



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

The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

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

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Freeport, MN 56331

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart

◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew

◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception

◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary

◆Sundays 11:00 am St. Mary

◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

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

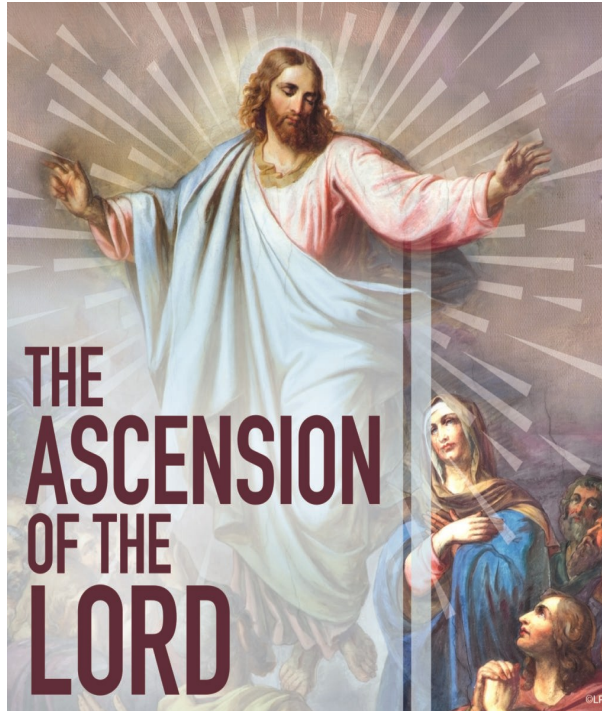
*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & OCIA

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

Anointing of the Sick Homebound Communion Pastoral Visitation Joining/Leaving a Parish

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



The Hour of Glory

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come, Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." John 17:1-2

The entirety of Chapter 17 of John's Gospel is traditionally referred to as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. This prayer concludes the Last Supper Discourse, which we have been reading for the past two weeks. It marks a transition from the conclusion of Jesus' public ministry to His Passion and glorification. With His teaching completed, Jesus begins His prayerful offering of His life to the Father. The prayer can be divided into three sections:

- 1) Verses 1-11a: Jesus' intimate prayer to the Father focuses on their mutual glorification through the completion of His sacrifice. This "hour" of sacrifice and glory is now at hand.
- 2) Verses 11b-19: Jesus prays for the disciples who accompanied Him during His earthly ministry, asking for their protection, sanctification, and perseverance in their mission.
- 3) Verses 20-26: Jesus' prayer extends to all future believers, the Church throughout time, including us today. He prays for unity among believers, rooted in the love of the Father and the Son.

Today, in liturgical Year A, we read the first section of this prayer, when Jesus speaks of His divine mission and His imminent return to the glory He shared with the Father before creation. This prayer highlights a central theme in John's Gospel: Jesus' "hour."

The theme of the "hour" was introduced at the wedding at Cana, the beginning of Jesus' signs. When the Blessed Mother intercedes for the couple, saying, "They have no wine," Jesus replies, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:3-4). From that moment, Jesus references the concept of His "hour" throughout His ministry, pointing to the appointed time for His Passion and glorification.

In today's High Priestly Prayer, Jesus makes His final and definitive reference to His hour: "Father, the hour has come..." (John 17:1). The hour of His sacrifice, the pinnacle of His earthly mission, has now arrived. Though Jesus was fully aware of the suffering He was about to endure, He did not enter into that suffering with dread or

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MAY 18 - 24

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en español**
 †Florentino Montanez
 †Pedro Montanez
 †Jesus Montanez
 Tu 8:00 am †Ray Ostendorf
 We 8:00 am †Mildred Wiechmann
 Th 8:00 am †Rose Hinnenkamp
 *Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
 †Rita Feldewerd
 Sa 5:00 pm †Lucille Mae Moore
 *Su 9:00 am †Mike Pohlmann
 Su 11:30 am **Misa en Español**
 †Carmen Ambriz

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Members of the Al & Rose Wiechman Family
 We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
 †Deceased Members of Elmer Elfering Family
 Th 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Immaculate Conception Christian Women Members
 Fr 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Members of Thomes, Kuhlmann, and Gabel Families
 Su 8:00 am †Roman, †Dolores, & †Gregory Waldorf

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm †LeRoy & †Jeanie Hoppe

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Deceased/Living Members of St. Mary's Mission Society, Spring Hill
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †David "Bucky" Backes
 †Herb, †Aurelia, †Tom, †Bob, †Harvey, †Dennis, & †Philip Schwieters
 Sa 4:00 pm

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Sylvester Klaphake
 Su 8:00 am †Raphael & †Dolores Imdieke

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

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 is suspended until further notice due to painting of the interior of the church.



