



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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

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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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 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.



The True Nature of Love

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27

A scribe asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asked the scribe what the Law of Moses taught. The above line was the scribe's response. He was essentially quoting Deuteronomy 6:4, which was a common prayer prayed by the Jews and seen as a summary of the entire Law of Moses as found in the Ten Commandments.

Notice that this summary of the Law does not present a negative prohibition such as “Thou shalt not...” Instead, it is a positive command stating, “Thou shalt love...” Love is the fulfillment of the Law of the Old Testament, as well as the fulfillment of the New Law of Christ. When we love God with our whole being, that love overflows upon all of God's creatures, including our neighbor.

In this Gospel, the scribe goes on to ask Jesus who His neighbor is. Jesus responds by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In that parable, there was a man beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. A priest and a Levite passed by and ignored the man. But a Samaritan passed by and took care of the man, bringing him to an inn and vowing to pay for his recovery. The story concludes by the Samaritan being identified as the one who acted as a neighbor to the victim.

Traditionally, the victim of the robbers in this story has been seen as Adam. Adam represents fallen humanity. The Samaritan represents Jesus who cared for fallen humanity, healed us of sin and provided for our every need. Therefore, according to this parable, Jesus has acted as a neighbor to us, and we must love Him as we love ourselves. But Jesus also says, “Go and do likewise.” This is a commission to fallen humanity, now healed of sin, to go forth to others, acting as Jesus Himself, bringing the healing grace they have been given and bestowing it upon others generously.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JULY 14 - 20

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Ramon Ramirez
Tu	7:30 am	†Kaye Hinnenkamp Ellis
We	7:30 am	†Sylvester Welle
Th	7:30 am	†Catherine Primus
*Fr	7:30 am	†Rich Boeckermann †Brady Rademacher
Sa	5:00 pm	†Bernie Arceneau
*Su	9:00 am	†Vic & †Dorine Sunderman
Su	11:30 am	Misa en Español †Florentino Montañez Arroyo

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	Living Members of Allen & Myrna Notch Family
Fr	8:15 am	†Al & †Lori Ettel †Al & †Valeria Mareck
Su	9:00 am	Festival Outdoor Polka Mass For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	†LeRoy "Lee" Wolbeck
Sa	4:00 pm	†George & †Rose Funk

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	Living/†Deceased Members of the Henry & Adella Blommel Family
Su	10:00 am	†Chad Toenyan

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†David Schoenborn
Su	10:00 am	Duane & Ruth Moscho 45th Wedding Anniversary

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	†Marilyn Lieser
Sa	4:00 pm	For the People

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Norm Wehlage
Su	8:00 am	†Joyce Yarke

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 ~

•**Missionary Visit** The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará Sisters, a missionary Institute of religious sisters, will be speaking at our parishes for a mission appeal on July 26-27. Founded in 1988, these missionary sisters strive to go where the presence of religious sisters is most needed. Sister Joy of Martyrs, SSVM, will be sharing about her mission in Brazil where she works with children and poor families in human and religious development. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you are able to support this important missionary effort.

One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...

•**Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry (DFFYM)** Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima is seeking a PT/FT DFFYM. Individuals interested in this position are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to ahoeschen@catholic-centered.org. For more information, please contact Amy Hoeschen PO Box 155, Freeport, MN 56331 or call 320-836-2143.

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

Natural Family Planning... God's Plan for Marriage: Natural Family Planning!

Based on 50+ years of ongoing scientific research, the Billings Ovulation Method is a highly effective way to postpone or achieve pregnancy and monitor reproductive health without drugs or devices. It is supported by the Catholic Church because it respects God's design for married love. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursday, July 17, 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!

**Parish News:**

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

•**Photo Directory** Have you scheduled your photography session yet? Several new days have been added to the schedule in Freeport. You may schedule your photography appointment online by going to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter "mn568" in the Church Code field and enter "photos" in the Church Password field. (Please note that the code and password are case sensitive.) There will be no cost to have your family picture taken; and just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a photo directory.

♦New dates are July 24, 25, and 26 at Sacred Heart.

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.

