



# 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

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

**May 31, 2026**

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**Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor**  
**Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Parochial Vicar**

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### **Bulletin Announcements**

**Deadline:** Tuesday before 9:00 am

**Email information to:** bulletin@catholic-centered.org

### **Confession Times**

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆Sundays 11:00 am St. Mary
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

### **Marriage**

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

\*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

### **Baptism & OCIA**

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

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

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



**GOD  
IS  
LOVE  
AND  
LOVING**

**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. John 3:16-18**

Saint John the Apostle is identified in his Gospel as “the disciple whom Jesus loved,” a title that appears multiple times and has been consistently understood in the Church’s tradition to refer to John himself (cf. [John 13:23](#); [19:26](#); [20:2](#); [21:7](#); [21:20](#)). By calling himself the beloved disciple, John was revealing his interior experience of the perfect love he encountered in Jesus. Certainly, Jesus loved everyone—equally and without limit. Yet John includes this personal designation not to claim favoritism, but to offer a personal testimony to the divine love made manifest in Christ’s humanity—love he experienced firsthand and which changed his life.

Love plays a central role in John’s writings—not only in his Gospel but also in his letters and the Book of Revelation. In his First Letter, likely written to the Christian communities he helped convert and shepherd, John declares: “God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him” ([1 John 4:16](#)). This is both a personal sentiment and a profound theological affirmation. John speaks from both divine inspiration and lived experience; he had walked with Love Incarnate. To say “God is love” is to profess that love is not something God merely does—it is who God is. *God’s love is not a feeling, not sentimentality, but the pure, self-giving, eternal communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—a love that precedes and surpasses all creation.*

That mystery lies at the very heart of today’s Solemnity. Because God is Love in His very essence, love naturally flows from His divine nature in superabundance. God loves because He is Love. Today’s Gospel reveals the most perfect expression of that divine essence: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...” This eternal, Trinitarian love is made visible in time when the Father sends the Son, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Why does God give His Son? So that we might not perish but have eternal life. That is, so we may be drawn into the very life of God—into the Trinitarian communion of love. God desires to rescue us from condemnation and to share with us His Divine Existence.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JUNE 1-7

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en español
†Florentino Montanez
†Antonio Montanez
†Bernard Montanez
Tu 7:30 am †James Posch
We 7:30 am †Joseph & Thekla Mohs
†Aloys Leukam
Th 7:30 am NO MASS - Funeral
\*Fr 7:30 am NO MASS - Funeral
Sa 5:00 pm †Dick, †Rosie, & †Dale Van Beck
\*Sua 9:00 am †George & Mathilda Schneider
Su 11:30 am Misa en Español
†Antonio Ramirez
†Victoria Ramirez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm †Doreen Feldewerd
†Kenny Feldewerd
†Steve Feldewerd
St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa
Su 10:00 am †Jeffrey "Jeff" Austing Anniversary
St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill
Tu 8:00 am †John Waldorf
Su 10:00 am †Vernon Welle

St. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Otto & †Francella Thelen
Sa 4:00 pm †Ken Kulzer

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Vincent & †Rosemary Schmiesing
Su 8:00 am Corpus Christi Mass
For the People

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Adoration will begin
Friday, June 5
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu 8:15 am †Steven Tschida
We 8:15 am †James "Jim" Thoma
Th 8:15 am †Norbert & †Helen Holdvogt
Fr 8:15 am †Bernie Laing
Sa 8:00 am First Saturday Mass
Wildred & Viola Humbert Family
Su 8:00 am For the People

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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS



Corpus Christi Mass St. John the Baptist Church in Meire Grove would like to invite ALL to their Corpus Christi Mass on Sunday, June 7, at 8:00 am. Procession to the 4 corner chapels in the cemetery immediately following Mass. Meire Grove Band Concert from 10:00 - 11:00 am with a large variety of refreshments. Please bring your own lawn chair.

VBS Training Monday, June 1 from 6:30-7:15 pm. If you signed up to help with Vacation Bible School or would like to help, please join us for training in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. If you have any questions, please contact Alexandra Kramer at 320-836-2143.

