



ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of

Church of St. Mary

(Campuses in Melrose & Meire Grove, serving the communities of
Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald & Spring Hill)

Church of the Sacred Heart (Freeport)

Church of the Immaculate Conception (New Munich)

Church of St. Rose of Lima (St. Rosa)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

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

Melrose Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Faith Formation: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

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Facebook: Church of St. Mary, Melrose

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Melrose, MN 56352

Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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 8:00 am During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - St. Mary - Melrose
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary - Meire Grove
- ◆Sundays 11:00 am St. Mary - Melrose
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

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

*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & OCIA

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

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

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



THE GENEROUS SOWER

"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up..." Matthew 13:3-4

In today's Gospel, the Parable of the Sower is delivered from a boat, as Jesus addresses a large crowd along the shoreline. Jesus uses the natural acoustics of the water to carry His voice to the eager multitude who came to hear Him. Their earnestness offers us an opportunity for self-examination: Am I among that crowd, attentively listening as God speaks to me today? Do I go out of my way to seek, listen, and respond to the Word of God?

A parable is a method that both reveals and conceals. It reveals divine truth to those who are humble and receptive, and conceals that same truth from those whose hearts are closed. The truths of the Kingdom are not concepts that can be quickly grasped. They are divine mysteries that must enter the soul and be pondered and nourished. Only the spiritually docile can penetrate their depths and allow God's Word to transform their lives.

The Sower is Christ. The seed is the Word of God, and the soil represents the human heart, in all its various conditions of readiness and receptivity. Some souls await God's Word like freshly tilled, moist, and fertilized soil. As soon as the seed enters, it begins to grow rapidly—until fully grown and producing good fruit.

Other souls are less receptive. Like the path, some hearts are hardened, stubborn, refusing to receive divine truth. The Word is heard, but not truly received. The enemy snatches it away before it can penetrate.

Hearts that are like rocky ground are those who initially receive the Word with joy but lack perseverance. When trials come, they fall away. They may attend Mass, read Scripture, or begin with fervor, but without deep interior conversion rooted in prayer, they cannot endure the heat of testing.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JULY 13 - 19

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Tu	6:30 pm	Misa en español (Melrose)
We	8:00 am	†Norm Wehlage (Meire Grove)
Th	8:00 am	†Benjamin Gruenes (Spring Hill)
Fr	8:00 am	†Sylvester Welle (Melrose)
Sa	5:00 pm	†Sherry Rausch (Meire Grove)
*Su	9:00 am	†Allan "Al" Revermann (Melrose)
Su	11:30 am	Misa en Español (Melrose) Por el Pueblo

*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu	8:15 am	†Jeanette Zehrer
We	8:15 am	†Arnie Hoeschen
Th	8:15 am	†Rich Rademacher
Fr	8:15 am	†Ed & †Agnes Job
Su	9:00 am	Festival Outdoor Polka Mass For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa	4:00 pm	†George & †Rose Funk
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ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Su	10:00 am	†Art Engelmeyer
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St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español) and
Saturdays, 8:00 am - 9:00 am
in English

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

~ St. Mary Melrose & Meire Grove Campus ~
Communities of Melrose, Meire Grove, Spring Hill, Greenwald

- **Automatic Withdrawal** Do you regularly contribute to the cemetery, maintenance, school, and/or Holy Days? We can set up an automatic withdrawal to use less envelopes. Please contact Katie in the parish office and she can help with the process!
- **Rosary Rally** Please join us for a Rosary Rally at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 18, at the church in Spring Hill. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- **Faith Formation News** Please be sure to look at the Faith Formation section on page 5 to stay up to date on all the information for this year's classes.

Prayer Requests for the Sick... If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please email bulletin@catholic-centered.org or call one of the parish offices.



"Journey with St. Francis" Everyone is welcome to participate in the mini pilgrimage at the Franciscan Sisters Campus, 116 8th Ave. SE, Little Falls, MN on Thursday, August 13. Registration at 8:30 am, then get a tour and history of Franciscans from 9:00 - 10:30 am, followed by Mass at 11:00 am. Stay and have lunch with the Sisters at noon and continue your visit. There is no fee but pre-registration is required. Call Linda Borgerding at 320-293-1839 to register. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. (no bus, carpooling encouraged)

**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. Stop by any Freeport State Bank location in Freeport, Melrose, or Greenwald if you'd like to golf, sponsor a hole, join for a meal, donate, purchase your Rolling on the Green chance or have questions. Thank you for your commitment and support of Catholic Schools.

