ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of:

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time **October 25, 2026**

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

Melrose Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Facebook: Tri Parish
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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 Eternal Law of Love



When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, *"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"* Matthew 22:34-36

The Law of Moses, found in the Torah—the first five books of our Old Testament—is traditionally said to contain 613 commandments: 248 positive ("dos") and 365 negative ("don'ts"). Among these laws, there was a longstanding debate among the rabbis about which commandment was the greatest. Therefore, though the Pharisee who posed this question to Jesus was testing Him, it was also likely a sincere inquiry.

Jesus certainly perceived the testing nature of the question, but He also recognized the genuine desire for truth. In response, He gently and directly offered a comprehensive answer, presenting a twofold summary that encompasses the entire Law and the prophets: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

These two commandments do more than summarize the Law and the prophets, they also encapsulate the essence of the petitions in the Lord's Prayer. Once we acknowledge God as our Father, we pray, "Hallowed be Thy name" and "Thy Kingdom come." These are the highest petitions we can make.

To hallow God's name is to give Him His due. God is thrice holy—holy, holy, holy. Our greatest duty is to hallow His name and His very being by magnifying and glorifying Him. This is the highest way to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind.

In this life, we also turn to God in other ways. We ask for the grace to do His will, for His providential care, and for mercy and forgiveness. We pray to overcome trials and to be kept safe from the evil one. Each of these petitions, found in the Lord's Prayer, is essential and finds expression throughout the Torah and the New Testament. Yet in the end, every petition we make must ultimately lead to the highest commandment: to hallow God's name—to love

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1

ST. MARY - MELROSE

Tu	6:30 pm	**Misa en español (Melrose)** †Francis "Frank" Hughes
We	8:00 am	†Clarence Schaefer (Meire Grove)
Th	8:00 am	**SJSA School Mass (Greenwald)** †Deceased Relatives of Ervin & Cecilia Bauer
*Fr	8:30 am	**SM School Mass (Melrose)** †Deceased Employees & Friends of St. Mary's School
Sa	5:00 pm	†Francis Meyer (Melrose)
Su	7:30 am	†Margaret Thull (Meire Grove)
*Su	9:30 am	†Deceased/Living Members of the Victor & Florence Middendorf Family (Melrose)
Su	12:00 pm	**Misa en Español (Melrose)** Por el Pueblo

SACRED HEART - FREEPORT

Tu	8:15 am	†Frances Fischer
We	8:15 am	**SH School Mass** †Lori Scherping
Th	8:15 am	†Kathleen "Kathy" Ecker
Fr	8:15 am	†Dolores Notch
Su	8:00 am	For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH

Sa	4:00 pm	†Deceased/Living Members of Immaculate Conception Catholic United Financial

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA

Su	10:00 am	†Deceased/Living Members of the Al & Rose Wiechman Family

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

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Him with all we are—not merely because of what He does for us, but because of who He is. He is worthy of our love for His own sake, and it is our highest duty to offer Him that love.

In Heaven, many of the commandments and petitions we now make will cease. We will not ask for forgiveness, since we will be purified and sin no more. We will not pray for daily bread—pointing to the Sacraments and God's temporal care—because we will enter the eternal Banquet. Nor will we ask for strength to endure or receive protection from the evil one, because all trials will have been conquered in Christ. But we will eternally fulfill the greatest commandment and the first petition of the Lord's Prayer by forever hallowing God's name, crying out "holy, holy, holy," and loving Him with a purified and perfected love.

Likewise, the second greatest commandment will also be fulfilled in Heaven, just as the second petition of the Lord's Prayer—"Thy Kingdom come"—is fulfilled. The coming of God's Kingdom is our eternal participation in His glory and holiness, united with all our "neighbors"—the angels and saints. Our love of God will overflow into love of neighbor, and our love for one another will reflect and participate in our perfected love for God.

Reflect today on the inseparable bond between love of God and love of neighbor, and the eternal nature of these commandments. Does your life bear witness to these two great commands? Does your daily prayer arise from and lead to this twofold love? Hallow God's name not only with your lips, but also with your heart, soul, and mind. Allow that love to overflow to all people—especially those hardest to love—so that you show them the dignity and charity due to your neighbor, in anticipation of expressing that love forever in Heaven.

