



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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 7, 2026

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

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm 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.



HAPPY FEAST OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

Dange Lingua—Proclaim, O Tongue

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” John 6:51-52

It must have been shocking to Jesus’ listeners the first time He boldly proclaimed that He would give His flesh as spiritual food. Their reaction makes this clear: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus did not back down or soften what He had just proclaimed. Instead, He began a lengthy and direct discourse, starting with these words:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” (John 6:53–56)

What would you have thought had you been among the first hearers? We’re told the people quarreled, indicating division. Some, we later read, murmured among themselves, saying: “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” And tragically, many of Jesus’ disciples left Him and returned to their former way of life (cf. John 6:60–66).

Despite this apparent failure and loss of disciples, Jesus did not retract or revise His teaching. Instead, He turned to the Twelve and asked if they too wished to leave. Peter, with clarity and faith, responded with one of the most profound statements of discipleship in all of Scripture: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God” (cf. John 6:67–69).

In many ways, Peter’s words are as important for us today as Jesus’ own words introducing the Eucharist. Why? Because Peter shows us how to respond when we encounter divine mysteries beyond human understanding. The Eucharist is one of the most central of these mysteries.

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en español**
 †Alfonzo Mireles
 †Guadalupe Hernandez
 †Jamie Mireles
 †Porfiria Mireles
 Tu 7:30 am †John Waldorf
 We 7:30 am †Jeanette Barth
 †Steven Petermeier
 Th 7:30 am †Lawrence & †Lucille Imdieke
 *Fr 7:30 am †Rose Hinnenkamp
 Sa 5:00 pm †Jerome A. Cremers
 *Su 9:00 am †Beatrice Rademacher
 Su 11:30 am **Misa en Español**
 †Por el Pueblo

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm †Norb & †Marilyn Schaefer

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Kathleen Meyer
 Su 10:00 am †Mike & †Jeanette Heinen

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Deceased Relatives of
 Elmer & Virginia Meyer
 Sa 4:00 pm †John Uphoff

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Clarence Schaefer
 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 12
 Due to VBS



SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu 8:15 am **No Mass - Funeral in NM**
 We 8:15 am The Norb Overman Family
 Th 8:15 am †Thomas Holdvogt
 Fr 10:30 am **VBS Mass**
 †Lawrence & †Laura Scherping
 Su 8:00 am †Cindy Fleischhacker

***Mass will be livestreamed.**


Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

• **Appreciation Celebration** Please join us for refreshments after St. Mary's Masses June 20 & 21 in appreciation of Fr. Oswaldo, Juliann Heller, and Rita Meyer.

 **Consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:** In solidarity with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a special Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud, on Thursday, June 11 at 12:05 pm. All are welcome! As part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration. Learn more at <https://www.usccb.org/consecration-united-states-sacred-heart-jesus>. The USCCB joins this celebration by lifting up the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country. Visit: <https://usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>.

St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Fun-Food-Fund Day "Turn Back Thyme" will be held Thursday, June 18, at Immaculate Conception Church, Rice. Registration and refreshments - 9:00 am; Bingo: 9:30 am - 10:30 am; Mass 11:00 am, followed by lunch and social. Silent Auction open 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Registration fee of \$25 by Monday, June 8 or \$30 after June 8 and at the door. Make checks to St. Cloud DCCW and mail to Carol Brunn, 14267 Fairway Ln SE, Becker, MN 55308. Questions please call 320-248-5976.

Sacred Heart Festival will be on Sunday, July 19. The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am with all the festivities to follow. The theme for this year's 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 freeportmnpaerade@gmail.com.



MCCL's Annual Life Leadership Camp is splitting into two events for two different age groups. For the first time, we're offering a pro-life summer camp for middle school students...in addition to our traditional camp for high schoolers! Our camp for high school students will take place June 22-25 at Koronis Ministries (Paynesville, MN). It is open to students who will enter grades 9-12 in the fall; students must be under the age of 18. 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 and call Mary Reuter at 320-250-9904.



