



# 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 Pentecost**

**May 24, 2026**

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**Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor**  
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### **Bulletin Announcements**

**Deadline:** Tuesday before 9:00 am

**Email information to:** bulletin@catholic-centered.org

### **Confession Times**

◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart

◆Saturdays 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.

## *The Wind and Fire of Pentecost*

Jesus said to them again, *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”* And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”*

John 20:21-23



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, which took place fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. Today’s Gospel recounts Jesus’ first appearance to the Apostles as a group—Thomas being absent—on the evening of the Resurrection. During this appearance, Jesus conferred on them the authority to forgive sins, a power foundational to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This gift anticipates the fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when the Apostles were empowered to carry out their mission with boldness and divine strength.

By breathing on the Apostles, Jesus recalls the creation account in Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam (Genesis 2:7). Now Christ, the New Adam, breathes new life—the divine life of grace—into His Apostles. While this breathing conveys the Holy Spirit in an anticipatory manner, Pentecost represents the full bestowal of the Spirit upon the Church, sanctifying and empowering the Apostles and all disciples.

Our knowledge of Pentecost comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke’s continuation of his Gospel in which he details the beginning of the Church: “And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them” (Acts 2:2-3).

When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost, there were physical manifestations. God often accompanies significant biblical actions with visible signs to reveal the invisible reality of His presence and activity. Though the transforming reality of Pentecost was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the accompanying signs teach us about the Spirit’s nature and work.

The “strong driving wind” that “filled the entire house” symbolizes the ongoing, life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. Like the wind, the Spirit is unseen yet powerful, moving where He wills and producing visible effects in the lives of believers. Though we understand the natural causes of wind today, its mystery and uncontrollable nature remain, reflecting the Holy Spirit’s divine origin and unstoppable work in the world. He comes from God’s hidden presence, unseen but active, bringing about a new creation in the Church and in every soul He touches.

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MAY 25 - 31**

**ADORATION**

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

**Mo 8:30 am Memorial Day Mass**  
 †Wilfred “Wif” Finken

**Mo 6:30 pm Misa en español**  
 †Florentino Montanez  
 †Leoniris Arollo  
 †Pasqual Raya

**Tu 8:00 am**  
 †Donna Athmann

**\*Tu 7:00 pm SMS Graduation Mass**  
 †Sharon Gamradt

**We 8:00 am**  
 †Steven Petermeier

**Th 8:00 am**  
 †Tara Pohlmann

**\*Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass**  
 †Rita Feldewerd

**Sa 5:00 pm**  
 †Edward Bussmann Family

**\*Su 9:00 am**  
 †Ted & †Marie Welz  
 †Linda Welz

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

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

**Sa 4:00 pm** For the People

**St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa**  
**Su 10:00 am** †Wayne Revering

**St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**  
**Tu 8:00 am** †Peter Waldorf  
**Su 10:00 am** †MaryAnn Schulzetenberg

**St. ANDREW - Greenwald**  
**Th 8:00 am** †Helen Maritsch  
**Sa 4:00 pm** For the People

**St. JOHN - Meire Grove**  
**We 8:00 am** †Alcuin Illies  
**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**  
 Adoration will begin  
Friday, June 5  
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

**Tu 8:15 am NO MASS**

**We 8:15 am** †Trent Atkinson

**Th 8:15 am** †Clarence Von Wahlde Anniversary

**Fr 8:15 am** †Blake Hemker Anniversary

**Su 8:00 am** Tom & Rita Middendorf  
 65th Anniversary

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

**ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parish Offices** will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



**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.

**Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

June 8 - 12 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Students entering grade 6 through adults are invited to prayerfully consider joining us for an amazing start to your summer! As a volunteer you will journey with students ages 4 through entering grade 5, in a week filled with laughter, activities, and memories. Not only will the students grow their relationship with God, but you will too! Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website or by stopping by the Parish Office. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 8 - 12 on the**

grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Children ages 4 through entering grade 5, are invited to register for a week of activities, songs, and new adventures! This summer’s theme is Rainforest Falls. Children will be “Exploring the Nature of God.” Rainforest Falls is filled with Bible stories, music, games, and other fun ways to learn that God is with you every day, no matter what. Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website or stopping by the Parish Office. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to sign 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.