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 24 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.



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.

Parish News:

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

•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. For more information or questions regarding this posting, please contact Amy at the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.

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.



ACC Book Study As we are all going through the All Things

New process together we would like to invite individuals from across our ACC and beyond to join us for a book study. The book is Radical Hospitality. We have some books at no cost until they run out. The study is on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm and will run through mid-June. It is being led by Jessica Goebel and Amy Hoeschen. Please reach out to the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport to sign up 320-836-2143. It's not to late to join.

Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal:

The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



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

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

Total.....	\$12,818.00
Regular Adult Offering	10,149.00
Plate/Loose	1,329.00
Designated Funds	1,340.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



05-10	\$200	Alex & Lisa Ellering, St. Michael
05-11	\$25	Rena Nietfeld, Seawood, KS
05-12	\$25	Donna Sand, Melrose
05-13	\$50	George & Ruth Traeger, Melrose
05-14	\$75	Evelyn Elfering, Melrose
05-15	\$25	Pedro Hernandez, Melrose
05-16	\$25	Gary Klasen, Farmington, NM

Baptized in Christ...

♥Naylani Isabela Macario Solis

Cemetery Volunteer Day will be Monday, May 18 at 6:00 pm. In case of bad weather, it will be Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm. Please bring lawn mowers, leaf blowers, weed trimmer, rakes, and brooms. Please remove all items that are not permanently attached to the headstone or cement, including flower pots and stands to make cleanup easier. They will otherwise be removed. Please see Roger about permanently installing items.

Liturgical Ministry for June is complete and is available online. Please check your dates and find a substitute if you can't be here as scheduled.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Easter Weekday (Saint John I, Pope and Martyr) Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tu	Easter Weekday Acts 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11a
We	Easter Weekday (Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest) Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
Th	Easter Weekday (Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs) Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Fr	Easter Weekday (Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious) Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19
Sa	Easter Weekday Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday - Pentecost (Solemnity)	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5 Rom 8:22-27	Jn 7:37-39
	Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 Ez 37:1-14 Rom 8:22-27	Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b Jl 3:1-5 Jn 7:37-39
	Day: Acts 2:1-11	1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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Total.....	\$4,369.61
Regular Adult Offering	3,890.59
Plate	337.00
Building/Maintenance	50.00
Rice Bowl	7.02
Painting Project	25.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00
Ascension	35.00

Parish Events

Su	05/17	8:00 am	Baccalaureate Mass
Mo	05/18	6:30 pm	Youth Night @ SHS Gym
Mo	05/18		Church Painting Continues
Tu	05/19	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
We	05/20	6:30 pm	Book Study at Parish Office
Fr	05/22		No Individual Confessions
Fr	05/22	8:15 am	SHS 6th Grade Graduation Mass
Mo	05/25	9:15 am	Memorial Day Program in the Cemetery

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Adam & Alexandra Kramer to our parish.

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 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!

Community Garden is tilled and ready for planting. If you are interested in reserving rows in the community garden, please call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143. Each row is spaced 5 feet apart and will be assigned on a first call basis.



Prayer Requests...

Banns of Matrimony:

- I Mattie Meyer♥Matthew Beste, 6-6 FR
- I Mikayla Moritz♥Bradley Hellermann, 6-5 M
- II Tara Schmidt♥Matthew Keller, 5-30 M

For the Sick: Ken and Pat Bushman, Dolores Notch, Bethany Downs, Joyce Houser, 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

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.....	\$2,222.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,606.92
Plate	416.00
Building/Maintenance	200.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,053.08
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,605.08
Plate	448.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$384.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	290.00
Children's	4.00
Plate/Loose	70.00
Fuel Fund	20.00

Parish Events

- Mo 05/18 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym
- We 05/20 6:30 pm Book Study @ Parish Office - FR
- Sa 05/23 11:00 am Baptism
- Sa 05/23 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
- Mo 05/25 10:00 am Memorial Day Program in the Cemetery

