



# 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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026

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

Melrose - Spring Hill -  
Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Office Phone: 320-256-4207

Fr. Mitchell Bechtold: 320-256-9512

mlbechtold@outlook.com

Fr. Oswaldo Roche: 320-256-9513

frosvaldo@stmarysofmelrose.com

Office Email: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com

Faith Formation: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

Website: www.oneinfaith.org

Facebook: Church of St. Mary, Melrose

Mailing Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE  
Melrose, MN 56352

Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Office Phone: 320-836-2143

Fr. Daniel Walz: frwalz@catholic-centered.org

Office Email: triparish@albanytel.com

Faith Formation: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org

Facebook: Tri Parish

Mailing Address: PO Box 155  
Freeport, MN 56331

### Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

### Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆Sundays 11:00 am St. Mary
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

### Marriage

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

\*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

### Baptism & OCIA

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

### Anointing of the Sick Homebound Communion

### Pastoral Visitation Joining/Leaving a Parish

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



## SPEAKING AND PROCLAIMING WITHOUT FEAR

*“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” Matthew 10:27-28*

When you pray, does God “whisper” to you? Do you sense His presence? Has He convicted your heart about Himself and all that He has revealed? Most likely He has, in His own silent way.

God rarely speaks to us in visions or by audibly hearing His voice. Though He has done so, as has been recorded in the lives of some saints, even if He did appear to you in that mystical way, this is not necessarily any better for your salvation and holiness than the ordinary way He usually speaks.

For most people, God comes in silent prayer, interior intuitions, and spiritual consolations. For example, one might be listening to a sermon and something jumps out, convicting one’s heart or inspiring with a supernatural insight or hope. God’s ordinary consoling activity in our lives must be “listened” to and responded to.

Listening to the Voice of God means we discern the eternal Truth He communicates to us, such as do this or avoid that, and we respond to Him. This is our conscience at work: “Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths” (*Gaudium et Spes* #16).

In today’s Gospel, when Jesus says, “What I say to you in the darkness...” and “what you hear whispered...” refers to God’s communication with us in that secret sanctuary of our conscience. Jesus says that His communication is not given only to us but must be spoken “in the light” and proclaimed “on the housetops.” While our faith is personal and intimate, it must also become communal by sharing it with others through our words and actions.

Sharing our faith can be difficult. We might fear offending another who is not living the Gospel. In addressing this fear, Jesus says, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” Fear should never deter us from sharing our faith.

Continued on page 6

**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JUNE 22 - 28**

**ADORATION**

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en español**  
 †Roberto Montanez  
 †Fernando Montanez  
 Tu 7:30 am †James Posch  
 We 7:30 am †Jeanette Barth  
 Th 7:30 am †Rita Feldewerd  
 Fr 7:30 am †Rita Feldewerd  
**Sa 4:00 pm Riverfest @ Sauk River Park**  
 †Sylvester & †Virginia Salzl  
 \*Su 9:00 am †Deceased/Living Members of the  
 Jerome & Mary Ann Butkowski Family  
 Su 11:30 am **Misa en Español**  
 †Sergio Hernandez

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Sa 4:00 pm †Edwin & Viola Meyer  
**St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa**  
 Su 10:00 am †Deceased/Living Members of  
 Lawrence Boecker Family

**St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 8:00 am †Benjamin Gruenes  
 Su 10:00 am For the People

**St. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am †Alcuin Illies  
 Sa 4:00 pm †Karlyann Boecker

**St. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †Monica Frierer  
 Su 8:00 am †Raphael & †Dolores Imdieke

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

**Sacred Heart - Freeport**

No Adoration  
 Friday, June 26



\*Mass will be livestreamed.  
 Visit: [oneinfaith.org](http://oneinfaith.org) for the YouTube link.

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

Tu 8:15 am †Roman & †Martha Vos  
 We 8:15 am †Irene Roelike  
 Th 8:15 am †Ben & Regina Von Wahlde Anniversary  
 Fr 8:15 am Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 Su 8:00 am For the People

**ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parish News:**

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

**Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Help:** If you haven't already registered your children for next year's Faith Formation classes, please do so as soon as possible. It's not too late! Registration forms are available. Anyone interested in helping with Faith Formation or Youth Ministry this year, please contact Mark Kociemba at [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com) or 320-256-4207 or stop by the parish office. Thank you!