**Parish News:**

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

- **Congratulations Class of 2025!** The Tri-Parish Community would like to congratulate our Seniors! May God Bless you and guide you successfully through your future endeavors! **Sacred Heart:** Brayden Blenker, Audrina Burg, Jorja Canfield, Owen Feldewerd, Allison Fiedler, Jeremiah Goebel, Thomas Hennen, Mara Hollenkamp, Kaitlyn Klasen, Isabella Kuechle, Noah Moening, Brinley Ritter, Brynn Shaw, Thatcher Van Beck. **Immaculate Conception:** Dawson Bushman, Addison Christenson, Riley Elfering, Addison Kemper, Skylar Niebergall, Sophia Schmiesing, Nolan Kerfeld, Ava Smith, Izabel Van Beck. **St. Rose of Lima:** Jordan Arnzen, Tyler Herdering, Collin Herkenhoff, Allie Hoppe, Victoria Wiechmann.
- **June Ministry Schedules** have been mailed or emailed out. They are 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 your parish.
- **Job Posting Announcement—Diocesan Restructuring and the Tri-Parish (Phase 1)** As part of the ongoing process with the restructuring, we are posting the first phase of positions. Available positions for all three parishes: Organist/Pianist and Choir Director. More information can be found at [sacredheartfreeport.org](http://sacredheartfreeport.org). For more information or questions regarding this posting, please contact Amy at the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.

**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 [studio.org/marriage-enrichment-evening/](http://studio.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

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

Total.....	\$14,843.24
Regular Adult Offering .....	12,228.84
Plate/Loose .....	1,212.40
Designated Funds .....	1,402.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**



05-17	\$25	June Ellering, Melrose
05-18	\$25	Tim Rahn, Melrose
05-19	\$25	Marcene Austing, Melrose
05-20	\$25	Susan Terres, Melrose
05-21	\$25	Missy Leukam, Sauk Centre
05-22	\$25	Carol Klaphake, Melrose
05-23	\$25	Louis Van Beck, Elrosa

**Welcome to our Parish...** We welcome Mark Kociemba to our parish.

**Baptized in Christ...**

♥Billie Louise Opatz

**Died in the Hope of Resurrection...**

†Vernon "Vern" Hollermann, 86

**Memorial Day Mass** St. Mary's will have an outdoor Memorial Day Mass in the cemetery at 8:30 am on Monday, May 25. Please bring your own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be moved into the church.

**Thank You** to those who came out to help with our annual cemetery cleanup night! We really appreciated your time and effort!

**Parish Raffle Tickets** available now! Only 1,000 of these \$100 tickets will be sold and the top prize is \$20,000. You can buy them after Mass, at many local businesses, and at the parish office.

**Memorial Day  
 at the Cemetery  
 Monday, May 25, 2026**



- 8:30 am Memorial Day Mass - *St. Mary's Cemetery, Melrose*  
 (If the weather is bad, it will be moved into the Church. This will be followed by a program at the Melrose American Legion at 9:30 am.)
- 8:30 am Memorial Day Program - *St. Rosa Cemetery, St. Rose*
- 9:15 am Memorial Day Program - *Sacred Heart Cemetery, Freeport*
- 10:00 am Memorial Day Program - *Immaculate Conception Cemetery, New Munich*
- 10:45 am Memorial Day Program - *St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Meire Grove*

Melrose Honor Guard will have a reading of deceased veterans' names, followed by a couple of readings and placing of flowers in front of the rifle and helmet. Ending with the firing of rifles and the Star Spangled Banner.

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

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

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

Total.....	\$5,008.46
Regular Adult Offering .....	2,202.46
Plate .....	382.00
Votive .....	37.00
School Support .....	10.00
Painting Project .....	575.00
Ascension .....	1,802.00

**Parish Events**

Mo	05/25	9:15 am	Memorial Day Program in the Cemetery
Mo	05/25		Church Painting Continues
Tu	05/26	8:15 am	<b>NO</b> Mass
Tu	05/26	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We	05/27	6:30 pm	Book Study at Parish Office
Fr	05/29	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Sa	05/30	9:00 am	Public Square Rosary at Freeport Pavilion Main Street
Mo	06/01	6:30 pm	Youth Night @ SHS Gym

**Thank You** to those who attended Baccalaureate Mass this past weekend, celebrating our 2026 graduates! A special thank you to the Christian Women for their donation of gifts and to Father Dan for blessing the students and gifts. – *2026 Graduates and their Families.*

**Public Square Rosary** will be prayed at the Freeport pavilion at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 30.