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.

Humanae Vitae Mass & Award Reception July 23, 2026

Join the celebration at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Saint Cloud. We will celebrate the 58th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* with Mass at 7:00 pm with Bishop Patrick Neary presiding. A reception will follow, with the presentation of the 2026 Humanae Vitae Award to Tom & Meg Klecker. For details, visit <https://stcdio.org/event/humanae-vitae-award-2026/>

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.cmtec.org. Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open to both youth (age 16+) as well as adults and is located just north of Little Falls. The next weekend is July 31-August 2.



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.

Celebrate Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness

Week July 19-25, 2026 Plan now to celebrate NFP Week. This year's theme from the USCCB is, "Natural Family Planning: Designed by God – Guided by Love – Open to Life." Resources can be found at usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week. This is a great time to learn about NFP and God's plan for married love. For additional information, contact Sheila Reineke at 320-258-7609 or email sreineke@gw.stcdio.org



Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: 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. This year, \$175,475 is being distributed parishes/ACCs for schools and religious ed programs and Catholic high schools. Please help support Catholic education through this appeal. Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Melrose Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352

Meire Grove Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.
Meire Grove, MN 56352

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St. Mary - Melrose

Total.....	\$6,838.00
Regular Adult Offering	5,594.00
Plate/Loose	886.00
Designated Funds	358.00

Spring Hill	\$535.00
Greenwald	\$190.00

St. John - Meire Grove

Total	\$1,348.50
Regular Adult Offering	1,115.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	156.00
Votives	77.00

St. Mary's - Meire Grove Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, July 18 - 5:00 pm

(S) Faith Meyer & Grace Meyer

(L) Doug Meyer

(U) Matt Silbernack & Mike Wehlage

(GB) Dean & Karen Meyer

(EM) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer

(HK - July) *Heidi Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, & Brenda Nathe

St. Mary's - Melrose Calendar Raffle

07-05	\$25	Luverne & Jean Ritter, Melrose
07-06	\$25	Chloe & Sam Viere, Freeport
07-07	\$25	Paula Lange, St. Cloud
07-08	\$50	Tony & Gladys Meyer, Melrose
07-09	\$25	Marvin Stueve, Melrose
07-10	\$25	Delaney Anderson, Melrose
07-11	\$25	Alex Klasen c/o Mike Klasen, Burtrum

**Baptized in Christ...**

♥Kexaly Botello Raya

♥Aidan Clarence Klaphake

Maintenance Thank You Thank you very much to all those who have stepped up and helped in any way to keep our buildings and grounds looking nice. Your time and service do not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated!



Cemetery Help Needed With abundant rainfall and an injured maintenance staff, volunteers are needed to help with trimming at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Cemeteries, especially around the headstones. We encourage volunteers to assist anytime. Thank you for helping keep our cemeteries beautiful and welcoming!

St. Mary's - Meire Grove is looking for individuals who would like to volunteer as greeters before Mass. These ministers would greet others at the door as they arrive for Mass. Please contact the parish office if you would be interested in serving in this way.

St. Mary's - Meire Grove Church Steeple Lighting The church steeple on the Meire Grove campus will be lit for the month of July in honor of the parishioners of St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John the Baptist, and St. Mary.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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Total.....	\$4,134.46
Regular Adult Offering	3,665.46
Plate	309.00
Votive	85.00
Building/Maintenance	40.00
School Support	10.00
Church Painting	25.00

Parish Events

Su	07/12	11:30 am	Baptism
Th	07/16	6:00 pm	Festival Setup
Fr	07/17	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	07/17	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	07/17	6:00 pm	Festival Setup
Sa	07/18	9:00 am	Festival Setup
Su	07/19	9:00 am	Parish Festival
Mo	07/20	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym

