



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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 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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Mailing Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE

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 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.



Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” Matthew 10:37-38

When a scribe approached Jesus and asked Him which of the commandments was the greatest, He replied: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:30–31).

Today’s Gospel offers a similar teaching: We must love God above all else—even more than father, mother, son, or daughter. By contrasting love for God with love for family, Jesus is not diminishing familial affection; rather, He is revealing that the only way to truly love others is by loving God first.

Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches: “God must be loved above all things and before all others out of charity, for He is loved as the source of happiness, whereas our neighbor is loved as one who shares in that happiness along with us” (*Summa Theologiae II-II, Q.26, A.2*). *In other words, God must be loved first because He is the ultimate cause and source of beatitude—the only true happiness. Though we are called to love our families and our neighbors, Christian charity dictates that we love them in relation to God—as fellow recipients of divine happiness.*

One reason this Gospel is challenging is that our natural affections, though good, must be transformed by divine charity. It is natural to love our parents and children—God designed us with these affections. Even animals instinctively care for their offspring. But Jesus calls us to something higher: a love that is perfected by divine charity, transcending mere emotional attachment or duty. His teaching does not negate natural love; rather, it purifies, elevates, and directs it toward the highest good—God Himself.

When Jesus speaks of loving “father or mother” or “son or daughter” more than Him, He is addressing the inner conflict we sometimes experience in our emotions. When natural affection is not transformed by spiritual charity, the love we offer another can do more harm than good. Disordered affection replaces the ultimate good—God—with the lesser good of emotional attachment and human consolation. The real danger arises when our loved ones stray from God’s will, and we, out of misguided affection, affirm them in their error, thereby confirming them in a state lacking true beatitude.

The foundation of true love is this: God alone is the source of perfect happiness, for us and for our loved ones. Our belief in God transforms the way we love others. No longer do we merely seek their earthly comfort or emotional well-being; rather, we direct them to the eternal Good—God Himself—who alone fulfills every longing.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JUNE 29 - JULY 5 **ADORATION**

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en español (Melrose)**
 †Esther Jimenez
 †Abraham Cardona
 We 8:00 am †Maureen Luetmer (Meire Grove)
Th 8:00 am †Deceased/Living Members of
 St. Mary's Mission Society,
 Spring Hill (Spring Hill)
Fr 8:00 am †Jerry, Margaret, & Sandy Sand
 (Melrose)
Sa 5:00 pm For the People (Meire Grove)
 *Su 9:00 am †Don Welle (Melrose)
 Su 11:30 am **Misa en Español (Melrose)**
 †Mary Ann Butkowski

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu 8:15 am †Frances "Fran" Marks
 We 8:15 am †Genevieve "Jennie" Hiltner Anniversary
 Th 8:15 am Richard "Rich" Hoppe
 Fr 8:15 am †Steven Tschida
Sa 8:00 am **First Saturday Mass**
 †Donna Halbert
 Su 8:00 am †Janet Mickelson

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm †Hugo "Shorty" Massmann

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Su 10:00 am For the People

***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
 No Adoration
Friday, July 3



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Office Closures The offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July.

Prayer Requests for the Sick... At the end of June, the prayer requests for the sick will be cleared out. If you would like to be added back to the payer list, please call one of the parish offices or email bulletin@catholic-centered.org.



Sacred Heart Festival (Sunday, July 19) Schedule of Events:

- **9:00 am Outdoor Mass with Polka Music** by LaVerne & the Starlites (Bring Chairs)
- **10:30 am Parade** The theme for this year is "250 Years of America." Contact Andy Grieve for entry forms 320-260-5615 or freeportmnpairade@gmail.com if interested in entering a float.
- **11:30 am Food and Games**
- **11:45 am Live Entertainment** by Crystal Breeze
- **4:00 pm Grand Raffle and Quilt Raffle Drawings**

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.

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.

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. Application and nomination forms for both the Catholic Century Farm and Rural Business Awards are due Wednesday, July 1.



Parish News:

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

- **Choir Director/Pianist Hires:** Based on our recent job posting, the positions have been filled as follows:
Sacred Heart: Choir Director - Joe Notch and Pianist/Organist-Beth Notch
Immaculate Conception: Choir Director and Pianist - Calli Mayers
St. Rose of Lima: Choir Director and Pianist - Amy Wilwerding
 The music directors will work as a team with the choirs to provide music for the Holy Days and Holiday Masses.

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 Moenedick 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.

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:

- Create a Last Will and Testament
- Express final wishes consistent with Catholic teaching
- Consider a bequest to your parish or diocesan ministries

This is a simple and meaningful way to care for your loved ones and live out our call to stewardship. For more information, visit MyCatholicWill.com/STCDIO.