**Changes to Our Mass Schedule** Effective Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Many of us have been waiting intently on the formal merger decree from the Bishop's office concerning our four parishes. While we do not yet have the decree in hand, I have been given permission to proceed with some of the next steps — including publishing our future Mass schedule. As our four parishes become one new Saint Mary's Parish, weekend Masses will be celebrated on our two campuses — Saint Mary's, Melrose and Saint John the Baptist, Meire Grove. Please know: no single schedule could please everyone, and every community is sacrificing something. This was carefully and prayerfully considered.

**Weekend Masses**

◆Saturday: 5:00 pm vigil (English) at St. John, Meire Grove\*

◆Sunday: 9:00 am (English) & 11:30 am (Spanish) at St. Mary, Melrose

**Weekday Masses**

◆Monday: No daily Mass

◆Tuesday: 6:30 pm (Spanish) at St. Mary, Melrose

◆Wednesday: 8:00 am at St. John, Meire Grove

◆Thursday: 8:00 am with the SJSA school

(June–Aug: St. Michael · Sept–May: St. Andrew)

◆Friday: 8:00 am at St. Mary, Melrose (8:30 am during the academic year, with St. Mary's school)

**At CURA Center (Nursing Home, Melrose)**

◆Saturday: 10:00 am\*\*

◆Tuesday: 10:00 am


**A Note on Mass Intentions:** This cherished custom of requesting Masses offered for the benefit of souls is an important and time-honored tradition. An updated Mass intention policy is currently being reviewed. Parishioners will be notified once the updated policy is approved and Masses can be requested again. Understandably, going forward, availability will be greatly reduced. There will be more information in the weeks to come, and I will continue to be available to answer any questions I can. Let us continue to pray for one another and this process. God bless. ~Fr. Mitchell

**Parish News:**


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

**July 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.

**Office Closures** The offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July.


**Prayer Requests for the Sick...** At the end of June, the prayer requests for the sick will be cleared out. If you would like to be added back to the payer list, please call one of the parish offices or email [bulletin@catholic-centered.org](mailto:bulletin@catholic-centered.org). 

**Riverfest Polka Mass** for more information about the Mass time and location please see Church of St. Mary section on page 3.

**Low Gluten Hosts** are available for individuals that have a gluten intolerance. Please note, these hosts still contain gluten, less than 0.001% gluten, and are not completely gluten free. If you would like to have more information about the low gluten hosts, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport or Melrose. When you are planning to have a low gluten host for Mass, it will be necessary to have the host within a pyx (the parish can provide a pyx) and placed upon the altar for consecration. You will need to let Father know that you are present prior to Mass, and that you will be in his Communion line. 

**Blessed are They Who? 2026 Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center** in Buffalo holds retreats throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com).

◆Men & Women's Summer Retreat - June 26-28 (Weekend)

**Golf for One In Faith Catholic Schools** The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23 at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. The event is a Best Ball Scramble with 100% of the proceeds from hole sponsorships, entry fees and donations to benefit the One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. John's/St. Andrew's. Save the date. More information to come. 


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

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

Total.....	\$11,290.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	9,635.00
Plate/Loose .....	1,183.00
Designated Funds .....	472.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

06-14	\$25	Mike & Linda B-Morton, Melrose
06-15	\$25	Liz Middendorf, Melrose
06-16	\$25	Lonnie & Judy Waldvogel, Melrose
06-17	\$25	Gail Schlicht, Melrose
06-18	\$25	Riley Klasen c/o Mike Klasen, Burtrum
06-19	\$25	Jim & Kathy Kerfeld, Sauk Centre
06-20	\$25	Jim & Carol Frericks, Melrose



**Baptized in Christ...** Reyna Cialy Hernandez Carrillo

**Parish Raffle Tickets** Only one week left! Be sure to get your Parish Raffle tickets now for a chance to win \$20,000.

**St. Mary's Ushers Meeting** Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's. Please contact Sarah Woeste in the office for more information 320-256-9516.

**Help Needed...** We are in need of at least four people to help Deacon Ernie set up the tent for Riverfest. He plans to be at the Sauk River Park at 11:00 am on Friday, June 26. Please contact the office if you can help.

**Riverfest Polka Mass** Please join us for the Riverfest Polka Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 27, in the Sauk River Park. Jerry & Joyce Band will begin playing music at 3:30 pm so come early! Please bring your own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be moved indoors at St. Mary's Church. Fr. Mitchell will make weather-related decisions by noon and communicate any changes through Evangelus and Facebook.

**Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!**

06/14	\$25	Ron Carlson - Swanville
06/15	\$25	Kara Rademacher - Freeport
06/16	\$25	Mary Hoeschen - Freeport
06/17	\$25	Janice Linn - Melrose
06/18	\$25	Marge Engelmeyer - Freeport
06/19	\$25	Ashley Herdering - Freeport
06/20	\$25	Jacob Wiechman - Freeport

**Sacred Heart Festival (Sunday, July 19) News:**

- Schedule of Events** The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am. Following the parade, there will be food, games, and entertainment. The theme for the parade is "250 Years of America." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email [freeportmnp parade@gmail.com](mailto:freeportmnp parade@gmail.com).
- Parish Festival Packets** Please pick up your packet by Monday, June 22. Packets not picked up by that date will be mailed out. All parishioners, college age and older, have a packet which includes raffle tickets for you to buy or sell as well as the worklist for the day of the festival. Please check the worklist carefully. Parishioners going into grade 7 through adult are scheduled to help with the annual festival. If you are unable to work your shift, please find a replacement or switch with someone.
- Raffle Tickets** All raffle tickets, sold and unsold, must be turned in and accounted for. Please be sure to return all your tickets and money. Thank you for your help!

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


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

Total.....	\$6,523.66
Regular Adult Offering .....	5,759.66
Plate .....	304.00
Votive .....	40.00
Building/Maintenance .....	70.00
School Support .....	50.00
Painting Project .....	300.00

**Parish Events**


Tu	06/23	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We	06/24	6:00 pm	Catholic United Financial Family Picnic
Fr	06/26	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	06/26		No Adoration
Fr	06/26	3:00 pm	Wedding Prep/Pictures
Fr	06/26	4:00 pm	Corsetti/Wensmann Wedding
Su	06/28	9:00 am	Baptism

**Wedding...** Congratulations to **Tyler & Maretta (Van Beck) Welle** who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, June 13. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.




**Baptized in Christ...** We welcome **Ellie Ann Herkenhoff**, the daughter of Loren & Abbie Herkenhoff, to our parish. Ellie Ann was baptized on Sunday, June 14.


**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will be starting back up June 21 and is offered during most Sunday Masses throughout the year. Children, pre-k through those preparing for First Holy Communion, are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy. For those who have received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we ask that they remain and are active participants in the Mass.



**Catholic United Financial Family Picnic** Sacred Heart PVT #101 will be hosting a Family Picnic on Wednesday, June 24 on parish grounds near the shed. Gather at 6:00 pm for refreshments, card-playing, games, etc. A Picnic lunch will begin at 6:30 pm. All Sacred Heart Catholic United members and their families are invited to attend. In case of uncooperative weather, the gathering will be held in the church basement.



**Help Needed: Children's Liturgy of the Word** We are looking for help with Children's Liturgy of the Word during weekend Masses. If you like working with children and sharing your faith with them, this could be the ministry for you. We need to have one confirmed member and one youth present during Children's Liturgy of the Word. Please contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in helping with this ministry.



**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,304.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,435.92
Plate .....	269.00
Building/Maintenance .....	100.00
Ascension .....	500.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$5,193.58
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,883.08
Plate .....	310.50

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$640.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	465.00
Children's .....	3.00
Plate/Loose .....	82.00
Maintenance Fund .....	90.00

**Parish Events**

- Tu 06/23 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg -SR
- Sa 06/27 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
- Tu 06/30 9:00 am Church Cleaning

**Parish Events**

- Su 06/21 11:00 am Baptism
- Tu 06/23 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg
- Fr 06/26 7:30 pm Rosary

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Sunday, June 28 - 10:00 am**

- (S) Lukas Kalthoff & Noah Terres
- (L) Darlene Schoenberg
- (U) Roger Meyer & Rick Terres
- (EM) (B) Karen Rademacher
- (EM) (C) Darlene Schoenberg  
Mark Schoenberg
- (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
- (HK: June 14-27)  
Joyce Meyer, Kim Meyer, & Linda Meyer

**Cash Raffle Winners** A list of the raffle winners from the parish's Raffle and More can be found on the Tri-Parish website and Facebook page. If you would like a copy of the winners, please contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.

**Annual Church Cleaning** Tuesday, June 30 beginning at 9:00 am. Lists are available indicating what needs to be done. Please bring a bucket and rags; cleaning supplies will be provided. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Those families who are unable to help clean are asked to donate \$10 toward the cost of the lunch and cleaning supplies. Thank you for helping to maintain our beautiful church. We welcome guys, gals, and students. Many hands make for less hard work.

*St. Ann's Christian Women Committee*

**Festival News:**

•We are Still Looking for a Third Couple to help with the church festival. If you would be able or willing to help please contact Elisha Kemper at 320-492-1229 or Jessica Lehner at 320-429-5060.