Save the Date: The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23 at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. Proceeds benefit the One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. John's/St. Andrew's.



Last Call: Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 8 - 12 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Children ages 4 through entering grade 5, are invited to register for a week of activities, songs, and new adventures! This summer's theme is Rainforest Falls. Children will be "Exploring the Nature of God." Rainforest Falls is filled with Bible stories, music, games, and other fun ways to learn that God is with you every day, no matter what. Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website or stopping by the Parish Office. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to sign up.

Last Call: Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 8 - 12 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Students entering grade 6 through adults are invited to prayerfully consider joining us for an amazing start to your summer! As a volunteer you will journey with students ages 4 through entering grade 5, in a week filled with laughter, activities, and memories. Not only will the students grow their relationship with God, but you will too! Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website or by stopping by the Parish Office. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to sign up to volunteer.



Parish News:

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

• Thank You to all those who applied for the music positions. Positions are currently being filled.



St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Fun-Food-Fund Day "Turn Back Thyme" will be held Thursday, June 18, at Immaculate Conception Church, Rice. Registration and refreshments - 9:00 am; Bingo: 9:30 am - 10:30 am; Mass 11:00 am, followed by lunch and social. Silent Auction open 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Registration fee of \$25 by Monday, June 8 or \$30 after June 8 and at the door. Make checks to St. Cloud DCCW and mail to Carol Brunn, 14267 Fairway Ln SE, Becker, MN 55308. Questions please call 320-248-5976.

MCCL's Annual Life Leadership Camp is splitting into two events for two different age groups. For the first time, we're offering a pro-life summer camp for middle school students...in addition to our traditional camp for high schoolers! Our camp for high school students will take place June 22-25 at Koronis Ministries (Paynesville, MN.) It is open to students who will enter grades 9-12 in the fall; students must be under the age of 18. Our camp for middle school students will take place August 9-12 at the same location, and is open to students who will enter grades 6-8 in the fall. Each Life Leadership Camp offers impactful pro-life education, compelling guest speakers, engaging activities, and outdoor fun with fellow students from across the state. This event is sponsored by the Sauk Centre Chapter of MCCL for students in our Area Catholic Communities. Learn more and register a mccl.org/camp and call Mary Reuter at 320-250-9904.

Sacred Heart Festival will be on Sunday, July 19. The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am with all the festivities to follow. The theme for this year's parade is "250 Years of America." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email freeportmnpaerade@gmail.com.



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

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

Total.....	\$10,547.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	8,333.00
Plate/Loose .....	1,452.00
Designated Funds .....	762.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**



05-24	\$75	Lorriane Curto, Melrose
05-25	\$25	Jackie & Andrew Hellermann, Melrose
05-26	\$25	Justin Drossel, Melrose
05-27	\$50	Dale & Lisa Middendorf, Sauk Centre
05-28	\$25	Ben & Jenn Ellering, Spicer
05-29	\$25	Ronald & Alice Loxtercamp, Melrose
05-30	\$25	Florence Tschida, Grey Eagle

**Baptized in Christ...**

♥Colter David Klein                      ♥Arizbeth Aracely Ruiz Hernandez

**Summer Daily Mass Time Change:** Beginning Tuesday, June 3, the daily Mass time at St. Mary's will be 7:30 am Tuesday through Friday.

**Parish Raffle Tickets** available now! Only 1,000 of these \$100 tickets will be sold and the top prize is \$20,000. You can buy them after Mass, at the parish office, or at one of the following local businesses: Magnifi Financial - Melrose, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, Kraemer Lumber Co. - Melrose & Sauk Centre, Some Like It Hot, Martinez Meat & Grocery, Corborn's - Melrose, Melrose Bowl, All Stars Bar & Grill - St. Rosa.

**Thank You** The Melrose Food Shelf Board of Directors thanks you for your donation. Generous people like you help keep our doors open. *Deb Klaphake, Director & Candy Freeman, President*

**Newsletters Through Evangelus** St. Mary's staff have begun sending newsletters through Evangelus and have already shared two editions. If you haven't received them, you can view them at <https://www.oneinfaith.org/> by clicking on "Quarterly Newsletter." If you would like to be added to Evangelus to receive newsletters and other important notifications directly on your phone as soon as they are published, please contact the parish office.