Lord of Heaven and earth, I thank You for Your holy commandments. I pray that I may live each one with full fidelity. Help me to hallow Your name in all things, to seek Your Kingdom above all, and to love all people with the love You have for them. May I see these commands, not as a burden, but the joy and direction of my life. 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 **Weekday**
Eph 4:32--5:8 Lk 13:10-17

Tu **Weekday**
Eph 5:21-33 Lk 13:18-21

We **Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles** *(Feast)*
Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16

Th **Weekday**
Eph 6:10-20 Lk 13:31-35

Fr **Weekday**
Phil 1:1-11 Lk 14:1-6

Sa **Weekday** *(BVM)*
Phil 1:18b-26 Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday – All Saints *(Solemnity)*
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

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	**$16,945.00**
Regular Adult Offering	9,289.00
Plate/Loose	1,339.00
Designated Funds	6,317.00
Spring Hill	**$672.00**
Greenwald	**$108.00**

St. Mary – Meire Grove

Total	**$2,052.50**
Regular Adult Offering	1,505.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	227.00
Designated	320.00

St. Mary's - Melrose Calendar Raffle

10-18	$25	Melvin Notch, Melrose
10-19	$25	Adam & Becky Fiedler, Melrose
10-20	$25	Tim & Beth Koshenina, Melrose
10-21	$50	Pedro Hernandez, Melrose
10-22	$25	Glenn & Doris Winter, Melrose
10-23	$25	Evelyn Elfering, Melrose
10-24	$25	Mary Klaphake, Melrose



Died in the Hope of Resurrection…
†Roselyn M. "Rose" Matchinsky, 86

Save the Dates:

♦***Spring Hill Annual Worn-A-Bit Rummage and Bake Sale*** is Sunday, October 25 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Sunday will be $2 a bag) in St. Michael's church basement. Lunch is available.

♦***St. Mary's Christian Women Dues Collection & Craft Sale*** - November 14 & 15.

The October Staff Newsletter was sent out on the Evangelus app last week. It is also available in the kiosks, at the parish office, or on our website. Please take a moment to read the updates from the office.

The Outdoor Water for the church grounds and cemetery has been turned off for the season.



Fill the Truck: This Weekend! The St. Mary's Parish Life Committee invites everyone to help stock the Melrose Area Food Shelf! Before and after Masses this weekend, October 24 & 25, drop off donations at the designated vehicle in each church parking lot. Most-needed items: Rice, dried beans, canned vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, pasta, soap, shampoo, diapers (sizes 1–6), and baby wipes. Every donation makes a difference! Thank you for helping us fill the trucks and support families in our community!

Choir Rehearsal for the All Souls Day Mass will be on Monday, October 26, at 5:45 pm at St. Mary's. All are welcome to participate.

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.



All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance will be held at St. Mary's in Melrose on Monday, November 2, at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. During Mass, there will be a special time of remembrance for members of our four parishes who have died in the past year. Their names will be read, and their photos will be displayed on the screens. Refreshments will be served following Mass.

Ministry Highlights will be featured in the weeks leading up to our Fall Stewardship Appeal. For more information about these or other ministries, please contact Sarah Woeste at 320-256-9516.

- **Greeters** are called to be the face of Christ for all who enter the doors of the church, and to create a welcoming environment that fosters community in the gathered assembly.
- **Ushers** help maintain a dignified and orderly environment during Mass. They assist with seating, taking up the collection, directing the Communion procession, and distributing bulletins.
- **Audio Visual Ministry** includes three areas: screens, sound, and video. This is a great ministry for youth and families! The Audio Visual Team helps the assembly participate fully in Mass by operating the screens, adjusting sound levels, and livestreaming or recording Mass.

October is Respect Life Month Help us celebrate the gift of life by supporting mothers and babies served by Options for Women in Sauk Centre. Donation bassinets remain available at St. Mary's and St. John's churches throughout October. Items most needed: Baby and toddler clothing (3 months–4T), Enfamil formula, diapers (especially sizes 5 and 6), baby healthcare items, Pack 'n Plays, and new car seats. Clothing may be new or gently used. Monetary gifts are also appreciated, with envelopes available near the bassinets. Please keep the families and staff of Options for Women in your prayers. Thank you for putting your faith into action through your generosity!





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

●**All Souls' Remembrance** St. John's Abbey has invited our parishes to submit names of deceased loved ones as part of their All Souls' Remembrance ministry. In the entry of our parishes, there is a sign-up sheet to add deceased loved ones' names. We will collect these names through Wednesday, October 28 and submit them to St. John's for them to pray for these individuals during the month of November.

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

●**Food Shelf Collection** The Tri-Parish Youth will NOT be trick or treating for the food shelf this year, however, there are totes set up in the churches for you to drop off food donations. If you prefer to make cash donations, they can be dropped off at the Tri-Parish Office or in the Sunday collection. Please drop off all donations by Saturday, October 31. Thank you for supporting this cause.