**Pink Cash Raffle Tickets**

St. Rose of Lima will be having the \$100 Pink Cash Raffle again this year. Tickets are available for pick up. We thank you in advance for all your participation and efforts in selling the chances.



**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**June 21, Sunday**

◆Annual Freeport Fire Department Ham Bar-B-Que Serving from 4:30 - 8:30 pm at the Freeport Community Center. \$15 a meal. Please help support our local fire department.

**June 23, 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. Experience evening prayer in the gentle rhythm of the Liturgy of the Hours (psalms, scripture and intercessions), with time for faith sharing in breakout groups. Please register in advance for the Zoom link at [ssnd.org/events/6-23-26/](https://ssnd.org/events/6-23-26/).

**June 26, Friday**

◆Taco Night at the American Legion Post 101 in Melrose. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Doors open at 3:00 pm. Take-outs available.

**June 28, Sunday**

◆St. Elizabeth Church Parish Festival - Brennyville Cty. Rd 22 & 125th Ave NE Foley, MN. Mass with Fr. Matthew Langager at 10:00 am. Stay for food, entertainment, gun raffle, quilt and misc. auction at 2:30 pm followed by the grand raffle at 4:00 pm.

**June 30, Tuesday**

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

a godly Father is:



- Faithful, to God and family.
- Able, to discern God's will in trying times and good times.
- Thankful, for all the joys and trials of life.
- Happy, no matter what the life brings.
- Enthusiastic, about a life lived with purpose.
- Righteous, rock-solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

For these things and so many more we praise God for our Fathers, this Father's Day and always.

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

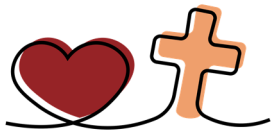
◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,852.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	390.00
EFT .....	1,300.00
Plate/Loose .....	102.00
Votives .....	10.00
Cemetery .....	35.00
Maintenance .....	15.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, June 27 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms  
 (L) Linda Heinze  
 (U) Eric Dehmer & Dan Eveslage  
 (GB) Eric & Sara Dehmer  
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter  
 (EM) (C) Mike Barten & Clarine Beier  
 (HK - June) \*Sandy Niehoff, Janice Nietfeld, Mary Opatrny, and Kristen Pattinson

**Catholic United Financial Refreshments...**  
 The Catholic United Financial Council would like to invite everyone for refreshments after the 4:00 pm Mass on June 27 outside the church. We appreciate all your support. *St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial Council #324*



**Prayer Requests...**  
 Please call the parish office to be added to this list.

**Banns of Matrimony:**  
 III Tawny Corsetti♥Kristopher Wensmann, 6-26 FR

**For the Sick:** Cali Dickhoff, Ken VanderWeyst, Pat Bushman, Dolores Notch, Bethany Downs, Joyce Klaphake Hauser, Lyle Gross, Dorothy Schneider, Len Frieze, Fr. Roger Klassen, Michelle Russel

**Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

Sacred Heart:  
*Judy Caveny* 320-248-8830

Immaculate Conception:  
*Bernice Zink* 320-837-5321

St. Rose of Lima:  
*Kayla Harren* 320-333-8461

St. Michael:  
*Sharon Schulzetenberg* 320-248-7702

St. Mary's 320-256-3878

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$2,235.26
Regular Adult Offering.....	900.00
EFT .....	140.00
Children's .....	0.50
Plate/Loose .....	124.00
Votives .....	28.00
MG Coop Div. ....	1,042.76

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, June 28 - 8:00 am**

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk  
 (L) Missy Illies  
 (U) John Primus & Ray Primus  
 (GB) Anthony & Sheri Luetmer  
 (EM) Char Meyer, Dan Meyer, Karl Meyer, & Sue Meyer  
 (HK - June) \*Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, and Geri Meyer

**Mass Time Changes/Ministries** If the change in Mass time affects your ability to continue serving in your current ministry or ministries—whether partially or entirely—please contact the parish office and let us know. We are grateful for your ministry and appreciate your communication.

**Thank You's:**

- We would like to thank both **Juliann Heller and Rita Meyer** for all of their years of providing Faith Formation, religious retreats and spiritual guidance for all of our youth in our area churches. Their work was very appreciated and we are grateful.
- Also, a big shout out to **Fr. Oswaldo** for the many Masses he has provided us with, his fantastic sense of humor during his homilies, and most especially God's love that he has shared during his stay with us. We wish him all the best in his new assignment!