**Immaculate Conception Parish Raffle & More**

New Munich, MN

**Saturday, June 6, 2026**

**4:00 pm - Mass in the church**

Followed by fellowship & festivities!!

Live music by the Nite Owls.



Cake walk, kids games,  
Burgers & fries,  
Beer garden, and more!

**7:00 pm - RAFFLE DRAWING**

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



**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

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

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

Total.....	\$4,201.46
Regular Adult Offering .....	3,377.46
Plate .....	257.00
Votive .....	17.00
Building/Maintenance .....	100.00
School Support .....	140.00
Ascension .....	310.00

**Parish Events**

Mo	06/01	6:30 pm	Youth Night @ SHS Gym
We	06/03	6:30 pm	Book Study at Parish Office
Fr	06/05	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	06/05	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	06/05	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sa	06/06	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass
Sa	06/06	11:00 am	Wedding Prep/Photos
Sa	06/06	2:00 pm	Meyer/Beste Wedding
Mo	06/08	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School

**Welcome to our Parish...** We welcome Lindsey Klaphake to our parish.

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

- Schedule of Events** The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am. Following the parade, there will be food, games, and entertainment. The theme for the parade is "250 Years of America." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email [freeportmnpaerade@gmail.com](mailto:freeportmnpaerade@gmail.com).
- Parish Festival Packets** can be picked up in the church basement. All parishioners, college age and older, have a packet which includes raffle tickets for you to buy or sell as well as the worklist for the day of the festival. Please check the worklist carefully. Parishioners going into grade 7 through adult are scheduled to help with the annual festival. If you are unable to work your shift, please find a replacement or switch with someone.
- Raffle Tickets** All raffle tickets, sold and unsold, must be turned in and accounted for. Please be sure to return all your tickets and money. Thank you for your help!

**Prayer Requests...**

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

**Banns of Matrimony:**

- I Jamie Hoover♥Joseph Massmann, 6-20 NM
- II Rachel Baniecke♥Andrew Welle, 6-13 St. Joseph, Waconia
- II Mareta Van Beck♥Tyler Welle, 6-13 FR
- III Mattie Meyer♥Matthew Beste, 6-6 FR
- III Mikayla Moritz♥Bradley Hellermann, 6-5 M

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

**Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

Sacred Heart: <i>Judy Caveny</i>	320-248-8830
Immaculate Conception: <i>Bernice Zink</i>	320-837-5321
St. Rose of Lima: <i>Kayla Harren</i>	320-333-8461
St. Michael: <i>Sharon Schulzetenberg</i>	320-248-7702
St. Mary's	320-256-3878

**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,233.98
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,486.92
Plate .....	385.00
Votive .....	182.06
Building/Maintenance .....	100.00
Peter's Pence .....	55.00
Ascension .....	25.00

**Parish Events**

Mo 06/01 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym  
Tu 06/02 6:00 pm Catholic United Financial Mtg.  
We 06/03 6:30 pm Book Study @ Parish Office - FR  
Sa 06/06 3:30 pm Individual Confessions  
Sa 06/06 5:00 pm Parish Raffle & More  
Mo 06/08 9:00 am Vacation Bible School - FR

**Baptized in Christ...** We welcome **Piper Rose Schmiesing**, the daughter of Jordan & Jenna Schmiesing, to our parish. Piper Rose was baptized on Saturday, May 23.

**Thank You** to the New Munich Lions for their continued support of the parish. They recently made an additional \$2,000 contribution to the Elevator Expansion project.

**Parish Raffle and More!** See you on Saturday, June 6 for the Parish Raffle and More! Mass will begin at 4:00 pm in the church. We will continue outside with live music, food, games, a cake walk and more! Raffle ticket packets are available in the gathering space. We kindly ask all parishioners to bring one item for the cake walk or donate \$10. Thanks for helping make this a successful event!

