



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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025

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

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Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm 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.



Praying for More than Our Needs

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” Luke 17:11-13

This story begins very well for all ten of these lepers. For nine of them, it ends tragically. For one, it ends in an even better and more glorious way than it began.

The lepers represent us all. Their illness was a symbol of all sin and the consequences of sin. When the disease began, the lepers began to experience the effects of their disease. Discolored and thick dry skin, sores, and rashes would set in. Once detected, each leper was removed from the community to stop the spread of the disease and was only free to associate with other lepers. They no longer could gather freely with their loved ones as the lepers entered isolation and shame. Analogously, all sin has similar effects. Sin causes pain within our souls as we discover the growing wounds it causes. Sin affects our relationships and our ability to freely relate to those whom we love.

The initial cure for sin is simple. We cry out, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!” But that is only the first step. By curing the lepers, Jesus was showing us that He had power over our sin. He could forgive us and will forgive us when we seek His mercy. But forgiveness will end in tragedy if it does not lead us to faith and to a following of the will of God with zeal and determination. If we take the forgiveness of sins for granted, then we will be in an even more miserable state than before. The nine lepers who failed to return and give thanks to God represent those who do not convert their lives when touched by God’s merciful hand.

This story highlights the importance of our response to God when He does touch us. We must glorify God with a loud voice, fall on our knees before Him and express our deepest gratitude. When the one leper does this, Jesus says to him, “Stand up and go;

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 13 - 19

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Odaliz Orozco Acevedo
Tu	8:00 am	NO MASS
We	8:30 am	SMS Grandparents Day Mass †Deceased & Living Members of Alberto & Alvina Oevermann
Th	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Fr	8:30 am	†Elmer & †Anna Hellermann
Sa	5:00 pm	†Ron Roelike
*Su	9:00 am	†Albert & †Cyrilla Brixius
Su	11:30 am	Misa en Español †Juana Alvarez †Demesio Ramirez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	†Deceased Members of the Herman Notch Family
Fr	8:15 am	†Diane Scherer
Su	8:00 am	†Ed & †Irene Harren

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	†Kim Fuechtmann
Sa	4:00 pm	For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Martha & †Roman Vos
Su	10:00 am	†Steve Tschida

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Vernon Welle
Su	10:00 am	For the People

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	SJSA School Mass †Marilyn Lieser
Sa	4:00 pm	†Sister Suzanne Slominski, OSB

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	NO MASS
Su	8:00 am	65th Wedding Anniversary Denis & Emily Schneider

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

First Tuesday of the month
7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

First Thursday of the month
7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

~ St. Mary ~ St. Michael ~ St. Andrew ~ St. John ~

• **Lectors:** The 2026 Lector Workbooks are available for pickup in the sacristy.

• **October is Respect Life Month** To help foster a culture of life and support mothers in need, bassinets will be placed in our churches to collect new baby items. Donations will be given to Options for Women in Sauk Centre, which provides material assistance and classes for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Over the past year, the center has welcomed more than 840 visits. Items especially needed include:

- New baby clothes (boys preferred), sizes 3 months-4T
- Enfamil Formula (Regular & Gentlease)
- Diapers (sizes 1-6)
- New car seats
- Wipes, baby wash, and baby healthcare items

Please also remember their current and future clients in your prayers. The mission of Options for Women is to reach out with mercy and compassion to those facing life-changing decisions about an unplanned pregnancy, sharing a message of hope and life.



Sacred Heart School is Currently Hiring in our Infant and Toddler Care Center from 7:30 - 10:30 am and/or from 2:30 - 5:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact the school at 320-836-2591.

Scam Emails Several parishioners have recently received emails that look like they're from Fr. Dan or Fr. Mitchell asking for a favor. These messages are not from them. Please do not reply or engage with these emails. Our priests will **never** request money or gift cards by email.