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

**Habrá Adoración al Santísimo** cada Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

*"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."*  
 Matthew 10:32

Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

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

**St. Mary, Melrose**

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

**Sacred Heart, Freeport**

- Tuesday: 7:45 am
- Wednesday: 7:45 am
- Thursday: 7:45 am
- Friday: 7:45 am
- Sunday: 7:30 am

**Immaculate Conception, New Munich**

- Saturday: 3:30 pm

**St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa**

- Friday: 7:30 pm
- Sunday: 9:30 am

**St. Michael, Spring Hill**

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

**St. Andrew, Greenwald**

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

**St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove**

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

## FAITH FORMATION

### Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: [faithformation@catholic-centered.org](mailto:faithformation@catholic-centered.org)

- **Faith Formation Registration:** The deadline for Faith Formation Registration was May 15. All registration forms handed in after May 15 are now required to pay the “After May 15” price. Call or email the Tri-Parish Office if you need to set up a payment plan.

### Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.org](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.org)

- **Thank You** I want to thank all of you for your warm welcome this past weekend. I look forward to seeing and working with all of you as we bring our youth closer to Christ. We will be using a new program this year called Life Teen. The Edge Program is for our

youth in grades 6-8 and Life Teen is for grades 9-12. We will be using the Finding God Series from Ignatius Press for youth in grades 1, 3rd -5th.

- **Registration for Faith Formation:** If you haven't already registered your children for next year's Faith Formation classes, please do so as soon as possible. It's not too late! Registration forms are available. You can find the forms in the kiosks and on the Faith Formation Table. We need to know how many youth are planning to attend so that we can purchase materials for our youth.
- **Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Help:** If you are interested in helping with Faith Formation or Youth Ministry this year, please contact Mark Kociemba at [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com) or 320-256-4207 or stop by the parish office. Thank you! Please consider if God is calling you to help. Training will be provided.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



**PASTOR:** Fr. Dan Walz  
**PRINCIPAL:** Kristie Harren  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**  
 Amy Van Beck  
**SHS BOARD:**  
 Myranda Beuning, Bethanie Ettl,  
 Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle,  
 Lindsay Frieler, and Chris Klaphake  
[www.shsfreeport.org](http://www.shsfreeport.org) School Phone: 320-836-2591  
 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



**PASTOR:** Fr. Mitchell Bechtold  
**PRINCIPAL:** Autumn Nelson  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**  
 Briana Worms  
**SMS BOARD:**  
 Jenn Lubarski, Cindy Hemmesch,  
 Jake Primus, Becky Hukriede,  
 Lindsey Gruber, and Greta Rademacher  
 Phone: 320-256-4257  
[www.smsmelrosemn.org](http://www.smsmelrosemn.org)



**PASTOR:** Fr. Mitchell Bechtold  
**PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**  
 Kristen Pattinson  
**SJSJ BOARD:**  
 Amber Bueckers, Kathy Gilk, Adam  
 Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Heidi Meyer,  
 Trista Roelike, and Jenny Wilson  
 Phone: 320-987-3133  
[www.sjsjaschool.org](http://www.sjsjaschool.org)

♥ **Report Card/End of Year Folder** Parents, please stop in at school to pick up your report card/end of year folder for your family. Summer care is open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm to make it convenient to pick up during those times. The envelopes are near the front entrance of the school in the entryway.

♥ **The school office will be open periodically** throughout the summer. If you need something, please send a fast direct message. Or call the office at 320-836-2591.

♥ **Save the Date:** The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23! Proceeds benefit One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools.

♦ **If you need to contact the school** over the summer, email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org) or call 320-256-4257 and leave a message.

♦ **Save the Date:** The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23! Proceeds benefit One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools.

♦ **There are still openings** for prospective 2026-2027 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call 320-256-4257, email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org), or visit our school website [smsmelrosemn.org](http://smsmelrosemn.org).

♦ **Summer Office Hours** will vary. Please call the school office at 320-987-3133 with any questions.

♦ **Save the Date:** The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23! Proceeds benefit One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools.



## SPEAKING AND PROCLAIMING WITHOUT FEAR cont.'d from pg 1

When we live our faith openly and share it charitably and unhindered, others will react. Some will joyfully receive our shared faith, but others will not. Among good-hearted Catholics, when the faith we share with others is not received well, we often second-guess ourselves. We become sensitive to the negative reaction, which easily leads to worry and fear. Such fear must be overcome with love and holy sorrow if we are to fulfill Jesus' loving command.

One way to do so is to regularly align ourselves with God's command rather than the fear inflicted upon us by the evil one. The one who can "destroy both soul and body in Gehenna" ultimately refers to God's just judgment, which we must ponder with the spiritual gift of Fear of the Lord.