- Women's Silent Midweek Retreat - July 15 - 17 Pilgrims of Hope
- Men's & Women's Silent Weekend Retreat - July 18 - 20 "Don't Run from Problems, Run to Emmaus" Presented by Fr. Matt Linn, SJ

Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Reception Join the celebration at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Saint Cloud on Sunday, July 24. We will celebrate the 57th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* with Mass at 7:00 pm with Bishop Patrick Neary presiding. A reception will follow, with the presentation of the 2025 *Humanae Vitae* Award to Father Daniel McCaffrey. For more details, visit <https://stedio.org/event/2025-humanae-vitae-mass-award-reception/>

Are You Seeking Spiritual Direction in your faith life and are experiencing growing pains along the way? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and designed for adults. The next weekend is scheduled for September 19 -21, 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.



CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$6,145.80
Regular Adult Offering	4,187.00
Plate/Loose	1,075.80
Designated Funds	883.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

07-06	\$25	Karen Thostenson, Melrose
07-07	\$25	Rodney Middendorf, Sauk Centre
07-08	\$25	Ben & Megan Klaphake, Brooten
07-09	\$25	Mary & Tony Zehrer, Melrose
07-10	\$25	Elmer & Virginia Meyer, Melrose
07-11	\$50	Lisa Yoerg, Rice
07-12	\$25	Marlene Klasen, Melrose



Baptized in Christ... ♥Katherine Aitana Becerra Montañez

Thank You to the 2025 Parish Raffle Committee (Jim & Rosie Athmann, Fred & Joyce Meyer, Rich & Char Van Drehle, Deb Klaphake, Jim & Deb Welz, Ron & Cindy Middendorf, and Lenore Jenc) for their time and dedication. The raffle profit was \$50,944.90! 100% of the proceeds were distributed to St. Mary's Church.

Thank You to Freeport State Bank for sponsoring the polka band for the Mass again this year. We greatly appreciate your involvement and support!

A Special Thank You to Fr. Marv Enneking, Fr. Vince Lieser, and Fr. Ralph Zimmerman for celebrating the Riverfest Mass with us and for representing us in the parade. Everyone was excited to see you all!



The True Nature of Love

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Sometimes we can see love as a feeling or emotion. Though love is often accompanied by certain emotions and feelings, love is much more. It is an action. In this parable, if the Samaritan simply looked upon the victim and felt sorry for him, had compassion for him but then moved on, he would not have shown love. The love of charity is an action and requires much of us. If we are to fulfill this first and greatest commandment of love of God and neighbor, then we cannot wait until we feel like loving to act. Instead, we must act now and not hesitate. This is love.

Reflect, today, upon the true nature of love. Love, in its most elevated form, is the choice to do what is best for others—to help free them from sin and to be an instrument of God's providence in their lives. It's a participation in the very love that God has shown us in Christ Jesus by giving His life for our salvation. We are all called to devote ourselves to this same form of selfless and sacrificial love. Doing so is a requirement for the glorious sharing in eternal life.

*My loving Lord, You have given everything to fallen humanity.
You have freed us from sin and provided for all of our needs.
You have acted as a true neighbor in every way. Please give me
the grace I need to imitate You and to participate in the love You
have for others. May I truly act and never hesitate to bestow on
others the charitable love to which I am called.*

Jesus, I trust in You.

mycatholic.life

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$6,458.85
Regular Adult Offering	5,332.85
Plate	434.00
Votive	192.00
School Support	310.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00
Assumption	25.00
Building/Maintenance	140.00

Parish Events

We	07/16	6:30 pm	Book Study
Fr	07/18	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	07/18	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	07/20	9:00 am	Parish Festival

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Mila Kathleen Pung**, the daughter of Jeremiah & Amber Pung, to our parish. Mila Kathleen was baptized on Sunday, July 6.

Thank You to Tom Middendorf for your years of service on the Sacred Heart Finance Council. Thank you to Rick Goebel for saying yes to filling this seat on the finance council.