●**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	**$6,988.96**
Regular Adult Offering	6,235.46
Plate	424.00
Votive	89.50
World Mission Sunday	240.00

Parish Events

Mo 10/26	6:00 pm	Youth Night at Fall Farm Fest Van Beck Ranch
Tu 10/27	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - NM
We 10/28	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We 10/28	7:05 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr 10/30	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr 10/30	9:00 am	Adoration
Su 11/01	9:00 am	Catholic United Financial Social
Mo 11/02	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

May She Rest in Peace… Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Helen Munsterteiger**, who passed away Saturday, October 17. Her funeral was celebrated here on Friday, October 23.

Baptized in Christ… We welcome **Acre John Herkenhoff** the son of Isaac & Cassie Herkenhoff, to our parish. Acre John was baptized on Sunday, October 18.

Social… Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial #101 will be Serving Rolls and Beverages after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 1. All are welcome to come down and enjoy!

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the military remembrance candle by the votive stand. There are also other candles available to be sponsored for the upcoming months. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is $16.

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

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Total	**$3,413.67**
Regular Adult Offering	2,106.92
Plate	473.00
Votive	153.75
Building/Maintenance	125.00
World Mission Sunday	120.00
SHS Endowment	125.00
Cash Bazaar	310.00

Parish Events

Mo 10/26	6:00 pm	Youth Night at Fall Farm Fest Van Beck Ranch
Tu 10/27	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
We 10/28	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr 1-6 – FR
We 10/28	7:05 pm	Faith Formation Gr 7-10 – FR
Sa 10/31	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Mo 11/02	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

Baptized in Christ… We welcome **Henry Luke Zink,** the son of Luke & Angeline Zink, to our parish. Henry Luke was baptized on Sunday, October 18.

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

Banns of Matrimony:
I Natalie Wilwerding♥Casey Kallock, 11/14 - FR

For the Sick: Pat Bushman, Carol, Bethany Downs, Cali Dickhoff, Dorothy Schneider, Joyce Klaphake Hauser, Ken VanderWeyst, Len Frieze, Marv Stueve, 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. Mary's (Spring Hill):	*Sharon Schulzetenberg*	320-248-7702
St. Mary's (Melrose):		320-256-3878

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	**$3,206.08**
Regular Adult Offering	1,826.08
Plate	525.00
Votive	345.00
World Mission Sunday	510.00

Parish Events

Su	10/25	8:30 am	Catholic United Financial Breakfast
Mo	10/26	6:00 pm	Youth Night at Fall Farm Fest Van Beck Ranch
Tu	10/27	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting – NM
We	10/28	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr 1-6 – FR
We	10/28	7:05 pm	Faith Formation Gr 7-10 – FR
Fr	10/30	5:00 pm	Jaycees Halloween Party Setup
Fr	10/30	7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa	10/31	8:00 am	Jaycees Halloween Party Setup
Sa	10/31	10:00 am	Jaycees Kids' Halloween Party
Sa	10/31	11:00 am	Jaycees Halloween Party Cleanup
Su	11/01	10:00 am	Private Event
Mo	11/02	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

Breakfast Please join us on Sunday, October 25, from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm in the church basement. We will be serving pancakes with toppings, eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, fruit, and beverages. Everyone is welcome! Freewill offering.

Christian Women News: Ladies, please drop off your baked goods for the bake sale this weekend by 8:30 am Sunday morning or Saturday evening.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm for our Winter meeting and Christmas party! $15 gift exchange. All women of the parish 19 and older are invited!



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00 pm. All classes will meet in their designated classrooms in the Tri-Parish Office. **Reminder** that parents need to come into the office and pick up their children from the classroom.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, October 28, at 7:05 pm.
- **All Grades Faith Formation Halloween Competition:** We will have 2 competitions running side by side on Wednesday, October 28 during Faith Formation classes. Whichever class has the highest percentage of their students who dress up in a true Catholic Halloween costume (Saints, animals of saints, Bible puns, stories from the bible) will win a prize. Also, whichever class brings the most non-perishable goods for the food shelf will win a prize.
- **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.