**Funeral Group 9** is asked to work the food stand on Saturday, June 6 for the Raffle and More event. Chair and Co-Chair will be Mike & Donna Welle and Dale & Cindy Pundsack. You will all be contacted by a phone call. Thanks for helping make this event successful.

~Christian Women Committee

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,733.08
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,183.08
Plate .....	611.00
Votive .....	179.00
Peter's Pence .....	760.00

**Parish Events**

Mo 06/01 6:30 pm Youth Night at SHS Gym  
We 06/03 6:30 pm Book Study @ Parish Office - FR  
Fr 06/05 7:30 pm Rosary  
Su 06/07 11:00 am Catholic United Financial Mtg.  
Mo 06/08 9:00 am Vacation Bible School - FR

**May She Rest in Peace...** Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Jeanette Zehrer**, who passed away Monday, May 18. Her funeral was celebrated here on Saturday, May 23.



**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$2,457.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	609.00
Children's .....	3.00
Plate/Loose .....	42.00
Votives .....	231.00
Cemetery .....	340.00
Peter's Pence .....	12.00
Maintenance Fund .....	950.00
Ascension .....	270.00

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Sunday, June 7 - 10:00 am**

(S) Stella & Jameson Schoenberg  
(L) Ralph Klassen  
(U) Dan Hemmesch & Adam Kalthoff  
(EM) (B) Grace Hopfer  
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
(Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg  
(RL) Kathy Welle  
(CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher  
(HK: May 31-June 13)  
Theresa Lieser, Vanessa Lieser, & Pam Loehr

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**May 31, Sunday**

◆**Knights of Columbus Breakfast** at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Grey Eagle, serving from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm. Proceeds to help fund local Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

**June 5, Friday**

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

**June 6, Saturday**

◆**Immaculate Conception Parish Raffle and More**, New Munich. Beginning with 4:00 pm Mass in the church, followed by Live Music from the Nite Owls, Cake Walk, Kids Games Burgers & fries, Beer garden, and more. 7:00 pm Raffle Drawings.

**June 7, Sunday**

◆**Corpus Christi Procession** with the Eucharist following the 8:00 am Mass at St. John the Baptist Church in Meire Grove. See the Church of St. John parish section (pg. 5) for more information.

**June 9, Tuesday**

◆**18+ Special Needs Event** Hosted by the One in Christ ACC at Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids. Registration is required please call 320-761-5155. Each participant is **required** to have a caregiver present. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Mass at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:10 pm and dance, movie, and crafts at 6:30 pm. Volunteers needed. If interested in volunteering contact Jean Bemboom at 320-293-7216

**June 14, Sunday**

◆**Celebrating Fr. Ron Weyrens Retirement** at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell. Mass at 9:30 am, Dinner from 11:00am to 12:00 pm, Program from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Please rsvp to Carol at St. Stephen Church by **Monday, June 1** at 320-251-1520 to help us plan for food.

**June 20, Saturday**

◆**Seven Sisters Apostolate Reflection & Renewal Gathering** from 7:45 am check-in - 3:30 pm Reconciliation per church schedule at Sacred Heart Church 2875 10th Ave NE Sauk Rapids, MN. Pre-registration required. Registration fee is \$25 up to registration close on June 6 or until we reach a cap of 150 registrants. Send registration form with check payable to: Carrie Ellis 6272 County Road 8 SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304. Questions call Carrie at 320-253-1692.



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

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

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,937.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	500.00
EFT .....	850.00
Plate/Loose .....	207.00
Votives .....	30.00
Cemetery .....	260.00
Maintenance Fund .....	10.00
School Support .....	5.00
Ascension .....	30.00
Peter's Pence .....	25.00
Catholic Magazine .....	20.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$3,400.73
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,030.00
EFT .....	140.00
Children's .....	0.50
Plate/Loose .....	320.23
Votives .....	25.00
Peter's Pence .....	135.00
Parking Lot .....	750.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, June 6 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Clara Kasper & Leo Kasper  
 (L) Herman Lensing  
 (U) Bob Worms & Jon Worms  
 (GB) Jason & Angie Barten  
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - June) \*Sandy Niehoff, Janice Nietfeld,  
 Mary Opatrny, and Kristen Pattinson