Parish Events

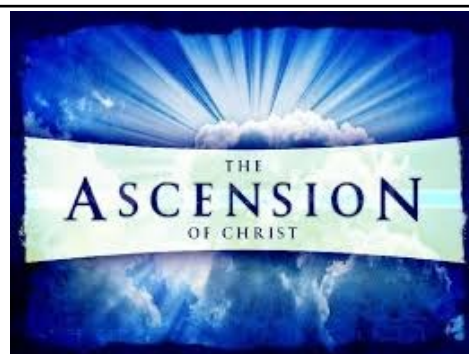
- Su 05/17 10:00 am Baccalaureate Mass
- Mo 05/18 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym
- Tu 05/19 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- We 05/20 6:30 pm Book Study @ Parish Office - FR
- Fr 05/22 7:30 pm Rosary
- Mo 05/25 8:30 am Memorial Day Program in the Cemetery

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, May 24 - 10:00 am

- (S) Olivia Kalthoff
- (L) Darlene Schoenberg
- (U) Robert Bertram & Tyler Bertram
- (EM) (B) Conrad Gruber
- (EM) (C) Sandra Gruber & Stan Heinen
- (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
- (HK: May 17-30)
Megan Lieser, Pam Lieser, & Sage Lieser

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!



Thank You's...

◆ Thank you to Randy & Cindi Schoenberg and Ozzy's Excavating for donating the material, equipment, and labor for the cemetery road improvement. Six loads of crushed cement and tar were spread over the top to make an even and long-lasting road surface. If you haven't seen it yet, walk over to check out our beautiful cemetery!

◆ Also, thank you to Peter Wuertz for donating the snow-blowing of the church/cemetery road and parking lot this past winter.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

- 05/10 \$100 Mike & Alice Westrick - Burtrum
- 05/11 \$25 Kim M. Wiechman - Freeport
- 05/12 \$25 Sara Alex - Ostego
- 05/13 \$25 Rick & Brenda Terres - Paynesville
- 05/14 \$40 Tammy Gilk - Richmond
- 05/15 \$25 Jeff Hoeschen - Long Prairie
- 05/16 \$25 Joan Hemker - Freeport

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"I am praying for them..."

John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.



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

Immaculate Conception Parish Raffle & More

New Munich, MN

Saturday, June 6, 2026

4:00 pm - Mass in the church

Followed by fellowship & festivities!!



Live music by the Nite Owls.

Cake walk, kids games,
burgers & fries, beer garden,
and more!

**7:00 pm - RAFFLE
DRAWING**



Summer Raffle Tickets - \$20 each
Quilt Raffle Tickets - \$1 each



2026 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



GRAND RAFFLE



Drawing at 7:00 pm on Saturday, June 6, 2026
at Immaculate Conception Church, New Munich, MN
\$20 per ticket

- Grand Prize - \$2,000
- 2nd Prize - \$1,500
- 3rd Prize - \$600
- 4 - \$500 Cash Prizes
- 1 - \$250 Cash Prizes
- 10 - \$200 Cash Prizes
- 3 - \$150 Cash Prizes
- 32 - \$100 Cash Prizes

Need not be present to win. Must be 18 or older to purchase ticket or win prize.
Winner responsible for any applicable fees or taxes. License #X-04935

ORDER FORM—Clip here and return **ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 3, 2026**

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Number of tickets wanted _____ x \$20 = \$ _____ (amount enclosed)

Would you like your ticket stubs sent to you? Yes, mail them. Yes, text them. No, I don't need the stubs.

RETURN TO: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
PO Box 155
Freeport, MN 56331

Office Use Only:
Ticket #: _____

Tickets available from Immaculate Conception Parishioners, at Worms Lumber & Ready Mix,
New Munich Gas & Grocery, the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport, or by calling the Tri-Parish Office at (320) 836-2143

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

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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,605.00
Regular Adult Offering	795.00
EFT	1,300.00
Plate/Loose	112.00
Votives	38.00
Maintenance Fund	5.00
Cemetery	350.00
School Support	5.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,450.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	980.00
EFT	140.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	232.00
Votives	48.00
Home Mission	50.00



Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, May 23 - 4:00 pm

(S) Noah Dehmer
 (L) Cassandra Kettner
 (U) David Welle & Chuck Winter
 (GB) Scott & Kristen Young
 (EM) (B) Mike Barten
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Herman Lensing
 (HK - May) *Mariann Lucken, Lorene Meyer, Patricia Murphy, & Doris Nathe

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, May 24 - 8:00 am

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
 (L) Char Meyer
 (U) Tom Loxtercamp & Dean Meyer
 (GB) Daryl & Abby Zenzen
 (EM) Karl Meyer, Sue Meyer
 Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (HK - May) *Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke, Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, & Mary Kay Leukam

The Hour of Glory
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

fear. Rather, He did so with eager resolve, knowing that everything He had done throughout His life and public ministry pointed to this moment, which had finally come.