**Sacred Heart Festival
(Sunday, July 20) News:**



•**Raffle Tickets** Please sell or buy the 10 grand raffle tickets that were included in your festival packet. The Grand Raffle is the most productive part of our festival. 100% of each ticket sold goes directly to the parish. If your packet was mailed to you, please consider sending in the order form to purchase tickets in support of our parish, especially if you are unable to make it to the festival. **PLEASE NOTE: All raffle tickets, sold and unsold, must be turned in and accounted for no later than 3:00 pm Sunday, July 20.** If you need additional tickets, please contact the Tri-Parish Office.

•**Donations Needed** Parish families are asked to donate 8 kids prizes, 8 adult prizes, 2 - 2 liters of pop (no diet) and 2 cakes per family, marked with flavor of cake and frosting. The prizes can be brought to the church basement **between July 14-19**. Cakes can be dropped off in the church basement **July 18-19**.

•**Schedule of Events:**

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

Embroiderers Needed If you enjoy embroidering or appliquéing, the festival quilting group would like assistance with dish towels. You can stop at the Tri-Parish Office entryway and pick up a packet to complete and return. The packets will have 7 dish towels and applique patterns. Please sign the towels out and return to the parish office when complete. Thank you!



CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,023.27
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,425.77
Plate	250.00
School Support	20.00
Building/Maintenance.....	327.50

Parish Events

Su 07/13 11:30 am Baptism
We 07/16 6:30 pm Book Study - FR
Sa 07/19 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

Thank You to Andy Holdvogt for his years of service on the Immaculate Conception Finance Council. Thank you to Terri Hoppe for saying yes to filling this seat on the finance council.



A Big Thank You to everyone who helped with our Parish Raffle and More event on Saturday, June 7. We are extremely grateful for those who purchased or sold tickets and for the businesses who donated. Overall we raised roughly \$34,500 for our church! Thanks again to everyone who gave of their time, talent, and energy; it is greatly appreciated!

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,715.23
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,184.23
Plate	491.00
School Support	40.00

Parish Events

We 07/16 6:30 pm Book Study - FR
Th 07/17 Directory Photos
Fr 07/18 Directory Photos
Fr 07/18 7:30 pm Rosary
Sa 07/19 Directory Photos

Thank You to Kris Pundsack for your years of service on the St. Rose of Lima Finance Council. Thank you to Chad Van Beck for saying yes to filling this seat on the finance council.

Quilting Group Chairs Please bring all quilts to the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, July 27. Festival chairs will be there to collect them after Mass. Please contact Devin & Christine Middendorf 320-223-2642, or Michael & Jessica Lehner 320-292-6415, or Devin & Elisha Kemper 320-527-3707 for alternative arrangements or questions.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,099.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	765.00
Children	0.75
Plate/Loose	54.00
School Support	30.00
Maintenance Fund	250.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, July 20 - 10:00 am**

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
(L) Lisa Wuertz
(U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz
(EM) (B) Mark Schoenberg
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Stand Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
(HK: July 13 - 26) Joyce Meyer, Kim Meyer, & Linda Meyer

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

July 13, Sunday

◆Melrose Stages Presents: "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center. Reserved seating \$11. Today's show is at 2:00 pm. To purchase tickets visit isd740.org or call Audrey at 320-256-5612 with questions.

◆Parish Festival at the Church of Saint Benedict in Avon. Outdoor Polka Mass at 10:00 am with Jerry & Joyce Band. Bring your chairs. Following the Mass there will be games for all ages, food, live music, quilt auction at 2:30 pm, and a grand raffle drawing at 6:00 pm.

July 14, Monday

◆Melrose Stages Presents: "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center. Reserved seating \$11. Today's show is at 7:30 pm. To purchase tickets visit isd740.org or call Audrey at 320-256-5612 with questions.

July 17, Thursday

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

July 18, Friday

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

◆Richmond River Lake Days Bingo come and join us at the Saints Peter & Paul School at 7:00 pm for our Bingo event! Hosted by Saints Peter & Paul. 15 games, \$20 dollar packets. \$99, \$200, & \$500 pots. Kids welcome for this event. Concessions will be available. More information at <https://riverlakedays.com>

July 20, Sunday

◆Sacred Heart Parish Festival, Freeport. See page 7 for more details.