**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 [freeportmnparade@gmail.com](mailto:freeportmnparade@gmail.com).
- Parish Festival Packets** can be picked up in the church basement. 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!

**St. Joseph Society Raffle Winners:**

- |     |       |                    |
|-----|-------|--------------------|
| 1)  | \$300 | Jim Stommes        |
| 2)  | \$200 | Gopher Meyer       |
| 3)  | \$150 | Yvonne Beste       |
| 4)  | \$50  | Jackie Atkinson    |
| 5)  | \$50  | Timpy's Corner Bar |
| 6)  | \$50  | Timpy's Corner Bar |
| 7)  | \$50  | Charlie's Café     |
| 8)  | \$50  | Charlie's Café     |
| 9)  | \$50  | Pioneer Inn        |
| 10) | \$50  | Pioneer Inn        |
| 11) | \$25  | D'lish             |
| 12) | \$25  | D'lish             |



Pentecost Sunday

**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.....	\$3,107.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,558.92
Plate .....	259.00
Building/Maintenance .....	100.00
Thanksgiving .....	200.00
Ascension .....	990.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,247.08
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,093.08
Plate .....	444.00
Ascension .....	710.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$671.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	313.00
Plate/Loose .....	118.00
Cemetery .....	135.00
Fuel Fund .....	20.00
Maintenance Fund .....	65.00
Ascension .....	20.00

**Parish Events**

- Mo 05/25 10:00 am Memorial Day Program in the Cemetery
- Tu 05/26 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
- We 05/27 6:30 pm Book Study @ Parish Office - FR
- Sa 05/30 11:00 am Parking Lot Rosary
- Sa 05/30 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
- Mo 06/01 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym

**Parish Events**

- Mo 05/25 8:30 am Memorial Day Program in the Cemetery
- Tu 05/26 10:00 am Joe Herges Visitation
- Tu 05/26 11:00 am Joe Herges Memorial Mass
- Tu 05/26 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.
- We 05/27 6:30 pm Book Study @ Parish Office - FR
- Fr 05/29 7:30 pm Rosary
- Mo 06/01 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Sunday, May 31 - 10:00 am**

- (S) Lukas Kalthoff & Noah Terres
- (L) Lisa Wuertz
- (U) Conrad Gruber & Stan Heinen
- (EM) (B) Ruth Heienen
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
- (HK: May 17-30)  
Megan Lieser, Pam Lieser, & Sage Lieser

**America Needs Fatima Rosary** will be prayed on Saturday, May 30 at 11:00 am on the Immaculate Conception Parking Lot. In case of rain, it will be in the Church.

**Parish Raffle and More!** See you on Saturday, June 6 for the Parish Raffle and More! Mass will begin at 4:00 pm in the church. We will continue outside with live music, food, games, a cake walk and more! Raffle ticket packets are available in the gathering space. We kindly ask all parishioners to bring one item for the cake walk or donate \$10. Thanks for helping make this a successful event!

**Funeral Group 9** is asked to work the food stand on Saturday, June 6 for the Raffle and More event. Chair and Co-Chair will be Mike & Donna Welle and Dale & Cindy Pundsack. You will all be contacted by a phone call. Thanks for helping make this event successful.

~Christian Women Committee

Pentecost

**Prayer Requests...**

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

**Banns of Matrimony:**

- I Rachel Banieceke♥Andrew Welle, 6-13 St. Joseph, Waconia
- I Maretta Van Beck♥Tyler Welle, 6-13 FR
- II Mattie Meyer♥Matthew Beste, 6-6 FR
- II Mikayla Moritz♥Bradley Hellermann, 6-5 M
- III Tara Schmidt♥Matthew Keller, 5-30 M

**For the Sick:** Cali Dickhoff, Ken VanderWeyst, Ken and 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: <i>Judy Caveny</i>	320-248-8830
Immaculate Conception: <i>Bernice Zink</i>	320-837-5321
St. Rose of Lima: <i>Kayla Harren</i>	320-333-8461
St. Michael: <i>Sharon Schulzetenberg</i>	320-248-7702
St. Mary's	320-256-3878

**Public Rosary...**

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

**Special Rosary in May**

- ♥May 27, Wednesday: 7:00 pm St. John's, Meire Grove
- ♥May 30, Saturday: 9:00 am Freeport Pavilion
- ♥May 30, Saturday: 11:00 am Immaculate Conception parking lot New Munich.