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, June 7 - 8:00 am**

(S) Carter Kelzer & Collin Kelzer  
 (L) Kurt Meyer  
 (U) Karl Meyer & Kurt Meyer  
 (GB) Nick & Kate Kelzer  
 (EM) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer  
 (HK - June) \*Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri  
 Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue  
 Meyer, and Geri Meyer

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



**GOD IS LOVE**  
**AND LOVING**  
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This is the essence of Divine Love. This is the Trinity. And this is the astonishing invitation extended to every soul: To believe in the Son is to begin participating in the eternal love that flows ceaselessly between the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit—a love that never ends. We are invited to be caught up by the love of God into Love Himself: the eternal communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday is set apart on the Church's calendar to renew our awe, deepen our understanding, and intensify our worship of the central mystery of our faith: that God is One in essence and Three in Persons. While every liturgy honors the Trinity—through prayer to the Father, in the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit—this solemnity invites us to pause and gaze more intentionally into the inner life of God as it has been revealed to us. We do not celebrate a theological abstraction but a divine Personhood: the eternal exchange of love between the Father and the Son, perfectly expressed and eternally proceeding in the Holy Spirit.

Reflect today on the Most Holy Trinity. We were made to share in Their Life and Love. Though the fullness of the Trinity remains a mystery beyond human grasp, it is not beyond human encounter. Through grace, revelation, and contemplative union, God draws us to Himself—not to explain Himself, but to be consumed by Him. Celebrate this day by repeatedly praying one of the most ancient and simple prayers of the Church:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Most Holy Trinity, I love You and trust in You!*



**Baptized in Christ...**Rhyers Elmer Frie

**Corpus Christi** St. John the Baptist Church in Meire Grove would like to invite ALL to their Corpus Christi Mass on Sunday, June 7, at 8:00 am. Procession to the 4 corner chapels in the cemetery immediately following Mass. Meire Grove Band Concert from 10:00 - 11:00 am with a large variety of refreshments. Please bring your own lawn chair.

**Servers Needed** St. John's is in need of at least one more Mass server. Please talk to Fr. Mitchell or contact the parish office if interested.

**The Scriptures This Week**  
 Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

<b>Mo</b>	<b>Saint Justin, Martyr</b> ( <i>Memorial</i> ) (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time) 2 Pt 1:2-7	Mk 12:1-12
<b>Tu</b>	<b>Weekday</b> ( <i>Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i> ) 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18	Mk 12:13-17
<b>We</b>	<b>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</b> ( <i>Memorial</i> ) 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12	Mk 12:18-27
<b>Th</b>	<b>Weekday</b> 2 Tm 2:8-15	Mk 12:28-34
<b>Fr</b>	<b>Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</b> ( <i>Memorial</i> ) 2 Tm 3:10-17	Mk 12:35-37
<b>Sa</b>	<b>Weekday</b> (Saint Norbert, Bishop; <i>BVM</i> ) 2 Tm 4:1-8	Mk 12:38-44
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b> ( <i>Solemnity</i> ) Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a    1 Cor 10:16-17    Jn 6:51-58	

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:**

Contact Information: [faithformation@catholic-centered.org](mailto:faithformation@catholic-centered.org)

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, please look for your registration packet in the mail. Please turn in all registration forms and fees for 2026/2027. Contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to sign up.

**Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:**

Contact Information: [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- **Registration for Faith Formation:** If you haven't already registered your children for next year's Faith Formation classes, please do so by June 1st (materials cost less if we can order them sooner!). Registration forms are on the little Faith Formation table just outside the church office or can be found online at [www.oneinfaith.com](http://www.oneinfaith.com) (click the Education tab, and then click Family Faith Formation).

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:**


Contact Information:

[youthministry@catholic-centered.org](mailto:youthministry@catholic-centered.org) or [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- **Youth Night** Monday, June 1 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym! Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for a fun evening of games, prayer, and fellowship. We look forward to see you!