An Invitation From Saint John's Abbey - All Saints Vigil Abbot Douglas Mullin, and the monks of Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, invite you to attend the All Saints Vigil liturgy and reception at the Abbey Church on Friday, October 31. Tours of the rarely seen Saints Chapels in the crypt of the church will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by a special Vigil of All Saints liturgy at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow the liturgy in the Founders Room of the Quad. All are invited. Feel free to bring a friend. We hope you will join us.

Parish News:

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

• **All Souls' Remembrance** St. John's Abbey has invited our parishes to submit names of deceased loved ones as part of their All Souls' Remembrance ministry. In the entry of our parishes, there is a sign-up sheet to add deceased loved ones' names. We will collect these names through the month of October and submit them to St. John's for them to pray for these individuals during the month of November.

40 Days For Life Once Upon a Time the Son of God was Small Enough to Fit Inside a Woman's Womb! Say YES! Join us to pray peacefully to end abortion, any day, any time. Sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud to connect with other prayer warriors. Pray with us Monday thru Friday from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm from now until Sunday, November 2 at Planned Parenthood 451 E St. Germain St, St. Cloud.

All Women in the West Central Deanery are invited to the West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women for their Fall General Meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at St. Michael Church in Spring Hill. The evening will begin with registration at 5:30 pm, followed by the Mass at 6:00 pm, a light supper (\$6), meeting and Silent Auction. (For the Silent Auction, please bring an item to place on the auction. Easily used items are preferred.) Join us and bring a friend. Please RSVP for supper to Jean Hopfer at 320-837-5239 by Monday, October 20. ~Jean Hopfer, Deanery President

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but haven't been confirmed? We will have an informational meeting on Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Melrose. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptized Catholics. OCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. Please contact one of the parish offices or come to this meeting if you are interested in learning more about this program.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

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

Total.....	\$5,676.96
Regular Adult Offering	3,984.00
Plate/Loose	1,148.91
Designated Funds	544.05

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

10-05	\$25	Harry Kraemer, Melrose
10-06	\$25	Gene & Betty Rademacher, Melrose
10-07	\$25	Dustin & Jenna Frieler, Greenwald
10-08	\$25	Autumn Klaphake & Scott Rademacher, Greenwald
10-09	\$25	Anna Hellermann & Denise Rieland, Sauk Centre
10-10	\$25	Annabelle & Erin Lester, Melrose
10-11	\$25	St. Mary's Church

**Baptized in Christ...**

♥Theo Hernandez Ambriz ♥Jesly Hernandez Ambriz

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Kenneth Thomes, 79



Sound System If you'd like to support the Sound System project, donations may be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped off at the parish office. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a difference and is truly appreciated!

Removed Items from the Cemetery If you want the items that were removed from the cemetery, please pick them up from the north side of the cemetery shed by Friday, October 17. Anything left after that time will be disposed of.

October is Mission Month All parishioners are members of the Mission Society. All, both male and female, are encouraged to attend our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 8:45 am at St. Mary's. We are asking all parishioners to donate a free will offering to the Mission Society. We used to call it "dues." As we reflect on our MANY blessings, we realize we have been given much. We are called - as a parish - to respond to those in need. Place your donation in any envelope, write "mission" on it, and place in the collection or bring to the office. Please be generous in your support of the St. Mary's Mission Society! Thank you.

The Scriptures This Week

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Weekday Rom 1:1-7	Lk 11:29-32
Tu	Weekday (<i>Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i>) Rom 1:16-25	Lk 11:37-41
We	Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (<i>Memorial</i>) Rom 2:1-11	Lk 11:42-46
Th	Weekday (<i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>) Rom 3:21-30	Lk 11:47-54
Fr	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (<i>Memorial</i>) Rom 4:1-8	Lk 12:1-7
Sa	Saint Luke, Evangelist (<i>Feast</i>) 2 Tm 4:10-17b	Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17:8-13 2 Tm 3:14—4:2	Lk 18:1-8

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$4,602.54
Regular Adult Offering	3,890.54
Plate	264.00
Votive	93.00
Building/Maintenance	205.00
School Support	120.00
All Saints Day	10.00
All Souls Day	10.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00

Parish Events

Su	10/12	8:30 am	Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast
Mo	10/13	6:30 pm	YG Pizza & Rosary Making Night
Tu	10/14	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
Fr	10/17	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	10/17	9:00 am	Adoration

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Dustin and Tara Rademacher to our parish.



