



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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2026

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

**Melrose - Spring Hill -
Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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.



**DRIVEN BY
DIVINE
COMPASSION**

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36

As Jesus went “to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness” (Matthew 9:35), He was moved with deep compassion for the crowds. The Greek verb *splagchnizomai* is often translated as “moved with pity” or “moved with compassion.” It appears twelve times in the Gospels—eight times describing Jesus’ own compassion and four times illustrating divine mercy in parables or related contexts (the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Unforgiving Servant, and the plea of a father for his demon-possessed son). This verb conveys not just an emotional response but a profound stirring of His entire being, compelling Him to act with divine mercy—engaging His mind, will, body, and emotions.

Understanding this verb is essential because it unveils the very heart of Christ’s mission, where His divine mercy is fully manifest in His humanity. Though His mercy originates in His divinity, He fully lived and expressed it in His human nature, allowing it to consume Him entirely and drive Him to shepherd His people.

Jesus’ all-consuming compassion should profoundly console us. God does not love us out of mere divine obligation; His love is deeply personal, intimate, and relentless. He is not distant or impersonal, aloof in His perfection. In Christ, God’s mercy is made visible—His human heart is stirred to action, doing everything He can to draw us closer to Himself. This is why His compassion is such a source of reassurance: He is not a distant or angry God, standing far off to condemn. Rather, He is the God who, in Christ, allows Himself to be consumed with mercy, driven by compassion, and moved to act for the salvation of each one of us.

That same profound mercy continues to flow from the Sacred Heart today. In Heaven, Christ’s human heart remains inseparably united to His divinity, pouring forth the love of the Father and the Holy Spirit upon the world. His compassion is made present to us through His Church, especially in the Sacraments and in the lives of saintly men and women. This same compassion must become the driving force behind all we do for the Kingdom. We are called to be His living instruments of mercy, reflecting His Sacred Heart in our actions, words, and love for others—so that each of us might be reassured of God’s unfailing love.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JUNE 15 - 21

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en español**
 †Audencio Hernandez
 †Cristina Herenandez
 †Jose Refugio Hernandez
 Tu 7:30 am †Jeanette Barth
 We 7:30 am †Sherwood Meyer
 Th 7:30 am †Mildred Wiechmann
 Fr 7:30 am †Todd Bussmann
 Sa 5:00 pm For the People
 *Su 9:00 am †Ronald Thieschafer
 Su 11:30 am **Misa en Español**
 †Francisco Gonzalez
 †Manuela Tapia

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm For the People
 Su 10:00 am †Deceased Members of Tony & Anne Marie Hartung Family

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:00 am †Kathleen Meyer
 Su 10:00 am †Bob Terres

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Herb Bertram
 Sa 4:00 pm †Edward & †LaVern Winter
 †Joe & †Hedwig Winter

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Norm Wehlage
 Su 8:00 am †Al Luetmer

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
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Fridays



SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu 8:15 am †Jack Engelmeyer
 We 8:15 am Special Intentions
 Th 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Immaculate
 Conception Christian Women Members
 Fr 8:15 am Klapfake Family
 Su 8:00 am †Juleen Scegura

*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. Oswald, Juliann Heller, and Rita Meyer.
- **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!
- **Contribution Envelopes** You should be receiving your July and August contribution envelopes soon. As we move through this period of transition, there will be a few changes to the envelope system. We will keep you informed of any updates as they occur. At this time, the only change you may notice is that some envelope numbers have been updated. This adjustment was necessary as we prepare our records and data for the upcoming merger. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this process, and we are grateful for your continued support.
- **Thank You** Dear Friends in Ministry, Thank you for your generous contribution to the 2026 Home Missions Collection. This appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 dioceses throughout the country by assisting with pastoral services such as evangelization, religious education, maintenance of mission parishes, training of lay ministers and seminarians and ministry of ethnic groups. Our sincere thanks for the leadership you take in your parish(es) and your promotion of the spreading of the Good News across our world. Blessings and peace always, *Elizabeth M. Brown, Director, Mission Office of the Diocese of St. Cloud*
- **Changes to Our Mass Schedule** Effective Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Many of us have been waiting intently on the formal merger decree from the Bishop's office concerning our four parishes. While we do not yet have the decree in hand, I have been given permission to

proceed with some of the next steps — including publishing our future Mass schedule. As our four parishes become one new Saint Mary's Parish, weekend Masses will be celebrated on our two campuses — Saint Mary's, Melrose and Saint John the Baptist, Meire Grove. Please know: no single schedule could please everyone, and every community is sacrificing something. This was carefully and prayerfully considered.