July 24, Thursday

◆Freeport State Bank 25th Annual Golf Classic at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. See page 7 for more details.

Public Rosary...

We have many intentions to pray
for and much 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.



One In Faith ACC Communication

History of Active Priests in the St. Cloud Diocese

1999 - 92 active priests serving parishes in the diocese

2025 - 57 active priests serving parishes in the diocese

Projection of active priests 5 years from now:

- best case scenario is approximately 48 including active priests of retirement age

Projected ordinations to the priesthood:

- best case scenario is 14 ordinations in the next 10 years.
 - 5 of these men are in major seminary of which 90% are typically ordained
 - 9 of these men are in minor seminary of which 75% typically discern out of the seminary

Projected priests of retirement age over the next 10 years—17

History of Parishes in the St. Cloud Diocese

1999 - 139 parishes

Currently - 131 parishes

In summary - the number of active priests has decreased by almost 40% since 1999 while the number of parishes has decreased by only 6% in that same time period.

Per Diocese 7/3/25



Watch for follow up information from the listening sessions soon.

We continue to ask for your prayers for the parishioners of the One In Faith community, ACC All Things New planning committee, parish staff, diocesan All Things New planning team, and Bishop Neary as we move forward.



Dear Catholic School Supporter:

The Freeport State Bank is sponsoring its 25th Annual Golf Classic on **Thursday, July 24, 2025** at the Meadowlark Country Club in Melrose.

100% of the proceeds from the hole sponsorships, entry fees and donations benefits:

- Sacred Heart School, Freeport
- St. Mary's School, Melrose
- St. John's-St. Andrew's School, Meire Grove/Greenwald

We invite you to participate in any or all of the following:

Sponsor a Hole - \$140.00 – A sign will be placed at one of the tee boxes to recognize you, your company or both

Golf - \$60.00 per person – Includes green fees, meal, drink tickets, gift bag and prize drawings
Teams and Individual registrations accepted–golfers of all skill levels are welcome.

Hole-in-One Contest – Chance to win a 2025 Chevrolet Trax 1LS

The Best Ball Scramble is a *rain or shine* event

- 3:00 pm Shot Gun start with a meal served around 5:30pm

New this year, a **BEST DRESSED contest**, take that as you wish. Show us your creativity!!
During dinner we will VOTE on the individual or team who has the BEST outfit or BEST theme.
Winners will receive a **Traveling Trophy** they can defend in 2026.

Donor – If you are unable to attend or sponsor a hole but would like to make a cash donation it would be greatly appreciated. A list of donors/sponsors will be posted at the event.

Please return the attached registration form and contribution by **July 15, 2025**.
Contact Jen at 320-256-7208 or Sharon at 320-836-2126 with questions.

Thank you for your commitment and support of Catholic Schools.

Freeport State Bank Golf Classic Thursday, July 24th, 2025

***** Registration Form *****

PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY, JULY 15th, 2025

Drop off at any Freeport State Bank location

____ Sponsor a hole for \$140.00 _____
Name

____ Team Sign up \$240.00 _____
TEAM Name

____ Sign up to golf \$60.00 (must be paid in advance) Please indicate your score

3:00 pm Shot Gun start

____ Golfers Name	____ Score	____ Phone Number
____ Golfers Name	____ Score	____ Phone Number
____ Golfers Name	____ Score	____ Phone Number
____ Golfers Name	____ Score	____ Phone Number

____ I am not able to attend, please accept this donation to SHS/SMS/SJSA

\$ _____ Name _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,494.00
Regular Adult Offering	980.00
Plate/Loose	26.00
Votives	8.00
Maintenance	100.00
School Support	100.00
Lawn Spraying	250.00
Peter's Pence	10.00
Cemetery	20.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, July 19 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Leo Kasper & Clara Kasper
(L) Julie Kulzer
(U) Peter Heinze & Al Inderrieden
(GB) Robert & Judy Wehlage
(EM) (B) Clarine Beier
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(HK - July) *Mary Opatmy, Kristen Pattinson,
Joan Rademacher, & Rose Ann Rademacher

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

Karlmann Boecker, 21

Greenwald Barley Days will be held
August 2-3.