Community Garden Please remove all items from the garden by Tuesday, October 14, so it can be plowed. Thank you.

Thank You to the St. Joseph Society for covering the cost to have two new cement ribbons and a cement slab for a memorial bench added in the cemetery.



Matching Grant Breakfast Catholic United Financial PVT #101 of Freeport will be hosting a Matching Grant Breakfast on Sunday, October 12. Menu includes Pep's Pork Sausage, Swany White Pancakes with a variety of toppings, Eggs, Sweet Bread, Beverage. We will serve from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm in the church basement. All proceeds, including the \$1,000 matching grant, will be donated to Sacred Heart School.

One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money!

A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.

**Public Rosary...**

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

- Sundays at 7:30 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Tuesdays at 7:00 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.



CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,309.83
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,932.33
Plate	315.00
Building/Maintenance.....	202.50
School Support	20.00
World Mission Sunday	30.00
Thanksgiving	150.00
Cash Bazaar	660.00

Parish Events

Mo 10/13 6:30 pm	YG Pizza & Rosary Making Night - FR
Th 10/16 6:30 pm	Catholic United Financial Meeting
Sa 10/18 11:00 am	America Needs Fatima Rosary
Sa 10/18 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Mo 10/20 3:00 pm	Harvest Supper Committee Mtg.

Elevator and Expansion Update:

The parish has an outstanding loan to the New Munich Investors in the amount of \$150,000. Please consider contributing to help pay off the final loan taken out to make the church handicap accessible.



America Needs Fatima Rosary will be on Saturday, October 18 at 11:00 am on the Immaculate Conception Parking Lot. This is weather permitting. If not it will be moved into the Church.

We Wish to Express our Thanks to everyone who helped work for the "Matching Fund Breakfast," held Sunday, September 28; and also, to all who supported our fund-raising efforts for helping pay toward the "Restoration and Painting of the Church Sanctuary Expenses" and by coming to eat. Congratulations to the winner of the quilt: Karen Rademacher.

~The Officers of the Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Leo Court, # 0786, of New Munich

YOUTH MINISTRY**One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:**

Contact Information:

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

◆**Grades 6-12: Pizza and Rosary Making Night:** Monday, October 13 All students grade 6-12 are invited to join the Youth Leadership Team for a night filled with Rosaries, pizza, and fun, in the Sacred Heart Church Basement in Freeport from 6:00-8:00 pm.

◆**Grades 9-12: St. Cloud Diocese Apostle Games:** Sunday, October 26 This year the St. Cloud Diocese is excited to announce the exciting, competitive, and enriching Apostle Games coming to our very own St. Cloud State University! The day will be filled with prayer, food, games, and Mass. We invite and encourage all our youth to embark on this fun-filled day celebrating National Youth Day. If interested, please pick up an interest form at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport or in the back of the church in Freeport, New Munich, or St. Rose. For more information contact Kasia at 320-836-2143 or faithformation@catholic-centered.org.

◆**Hot Chocolate Bomb Making** Grades 6-12 are invited to get messy and creative while making hot chocolate bombs on Monday, November 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Snacks will be provided. Forms are available at the parish offices and on the Tri-Parish website. Deadline is Wednesday, November 12.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$1,831.46
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,523.46
Plate	308.00

Parish Events

Mo 10/13 6:30 pm	YG Pizza & Rosary Making Night - FR
Fr 10/17 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 10/19 11:00 am	Baptism

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Connor and Maria Nilson, and their children, Sven and Scotti, to our parish.