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

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

Total.....	\$7,914.00
Regular Adult Offering	6,616.00
Plate/Loose	1,031.00
Designated Funds	267.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

06-21	\$200	Donna Frank, Melrose
06-22	\$25	Regina Meemken, Melrose
06-23	\$25	Mason Schneider, St. Cloud
06-24	\$50	Lois Gaudette, Plymouth
06-25	\$25	Audrey Hiltner, Melrose
06-26	\$25	Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Greenwald
06-27	\$25	Carter Tschida, Painesville



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

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


Total.....	\$6,493.46
Regular Adult Offering	5,880.46
Plate	433.00
Votive	160.00
School Support	20.00

Parish Events

Su	06/28	9:00 am	Baptism
Fr	07/03	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	07/03		No Adoration
Sa	07/04	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass
Mo	07/06	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym


Baptized in Christ...

♥Miles Triggs Moscho ♥Sullivan John Moscho

 **Cemetery Help Needed** Volunteers are needed to help with trimming at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Cemeteries, especially around the headstones. If you are willing and able to lend a hand, your help would be greatly appreciated. We encourage volunteers to assist anytime, but especially during the week of June 29–July 3 to help prepare the cemeteries for the July 4th weekend. Thank you for helping keep our cemeteries beautiful and welcoming!

Liturgical Ministry Schedules for July & August have been emailed. Copies are also available in the kiosks. Please request a substitute if you aren't available as scheduled. Contact Sarah Woeste in the parish office if you have questions.

St. Mary's Sacristans & Eucharistic Ministers will have a meeting on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's. This meeting is for anyone who is currently serving or would like to serve communion at St. Mary's during the 9:00 am Mass. Contact Sarah Woeste in the office if you can't come.

 **Registration Notice:** If you are a young adult, and/or grew up in the parish, please note that you must register yourself as an adult in the parish. Letters have been sent to those who are 25 years old under their parents' household. Please contact Katie at the parish office with any questions.

Bazaar Envelope: You will notice a Bazaar Envelope in your packet in the month of July. This is in place of hosting an annual festival here at St. Mary's, Melrose. Please contribute as you see fit.


Pastoral Letter A pastoral letter is available at the church. This is primarily intended for those who plan to change their regular place of worship due to Mass time, and would be interested in joining a ministry at the new location. It is also for those who, after prayerful discernment, determine it is best to register in a new parish.

Thank You:

- **Freeport Lions** for their donation of \$40,000 towards the painting project.
- **Jesse Kuechle** for his many years of service as Music Coordinator for the parish.

Sacred Heart Festival (Sunday, July 19) News:

- **Parish Festival Worklist** 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. Tickets and money can be dropped off at the Parish Office in Freeport, the Freeport State Bank in Freeport, or Freeport branch of Magnifi Financial. Thank you for your help!
- **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.

 **Children's Liturgy of the Word** has started and is offered during most Sunday Masses throughout the year. Children, pre-k through those preparing for First Holy Communion, are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy. For those who have received the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we ask that they remain and are active participants in the Mass.

Help Needed: Children's Liturgy of the Word We are looking for help with Children's Liturgy of the Word during weekend Masses. If you like working with children and sharing your faith with them, this could be the ministry for you. We need to have one confirmed member and one youth present during Children's Liturgy of the Word. Please contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in helping with this ministry.



★ **GOD BLESS AMERICA** ★

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,781.63
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,141.92
Plate	330.00
Votive	109.71
Building/Maintenance	200.00

Parish Events

Tu 06/30 9:00 am Church Cleaning
Sa 07/04 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
Mo 07/06 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym



Wedding... Congratulations to **Joseph & Jamie (Hoover) Massmann** who were married at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, June 20. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.



Annual Church Cleaning
Tuesday, June 30 beginning at 9:00 am. Lists are available indicating what needs to be done. Please bring a bucket and rags; cleaning supplies will be provided. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Those families who are unable to help clean are asked to donate \$10 toward the cost of the lunch and cleaning supplies. Thank you for helping to maintain our beautiful church. We welcome guys, gals, and students. Many hands make for less hard work. *St. Ann's Christian Women Committee*

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

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.

July 3, Friday

◆**Melrose American Legion** will be **closed** in observance of the 4th of July.

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.

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 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.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$1,885.08
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,603.08
Plate	282.00

Parish Events

Fr 07/03 7:30 pm Rosary
Mo 07/06 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Connor Duane Kemper**, the son of Devin & Elisha Kemper, to our parish. Connor Duane was baptized on Sunday, June 21.

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.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,157.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	590.00
Children's	5.00
Plate/Loose	125.75
Votives	125.00
Maintenance Fund	62.00
Cemetery	250.00

Baptized in Christ...