Feast of the Most Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Friday, June 12 at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Join us for Mass at 10:30 am followed by a picnic lunch in the church basement to celebrate Sacred Heart Parish's feast day.

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.

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

Marriage Enrichment Evening Blessed are They Who Say "I Do". Wednesday, June 10 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm with light refreshments from 6:30 - 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph, MN with Deacon Steve Dupay. The Vision of marriage is to help one's spouse reach heaven, a journey supported by the Lord's grace. By living out the Beatitudes, couples can experience the Kingdom of God here on earth, making their marriage both holy and fulfilling while guiding each other toward eternal life. For more information or to register visit stedio.org/marriage-enrichment-evening/ or call 320-258-7615. Cost is \$20 per couple.



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

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

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


Total.....	\$5,887.88
Regular Adult Offering	4,090.00
Plate/Loose	1,032.88
Designated Funds	765.00

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Total.....	\$5,020.21
Regular Adult Offering	4,500.46
Plate	446.75
Votive	73.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

05-31	\$25	Pam & Kris Pundsack, Freeport
06-01	\$25	Karen & Aaron Rieland, Albany
06-02	\$25	Bill Hinnenkamp, Melrose
06-03	\$25	John & Mary Middendorf, Melrose
06-04	\$25	Rea Danzl, Colorado Springs, CO
06-05	\$25	Dave Orth, Melrose
06-06	\$25	Michael Schmidt, Melrose



Parish Events

Mo	06/08	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
Tu	06/09	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
We	06/10	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
We	06/10	6:30 pm	Book Study at Parish Office
Th	06/11	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
Fr	06/12		No Individual Confessions
Fr	06/12		No Adoration
Fr	06/12	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School with Mass at 10:30 am
Fr	06/12	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sa	06/13	11:30 am	Wedding Prep/Photos
Sa	06/13	2:00 pm	Van Beck/Welle Wedding
Mo	06/15	6:30 pm	Youth Night @ SHS Gym

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...
 †Alphonse "Al" Hiltner, 93 †Edward Tomsche, 95
 †Janice "Jan" Meyer, 96 †Mary Wenning, 80

Hospitality Weekend... Please join us after all Masses June 13-14 for cookies and refreshments. Happy Summer!

Parish Raffle Tickets available now! Be sure to get your chance to win \$20,000.

Newsletters Through Evangelus St. Mary's staff have begun sending newsletters through Evangelus and have already shared two editions. If you haven't received them, you can view them at <https://www.oneinfaith.org/> by clicking on "Quarterly Newsletter." If you would like to be added to Evangelus to receive newsletters and other important notifications directly on your phone as soon as they are published, please contact the parish office.



*"The Most Holy Body
 & Blood of Christ"*

The Scriptures This Week
 Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Weekday (Tenth Week in Ordinary Time) 1 Kgs 17:1-6	Mt 5:1-12
Tu	Weekday (Saint Ephrem, Dacon and Doctor of the Church) 1 Kgs 17:7-16	Mt 5:13-16
We	Weekday 1 Kgs 18:20-39	Mt 5:17-19
Th	Saint Barnabas, Apostle (Memorial) Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3	Mt 5:20-26
Fr	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity) Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16	Mt 11:25-30
Sa	Weekday (The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church; BVM) 1 Kgs 19:19-21	Mt 5:33-37
	*For the Optional Memorial of the Immaculate Heart 1 Kgs 19:19-21	Lk 2:41-51
	Next Sunday - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11	Mt 9:36—10:8

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Martin Arthur Meyer**, the son of Ryan & Anna Meyer, to our parish. Martin Arthur was baptized on Sunday, May 31.

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.

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.

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 freeportmnpaerade@gmail.com.
- Parish Festival Packets** can be picked up in the back of the church. 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!