This holy fear is not a fear of punishment alone but a deep belief in and reverence for God's justice and truth. It is the kind of fear that compels us to remain faithful, seeking to serve God above all else, and courageously and confidently sharing our personal faith with others as the greatest act of love we can offer.

A well-formed conscience, guided by the truth of the Gospel, gives us the confidence to speak with clarity and charity. It allows us to discern when and how to proclaim God's truth in a way that draws souls to Him. If we remain open to His voice and are willing to proclaim what He whispers in our hearts, we will become true witnesses to Christ, bringing His light into a world in desperate need of Him.

Reflect today on the inner Voice of God, echoing in the depths of your conscience. Do you hear Him and respond to His Voice? If so, then do not be afraid to share your knowledge of God freely and charitably with others. Foster, instead, a holy fear that drives you to greater fidelity to God and the charity of sharing His love with others.

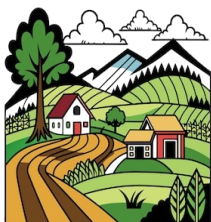
*Lord of perfect justice, You speak to us, day and night, revealing Your love and Truth to our souls in the depths of our consciences.  
 Please help me to listen and to respond to You so that I can also courageously share Your love with others, without fear.  
 Jesus, I trust in You.*

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

**MCCL's Annual Life Leadership Camp** For the first time, we're offering a pro-life summer camp for middle school students. Our camp for middle school students will take place August 9-12 at the same location and is open to students who will enter grades 6-8 in the fall. Each Life Leadership Camp offers impactful pro-life education, compelling guest speakers, engaging activities, and outdoor fun with fellow students from across the state. This event is sponsored by the Sauk Centre Chapter of MCCL for students in our Area Catholic Communities. Learn more and register at [mccl.org/camp](http://mccl.org/camp) and call Mary Reuter at 320-250-9904.

**Catholic Century Farm and Rural Business Awards**

The diocese is seeking applications for the annual **Catholic Century Farm Awards** and nominations for the **Rural Business Award**. If you know of a family who has been working the same land for 100 years or more, or a Catholic business-owner in the diocese who lives out their Catholic faith in how they run their business, please visit the Rural Life section of the Social Concerns website for requirements and application/nomination forms: <https://stedio.org/rural-life> or reach out to [JoAnn.Braegelman@gw.stedio.org](mailto:JoAnn.Braegelman@gw.stedio.org) with questions. Application and nomination forms for both the Catholic Century Farm and Rural Business Awards are due Wednesday, July 1.



**Discernment Retreat July 28 - 30** Come and discover tools to help you discern God's Will for your life. This retreat is for young men and women entering 7th grade and up. At St. Mary's, Milaca 645 - 3rd Avenue SE, Milaca. Cost is \$50. Boys and girls entering grades 4-6 are invited to join the group on Thursday, July 30 at 12:00 noon for lunch. Concluding with Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by a Family Potluck Meal. Cost for 4-6 graders is \$15. For more information and for all grades to register, visit [www.fourpillarsinfaith.org](http://www.fourpillarsinfaith.org). Please call St. Mary's, Milaca at 320-983-3255 with any questions.

**Care for Creation** A reminder that the diocesan Care for Creation guide is available to guide homes, parishes and schools in living out one of Bishop Neary's priorities. Find it online at <https://stedio.org/care-for-creation> or contact [Kateri.Mancini@gw.stedio.org](mailto:Kateri.Mancini@gw.stedio.org) for copies or help implement it into your community.

**Save the Dates:**

♦**Holy Family Mini Fest 2026** Join us this summer (August 13—16) for a different kind of great Minnesota get-together! Come experience the beauty and wonder of God alongside fellow Catholics at the historical Holy Family Catholic Church and Belle Prairie Park along the Mississippi River just north of Little Falls, MN. Space is limited to

350 people. Register early as it will fill up. Earlybird Family Registration \$250; after June 30 registration is \$300. For more information call/text Kimberly at 320-247-2293 or [holyfamilyland@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyland@gmail.com) or [www.holyfamilyland.org](http://www.holyfamilyland.org).

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

**My Catholic Will: Plan with Faith, Live with Mercy** The Diocese of St. Cloud invites you to take part in a diocesan initiative to help Catholics prepare for the future with confidence and care. Through a partnership with [MyCatholicWill.com](http://MyCatholicWill.com), the Diocese of Saint Cloud is offering free access to a trusted online platform where you can:

- Create a Last Will and Testament
- Express final wishes consistent with Catholic teaching
- Consider a bequest to your parish or diocesan ministries

This is a simple and meaningful way to care for your loved ones and live out our call to stewardship. For more information, visit [MyCatholicWill.com/STCDIO](http://MyCatholicWill.com/STCDIO).