♥Beau Robert Terres

Pastoral Letter A pastoral letter is available for every household at the church. Please pick up your envelope and, if possible, any additional envelopes for friends or family members that you are able to deliver. Any envelopes not picked up will be mailed.

**FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THE
MERCY YOU'VE SHOWN OUR NATION, FOR
THE FREEDOMS WE ENJOY.**

**TODAY, ON THIS DAY OF INDEPENDENCE,
WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TRUE FREEDOM
IS ONLY FOUND IN CHRIST. AWAKEN
HEARTS ACROSS THIS LAND, TURNING US
BACK TO YOU IN HUMILITY, REPENTANCE,
AND BOLD FAITH.**

**MAY AMERICA NOT ONLY BE KNOWN
FOR LIBERTY, BUT FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,
JUSTICE, AND UNWAVERING TRUST IN
THE ONE TRUE GOD.**

IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN

45th Annual
Sacred Heart Parish
FESTIVAL & PARADE

Freeport, MN

JULY 19, 2026

9:00 AM—OUTDOOR POLKA MASS

BY “LAVERNE & THE STARLITES”

(BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS)

10:30 AM—PARADE

THEME ~ “250 YEARS OF AMERICA”

call Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615, or email freeportmnparade@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

QUILT CHANCES—\$5 EACH

2026 SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL

GRAND RAFFLE

Drawing at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 19, 2026
at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Freeport, MN
\$20 per ticket



- 1—\$1,500 Cash Prizes
- 1—\$1,250 Cash Prize
- 4—\$1,000 Cash Prize
- 1—\$750 Cash Prize
- 5—\$500 Cash Prize
- 6—\$300 Cash Prizes
- 5—\$250 Cash Prizes
- 11—\$200 Cash Prizes
- 6—\$150 Cash Prizes
- 2—\$125 Cash Prize
- 70—\$100 Cash Prizes
- Plus additional 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-73011

ORDER FORM—Clip here and return **ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 17, 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: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Office Use Only:
 PO Box 155 Ticket #: _____
 Freeport, MN 56331

Tickets available from Sacred Heart Parishioners, at Freeport branches of Freeport State Bank and Magnifi Financial Credit Union, 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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,319.00
Regular Adult Offering	915.00
Plate/Loose	209.00
Votives	55.00
School Support	40.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00

Pastoral Letter A pastoral letter is available for every household at the church. Please pick up your envelope and, if possible, any additional envelopes for friends or family members that you are able to deliver. Any envelopes not picked up will be mailed.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,720.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,445.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	136.00
Votives	64.00
Maintenance Fund	50.00
School Support	25.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, July 4 - 5:00 pm

(S) Carter Kelzer & Collin Kelzer
 (L) Jim Leukam
 (U) Dennis Schmiesing & Don Schneider
 (GB) Gary & Irene Marthaler
 (EM) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (HK - July) *Heidi Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, & Brenda Nathe

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HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

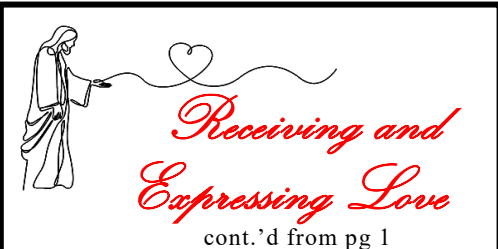


Prayer Requests...
 Please call the parish office to be added to this list.

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. Mary's (Spring Hill)	
<i>Sharon Schulzetenberg</i>	320-248-7702
St. Mary's (Melrose)	320-256-3878



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When we love God first, all our relationships are purified. Instead of loving others with human affection alone, we love them with the very love of God, seeking their ultimate good: eternal life in Him. This purified love does not exclude human affection; rather, it elevates and directs it, ensuring that our love is not merely sentimental but truly transformative through divine charity.

Reflect today on those closest to you—those whom God calls you to love with the highest form of love. Are your affections rightly ordered, or do they sometimes compete with the charity God desires to instill in you? If so, turn your heart to God. Seek to love Him above all else. Let Him become the object of your deepest love and desire. When God is first, His love will transform you from within, enabling you to love others not just with natural affection, but with the very love of Christ, leading them to the eternal joy of union with Him.

Lord of perfect charity, Your love is pure, holy, and beyond all understanding—so vast, so encompassing, that I will never fathom its depths. Draw me into this love, O Lord, that I may love You above all things. From that love, let the charity of Your Sacred Heart flow through me to others, so that in loving them, I love You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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. John the Baptist, Meire Grove**
 - Monday: 7:00 am
 - Saturday: 4:30 pm
- St. Michael, 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 up for Faith Formation. Call 320-836-2143 or email faithformation@catholic-centered.org.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.org

• **Help Still Needed** We are still looking for adults to help with faith formation this year. We will have training on Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 am at St. Mary's Church. We will meet in the Gathering Space. This will be about a 4 hour training for our core team. Please consider helping us lead our youth closer to Christ.