**Sacred Heart Festival
(Sunday, July 19) News:**

- Third Chair Couple** We are looking for a third chair couple to assist with the festival. If you are willing or able to help, please contact Mary Kay Huhne at 320-290-3058 or Ashley Burg at 320-493-2760.
- Raffle Tickets** Please sell or buy the 10 grand raffle tickets that were included in your festival packet. The Grand Raffle is the most productive part of our festival. 100% of each ticket sold goes directly to the parish. If your packet was mailed to you, please consider sending in the order form to purchase tickets in support of our parish, especially if you are unable to make it to the festival. **PLEASE NOTE: All raffle tickets, sold and unsold, must be turned in and accounted for no later than 3:00 pm Sunday, July 19.** Tickets and money can be dropped off at the Parish Office in Freeport, the Freeport State Bank in Freeport or the Freeport branch of Magnifi Financial. If you need additional tickets, please contact the Tri-Parish Office.
- Donations Needed** Parish families are asked to donate 8 kids prizes, 8 adult prizes, 2 - 2 liters of pop (no diet) and 2 cakes per family, marked with flavor of cake and frosting. The prizes can be brought to the church basement **between July 13-18**. Cakes can be dropped off in the church basement **July 17-18**.
- Schedule of Events:** See One in Faith Area Catholic Community News on page 7.

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."

Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material good choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

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Total.....	\$2,747.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,196.92
Plate	311.00
Building/Maintenance	220.00
School Support	20.00

Parish Events

Sa 07/18 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
Mo 07/20 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym



God's Housekeepers for the month of July: *Stacy Zierden, Carol Thelen, DeAnna Massmann, Lori Mayers, Linda Schmiesing, and Diane Lemm. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

Annual Summer Picnic Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Leo Court # 786 of New Munich will be having their "Annual Summer Picnic" on Sunday, July 12, at 11:30 am at the Lake Maria Clubhouse and Picnic Grounds. A pot-luck lunch will be served, including hot dogs, kraut, & beverages which will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. A brief quarterly meeting will be held. All court members are welcome.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

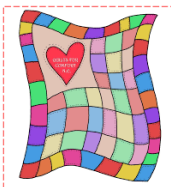
Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

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Total.....	\$1,978.83
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,237.08
Plate	531.75
Building/Maintenance	210.00

Parish Events

Fr 07/17 7:30 pm Rosary
Mo 07/20 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym



Festival Quilts: Please bring all quilts to the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, July 26. Festival chairs will be there to collect them after Mass. Please contact Michael & Jessica Lehner

320-429-5060 or Devin & Elisha Kemper 320-492-1229 for alternative arrangements or questions.

Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: Bethany Downs, Cali Dickhoff, Dorothy Schneider, Joyce Klaphake Hauser, Ken VanderWeyst, Len Frieze, Marv Stueve, Michelle Russel

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

Sacred Heart:
Judy Caveny 320-248-8830
Immaculate Conception:
Bernice Zink 320-837-5321
St. Rose of Lima:
Kayla Harren 320-333-8461
St. Mary's (Spring Hill)
Sharon Schulzetenberg 320-248-7702
St. Mary's (Melrose) 320-256-3878



With *God*
All things are *Possible*

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Weekday (<i>Saint Henry</i>) Is 1:10-17	Mt 10:34—11:1
Tu	USA: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (<i>Memorial</i>) Is 7:1-9	Mt 11:20-24
We	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (<i>Memorial</i>) Is 10:5-7, 13b-16	Mt 11:25-27
Th	Weekday (<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>) Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	Mt 11:28-30
Fr	Weekday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8	Mt 12:1-8
Sa	Weekday (<i>USA: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM</i>) Mi 2:1-5	Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30		

Public Rosary...