**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](http://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 weekend is June 27-29.



**Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit [www.stedio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stedio.org/annualappeal).

**Come and Follow Me...** Have you ever encountered someone that has made you say, "I want to be like that"? Someone who, not only talks the talk but walks the faith every day? **CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA** is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for September 18-20, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.



**The Scriptures This Week**  
Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

<b>Mo</b>	<b>Weekday</b> ( <i>Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fischer, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs</i> ) 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18	Mt 7:1-5
<b>Tu</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36	Mt 7:6, 12-14
<b>We</b>	<b>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</b> ( <i>Solemnity</i> ) <b>Vigil:</b> Jer 1:4-10      1 Pt 1:8-12      Lk 1:5-17 <b>Day:</b> Is 49:1-6      Acts 13:22-26      Lk 1:57-66, 80	
<b>Th</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 2 Kgs 24:8-17	Mt 7:21-29
<b>Fr</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 2 Kgs 25:1-12	Mt 8:1-4
<b>Sa</b>	<b>Weekday</b> ( <i>Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM</i> ) Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19	Mt 8:5-17
	<b>Next Sunday - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a      Rom 6:3-4, 8-11      Mt 10:37-42	



**KRAEMER Heating & A/C LLC**  
"We're Family, Not A Franchise"

"Services adaptable to your needs"

**WealthCare Inc.**  
Bookkeeping • Payroll • Tax Advisory • Insurance  
www.wealthcare-inc.com

Eden Valley Cold Spring Melrose  
101 Stearns Ave. E. 210 Main Street 306 E Main St.  
Eden Valley, MN 56229 Cold Spring, MN 56202 Melrose, MN 56352  
(320) 453-7070 (320) 685-7070 (320) 256-7070

**PATTON & SCHAD**  
FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES  
Honoring Life's Memories

256-4249  
Linda Holm, owner/operator

Paul Kollmann Monument  
(320) 363-4571  
25% off per 1 transaction  
Top Quality Products / Please contact me for free Consultations  
Competitive & transparent pricing  
paulkollmann.com

"Customer Service Is Our Priority"

**FREEMPORT STATE BANK**  
Freeport • Melrose • Greenwald

Freeport 836-2126  
Melrose 256-7208  
Greenwald 987-2265

www.freeportstatebank.com

**ST. ROSA LUMBER INC. ARNZEN CONSTRUCTION, INC.**  
AGRICULTURE • COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL

Residential - Commerical - Agricultural  
320-836-2284 | 29033 Co. Rd. 17, Freeport

**RJ's Country Store**  
St. Rosa

BAIT \* GAS \* ATM  
GROCERIES

**Creekside WOODWORKS LLC**

CABINETS • TRIM • FURNITURE

**ADVERTISE HERE**

Building Relationships Since 1958

BEHIND EVERY PROJECT IS A **True Value.**

**KRAEMER LUMBER CO., INC.**

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**Freeport Lions Club**

BAR BINGO / MEAT RAFFLE  
Saturdays November - March

Freeport MN Lions Club

**BILL KEMPER EXCAVATING**

BASEMENTS - WATER INES - SEPTIC SYSTEMS - EXCAVATING - PERC TEST & DESIGN - GRAVEL - SEWER & WATER

320-256-3982  
320-250-2068

**YOUR TRUSTED INSURANCE TEAM**

Call for a bundle quote today!

Kyle Holm, Agent  
Kyle Holm Agency LLC

6201 256-3494  
408 E Main St Ste 2  
Melrose, MN 56352

HOME | AUTO | LIFE | BUSINESS | FARM & RANCH

**AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE**

Insure carefully, dream fearlessly.

Visit My Website

**ALL STARS Sports Bar & Grill**

320-836-2154

**Hoeschen Auto**  
Complete Auto Repair Specialists  
Dan Hoeschen, Owner • 320-836-2130

In business since 1980

MICHELIN UNIROVAL BFGoodrich and many other brands!