• **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@stmarysofmelrose.org.

• **Wish List Items** On the Faith Formation table by the office is a wish list of items that we could use for Faith Formation. If you would like to donate any of those items, please let Mark Kociemba know or bring them into the office. Thank you so much for kindness as we prepare for our new Faith Formation year, with our mission of leading our youth closer to Christ.

• **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@stmarysofmelrose.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

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


Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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• **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.

• **We received a check for \$1,076** from the Stearns County Endowment Fund. An anonymous donor established this fund twenty years ago to benefit Catholic Elementary Education. Please remember this anonymous donor of this gift in your prayers.

• **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.

• **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!

06/21	\$100	Callista Sand/Zachry Einerwold - Andover
06/22	\$25	Neal Klaphake - Melrose
06/23	\$25	Adam Moorman - Freeport
06/24	\$25	Philip & Emily Wiechman - Melrose
06/25	\$25	Jake Burg - Albany
06/26	\$25	Fr. Dan Walz - Freeport
06/27	\$25	Ben Kalthoff - Albany



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Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: Diocesan ministries are dedicated to living out the call to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands

of justice. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal directly supports essential ministries such as vocations, TV Mass and family faith formation, strengthening our faith communities across the diocese. Every dollar raised is dedicated solely to these ministries and is not used for any other purpose. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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.

When One Door Closes, Another One Opens. Are you feeling like you are stuck between those doors? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a Catholic retreat program that can help you find your way. Sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next retreat 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.



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.

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.

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.

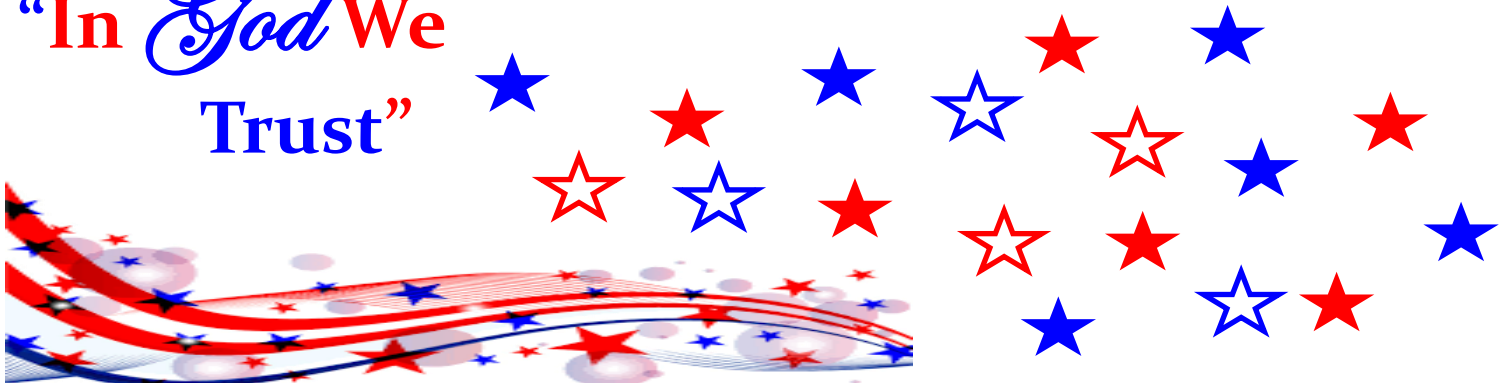


Marriage & Natural Family Planning: Designed by God, Guided by Love, Open to Life! Natural Family Planning (NFP) cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. NFP is effective, healthy, and marriage building. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, 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!

The Scriptures This Week
Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)		
	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10	Gal 1:11-20	Jn 21:15-19
	Day: Acts 12:1-11	2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18	Mt 16:13-19
Tu	Weekday (The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)		
	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12		Mt 8:23-27
We	Weekday (USA: Saint Junipero Serra, Priest)		
	Am 5:14-15, 21-24		Mt 8:28-34
Th	Weekday		
	Am 7:10-17		Mt 9:1-8
Fr	Saint Thomas, Apostle (Feast)		
	Eph 2:19-22		Jn 20:24-29
Sa	Weekday (USA: Independence Day; BVM)		
	Am 9:11-15		Mt 9:14-17
	Or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City" (882-886) or the Mass "For Peace and Justice" (887-891)		
Next Sunday - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Zec 9:9-10	Rom 8:9, 11-13	Mt 11:25-30

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