Service Project:

- **Card Making** will be on Wednesday, November 4, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Students in grades 6-12 will be making Christmas cards. Permission slips are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is Wednesday, October 28. **Parents are encouraged to join in the fun!**

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Next Class:** Wednesday, October 28, for grades 1, 3-12.
- **Thank you** to all of the families who helped out at the Potato Pancake Supper. Your service was greatly appreciated.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Tri-Parish Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org

- **Youth Night** Monday, November 2 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym in Freeport! Open to grades 9-12 from any parish!
- **Youth Night at Fall Farm Fest** This Monday the 26th is Fall Farm Fest from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Van Beck Ranch in Freeport. Remember to meet there.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Support Our Youth Ministry!** Your generosity helps provide meaningful faith experiences for our youth! Donations to St. Mary's Youth Ministry support Castaway, summer camp, retreats, and other activities that help our young people grow closer to Christ. The projected cost of all activities is over $14,000. Any contribution, large or small, would defray the cost for the youth as well as the parish and would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, please place your gift in an envelope labeled "St. Mary's Youth Ministry." For questions, please contact Mark Kociemba. Thank you for investing in the faith of our youth!
- **Calling All 6th–8th Graders!** Join us for Youth Group on Wednesday, October 28, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at St. Mary's Gym! Come ready for an evening of fun, faith, and fellowship as we learn and give thanks for God's many blessings. All students in grades 6–8 throughout the ACC are invited, and parents are welcome to attend!
- **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! Space is limited to 15 youth and 2 adult chaperones, so don't miss this exciting opportunity for faith, friendship, and fun! If interested, please contact Mark Kociemba.



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

♥**Thank you** to everyone that contributed to the Sacred Heart Caring Coats Drive. They collected over 160 items for our local community.
♥SHS had a **WCEA Accreditation** team here last week. Thank you to the committee and all staff and teachers that helped with this process!
Looking Ahead:
♥The **3rd and 4th graders** will go on a field trip to Vintage Village on Thursday, October 29.
♥**Our Vocabulary Parade** will be on Friday, October 30 at 1:30 pm.

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

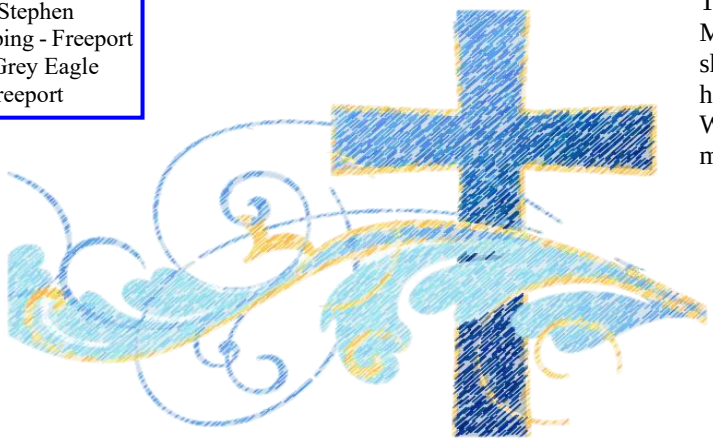
♦**Thank you** again for your continued support of our Marathon/Prayer-a-thon. Donations have continued to come in. Our goal was $30,000; we've reached $29,200 and 282 prayers. Your support strengthens our mission. We are committed to academic excellence and nurturing the whole child so they grow to be life-long learners.
♦**Learning with Faith Bags** will be available after the 9:30 am Mass next weekend for children 3-6 years old. Make sure to stop by after Church in the gathering area to pick up a faith-based learning activity that you and your child can do together at home.

PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Hope Klein
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD:
Amber Bueckers, Kathy Gilk, Adam Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Heidi Meyer, Trista Roelike, and Kristi Zimmer
www.sjaschool.org
School Phone: 320-987-3133

●**Thank you** to everyone who joined us for Oktoberfest! We are grateful for the wonderful community support and for all the volunteers who helped make the evening a success.
●**Softener Salt Sale Update:** Due to the salt being on backorder, our originally scheduled pickup date of October 29 has been postponed. A new pickup date will be announced once the salt becomes available. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for supporting this fundraiser!
●**We recently received a check** for $103.60 through our can recycling program! The SJSA can recycling trailer is located outside the church in Meire Grove. Please continue to drop off your aluminum cans to help support our school.
●**We will celebrate All Saints Day** on Thursday, October 29, with a student-led Mass. Our 5th and 6th grade students will share their saint presentations at Mass and host an All Saints Wax Museum at 1:45 pm. We invite all parish and community members to join us.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

10/18	$25	John Miller - Hugo
10/19	$25	Jerald Wilwerding - Freeport
10/20	$25	Tony Klasen - Melrose
10/21	$25	Cory Sundell - St. Stephen
10/22	$25	Kurt & Pam Scherping - Freeport
10/23	$25	Valerie Johnson - Grey Eagle
10/24	$25	Mary Williams - Freeport



Prayer for Life

A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever.
Amen.