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

St. Mary - Melrose

- Wednesday: 1:00 pm
- Thursday (Spanish): 6:30 pm
(Except the 1st Thursday)

St. Mary - Meire Grove

- Monday: 7:00 am
- Saturday: 4:30 pm

Spring Hill

- Thursday: 7:30 am

Sacred Heart, Freeport

- Tuesday: 7:45 am
- Wednesday: 7:45 am
- Thursday: 7:45 am
- Friday: 7:45 am
- Sunday: 7:30 am

Immaculate Conception, New Munich

- Saturday: 3:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa

- Friday: 7:30 pm
- Sunday: 9:30 am



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** Please contact the Tri-Parish Office if you are interested in signing your child in grades 1-10 for Faith Formation. Call 320-836-2143 or email faithformation@catholic-centered.org.
- **The first night of Faith Formation** will be Wednesday, September 9. Parents are required to attend the parent meeting and students will go off to their classroom to complete their Safe Environment course. Grades 1-6 will be from 6:00-7:00 pm and Grades 7-10 will be from 7:00-8:00 pm.
- **11th Grade Confirmation Classes** with Father Dan starts Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm. Be sure, **Candidates**, you are registered for these classes with Father Dan if you choose to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church by being Confirmed on Sunday, October 4 at 1:00 pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- **Youth Night** Monday, July 20 at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym!

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.org

- **Faith Formation Registration** It is not too late to turn in your Faith Formation registration forms. We want to see all of our youth participating in faith formation. Forms can be found on the Faith Formation table by the office or in the kiosks in the church. They can also be found on the website or by emailing Mark Kociemba at faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.org or call 320-256-9501.
- **Save the Date:** Saturday, August 8. We will have a summer retreat for our young people in grades 6-12. The theme of this summer retreat will be the four gospels it is called Impressions. If you are interested in helping with this summer program or you know that your child would like to attend, please let Mark Kociemba know by email faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.org or you can call the faith formation office at 320-256-9501. Registration forms will be available at all of the kiosks and at the faith formation table by the office. We will have registration begin on Sunday, July 12. All 6-12 graders from both parishes are welcome to attend.
- **Parent & Youth Advisory Committee/Board** If you would like to be part of the parent advisory committee or the youth advisory board for faith formation or youth ministry please contact Mark Kociemba at faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.org.



THE GENEROUS SOWER cont.'d from pg 1

The thorny heart is the divided heart, where the Word of God is mixed with anxieties, riches, and pleasures. The Gospel is heard—perhaps even cherished—but it is suffocated by worldly attachments, ambition, or fear. Earthly anxieties and the fascination of riches are thorns that smother the soul and prevent it from growing.

The good news is that God, the Divine Sower, is not passive. He sows the seed Himself—personally, directly, and abundantly. He is not like a remote monarch seated on a distant throne, waiting for us to come to Him. No—God always takes the initiative. He goes forth like the sower, casting His seed upon us even before we ask.

The seed comes to us in two essential ways: truth and grace. As truth, God's Word enlightens the intellect to know His eternal mysteries. As grace, God's Word strengthens the will to embrace and live those truths with faith and charity.

The Divine Sower sows lavishly. He casts the seed everywhere—on the path, among the rocks, amidst thorns, and upon rich earth. This is not careless, but the work of Divine Mercy. God desires that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Even where the ground seems hardened, shallow, or choked with thorns, He still sows. He never ceases to speak, to reach out, to invite. He sows even in places we might deem hopeless—until the final moment, when the time for sowing is ended.

Reflect today on God's generous and continuous sowing in your soul. He never ceases speaking to you, calling to you, and planting His Word within you. How receptive are you? Which soil best describes your soul? It's never too late to respond in this life. God's Word can grow rapidly within us when our souls are fertile and receptive. Remove the rocks, cut down the thorns, and till the hardened path, so that the abundant seed will make its way into your heart.

Divine Sower, You ceaselessly send forth Your truth and grace to enlighten and strengthen us in the mission of building Your Kingdom. Please till the soil of my heart and make it fertile, so that Your Word may take root in me, growing and producing an abundance of good fruit. Jesus, I trust in You.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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 Lindsay Frieler, and Chris Klaphake
 www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591
 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



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 Lindsey Gruber, and Greta Rademacher
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 Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Heidi Meyer,
 Trista Roelike, and Jenny Wilson
 Phone: 320-987-3133
 www.sjsaschool.org

♥**Toddler Care** If you are looking for Toddler care at SHS, we have some openings. Please contact Chrystal at 320-836-2585.

♥**Watch for the SHS Parade float** and join us in celebrating the Sacred Heart Parish festival on Sunday, July 19.