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,829.77
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,540.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	116.02
Votives.....	78.50
School Support	35.00
Steeple Lighting	60.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, July 20 - 8:00 am**

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
(L) Rita Meyer
(U) Karl Meyer & Kurt Meyer
(GB) Marvin & Rita Meyer
(EM) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
(HK - July) *Janice Funk, Kathy Illies,
Darlene Imdieke, Joni Imdieke, Sharon
Imdieke, & Kate Kelzer



liturgia de la palabra y la bendición. Este tipo de celebraciones no tendrán ningún costo, simplemente una donación voluntaria para el Diácono. Si tiene preguntas hable con los diáconos o llame a la oficina parroquial.



Orden de iniciación cristiana para adultos: se invita a todas las personas que no han recibido ningún sacramento de iniciación (bautismo, confirmación y primera comunión) o personas que deseen convertirse en Católicos a que hablen con el diácono Jorge Carrillo para pedir información sobre el programa y comenzar a planear sus preparacion.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

¡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.

Padrinos de Bautismo:

a todos los padres de Familia que desean bautizar a sus hijos, les recordamos que los padrinos de bautismo deberán ser católicos confirmados y practicantes. Esto significa que deben ser mayor de 16 años, deben estar confirmados, asistir frecuentemente a Misa, si están casados deben estar casados por la Iglesia y si son solteros deben ser solteros no separados. Para más información hable con el diácono Jesus Hernandez o hable a la oficina parroquial.

Quinceañeras:

el Padre Mitchell Bechtold ha decidido que las bendiciones al cumplir los XV años se realizarán solo por los Diáconos. No se realizará la celebración de la Santa Misa simplemente se celebrará la

liturgia de la palabra y la bendición. Este tipo de celebraciones no tendrán ningún costo, simplemente una donación voluntaria para el Diácono. Si tiene preguntas hable con los diáconos o llame a la oficina parroquial.

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

- I Adelaida Martinez Tapia♥Jose Antonio Valencia Hernandez, 8-2 M
- II Julia Karls♥Daniel Thomas, 7-26 NM
- III Otnila Vivas♥Jorge Godoy Camargo, 7-26 MG
- III Vrisett Abonce♥Jose Jesus Martinez Carrillo, 7-19 M

For the Sick: Joyce Hauser, Michelle Russel, Ron Hoppe, 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

The Scriptures This Week**Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I**

Mo	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (Memorial)	Ex 1:8-14, 22	Mt 10:34—11:1
Tu	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)	Ex 2:1-15a	Mt 11:20-24
We	Weekday (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	Mt 11:25-27
Th	Weekday	Ex 3:13-20	Mt 11:28-30
Fr	Weekday (Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest)	Ex 11:10—12:14	Mt 12:1-8
Sa	Weekday (BVM)	Ex 12:37-42	Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday	- Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gn 18:1-10a	Col 1:24-28
			Lk 10:38-42

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, your packet was mailed to you. If you didn't receive it, contact the parish office. Please turn in all registration forms and fees for 2025/2026 as soon as possible. You can drop them off at the Parish Office in Freeport or mail to PO Box 155, Freeport.



Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Registration for Faith Formation 2025-2026:** If you haven't already registered your child(ren) for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Year, registration forms may be picked up and dropped off at the St. Mary's Church Office or found online at www.oneinfaith.org. The registration form is for First Communion preparation classes, Confirmation preparation classes, and regular Faith Formation classes. Thank you!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
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 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585

- ♥ **The SHS Office Will be Open Periodically** throughout the summer. You can stop in, email avanbeck@shsfreeport.org or call if you need anything.

- ♥ **Wishing** you all a fun and safe summer break!

- ♥ **Please welcome Chrystal Sand** to the Sacred Heart School staff as a Lead Toddler Teacher. We are so excited to have her on the team working with our littlest learners!

- ♥ **We are looking for some short-term help** in the SHS kitchen for the month of September as one of the cooks will be out recovering from a surgery. Please contact the school if you are able to help out for one month in our kitchen.