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

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS

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 Sacred Heart School in Freeport. We will have snacks and discuss various Catholic topics. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, November 4, and we will learn about the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.



Daylight Saving Time Ends next Sunday, November 1. Be sure to change your clocks, otherwise you'll be early for Mass Sunday morning.

End-of-Year Giving: Stock, IRAs and QCDs 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 or one of our Catholic Schools. 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.

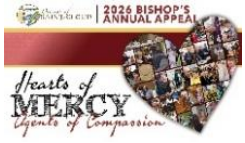
For Sale: Electric piano $50 OBO. If interested, please contact Amy at 320-836-2143.

Wreaths, Centerpieces, and Poinsettias…



There's still time to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group Fundraiser. Poinsettias, wreaths, sprays, centerpieces, and tabletop trees are still available. Call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143 if interested or if you have any questions. This is a great way to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group and enjoy beautiful Christmas décor.

Called to Be Holy: Living Faith in Everyday Life What does it truly mean to be holy—and how are we called to live that holiness today? Explore the meaning of holiness as revealed in Scripture: not simply an ideal of personal perfection, but a shared calling rooted in relationship with God. Together, we'll reflect on how God's presence within us transforms who we are, shaping lives marked by attentiveness, compassion, and communion with others. Discover how holiness becomes a living, shared reality—flowing from God's Spirit within us and drawing us into life as a truly holy people."
Friday, November 6, presentation 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (check-in at 8:30 am, lunch included from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm), Emmaus Hall - Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event – In-Person. Registration is required: www.theologyday.com, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.



Bishop's Annual Appeal - Hearts of Mercy: Diocesan ministries for youth and young adults help young Catholics encounter Christ through retreats, conferences, community engagement. These experiences empower young disciples to become Christ's heart of mercy among their peers, families, and schools. By supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you invest in the next generation of Catholics and strengthen the future of our Church. Make a gift today at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Theology on Draft ***"Beyond Comparison: Who You Are Before the World Tells You."*** The first Theology on Draft is with Alexis Torres. Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to these evenings to learn and share faith, fellowship, food and refreshments. Appetizers will be served, and participants may purchase refreshments.

- **Tuesday, November 3**: 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Isabella Room at the Alexandria Hotel and Conference Center
- **Thursday, November 12**: 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Great River Bowl, Sartell

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

October 1-31
♦6th Annual Online Auction hosted by the St. Cloud Mission's Office. The auction will run from October 1 at 12:00 pm until October 31 at 12:00 pm. We invite you to support us by visiting scmo.betterworld.org/auctions/mission-month-auction-2026 to bid on items. Thank you for your continued support!

October 25, Sunday
♦Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale at St. Michael's Church Basement, Spring Hill from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Sunday will be $2 a bag. Lunch is available.
♦5th Annual Fall Breakfast and Meat Raffle hosted by the American Legion and Auxiliary Post 101, Melrose. Serving from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Pre-sale tickets are $10 for adults, $12 at the door. Children 6-12 $5. Children 5 and under are free. A portion of the proceeds will go to Melrose Archery & Shooting Sports.
♦St. Rose Catholic United Financial Breakfast serving from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima church basement. Freewill offering. Everyone is welcome.
♦Fall Sausage Supper at St. Francis de Sales Parish Center, Belgrade. Serving from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. Adults $12. Children 5-12 $6. Children four and under are free.
♦Quilt Bingo & Raffle at Church of St. Anthony, St. Cloud. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Bingo starts at 5:30 pm. Handmade quilt and cash prizes.

October 27, 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/10-27-26/.

October 30, Friday
♦Burger Night at American Legion Post 101, Melrose. 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 1, Sunday
♦Ham & Egg Breakfast at Ss. Peter & Paul church basement in Elrosa. Serving from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Adults $11. Children 4-12 $7. Children ages 3 and under are free.
♦Church Breakfast at Church of St. Augustine, St. Cloud. Serving from 7:30 am – 12:00 pm. Adults $12. Youth ages 5-12 $7. Ages 4 and under are free.

November 5-8, Thursday-Sunday
♦Melrose High School Fall Musical performing *"The Little Mermaid"* at Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center. The show is at 7:00 pm Thursday-Saturday and 2:00 pm on Sunday. Reserved seating $12. Purchase tickets at isd740.org or call Audrey 320-256-5612.

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