Embroiderers Needed If you enjoy embroidering or appliquéing, 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 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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.....	\$3,002.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,544.92
Plate	273.00
Building/Maintenance	100.00
Peter's Pence	10.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine ...	25.00
Ascension	50.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,445.08
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,763.08
Plate	682.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,454.90
Regular Adult Offering.....	423.00
Children's	3.00
Plate/Loose	283.90
Cemetery	100.00
Peter's Pence	20.00
Maintenance Fund	605.00
School Support	20.00

Parish Events

Mo 06/08 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
Tu 06/09 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
Tu 06/09 11:00 am	Halbert Funeral
Tu 06/09 6:30 pm	Catholic United Financial Member Summer Picnic
We 06/10 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
We 06/10 6:30 pm	Book Study at Parish Office - FR
Th 06/11 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
Fr 06/12 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
Fr 06/12 2:00 pm	Burial
Sa 06/13 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Mo 06/15 6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

Parish Events

Su 06/07 11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Mtg.
Mo 06/08 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
Tu 06/09 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
We 06/10 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
We 06/10 6:30 pm	Book Study @ Parish Office - FR
Th 06/11 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
Fr 06/12 9:00 am	Vacation Bible School - FR
Fr 06/12 7:30 pm	Rosary
Mo 06/15 6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, June 14 - 10:00 am

- (S) Kenny Niehoff & Hank Primus
- (L) Pete LeClaire
- (U) Melvin Kalthoff & Jim Klassen
- (EM) (B) Allen Lieser
- (EM) (C) Jeanette Kalthoff & Gary P. Lieser
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Marilyn Gurber
- (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
- (HK: May 31-June 13) Theresa Lieser, Vanessa Lieser, & Pam Loehr

May They Rest in Peace...

- Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Richard "Rich" Hoppe**, who passed away Thursday, May 28. His funeral was celebrated here on Tuesday, June 2.
- Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Jerome Raeker**, who passed away Wednesday, May 27. His funeral was celebrated here on Wednesday, June 3.
- Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Hugo "Shorty" Massmann**, who passed away Saturday, May 30. His funeral was celebrated here on Friday, June 5.
- Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Donna Halbert**, who passed away Friday, May 22. Her funeral will be celebrated here on Tuesday, June 9.

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.
- Grand Raffle Donations** Any parishioners interested in donating to the Grand Raffle for the festival should contact the festival committee, or mail donation to the parish office. Our Grand Raffle is a great success each year thanks to local businesses and parishioners who support the event.
- Work Schedule** If you have any preferences for the festival work schedule, please contact Michael & Jessica Lehner 320-292-6415, or Devin & Elisha Kemper 320-527-3707.

Pink Cash Raffle Tickets St. Rose of Lima will be having the \$100 Pink Cash Raffle again this year. Tickets will be available starting Sunday, June 14. 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 9, Tuesday

◆**18+ Special Needs Event** Hosted by the One in Christ ACC at Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids. Registration is required please call 320-761-5155. Each participant is **required** to have a caregiver present. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Mass at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:10 pm and dance, movie, and crafts at 6:30 pm. Volunteers needed. If interested in volunteering contact Jean Bemboom at 320-293-7216.

June 12, Friday

◆**Burger Night** at the American Legion Post 101, Melrose. Baskets starting at \$10. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take-outs available. Doors open at 3:00 pm.

June 14, Sunday

◆**Celebrating Fr. Ron Weyrens Retirement** at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell. Mass at 9:30 am, Dinner from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Program from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

June 20, Saturday

◆**Seven Sisters Apostolate Reflection & Renewal Gathering** from 7:45 am check-in - 3:30 pm Reconciliation per church schedule at Sacred Heart Church 2875 10th Ave NE Sauk Rapids, MN. Pre-registration required. Registration fee is \$25 up to registration close on June 6 or until we reach a cap of 150 registrants. Send registration form with check payable to: Carrie Ellis 6272 County Road 8 SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304. Questions call Carrie at 320-253-1692.

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 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.

SPRING LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS 2026!

