 2026
Kenneth "Ken/Kenny" Bushman	June 6, 2026
Kathleen "Kathy" Ecker	August 7, 2026
Shirley Steinhofer	August 17, 2026

Parish Events

We	11/11	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr 1-6 – FR
We	11/11	7:05 pm	Faith Formation Gr 7-10 – FR
Sa	11/14	11:00 am	Baptism
Sa	11/14	11:30 am	Private Event
Sa	11/14	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Mo	11/16	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym



Harvest Supper Saturday, November 21 in the church basement. Serving from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Menu: Loin Chops, Potatoes (German & small red) Sauerkraut, Beans, Beverages & Desserts. Tickets: $15 – Adult, Ages 6-10 - $5, Age 5 and under Free. Parish Winter Raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds: Help meet on-going parish expenses. For additional information call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

Annual Church Cleaning was done on Tuesday, October 20 with around 15 men and women working hard. Lunch was served. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and energy to finish the job. Many thanks to all who helped with the day. Donations of $10 for those unable to help with the cleaning are still appreciated.

St. Ann's Christian Women Committee

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

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Total	**$2,377.68**
Regular Adult Offering	653.08
Plate	264.00
All Souls Plate	70.60
All Saints Envelopes	1,015.00
All Souls Envelopes	375.00

Christian Women News…

•**Thank You** The Christian Women would like to thank everyone that brought baked goods, volunteered to help and supported our fall bake sale held on Sunday, October 25! The generosity is greatly appreciated! We have a wonderful parish family and community, and it doesn't go unnoticed! Thank you!

•**Christmas Meeting and Party** will be Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm. Join us for a fun get together! $15 gift exchange!

Parish Events

We 11/11	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr 1-6 – FR
We 11/11	7:05 pm	Faith Formation Gr 7-10 – FR
Fr 11/13	7:30 pm	Rosary
Mo 11/16	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

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.

Joseph "Joe" Herges	January 2, 2026
Jeffrey "Jeff" Austing	January 7, 2026
Jeanette Zehrer	May 18, 2026
Eberhard "Eb" William Hinnenkamp	July 16, 2026
Helen Mary Hinnenkamp	August 7, 2026
Thomas "Tom" Stangler	September 26, 2026

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

•**Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 11, at 6:00 pm. **Reminder** that parents need to come into the office and pick up their children from the classroom.

•**Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 11, at 7:05 pm.

•**10th Grade Confirmation Retreat Save the Date:** Sunday, January 10, 2027. If there is a snowstorm, Sunday, January 17, 2027, is our backup date. Watch for more information.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

•**Next Class:** Wednesday, November 11, for grades 1, 3-12.

•**Elementary school students** will help pack candy for the Holiday Kick-Off. Thank you to Coborn's for supporting us with this service project. Parents are encouraged to attend!

•**Grades 6-8** will learn about the Ninth and Tenth Commandments: "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife" and "You shall not covet your neighbor's goods." The goal of this session is to help middle school youth celebrate the successes of others while recognizing and developing their own gifts and talents.

•**Grades 9-10** will focus on how sin negatively impacts our lives. This Life Night will help teens recognize the seriousness of sin and how it damages relationships. They will be challenged to turn away from sin and live in harmony with God and others.

•**Thank You** to our Confirmation students and families for providing refreshments following the All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance!

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Mt 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Tri-Parish Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org

•**Youth Night** Monday, November 16, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym in Freeport! Open to grades 9-12 from any parish!

•**Steubenville Youth Conference** Students going into grades 9-12 for the 2027/28 school year or are graduating this 2026/27 school year: You are invited to join us for the Steubenville Youth Conference in St. Paul, MN! This three-day journey (July 23-25, 2027) will be filled with inspiring talks by world renowned speakers, fellowship with other Catholic youth, Praise and Worship, Mass, and Adoration. Let's fill a bus and experience our Lord in a whole new way this summer! Please turn in your interest form and $50 deposit to the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport by Wednesday, November 11. For more information or an interest form, please contact the Tri-Parish Office or email faithformation@catholic-centered.org.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

•**Thank you** to all the parents and youth who participated in our Youth Group gathering on October 28! Everyone seemed to have a great time! Our next Youth Group gathering will be **Wednesday, December 30, from 6:30–8:00 PM**. We hope you can join us for more fun, food, and faith!

•**If you would like to help with Youth Ministry,** please contact Mark Kociemba at 612-430-2351 (cell phone) or 320-256-9051 (no texts, please).