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS**



**PASTOR:** Fr. Dan Walz  
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**PASTOR:** Fr. Mitchell Bechtold  
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[www.sjsaschool.org](http://www.sjsaschool.org)

- ♥ **Congratulations to our 6th grade graduates** from SHS. We wish them all the best as they move on to their next journey.
- ♥ **We want to Thank Kathy Welle and Sara Van Beck** for their many years of service and dedication at Sacred Heart school and wish them all the best in their future adventures!
- ♥ **The school office will be open periodically** throughout the summer. If you need something, please send a fast direct message.
- ♥ **Sacred Heart School is Looking to Hire** a 2nd grade teacher as well as help in our ECC - Infant, toddler and Preschool programs. Please reach out to the office if you are interested or have any questions 320-836-2591.
- ♥ **Save the Date:** The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23! Proceeds benefit One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools.

- ♥ **A Big Thank You** to the SMS families who helped move classrooms this past Saturday as we transition to a growing Kids Time program.
- ♥ **The students and staff at St. Mary's School wish you** a safe and enjoyable summer. If you need to contact the school over the summer, email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto: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.

- **Summer Office Hours** will vary. Please call the school office at 320-987-3133 with any questions.
- ♥ **Thank You** to the students, parents, staff, St. Andrew's, St. John's, St. Michael's Parishes, and Fr. Mitchell for the cards, gifts, flowers, blessings, and well wishes for my retirement. It has been a joy to serve at St. John's - St. Andrew's for so many years. I appreciate all the kindness and support I have been shown throughout the years. I am excited for Mrs. Hope Klein to take over as SJSA Principal July 1st. Please welcome her in her new position! ~ *Mary Miller*
- ♥ **Save the Date:** The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23! Proceeds benefit One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools.



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

05/24	\$40	Mark Kurtz - Albany
05/25	\$25	Nicholas & Kristen Kerfeld - Melrose
05/26	\$25	Alex Pope - Isanti
05/27	\$25	Tara Peterschick - Albany
05/28	\$25	Gary Bielejeski - Morehead City, NC
05/29	\$25	Joe Niewind - Eagle Bend
05/30	\$25	Rosi Athmann - Melrose

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...”* John 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money, and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

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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](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

**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.

**Marriage Enrichment Evening Blessed are They Who Say "I Do".** Wednesday, June 10 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm with light refreshments from 6:30 - 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph, MN with Deacon Steve Dupay. The Vision of marriage is to help one's spouse reach heaven, a journey supported by the Lord's grace. By living out the Beatitudes, couples can experience the Kingdom of God here on earth, making their marriage both holy and fulfilling while guiding each other toward eternal life. For more information or to register visit [stcdio.org/marriage-enrichment-evening/](http://stcdio.org/marriage-enrichment-evening/) or call 320-258-7615. Cost is \$20 per couple.



**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](http://MyCatholicWill.com), the Diocese of Saint Cloud is offering free access to a trusted online platform where you can:

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**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](http://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.

**Blessed are They Who? 2026 Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center** in Buffalo holds retreats throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com).

- Women's Silent Retreat - June 1-4 (Midweek 4-day/\$375)
- Men & Women's Summer Retreat - June 26-28 (Weekend)

**Save the Date: 2026 Rural Life Celebration** This year's Rural Life Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 16 beginning at 1:30 pm at the 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.



**Marriage & Natural Family Planning: Designed by God, Guided by Love, Open to Life!** Natural Family Planning (NFP) cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. NFP is effective, healthy, and marriage building. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, June 18 and Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health - Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at [uphus.nfp@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**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.

## Public Rosary...

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

### St. Mary, Melrose

- Weekdays & Saturdays a half hour before Mass
- Wednesday: 1:00 pm
- Thursday (Spanish): 6:30 pm (Except the 1st Thursday)

### Sacred Heart, Freeport

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

### Immaculate Conception, New Munich

- Saturday: 3:30 pm

### St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa

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

### St. Michael, Spring Hill

- Tuesday: 7:30 am
- Sunday: 9:30 am

### St. Andrew, Greenwald

- Thursday: 7:40 am
- Saturday: 3:40 pm

### St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove

- Sunday: 7:30 am
- Monday: 7:00 am



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