- ♥ **The Freeport Parish Festival** is on Sunday, July 20. Watch for a float from Sacred Heart School in the parade.

- ♥ **Freeport State Bank Golf Classic** will be on Thursday July 24! All are welcome - sign up a team, sponsor a hole etc. We would love to have you join us to support our local Catholic Schools.



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- ♦ **This past year we collected \$1,484** from recycling aluminum cans. All income collected from the aluminum cans in our can wagon is used for the Sixth Grade Long Lake experience. You can drop off your cans in the trailer by the school tennis courts.

- ♦ **We received a check for \$971.27** from the Stearns County Endowment Fund. An anonymous donor established this fund twenty years ago to benefit Catholic Elementary Education.

- ♦ **If you need to contact the school** over the summer, email anelson@smsmn.org or call 256-4257 and leave a message.

- ♦ **Freeport State Bank Golf Classic** is on Thursday, July 24th. They are still seeking donors and golfers. Contact Jen at 320-256-7208 or Sharon at 320-836-2126 to register or with questions.

- ♦ **There are Still Openings** for prospective 2025-2026 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call 320-256-4257 or



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- ♦ **We Hope You Can Join Us** for the Freeport State Bank Golf Classic on Thursday, July 24. Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

- ♦ **Summer Office Hours Will Vary** please call 320-987-3133 and leave a message or email Mary at sjsamarym@gmail.com or Kristen at sjsakristenu@gmail.com with any school related business.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

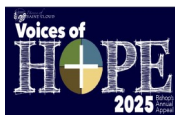
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Holy Family Mini-Fest 2025, Little Falls, August 15 - 17. Reconnect with God. Be supported in your faith. Have fun as a family. Come experience the beauty and wonder of God alongside fellow Catholics at the historical Holy Family Church and Belle Prairie Park along the Mississippi River. For more information contact hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org or Cindy Loidolt at 320-639-1210.



Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: Solid grounding in the Catholic tradition empowers our youth to face challenges with hope and resilience. The diocese is proud to support vibrant



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“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” (Luke 10:37) This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

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.



44th Annual Sacred Heart Parish FESTIVAL & PARADE

Freeport, MN

JULY 20, 2025

9:00 AM - OUTDOOR POLKA MASS

With LAVERNE & THE STARLITES
(Bring Your Lawn Chairs)

10:30 AM - PARADE

THEME ~ “MINNESOTA WINTER”

Call Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615, or email freeportmnpardade@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 JULIO GOLDSTEIN BAND

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

Grand Raffle Tickets - \$20 each
Quilt Chances - \$5 each

Volunteer Help Needed: Deliver Meals on Wheels in Melrose two Mondays and two Tuesdays each month. Contact Catholic Charities Senior Dining at 320-845-4070 for more information.



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. 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.



Freeport State Bank 25th Annual Golf Classic Thursday, July 24



*Supporting the One In Faith
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100% of the proceeds from hole sponsorships, entry fees and donations benefit:

Sacred Heart School, Freeport
St. Mary’s School, Melrose
St. John’s - St. Andrew’s School, Greenwald

We invite you to participate in any or all of the following:

•**Sponsor a Hole** - \$140 – A sign will be placed at one of the tee boxes to recognize you, your company or both.

•**Hole-in-One Contest** – Chance to win a 2025 Chevrolet Trax 1LS

•**Best Ball Scramble** is a 9 hole rain or shine event. A 3:00 pm shot gun start with a meal served around 5:30 pm at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. (Golf - \$60 per person – includes green fees, meal, drink tickets, gift bag and prize drawings.) Team and Individual registrations accepted. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome.

•New this year, a **BEST DRESSED** contest, take that as you wish. Show us your creativity!! During dinner we will vote on the individual or team who has the best outfit or best theme. Winners will receive a Traveling Trophy they can defend in 2026.

•**Donor** – If you are unable to attend or sponsor a hole but would like to make a cash donation it would be greatly appreciated. A list of donors/sponsors will be posted at the event.

Contact: Jen 320-256-7208 or Sharon 320-836-2126 if you’d like to golf, sponsor a hole, join for a meal, donate or have questions.

**Thank you for your commitment and support of
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