Weekend Masses

- ♦ Saturday: 4:00 pm vigil (English) at St. John, Meire Grove*
- ♦ Sunday: 9:00 am (English) & 11:30 am (Spanish) at St. Mary, Melrose

Weekday Masses

- ♦ Monday: No daily Mass
- ♦ Tuesday: 6:30 pm (Spanish) at St. Mary, Melrose
- ♦ Wednesday: 8:00 am at St. John, Meire Grove
- ♦ Thursday: 8:00 am with the SJSA school (June–Aug: St. Michael · Sept–May: St. Andrew)
- ♦ Friday: 8:00 am at St. Mary, Melrose (8:30 am during the academic year, with St. Mary's school)

At CURA Center (Nursing Home, Melrose)

- ♦ Saturday: 10:00 am**
- ♦ Tuesday: 10:00 am

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



Vacation Bible School Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Vacation Bible School! 60 children had a great time learning all about Jesus in Rainforest Falls. Big thank you to the amazing volunteers (over 30 volunteers) for giving their time and talents to make this a great week!

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 freeportmnparade@gmail.com.


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

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

Total.....	\$7,852.00
Regular Adult Offering	6,135.00
Plate/Loose	925.00
Designated Funds	792.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

06-07	\$75	Rochelle Nemitz, Melrose
06-08	\$25	Patti Mattos, Savage
06-09	\$25	Jeron & Amanda Hellermann, Melrose
06-10	\$50	Anna Mae Denne, Akeley
06-11	\$25	Andy Heinen, Melrose
06-12	\$25	Madelyn & Andy Klaphake, Melrose
06-13	\$25	Glen Klaphake, Melrose



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

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

Total.....	\$4,399.71
Regular Adult Offering	3,683.46
Plate	337.00
Votive	169.25
Building/Maintenance	200.00
School Support	10.00

Parish Events

Su	06/14	9:00 am	Baptism
Mo	06/15	6:30 pm	Youth Night @ SHS Gym
Fr	06/19	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	06/19	9:00 am	Adoration
Tu	06/23	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...
 †Myron Reiman, 76

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



Wedding... Congratulations to **Matthew & Mattie (Meyer) Beste** who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, June 6. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

May They Rest in Peace...

- Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Lawrence (Max) Sand**, who passed away Tuesday, June 2.
- Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Anne Wolke**, who passed away.

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.

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.
- 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!

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.



The Scriptures This Week
 Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo Weekday	1 Kgs 21:1-16	Mt 5:38-42
Tu Weekday	1 Kgs 21:17-29	Mt 5:43-48
We Weekday	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Th Weekday	Sir 48:1-14	Mt 6:7-15
Fr Weekday (<i>Saint Romuald, Abbot</i>)	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Mt 6:19-23
Sa Weekday (<i>BVM</i>)	2 Chr 24:17-25	Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Jer 20:10-13	Rom 5:12-15
		Mt 10:26-33



CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$1,805.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,376.92
Plate	329.00
Building/Maintenance	100.00

Parish Events

Mo 06/15 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym
Sa 06/20 11:00 am Wedding
Sa 06/20 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
Tu 06/23 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg
-SR

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Kenneth "Ken/Kenny" Bushman** who passed away June 6. Services are pending and will be posted on the Patton-Schad Funeral Home website when set.

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,807.08
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,247.08
Plate	519.00
Ascension	25.00
Peter's Pence	16.00

Parish Events

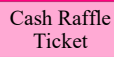
Mo 06/15 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym
Fr 06/19 7:30 pm Rosary
Tu 06/23 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg

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.



CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,558.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	840.00
Children's	3.75
Plate/Loose	55.00
Maintenance Fund	640.00
School Support	20.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, June 21 - 10:00 am

- (S) Olivia Kalthoff
- (L) Gary P. Lieser
- (U) Allen Lieser & Jeff Lieser
- (EM) (B) Melvin Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
- (HK: June 14-27) Joyce Meyer, Kim Meyer, & Linda Meyer



Rosary Rally Please join us for a Rosary Rally at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 20, at St. Michael's Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

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 18, Thursday

◆ **Freeport Senior Citizens Meeting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 cards and Bingo will be played.

June 19, Friday

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

June 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 23, Tuesday

◆ **Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults** Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada at 7:00 pm. Experience evening prayer in the gentle rhythm of the Liturgy of the Hours (psalms, scripture and intercessions), with time for faith sharing in breakout groups. Please register in advance for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/6-23-26/.

June 28, Sunday

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

June 30, Tuesday

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

Sacred Heart Parish Festival 2026

Quilt Raffle Tickets

Don't miss out on your opportunity to take home one of these two handmade quilts!



Embroidered Owl

76 X 94

Lavender Ticket



Purple Stain Glass

98 X 98

Cherry Ticket

\$5 chances to win one of these two quilts are now available!

These quilts will be raffled off at the Freeport Festival on Sunday July 19th.

Tickets available now at the parish house and in the Quilts and More stand the day of the event.