Please Join the St. Rose Catholic United Financial for Breakfast on Sunday, October 26 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the church basement. Free will offering. Pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, and fruit.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

Physical Address: 102 St. Michael Avenue N.
Spring Hill, MN 56352
Church Basement 320-987-3405

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

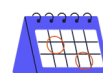
Total	\$1,473.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	825.00
Children	5.00
Plate/Loose	143.00
Cemetery	500.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, October 19 - 10:00 am**

(S) Lukas Kalthoff & Noah Terres
(L) Darlene Schoenberg
(U) Randy Bertram & Robert Bertram
(EM) (B) Jenny Kalthoff
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) Kathy Welle
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
(HK: Oct. 19 - Nov. 1) Cyndi Schulzetenberg, Sharon Schulzetenberg, & Jennifer Spanier

Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale

is just around the corner. Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and Sunday, October 26 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. The event will be held in the church basement. Lunch available both days. Anyone wishing to make a cash donation to offset the cost of making pies and/or luncheon, please contact Amy at 320-987-2255 by Wednesday, October 22. Volunteers needed.

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

10/05	\$25	Rosi Kerfeld - Melrose
10/06	\$25	Mike & Chrystal Sand - Melrose
10/07	\$25	Holly Grieve - Freeport
10/08	\$25	Dick Christenson - Melrose
10/09	\$25	Judy Hennen/Kate Gillespie - Freeport
10/10	\$25	Judy Zeis - Burtrum
10/11	\$25	Mary Hoppe - Freeport

Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: Judy Meyer, Fr. Roger Klassen, Anne Wolke, Ted Hoeschen, Tillie Bueckers, Kathy Elfering, Sandy Welle, Joyce Hauser, Dorothy Schneider, Michelle Russel, Lori Austing

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. Michael - Sharon Schulzetenberg	320-248-7702
St. Mary's	320-256-3878

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

Physical Address: 211 W 2nd Avenue N.
Greenwald, MN 56335
Church Basement 320-987-3160

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,581.00
Regular Adult Offering	915.00
Plate/Loose	128.00
Votives	32.00
Maintenance Fund	25.00
Cemetery	450.00
Campaign for Human Development	31.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, October 18 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
(L) Herman Lensing
(U) Bill Frieler & Duane Frieler
(GB) Bridget Kasper & Family
(EM) (B) Herman Lensing
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(HK - October) *Judy Wehlage, Ruth Wehlage, Bev Winter, & Carol Winter

Updated Census Forms are due to the parish office by Wednesday, October 15, or call Katie at the parish office at 320-256-4207 and she can complete the form with you via the phone. Thank you!

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.
Meire Grove, MN 56352
Church Basement 320-987-3631

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,397.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,170.00
Children's	0.25
Plate/Loose	161.00
Votives.....	61.00
School Support	5.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, October 19 - 8:00 am

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
(L) Kurt Meyer
(U) Kurt Meyer & Marvin Meyer
(GB) Viola Leukam & Family
(EM) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
(HK - October) *Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, & Cindy Schneider

Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper

St. John's Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper will be held Sunday, October 19, from 3:00 - 7:00 pm in the St. John's church basement in Meire Grove. Adults: \$14 advance or \$15 at door. Children 10 and under: \$6. Pre-school: free. Tickets available from any St. John's Parishioner.

- Work Schedule:** Please check the work schedule. If you are unable to work, please find someone to work for you.
- Prep Work:** We will be starting at 7:30 am on Saturday, October 18 in preparation for the supper. Your help is greatly appreciated!
- Sold/Unsold tickets and donations** need to be turned in by October 19. "This event may be eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial."

Parish-Wide Census The Church of St. John the Baptist is conducting a parish-wide Census. Forms were mailed to households. Please make any corrections or updates and return the forms to the parish office by Friday, October 31, or call Katie at the parish office at 320-256-4207 and she can complete the form with you via the phone. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important endeavor.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Bodas en 2026: Se le invita a todas las parejas que están planeando recibir el sacramento del matrimonio el próximo año en nuestra parroquia a que pasen a la oficina parroquial a agendar su fecha. Es importante comenzar su preparación por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha planeada ya que a veces el proceso puede prolongarse más de lo planeado.