•**Summer Camp Is Coming—Don't Miss Out!** Students currently in grades 5–8 are invited to join Youth Ministry for summer camp at Camp Cana in Missouri July 26-31, 2027! Only 13 spots are available on a first come, first-served basis. **If you would like to attend, please let Mark Kociemba know by November 20.** The first payment of $150 is due November 25, 2026. Contact Mark at faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com or text 612-430-2351.



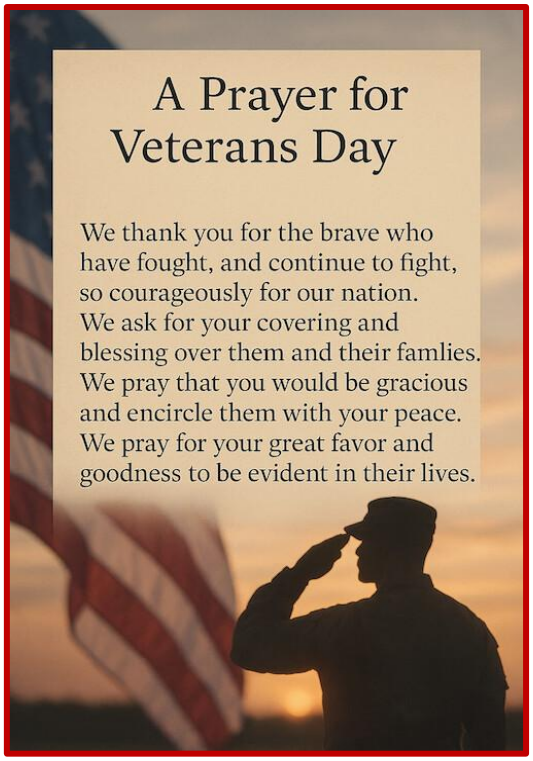
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Amy Van Beck
SHS BOARD:
Myranda Beuning, Bethanie Ettle, Ben Kalthoff, Mike Moscho, Lindsay Frieler, and Chris Klaphake
www.shsfreeport.org
School Phone: 320-836-2591
Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585

♥SHS **end of quarter** was Friday, November 6 and we will have conferences for the whole campus the week of November 9.
♥**No School** on Friday, November 13 and Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.
♥We will celebrate **Veterans Day** with a program at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, November 11 in the gym. All are welcome.
♥**Bishop Patrick Neary will be visiting** our campus on Wednesday, November 11 and celebrating Mass with us that morning.
♥**November Birthday dinner** is Thursday, November 12.
♥**Johnny Holm** is coming back to Freeport on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 27. Tickets are available in advance at school.

Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!

11/01	$40	Keith & Lucy Overman - Freeport
11/02	$40	Austin Overman - Sartell
11/03	$25	Jan Herzog - Melrose
11/04	$25	Jodi Maus - Melrose
11/05	$25	Charlene Theis - Freeport
11/06	$25	Darren Meehl - Foley
11/07	$25	Aric Dierkhising - Nevis



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
www.smsmelrosemn.org
School Phone: 320-256-4257

♦**Conferences** are on Tuesday, November 10, and Thursday, November 12, from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
♦St. Mary's and SJSA students will hold a **Veterans Day program** on Wednesday, November 11, at 8:30 am in the St. Mary's school gym. All are welcome!
♦**No School** on Friday, November 13.
♦St. Mary's School will celebrate its **Thanksgiving Mass** at 8:30 am on Monday, November 16. We will bring the non-perishable items we've collected for the Melrose Food Shelf to Mass. All are welcome to join us for Mass and bring items for the food shelf.
♦**WCEA Accreditation Process** St. Mary's School is dedicated to providing children with the best education possible, while guiding them to be well-rounded individuals whose foundation is rooted in the Catholic faith. One of the ways we maintain accountability is by undergoing the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) accreditation process. Accreditation is a process for determining the quality of a school's overall Catholic identity and educational program. It provides objective, outside validation that a school has met high standards and is actively pursuing a quality educational program. As part of this process, we recently completed a comprehensive, year-long self-study. Beyond highlighting our key strengths, this reflection helped us build a strategic roadmap to guide our instructional, operational, and financial decisions in the years ahead. A team of five educators will visit from November 16-18 to validate what we say we are doing and review our strategic plan to ensure we are addressing our challenges.

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●SJSA students will participate in the **Veterans Day Program** on Wednesday, November 11, at 8:30 am at St. Mary's School in Melrose.
●**We will hold parent-teacher conferences** on Thursday, November 12, from 2:45–7:00 pm. Please note that there will be no school on Friday, November 13.
●SJSA's **Ole & Lena's Pizzeria's, soup, pasta, dessert, and coffee sale** will run from Thursday, November 12, through Wednesday, December 2! Orders can be placed with any SJSA school family or by calling the school. Thank you for supporting our students and school through this delicious fundraiser!