**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



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$434.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	295.00
Plate/Loose .....	30.00
Votives .....	29.00
Cemetery .....	80.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, May 30 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk  
 (L) Julie Kulzer  
 (U) Dale Winter & Ron Winter  
 (GB) Jeff & Wanda Ahrens  
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - May) \*Mariann Lucken, Lorene Meyer, Patricia Murphy, & Doris Nathe

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,999.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,420.00
Children's .....	0.50
Plate/Loose .....	146.00
Votives .....	13.00
Cemetery .....	5.00
Ascension .....	415.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, May 31 - 8:00 am**

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk  
 (L) Doug Meyer  
 (U) Doug Meyer & Elmer Meyer  
 (GB) Jamey & Shannon Groetsch  
 (EM) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam  
 (HK - May) \*Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke, Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, & Mary Kay Leukam

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

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

*The Wind and Fire of Pentecost*  
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The “tongues as of fire” signify the Spirit’s purifying and transforming action, burning away sin and igniting hearts with zeal for God’s mission. Together, these signs reveal the Spirit as the powerful, life-giving, and sanctifying presence of God, animating the Church and guiding her to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Before Pentecost, the disciples hid in the Upper Room, fearful and uncertain. Though Jesus had taught them, performed miracles, and revealed His perfect love, their hearts were not yet fully transformed. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as a divine fire, emboldening them to become fearless witnesses.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the same gift bestowed upon the disciples at Pentecost. We might not feel a strong driving wind or see tongues of fire descend from Heaven, but the reality is the same. The signs at Pentecost were not only for the disciples, they were also for us, revealing the Holy Spirit’s workings and power in our lives.

Reflect today on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Have you experienced the Spirit’s presence in your life? Like the first disciples, have you allowed the Holy Spirit to fill you with power from on high, emboldening you, purifying you, and setting you on fire with zeal to fulfill the mission God has entrusted to you? The Holy Spirit will transform us—if we let Him—setting our feet on the path to eternal glory.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, I trust in You.*



**Servers Needed** St. John’s is in need of at least one more Mass server. Please talk to Fr. Mitchell or contact the parish office if interested.



**Rosary for the Month of May** At the St. John’s Church in Meire Grove, we will be praying the rosary each Wednesday evening throughout the month of May, ending on the 27, at 7:00 pm. We will be praying by our grotto on the south side of the church. Chairs will be provided. In case of inclement weather, we will pray it inside by Mary’s altar. Everyone, from ALL parishes, is invited!

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

<b>Mo</b>	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b> ( <i>Memorial</i> ) (Eighth Week in Ordinary Time) Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14	Jn 19:25-34
<b>Tu</b>	<b>Saint Philip Neri, Priest</b> ( <i>Memorial</i> ) 1 Pt 1:10-16	Mk 10:28-31
<b>We</b>	<b>Weekday</b> ( <i>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i> ) 1 Pt 1:18-25	Mk 10:32-45
<b>Th</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12	Mk 10:46-52
<b>Fr</b>	<b>Weekday</b> ( <i>Saint Paul VI, Pope</i> ) 1 Pt 4:7-13	Mk 11:11-26
<b>Sa</b>	<b>Weekday</b> ( <i>BVM</i> ) Jude 17, 20b-25	Mk 11:27-33
<b>Next Sunday - The Most Holy Trinity</b> ( <i>Solemnity</i> ) Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9    2 Cor 13:11-13    Jn 3:16-18		

## FAITH FORMATION

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

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

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, please look for your registration packet in the mail. Please turn in all registration forms and fees for 2026/2027. Contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to sign up.