**Coros Parroquiales:**

Los coros parroquiales hispanos están invitando a todas las personas que tienen talento para cantar o tocar algún instrumento a que se registren para formar parte del ministerio de música. Los coros necesitan más integrantes y todos son bienvenidos.

¡Necesitamos servidores! Los invitamos a que se unan a cualquier ministerio parroquial para ofrecer su tiempo y talento al Señor y a su Iglesia. Los ministerios en los que ustedes pueden servir son: ministros extraordinario de la comunión, lectores, sacristanes y monaguillos. Si están interesados hablen con cualquier diácono o llamen a la oficina parroquial para más información.

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your faith has saved you." That mercy from our Lord was a mercy that touched his soul. It imparted the gift of faith and enabled this man to go forth and be healed with eternal graces.

Too often we turn to God in prayer only when we have a problem. Then, once the problem is taken care of, we pay little to no attention to our Lord. God's role in our lives is not to fix our problems so that we can then go about our daily lives as normal. His mercy must evoke ongoing and profound gratitude. Gratitude to God is

nothing other than an acknowledgement of the truth. We owe everything to God. Without Him, we are nothing. We are dead in our sins. Just one leper realized this and was blessed with the gift of faith that saved not only his body, but also his soul.

Reflect, today, upon the ways in which you turn to God in prayer. It is good to come to Him with your needs and problems. It is good to cry out "Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!" It is good to come to Him as the Physician of your soul and the source of healing you need. But that is not enough. In fact, if you stop there in your life of prayer, you will end in a most miserable state. You will be using God for your selfish advantage. Reflect upon whether you are able to take the next and most important step in faith. Do you come to Him when all is well? Do you praise Him with all your might for all that He has done for you? Do you fall on your knees before Him with the deepest gratitude in your heart? Reflect upon your prayer and seek to imitate this one leper. If you do, your faith will also save you and our Lord will invite you to rise and go forth, healed in the truest way possible.

Most merciful Lord, You are able to do all things. You are able to heal all my wounds, forgive my sins and solve every problem I encounter. As I cry out to You in my need, please do heal me. In response, may I always turn back to You with the deepest gratitude and praise so that my faith in You will grow and my love for You will truly flourish. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



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 Trista Roelike, and Jenny Wilson
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 www.sjsaschool.org

♥**The SHS Caring Coat Drive** has started! If you have any new or gently used winter coats, hats, mittens, snowpants, etc. for youth in our communities, please bring them into SHS. The Caring Coat Drive will run from Monday, October 6 - Saturday, November 1.

♥**We are Looking for Help** in our Infant and Toddler Care Center from 7:30-10:30 am and/or from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact the SHS Office.

♥**The Catholic United Financial Breakfast** is this Sunday, October 12! Tickets are available at the door. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast!

♥**We will have a parent forum** on Monday, October 13 at 7:00 pm at SHS to discuss the Social Dilemma movie and the impact it is having on our youth.

♥**Sacred Heart School Annual Care-A-Thon Fundraiser** took place on Friday, October 3. Thank you for your donations to our students at SHS! We are still accepting donations for our Care-A-Thon. You can mail in donations or drop them off at school. We are VERY close to our \$16,000 goal.

♦**NO School** on Thursday & Friday, October 16-17, due to Education MN (MEA).

♦**We celebrated our Marathon/Prayer-a-thon** on Friday, October 3. It was a hot one, but we are grateful for the opportunity to raise money for our school while enjoying God's beauty and exercising our bodies. Your prayers will be compiled into a book and prayed daily in the classrooms. Thanks to all of you, we've surpassed our goal, raising \$27,000 and collecting over 350 prayers.

♦**Grandparents Day** will be celebrated at St. Mary's School on Wednesday, October 15. Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin the day with Mass at church at 8:30 am, followed by a program at 10:15 am with preschool-6th grade at church, and ending the day with lunch at school.