Prayer Requests…

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

Banns of Matrimony:
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Mass of Unity November 14-15: Bishop Neary has asked all Catholics across the Diocese of Saint Cloud to join in prayer during a special Mass of Unity Weekend in each parish. As we continue the journey of All Things New, we pray for healing, reconciliation and unity within our parishes, our diocese and a world deeply in need of Christ's peace.

Natural Family Planning… A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, November 19 & December 17 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. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Advent Book Study Join us this Advent as we read Illuminate: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation by Fr. John Nepil. We will meet Wednesday nights, December 2 through 23, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the 3rd grade classroom at Sacred Heart School. Cost will be roughly $14 to cover the cost of the book. Please reach out to Amy Hoeschen 320-290-5088 ahoeschen@catholic-centered.org or Jessica Goebel jessicafinnegan@msn.com. All are welcome!

8th Annual Lake Wobegon Walk Remembering Our Martyrs: Fr. John Kaiser and Sister Adelaide Koetter
Come Walk with Deacon Jim & Fr. Tony Kroll on Wednesday, November 11

*10:00 am - Meet at Sacred Heart church basement, Freeport
*10:15 am - Begin introductions and prayer
*11:00 am - Gather at the Shrine of Sister Koetter in the cemetery with a sendoff to begin walking the Wobegon Trail carrying a cross. Car service is provided for those wishing to walk partway.
*2:00 pm - Arrive at the Parish of the Transfiguration, Seven Dolors Church, Albany for Pizza and beverages.

Low-Gluten Hosts are available for individuals who have 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.

Healing the Whole Person Retreat The Three Day Journey to Wholeness Join us on this journey to wholeness as we enter into the heart, face the pains and wounds within, and allow Christ's divine love to bring the healing we ardently desire on December 4-6 at Mount Carmel in Alexandria. There is the option to stay on site at Mount Carmel or commute. Commuter cost includes workbook and all meals for $80. On-site participate includes commuter benefits plus sleeping accommodations for $185. Late fee of $25 after Monday, November 23. What to expect? Video presentations from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT of the JPII Healing Center. Reflection and small group discussion. Prayer: Mass, Adoration, Confession led by Father Dan Ruprecht. Communal meals and fellowship. To experience Jesus in His mission of spiritual, emotional, and physical healing! Any questions please contact Cassie at 320-460-5325.

Public Rosary…

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



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

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

Greenwald
Thursday: 7:40 am

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

Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Saturday: 3:30 pm

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

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

November 8, Sunday
♦Melrose High School Fall Musical performing *"The Little Mermaid"* at Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center. The show is at 2:00 pm on Sunday. Reserved seating $12. Purchase tickets at isd740.org or call Audrey 320-256-5612.
♦All You Care to Eat Breakfast at Holy Spirit Church, St. Cloud. Serving from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Adults $12. Ages 5-12 $6 and children 4 and under are free.

November 13, Friday
♦Burger Night at the Melrose American Legion Post 101. Doors open at 3:00 pm. Serving from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Baskets starting at $10. Take-outs are available. Your support is very much appreciated!

November 14, Saturday
♦Annual Bake & Craft Sale at St. Anthony Church, St. Cloud from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

November 15, Sunday
♦All You Care to Eat Breakfast at St. Anthony Church Parish Center, St. Cloud. Serving from 8:00 – 12:00 pm. Adults $12. Grades 7-12 $6 and PreK-6 are free.
♦Annual Bake & Craft Sale at St. Anthony Church, St. Cloud from 7:30 am – 12:00 pm.
♦Fall Cash & Cards Bingo at St. Francis Xavier School Cafeteria, Sartell. Doors open at 12:30 pm. Bingo starts at 1:00 pm. $15 per card includes 24 games. 5 extra games on throw away cards. Snacks available.

November 19, Thursday
♦Freeport Senior Citizens Meeting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 cards and Bingo will be played.

November 21, Saturday
♦Harvest Supper at Immaculate Conception Church basement, New Munich, serving from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Adults $15, Ages 6-10 $5. Age 5 and under are free. Parish Winter Raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds go toward helping meet on-going parish expenses. For additional information please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

November 21 & 22, Saturday & Sunday
♦Christmas Craft & Bake Sale at Holy Spirit Church, St. Cloud from 9:00 am – 5:30 pm. Unique assortment of hand-crafted items and gifts.

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