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

Contact Information: [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto: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 by June 1st (materials cost less if we can order them sooner!). Registration forms are on the little Faith Formation table just outside the church office or can be found online at [www.oneinfaith.com](http://www.oneinfaith.com) (click the Education tab, and then click Family Faith Formation).

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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♥ **A Big Thank You** to Freeport State Bank for taking our K - 6 on an all school field trip on Friday, May 15. K and 1st grade attended the Amazin' Farmyard and 2nd - 6th went to the Skating Place in St. Cloud. Thank you FSB for offering this fun opportunity for our students! They always have such a great time.

♥ **Congratulations to our PreK 3/4 Students** on their Graduation on Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 am.

♥ **Congratulations to our 6th Grade Graduates** from SHS. We wish them all the best as they move on to their next journey.

♥ **Our Last Day of School at SHS** was Friday, May 22 with a picnic lunch for the students at lunch time and a family ice cream social at 2:00 pm. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer vacation!

♥ Teachers and staff will have **Workshops** on Tuesday and Wednesday May 26 and 27.

♥ **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.

♦ **St. Mary's Sixth-Grade Promotion** will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:00 pm. A reception sponsored by the Christian Women will follow the Mass.

♦ **Last Day of School** for all students is Friday, May 29. Monday, June 1 is a workshop day for teachers.

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

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### *Stewardship as a Way of Life:*

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* 1 Corinthians 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.



### **Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!**

05/17	\$25	Sharon & Denny Steinhaus - Annandale
05/18	\$25	Neal Klaphake - Melrose
05/19	\$25	Cory Van Beck - Brooten
05/20	\$25	Sue Rieland - Freeport
05/21	\$25	Mark Beutz - Albany
05/22	\$25	Ann Yoerg - Clearwater
05/23	\$25	Heidi Einyck - Avon

## ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2



**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 [freeportmnpaparade@gmail.com](mailto:freeportmnpaparade@gmail.com).

**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](http://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.

**Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Diocesan ministries strengthen parish life by providing support no single parish can offer alone.



- **Vocations and the Diaconate** guides men discerning the priesthood or permanent diaconate and supports our seminarians.
- **Communications**—through *The Central Minnesota Catholic* magazine, the Friday feed and social media—helps keep people connected to their faith.
- **Catholic Education Ministries** helps support families and equip catechists in passing on the Catholic faith.

These ministries, and all the many diocesan ministries, keep our communities supported, connected and mission focused. Please help them thrive by giving at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://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](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
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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).

### 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 \$30 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.

**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.



**Embroidered Dish Towels** Do you need a bridal shower or wedding gift? Or do you need a new set of dish towels to use at home? Sacred Heart Parish has embroidered dish towels available for sale. They are \$35 for a set of seven and can be purchased at the Freeport Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 pm or by calling Dolores Notch at 320-836-2450.



GRACIOUS GOD, ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY, WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO COURAGEOUSLY LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. MAY THE EXAMPLES OF THEIR SACRIFICE INSPIRE IN US THE SELFLESS LOVE OF YOUR SON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. BLESS THE FAMILIES OF OUR FALLEN TROOPS, AND FILL THEIR HOMES AND THEIR LIVES WITH YOUR STRENGTH AND PEACE. IN UNION WITH PEOPLE OF GOODWILL OF EVERY NATION, EMBOLDEN US TO ANSWER THE CALL TO WORK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND THUS, SEEK AN END TO VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT AROUND THE GLOBE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH YOUR NAME.

-AUTHOR UNKNOWN

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

#### May 26, 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/5-26-26/](https://ssnd.org/events/5-26-26/).

#### May 29, Friday

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

♦ **Knights of Columbus Breakfast** at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Grey Eagle, serving from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm. Proceeds to help fund local Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

#### June 7, Sunday

♦ **Corpus Christi Procession** with the Eucharist following the 8:00 am Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Meire Grove. See the Church of St. John parish section (pg. 5) for more information.

#### June 14, Sunday

♦ **Celebrating Fr. Ron Weyrens Retirement** at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell. Mass at 9:30 am, Dinner from 11:00am to 12:00 pm, Program from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Please rsvp to Carol at St. Stephen Church by **Monday, June 1** at 320-251-1520 to help us plan for food.

#### 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. Early bird registration fee thru May 23 is \$20. Registration fee after May 23 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.

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