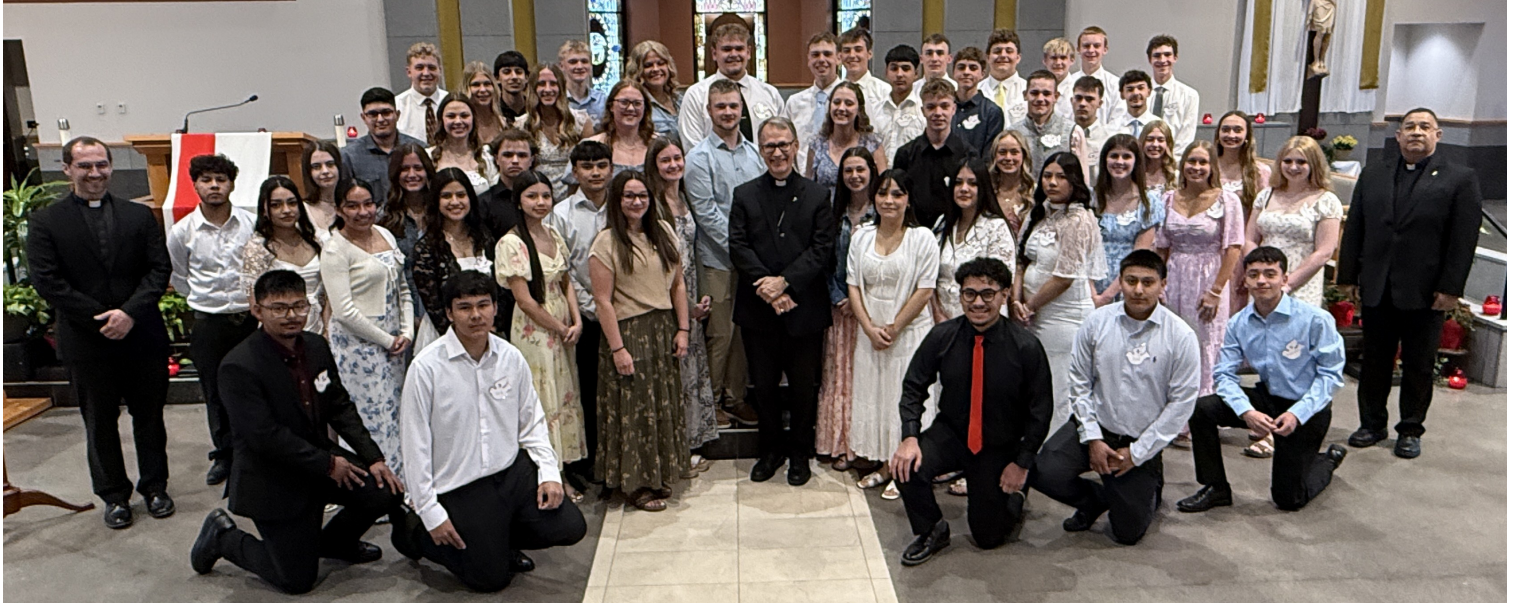
ST. MARY - Melrose

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

Confirmation May 6, 2026: St. Andrew, St. John, St. Mary, St. Michael



Back: Jackson Haskamp, Edmar Barragan, Mason Grossinger, Laila Frericks, Blake Tomford, Eric Braun, Zachary Rieland, Colton Yozamp, Braden Zimmer, Isaiah Gilk

5th: Paige Stommes, Aubrey Funk, Marshall Dufner, Maverick Kulzer, Jovanny Barragan, Cole Funk, Teddy Wiechman, Jayden Coenen, Benjamin Thieschafer

4th: Dario Aguilar Gutierrez, Lauren Reed, Maggie Frieler, Jack Tschida, Madison Duevel, Casey Schmiesing, Mya Nathe, Mckenna Mueller

3rd: Freja Enright, Ella Klaphake, Hunter Branham, Aldo Sanchez, Sophia Kasper, Hailey Klaphake, Avery Braegelmann, Kendall Beuning, Abby Klaphake, Madison Becker, Fr. Oswaldo Roche

2nd: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Cesar Juarez Valencia, Marely Ambriz Parra, Lizbeth Raya Ambriz, Marydiana Barragan Montoya, Estacy Sanchez Rivera, Lydia Gieske, Bishop Patrick Neary, Noelia Hernandez Vega, Pamela Martinez Montanez, Paola Martinez Montanez

Front: Omar Montanez Martinez, Yerik Botello Raya, Victor Juarez Zavala, Jose Brandon Botello Torres, Anthony Abonce (not pictured: Alan Acevedo Raya, Brandon Acevedo Raya)

First Eucharist Celebrations!