**Spanier/Nathe Cabinets**

Custom Made Cabinets for your whole house

Mike Nathe cell: 320-290-0505  
35428 County Road 13 • Melrose, MN 56352  
320-256-3985

**MAGNIFI FINANCIAL**

**FREEMPORT COMMUNITY CENTER**

FOR HALL RENTAL CALL  
320-836-2526

**TREE WORKS**

Nolan Sand  
Melrose, MN  
320-429-0606

**Klaphake FEED MILL INC.**

MELROSE, MN  
Proud to be a part of the Ag Industry

**Oak Electric Service Inc.**

THOMAS HOPPE  
36484 300th Ave. Melrose, MN 56352  
320-837-5853

**Hennen Floor Covering, Inc.**

**FREEMPORT**

**Munson Feed Company, Inc.** Manufacturers of

Box 184, Melrose, MN 56352  
Pete Jr., Mike, Josh Terres and employees

**Munson's QUALITY**

Livestock and Poultry Feeds

**Business Phone 256-4219**

**revermann lund ross**

Estate Planning | Probate | Business  
Real Estate | Employment

Melrose 320.256.4205  
Waite Park 320.258.9383  
rirlgal.com

**WHEELS WATER SERVICE**

37276 County Road 13  
PO Box 233 | Melrose, MN 56352  
320-256-4146  
JAMMIE WIELING

**Independent Monument Consultant**

Courtney Indieke

320-293-6518  
courtneyindieke@gmail.com

• Licensed Electrical Contracting  
• Bonded Free Estimates  
• Insured

**MELROSE ELECTRIC, INC.**  
MEMBER OF MINNESOTA ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION

119 8th Ave. W (320) 256-3846  
PO Box 234 (320) 256-7359  
Melrose, MN 56352 Fax (320) 256-4240

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**MELROSE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**  
"Neighbor helping Neighbor since 1901"

Stacy Schiffler, Manager  
303 Main Street East  
Melrose, MN 56352

256-7290  
www.melrosemutual.com

**MELROSE IMPLEMENT INC.**

**NEW HOLLAND AGRICULTURE**

Sales - Parts - Service  
Phone 256-4253 - Melrose, MN  
www.melroseimplement.com

**Tree of Life ASSISTED LIVING OF NEW MUNICH**

Offers 24-hour customized assisted living, private rooms, activities, and adult daycare.

Call 320-837-5100 for a tour.

**WORMS Lumber & Ready Mix, Inc.**

All your building needs in one place!

**Atkinson Well & Pump Ltd.**

"Serving you since 1942"  
Service you can count on 365 days a year  
(320) 836-2597

Rodney Atkinson  
Ben Atkinson

**BELGRADE CO-OP**

**AGRONOMY PROPANE REFINED FUELS**

Office locations in Belgrade & Melrose 320-254-8231

DAN SCHMIDT PRINTING AND DESIGN SERVICES SINCE 1985

**DSPI PRINTING, INC.**

302 East Main Street Melrose, MN 56352  
320.256.3700  
dsprint@meltel.net

**RAHN'S OIL & PROPANE**

**FUEL WITH MUSCLE**

God Bless our Parish Families!

**Cornerstone ag services**

Our focus is crop insurance.

~ Dana Kerfeld ~  
5 Central Ave. N • St. Stephen, MN 56375  
(320) 257-CROP (2767)

Cornerstone ag services Our focus is crop insurance.

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**MAYERS, INC. MELROSE, MN**

256-4479

Excavating, Water, Sewers, Site Prep., Basements, Sand, Gravel

For All Your Building Needs

**Freericks Construction Inc.**  
Melrose, MN  
Lic. #BC-20457080

Jim Russell  
249-7404 290-5669

**MELROSE 1 STOP**

**SERVICE CENTER**

**CAR WASH TRUCK WASH**

God Bless America!

**Hamo feeds**

Welcome HOME to Brenny

Your TRUCKING Career starts HERE!

Call Cara!  
320.363.6999  
WWW.BRENNYTRANSPORTATION.COM

**Hennen LUMBER CO. INC.**

Freeport, MN 56331  
(320) 836-2135

**MARTINEZ MEAT & GROCERY**  
420 E. Main St. - Melrose, MN  
lulumartinezmeat123@gmail.com

320.256.2363  
Productos Mexicanos  
fax: 320.256.2364

**Engelmeyer LAND SURVEYING**

Land Surveying • GPS Surveys  
Plotting • Sub-Division  
Lot • Acreage • Boundary • ALTA Surveys

320-836-2291  
Or Call 320-256-7298

www.engelmeyerslandsurveying.com  
David A. Engelmeyer, Land Surveyor  
engelsur@meltel.net | 41701 Co Rd 167 • Melrose

Brenda Kraemer Member Advisor

- Insurance bkraemer@catholicunited.org
- Retirement (320) 493-3957
- Planning
- Charitable Giving Catholic United Financial
- Credit Union

**CAP Enterprises**

511 3rd Ave SW  
Melrose, MN 56352  
320-256-3900