Jesus' prayer teaches us that sacrifice is not something to resist or begrudge. Instead, every sacrifice becomes an opportunity to glorify God and receive a share in His glory. When we embrace sacrifice with generosity and trust, we unite ourselves to Jesus' perfect Sacrifice, participating in His work of redemption and giving glory to the Father.

Reflect today on the interior disposition Jesus manifested as He faced His imminent suffering and death. He did not cower or hesitate. He looked at His Cross with divine eyes, seeing His Sacrifice as the pinnacle of His life's mission and the source of glory for Him and His Father. As we strive to embrace our own sacrifices, turn to Christ in prayer, asking for His grace and strength to offer His prayer as He offered it to the Father.

Most glorious High Priest, when Your hour of suffering had arrived, You embraced that Sacrifice with unwavering resolve. That resolve revealed the glory You shared with the Father. Please draw me into Your sacrificial love and help me to prayerfully choose every sacrifice to which I am called with the same determination modeled in Your High Priestly Prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.



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, starting on the 6th and ending on the 27th, 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!



Memorial Day at the Cemetery
Monday, May 25, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

- 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.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: 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

- **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 (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** Next Monday, May 18 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym! Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for a fun evening of games, prayer, and a talk on how to bring faith into sports as a high school athlete. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Faith
Formation
Registration**

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
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♥ **Thank You** to everyone that showered our teachers last week with food, gifts, kind words, etc. It was much appreciated!

♥ **SHS Spring Fling** was a success last Friday. Thank you to all the families and kids that attended and also helped with setup, concessions and taking things down at the end of the night.

♥ Our K - 6 attended an **All School Field Trip** on Friday, May 15 sponsored by the Freeport State Bank! K and 1st grade attended the Amazon Farmyard and 2nd - 6th went to the Skating Place in St. Cloud. **Thank You** FSB for offering this fun opportunity for our students!

♥ 6th grade attended an event to pack food for **Food for Thought** on Tuesday, May 12.

♥ **5th and 6th Grade Class** went on their annual field trip to the Capitol, the MN Historical Society and James Jill House on Wednesday, May 13.

♥ **Kindergarten Class** visited Pung's Farm in Freeport on Thursday, May 14.

♥ **PreK 4/5 Graduation** will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 am.

♥ **Last Day of School at SHS** is Friday, May 22 with a picnic lunch for the students at lunch time and a family ice cream social at 2:00 pm.

♥ **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.

♦ **SMS State of the School Report** can be accessed by scanning the QR code, or visiting the school website under the tab SMS K-6, School Information <https://www.smsmelrosemn.org/>

♦ **Last Day of School** for St. Mary's students is Friday, May 29.

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♦ **St. John's - St. Andrew's School Board Meets** Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

♦ **Kindergarten Graduation** is Wednesday, May 20 at 1:45 pm in the school basement. Congratulations to our kindergarteners as they move on to first grade.

♦ **6th grade Graduation Mass** is Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's. Congratulations to our 6th grade graduates: Noah Dehmer, Lydia Kasper, Kenny Niehoff, and Luke Worms. We wish them all the best as they move on to 7th grade.

♦ **Last Day of School** at SJSA is Thursday, May 21. Mass is at 10:00 am followed by a family picnic at the school.

♦ **SJSA Received a Check** for \$207.35 for aluminum can recycling. Thank you for recycling with SJSA. The recycling trailer is located in the south parking lot of St. John's Church in Meire Grove.

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

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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 - 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.



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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.

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HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

May 17, Sunday

♦**Breakfast** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, St. Francis (44055 State Hwy 238, Freeport). Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Free will offering. Proceeds benefit participants attending the Steubenville Youth Conference.

May 17-23, Sunday-Saturday

♦**Online Auction** Elevate Pregnancy & Family Resource Center, formerly Birthline, invites you to participate in their Online Auction. Bid on a variety of items while supporting local families through education, mentoring, and compassionate care. Visit to onecau.se/auctiononline2026.

May 19, Tuesday

♦**Bologna Daze** at Elrosa Bar & Lounge serving from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Music by Rueben Nathe & Friends. \$12 all you can eat. Sponsored by: Elrosa Senior Citizens.

May 21, 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.

May 22, Friday

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

May 22-23, Friday-Saturday

♦**Buddy Poppies** Schanaar-Otte Post 7050 & VFW Auxiliary will be distributing Buddy Poppies in Melrose and Freeport.

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/.

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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