Back: Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Mr. Zachary Thell

3rd: Marcus Hemmesch, Henry Imdieke, Rowen Ulbricht, Leo Beste

2nd: Lincoln Middendorf, Harper Frericks, Brayson Bauer

Front: Adley Becker, Clayton Pohlmann, Mercedes Martinez



Back: Mr. Zachary Thell, Fr. Oswaldo Roche

Middle: Eddie Gruber, Carter Rademacher, Canaan Middendorf, Colter Tschida, Burke Holdvogt

Front: Mayci Heinen, Christina Kaltoff, Noelle Eveslage



Back: Dcn. Jorge Carrillo, Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Dcn. Jesus Hernandez

Middle: Fatima Hernandez, Camila Sanchez Orozco, Zitaly Sanchez

Front: Liz Roblero Ramirez, Max Cervantes Ambriz, David Flores Melgara, Marleydi Barragan Montoya

First Eucharist Celebrations!

Back: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Mr.
Zachary Thell

Middle: Luke Meyer, Luis Rodriguez,
Cameron Roelike, Jameson Meyer

Front: Leah Martinez Montanez,
Chantell Arceneau, Rikki
Schulzetenburg, Dani Pyka



Back: Dcn. Jorge Carrillo,
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold

3rd: Yari Beltran
Rodriguez, Karina
Morente Garcia, Isabella
Garcia Botello, Maria
Martinez Hernandez,
Naydeline Rodriguez
Parra, Dayanna Ambriz
Parra, Jeimy Ambriz
Parra

2nd: Gio Aguilar, Ariel
Martinez Montanez,
Christian Garcia Ruiz,
Alex Morente Garcia,



Eli Kasper, Delia Roelike

Baccalaureate Mass

May 17, 2026 Spring Hill



Jack Orbeck, Eric Sundermann

Baccalaureate Mass May 10, 2026

Meire Grove/Greenwald



Emily Schmiesing, Tyler Nathe, Luke Funk, Matthew Zenzen

Baccalaureate Mass May 17, 2026 Melrose



Back: Matthew Dehmer, Cori Haberl, Zachary Feldewerd, Max Sakry, Eddie Dickhaus, Carson Thieler, Rylie Frieler

Middle: Jackson Mayers, Annie Olberding, Maddison Kraemer, Gretta Hellermann, Savannah Honkomp, Claire Seanger, Carsyn Worms

Front: Victor Juarez Zavala, Georgia Anderson, Kallie Schleper, Bailey Wiechmann, Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Ava Wensmann, Esther Kapsner, Raelyn Frieler, James Rieland, Yahir Renteria

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 Greenwald, MN 56335

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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Habr  Adoraci n al Sant simo cada
 Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$397.00
Regular Adult Offering	85.00
Plate/Loose	47.00
Votives	5.00
Cemetery	155.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00
Ascension	5.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,086.40
Regular Adult Offering.....	824.90
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	174.00
Votives	32.00
Peter's Pence	50.00
Maintenance Fund	5.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, June 13 - 4:00 pm
 (S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
 (L) Isaiah Gilk
 (U) Jeff Ahrens & Jason Barten
 (GB) Clarine Beier & Mary Opatrny
 (EM) (B) Mike Barten
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Herman Lensing
 (HK - June) *Sandy Niehoff, Janice Niefeld,
 Mary Opatrny, and Kristen Pattinson

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, June 14 - 8:00 am
 (S) Isaac Zenzen & Mya Nathe
 (L) Rita Meyer
 (U) Marvin Meyer & Tim Meyer
 (GB) Jim & Kay Leukam
 (EM) Karl Meyer, Sue Meyer
 Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (HK - June) *Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri
 Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue
 Meyer, and Geri Meyer

Stewardship as a Way of Life:
"Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 Corinthians 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. We are called to be fed and to feed others. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!