Thank you in advance for your purchase in support of the Sacred Heart Parish.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$720.00
Regular Adult Offering	440.00
Plate/Loose	65.00
Votives	20.00
Cemetery	185.00
School Support	10.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, June 20 - 4:00 pm

(S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan
 (L) Kathy Gilk
 (U) Gary Bertram & Dan Boecker
 (GB) Jim & Sheryl Braun
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - June) *Sandy Niehoff, Janice Nietfeld,
 Mary Opatrny, and Kristen Pattinson



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,728.74
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,326.19
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	304.00
Votives	93.05
School Support	5.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, June 21 - 8:00 am

(S) Faith Meyer & Grace Meyer
 (L) Karen Meyer
 (U) Jeron Nathe & Andrew Primus
 (GB) Viola Leukam & Family
 (EM) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
 (HK - June) *Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, and Geri Meyer

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


HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”
 Matthew 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to “repent.” Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in asking things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second - invite the Lord into your heart.

 **Sacred Heart School**
Calendar Raffle Winners!

06/07	\$40	Dan & Sam Toenyan - Melrose
06/08	\$25	Frank Gerads - Freeport
06/09	\$25	Angela Scherping - Freeport
06/10	\$25	Joan Dick - Freeport
06/11	\$25	Kevin & Cassandra Opatz - Holdingford
06/12	\$40	Heidi Olmscheid - Melrose
06/13	\$25	Brenda Goebel - Freeport

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

Banns of Matrimony:
 II Tawny Corsetti♥Kristopher Wensmann, 6-26 FR
 III Jamie Hoover♥Joseph Massmann, 6-20 NM

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

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

Sacred Heart: <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!

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. All registration forms handed in after May 15 are now required to pay the "After May 15" price. Call or email the Tri-Parish Office if you need to set up a payment plan.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.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).

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

youthministry@catholic-centered.org or
faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Youth Night Monday, June 15** from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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



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



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD:
Amber Bueckers, Kathy Gilk, Adam
Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Heidi Meyer,
Trista Roelike, and Jenny Wilson
Phone: 320-987-3133
www.sjsaschool.org

- **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 smsmelrosemn.org.

- **New Hires** St. John's - St. Andrew's is happy to announce that Kylee Blenker has been hired as the third and fourth grade teacher and Bryce Bergeron as the first and second grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. We are excited to have them join our team.
- **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.



DRIVEN BY DIVINE COMPASSION cont.'d from pg 1

We see in today's Gospel that Jesus' compassion moved Him to send out twelve of His disciples as His Apostles, entrusting them with His divine authority to proclaim the Kingdom of God, cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons. They were to be His chosen instruments of mercy, reaching out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel—those in dire need of God's truth and healing grace.

Today, Jesus sends each of us forth in a unique way to be a beacon of light and mercy to others. He first calls us to love those closest to us—our family and friends—not in an ordinary way, but in a radical self-giving that mirrors His own love. We must allow our whole beings to be moved with divine compassion for them, reassuring them of both our love and God's love. But our mission cannot end there. After loving our families, we must extend that same compassion to all whom God places in our lives, offering the same depth of mercy that filled Jesus' Sacred Heart long ago.

Reflect today on Jesus' divine compassion from two perspectives. First, gaze at His overflowing love for you. There is no way to overestimate that love. Second, allow that love to transform you so that His mercy flows through you into the lives of others. Do not hold back the love of God—let it pour forth freely and abundantly. Let His divine compassion move your entire being so that you become a true instrument of His mercy, drawing souls to Him through the power of love and all-consuming compassion.

*Most loving Lord, when You gazed upon the people of Israel's troubles and abandonment, Your Sacred Heart was stirred with deep compassion. Pour forth that same compassion upon me, O Lord, and make me an instrument of Your mercy in the lives of others.
Jesus, I trust in You.*

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2



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.

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 is \$30. Make checks to St. Cloud DCCW and mail to Carol Brunn, 14267 Fairway Ln SE, Becker, MN 55308. Questions please call 320-248-5976.



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

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.

Catholic Century Farm and Rural Business Awards

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



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.

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

Save the Dates: ♦Holy Family Mini Fest 2026 Join us this summer (August 13—16) for a different kind of great Minnesota get-together! Come experience the beauty and wonder of God alongside fellow Catholics at the historical Holy Family Catholic Church and Belle Prairie Park along the Mississippi River just north of Little Falls, MN. Space is limited to 350 people. Register early as it will fill up. Earlybird Family Registration \$250; after June 30 registration is \$300. For more information call/text Kimberly at 320-247-2293 or holyfamilyland@gmail.com or www.holyfamilyland.org.

♦2026 Rural Life Celebration This year's Rural Life Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 16 beginning at 1:30 pm at the 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!



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)

Your Legacy Matters: My Catholic Will Your faith is your most valuable asset. When you write your Catholic will you take the necessary steps to plant seeds for the next generation of Catholics. 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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Come and Follow Me... Have you ever encountered someone that has made you say, "I want to be like that"? Someone who, not only talks the talk but walks the faith every day? **CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA** is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for September 18-20, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.



Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: As we celebrate the completion of another school year, it is important to remember that solid grounding in the Catholic tradition empowers our youth to face challenges with hope and resilience. The diocese is proud to support vibrant youth formation programs, 27 Catholic schools serving 4,461 students and religious education for 9,983 youth. Please help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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