♦**SMS families will sell Harry's Pizzas** now through Wednesday, October 22. Pepperoni, sausage, cheese, 4 meat, chicken bacon ranch, breakfast, and chicken alfredo - \$12 a pizza. Contact any SMS family, the school at 320-256-4257, or stop in the Church office. The delivery date is Thursday, November 6 in the school gym.

♦**NO School** on Thursday & Friday, October 16-17, due to Education MN.

♦**The Catholic Church recognizes October as Mission Month** and the Month of the Rosary. St. Mary's School children will pray the World Mission Rosary at Church on Wednesday, October 22, at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join us as a community for this prayer.

♦**SJSA fifth grade students helped** the Greenwald Lions with their roadside/ditch clean-up on Wednesday, October 1. Thank you to Woody's and the Lions for treating the students to pizza and pop afterwards.

♦**SJSA Oktoberfest** is Wednesday, October 15 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm in the St. John's Church basement in Meire Grove. The student performance is at **7:30 pm**. Please join us for food, fellowship, and a live polka band.

♦**Greenwald Elevator Softener Salt Sale** The Greenwald Elevator is having a salt sale with proceeds benefiting SJSA. Salt can be ordered by the bag or pallet now through Tuesday, October 15. The pick up date is Thursday, November 6 at the Greenwald Elevator. You can place your order with any SJSA family, by calling the school at 320-987-3133, or by calling the Greenwald Elevator at 320-987-3159.

♦**No School at SJSA** Thursday & Friday, October 16 and 17, due to the Education Minnesota break.

♦**SJSA School Board Meets** Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

Prayer for Respect of Life...

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others.

We ask this in Jesus' Name.
Amen.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- ♦**Grades 1-6: No Class** Wednesday, October 15. **Next Class:** Wednesday, October 22 at 6:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.
- ♦**Grades 7-10: No Class** Wednesday, October 15. **Next Class:** Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.
- ♦**Grade 11: No Class** Wednesday, October 15. **Next Class:** Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in the Sacred Heart School Gym.

Service Projects:

- ♦**Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf** Students in grades 6 - 12 will be Trick or Treating for the Food Shelf on Friday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We will meet at Sacred Heart Church basement and will cover the towns of Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. Permission forms are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is Wednesday, October 22.
- ♦**Card Making** will be on Wednesday, November 5 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Students in grades 6-12 will be making Christmas Cards. Permission slips are available on the website, www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline is Wednesday, October 29.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♦**All Grades:** MEA Break. No Classes.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

Do You Want to Share Your Catholic Faith with Others? The One in Faith ACC is seeking out individuals who would like to assist with the OCIA program. We are looking for catechists, sponsors, mentors, etc. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact one of the parish offices or Deacon Ernie Kociemba at kociemba@meltel.net or call 320-248-5124.



Theology Day is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives to learn from and interact with the theologians of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. Pope Francis designated 2025 as a Holy Year, inviting us all to renew ourselves as *Pilgrims of Hope*. In keeping with this powerful theme, this year's Theology Day presentations will explore hopefulness and offer practical insights to carry into daily life. Join us for inspiring conversations, thoughtful reflection, and a community journeying together in faith and hope. Register at www.apps.csbsju.edu/theologyday. Please register at least five days in advance of the presentation date you wish to participate in. There is no opportunity for last minute webinar registrations.

♦**The Stones of Corinth: Looking for Hope in the Ruins.** Explore with Micah as he uncover Corinth's ancient struggles, how they mirror ours today, and why there is hope for the future. Tuesday, October 28 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (6:00 pm check-in) at Emmaus Hall, St. John's University.

Today, Council of Catholic Women Sunday, we celebrate the women of our One In Faith ACC who provide leadership and activities for our parishes through the Spirituality, Service, Leadership, Legislation, Reverence Life, Scholarship and Historian committees. Ladies, Thank You for all you do for the Council of Catholic Women.



Marriage & Natural Family Planning: Nature Cycles For A Reason: so does your body Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a healthy way to plan your family. NFP cooperates with God's design for your body. It is effective, wholesome, and great for your marriage. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, October 16 & November 20 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!

Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo holds retreats throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com.

♦**Pilgrims of Hope Married Couples Retreat** - October 17-19 (Weekend)

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

October 12, Sunday

♦**Matching Grant Breakfast** sponsored by Catholic United Financial PVT #101 of Freeport. Serving from 8:30 am to 12 noon in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Benefits Sacred Heart School.

♦**All You Care to Eat Breakfast** Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Holy Spirit Church 2405 Walden Way St. Cloud, MN 56301. Adult \$12. Children Ages 5-12 \$6. Children 4 and under Free.

♦**Chicken & Ham Dinner** Hosted by the Knights of Columbus St. Isidore Council No. 9307 Holdingford. Serving at the Pelican Lake Ballroom in St. Anna from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Adults \$15. Children ages 5-12 \$10. Children under 4 free. Take out orders available.

October 16, Thursday

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

♦**Saint Boniface Christian Women's Fall Rummage Sale** from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm at the Saint Boniface Church in Cold Spring.

October 17, Friday

♦**All You Can Eat Fish Fry** at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is very much appreciated!

♦**Saint Boniface Christian Women's Fall Rummage Sale** from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Saint Boniface Church in Cold Spring.

♦**Central Minnesota Aging with Attitude Expo.** Sauk Centre High School. Free & Open to the public. 8:00 - 8:45 am Registration & Exhibitors, 8:45 - 9:00 am Welcome Announcements, 9:00 - 10:00 am Keynote Speaker, Patty Wetterling, 10:00 - 10:30 am Exhibitors, 10:30 - 11:15 am and 11:30 am - 12:15 pm Break Out Sessions, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch, Exhibitors, Entertainment & Door Prizes.

October 18, Saturday

♦**Johnathan Hiltner's Benefit Meal & Silent Auction** at the Greenwald Pub from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Johnathan was unexpectedly diagnosed with a rare type of glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer in May of 2025.

♦**Saint Boniface Christian Women's Fall Rummage Sale** from 8:00 - 9:30 am at the Saint Boniface Church in Cold Spring.

October 19, Sunday

♦**Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper** at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Serving from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Adults \$15. Children 10 and under \$6. Preschool free.

♦**All You Care to Eat Breakfast** Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. Anthony Parish Center 2405 1st St. N. St. Cloud, MN 56303. Adult \$12. Grades 7-12 \$6. PreK-Grade 6 are Free.

October 22, Wednesday

♦**Tony Melendez Live in Concert** at Saint Boniface Church in Cold Spring at 6:15 pm.

October 23, Thursday

♦**Lion's World Service Day** All Seniors are invited to the New Munich City Hall. Lunch will be served at noon followed by bingo.

October 25, Saturday

♦**Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale** From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in St. Michael's church basement, Spring Hill. Lunch available.

♦**Craft & Bake Sale & Wild Rice Soup Luncheon** Serving from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church 308 2nd St N. Sartell.

♦**43rd St. Mary's Catholic Church Fall Bazaar** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Chokio. Homemade crafts, seasonal crafts, baked goods, homemade lunch, soup, desserts, pie. Raffle drawing at 12:00 pm.

October 26, Sunday

♦**St. Rose Catholic United Financial Breakfast** serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima Church basement in St. Rosa. Free will offering.

♦**Worn-A-Bit Rummage & Bake Sale** From 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in St. Michael's church basement, Spring Hill. Lunch available.

♦**Sausage & Pancake Supper** at the Parish Center, located across from St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Belgrade. Serving from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. All you can eat. Dine in or take-out. Adults \$10. Children 5-12 \$6. Children 4 and under free.

♦**Quilt Bingo & Raffle** at the Church of St. Anthony 2405 1st Street North St. Cloud, MN 56303. Across the street in the parish center. Hot Beef Sandwich Dinner serving at 4:00 pm, Bingo at 6:00 pm. Handmade quilts, quilt raffle, and cash prizes.

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