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

Banns of Matrimony:
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 II Jamie Hoover♥Joseph Massmann, 6-20 NM
 III Rachel Banieceke♥Andrew Welle, 6-13 St. Joseph, Waconia
 III Maretta Van Beck♥Tyler Welle, 6-13 FR

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St. Rose of Lima: <i>Kayla Harren</i>	320-333-8461
St. Michael: <i>Sharon Schulzetenberg</i>	320-248-7702
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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

- **Faith Formation Registration:** The deadline for Faith Formation Registration was May 15, 2026. All registration forms handed in after May 15th are now required to pay the "After May 15" price.



Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **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 on the little Faith Formation table just outside the church office or can be found online at www.oneinfaith.com (click the Education tab, and then click Family Faith Formation).
- **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 or 320-256-4207 or stop by the parish office. Thank you!

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- ♥ **VBS for the Tri-Parish** will take place the week of June 8. Contact the parish office to sign up!!
- ♥ **The school office will be open periodically** throughout the summer. If you need something, please send a fast direct message.
- ♥ **Sacred Heart School is Looking to Hire** a 2nd grade teacher as well as help in our ECC - Infant, toddler and Preschool programs. Please reach out to the office if you are interested or have any questions 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 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, or visit our school website. smsgmelrosemn.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.



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Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

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06/03	\$25	Joran Carlson - Albany
06/04	\$25	Dominic Eynck - St. Joseph
06/05	\$25	Karen Roering - Avon
06/06	\$25	Dean Thull - Albany

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**Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal:**

Please accept our deepest gratitude to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries this year. As

of Monday, May 18, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2026 has raised cash and pledge gifts of \$993,185 toward our goal of \$1,550,000 (64.08%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 4,745 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. For weekly updates on our progress and to help these ministries meet their funding needs, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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, the Diocese of Saint Cloud is offering free access to a trusted online platform where you can:

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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.cmttec.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.



Save the Date: 2026 Rural Life Celebration This year's Rural Life Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 16 beginning at 1:30 pm at the Moenkedick 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.

**Marriage & Natural Family Planning: Designed by God, Guided by Love, Open to Life!**

Natural Family Planning (NFP) cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. NFP is effective, healthy, and marriage building. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, June 18 and Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

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.

Save the Date: The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23 at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. Proceeds benefit the One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. John's/St. Andrew's.



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. Please call St. Mary's, Milaca at 320-983-3255 with any questions.

Pange Lingua—Proclaim, O Tongue

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Do you believe in the Eucharist? Do you believe that it is truly the flesh and blood of the Son of God—His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity? Though many of us have learned this teaching from childhood and accept it on some level, few penetrate the depth of the mystery we behold at every Mass. Saint John Vianney spoke beautifully of the Eucharist, revealing his profound reverence for this Gift: "If we really understood the Mass, we would die

of joy." And: "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." He also said: "How beautiful it is! After the Consecration, the good God is there as He is in Heaven."

It's easy to approach the Holy Mass out of routine rather than with the depth of faith possessed by the saints. But that must be our goal. We must believe that we would truly "die of joy" if we understood the Mass.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is our annual invitation to step back and reflect on what we believe—and how devoutly we participate in the Mass and receive Holy Communion. We need this reminder so that our worship and faith do not grow lax.

Reflect today on Jesus' unwavering clarity: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Believe what He says. The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is the greatest Divine Mystery on earth. In the Eucharist, we kneel before God and consume Him—so that we may become what we eat: the Mystical Body of Christ.

Let us close by praying the opening verses of a hymn Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote at the request of Pope Urban IV for the newly instituted Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264—the *Pange Lingua*, meaning, "Proclaim, O Tongue."

*Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail;
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.
To the everlasting Father, And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing, Might, and endless majesty.
Amen.*

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