♥**Report Card/End of Year Folder** Parents, please stop in at school to pick up your report card/end of year folder for your family. Summer care is open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm to make it convenient to pick up during those times. The envelopes are near the front entrance of the school in the entryway.

♥**The school office will be open periodically** throughout the summer. If you need something, please send a fast direct message. Or call the office at 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. See page 2 of this bulletin for more information.

♦**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. See page 2 of this bulletin for more information.

♦**There are still openings** for prospective 2026-2027 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call 320-256-4257, email anelson@smsmn.org, or visit our school website smsgmelrosemn.org.

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

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Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

07/05	\$25	Mike Moscho - Freeport
07/06	\$25	Jody Thelen - Paynesville
07/07	\$25	Kevin & Ann Rolfes - Twin Falls, ID
07/08	\$25	Jeremiah Pung - Freeport
07/09	\$25	Ashley Thompson - Burtrum
07/10	\$25	Mike Moscho - Freeport
07/11	\$25	Kathy Wolf - Eagle Bend

Catholic Education Growing Together in Faith

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

July 12, Sunday

♦**Festival** at the Church of Saint Benedict, Avon. Outdoor Polka Mass at 10:00 am bring your chairs. Quilt Auction, Silent Auction, Kid's Games, Bingo, Live Music and more following the Mass.

♦**Annual Summer Picnic** for Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Leo Court #786 of New Munich at 11:30 am at the Lake Maria Clubhouse and Picnic Grounds. A pot-luck lunch will be served, including hot dogs, kraut, & beverages which will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. A brief quarterly meeting will be held. All court members are welcome.

♦**The Wizard of Oz** Presented by Melrose Stages at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center at Melrose High School. Reserved seating \$11. Show starts at 2:00 pm. To purchase tickets visit isd740.org under tickets. If you have questions call Audrey at 320-256-5612.

July 13, Monday

♦**The Wizard of Oz** Presented by Melrose Stages at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center at Melrose High School. Reserved seating \$11. Show starts at 7:30 pm. To purchase tickets visit isd740.org under tickets. If you have questions call Audrey at 320-256-5612.

July 16, 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.

July 17, Friday

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

July 19, Sunday

♦**Sacred Heart Parish Festival/Parade**, Freeport. 9:00 am Outdoor Mass with polka music, 10:30 am Parade, 11:30 am Food & Games, 11:45 am Live Entertainment, 4:00 pm Grand Raffle and Quilt Raffle drawings.

July 23, Thursday

♦**Freeport State Bank 26th Annual Golf Classic** at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. Best Ball Scramble, rain or shine event will have a 3:00 pm shot gun start with a meal served around 5:30 pm. 100% of the proceeds from hole sponsorships, entry fees and donations benefit: Sacred Heart School, Freeport; St. Mary's School, Melrose and St. John's - St. Andrew's School, Greenwald. Stop by any Freeport State Bank location in Freeport, Melrose, or Greenwald if you'd like to golf, sponsor a hole, join for a meal, donate, purchase your Rolling on the Green chance or have questions. Thank you for your commitment and support of Catholic Schools.

July 28, Tuesday

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

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**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.

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.



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.

MCCL's Annual Life Leadership Camp For the first time, we're offering a pro-life summer camp for middle school students. 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.



Are You Seeking Spiritual Direction in your faith life and are experiencing growing pains along the way? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next weekend is scheduled for September 18 - 20, 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.



45th Annual Sacred Heart Parish FESTIVAL & PARADE

Freeport, MN

JULY 19, 2026

**9:00 AM - OUTDOOR MASS
WITH POLKA MUSIC**

With LAVERNE & THE STARLITES
(Bring Your Lawn Chairs)

10:30 AM - PARADE

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Call Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615, or email freeportmn-parade@gmail.com if you are interested in entering a float.

11:30 AM - FOOD & GAMES

BEER GARDEN, BURGERS, HOT DOGS,
KID'S GAMES & INFLATABLES, ETC.

11:45 AM - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

BY CRYSTAL BREEZE

**4:00 PM - GRAND RAFFLE DRAWING
& QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING**

Grand Raffle Tickets - \$20 each
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