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Church of St. Mary

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

Church of the Sacred Heart **Freeport**

Church of the Immaculate Conception **New Munich**

Church of St. Rose of Lima **St. Rosa**

All Saints (Solemnity) **November 1, 2026**

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

Melrose Office:

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Fr. Daniel Walz: frwalz@catholic-centered.org
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Faith Formation: faithformation@catholic-centered.org
Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org
Facebook: Tri Parish
Mailing Address: PO Box 155, Freeport, MN 56331

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am
Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

♦Fridays	7:45 am	Sacred Heart
♦Saturdays	8:00 am	During Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - St. Mary - Melrose
♦Saturdays	3:30 pm	Immaculate Conception
♦Saturdays	4:30 pm	St. Mary - Meire Grove
♦Sundays	11:00 am	St. Mary - Melrose
♦Or by appointment.		Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

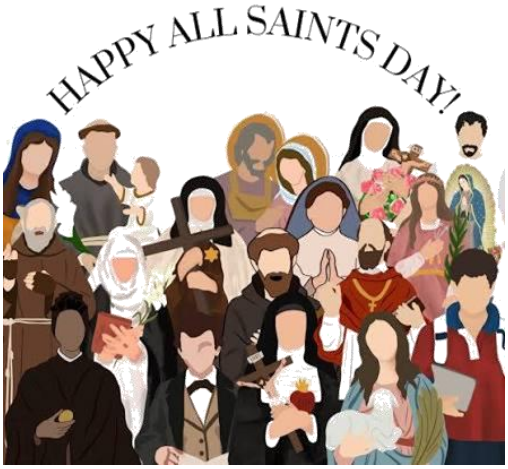
Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date**.
*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & OCIA

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

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

FEW WALK IT-WILL YOU?



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven…"
Matthew 5:1-3

Do you want to get to Heaven? Most would instinctively respond, "Yes." But imagine an angel appearing to you today and saying, "The Most High God will be taking you to Heaven this very day." How would you react? Would your heart leap with joy? Or would a wave of fear wash over you as you realized everything in this world would be left behind?

In truth, many struggle to look forward to Heaven with genuine longing. We may think of it from time to time, perhaps smile when recalling loved ones who have gone before us, presuming they are "in a better place." Yet few of us live with a desire that eagerly awaits Heaven as our true home.

Today, on the Solemnity of All Saints, the Church invites us to lift our eyes to the glorious communion of saints and angels. In Heaven, they behold the Beatific Vision, gazing with awe and love upon the Most Holy Trinity. They are fulfilled. Their hearts are open, receiving God's love in its fullness and returning it with perfect charity. This eternal exchange of love deepens their union with God in an everlasting ascent of glory.

By God's mercy, if we are counted among the "few" who enter through the narrow gate (cf. Matthew 7:14), by walking the constricted road that leads to life, then, when this life is ended, we will immediately know that every act of prayer, sacrifice, and surrender was worth it. The beatific gaze upon God will fill us with such radiant joy that all earthly attachments will dissolve. We will see clearly how foolish it was to cling to the vanities of this world and will be eternally grateful that we strived to overcome them with diligence.

Riches, possessions, honors, and status will be gone. None of it will matter. All we will carry into eternity is the love we lived—our love that was purified through suffering, tested by obedience, and offered as a sacrifice. This is divine charity, and its fruit will forever remain with us. All selfish love will be stripped away. Only what is of God will remain.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 2 – 8

ST. MARY - MELROSE

Mo	**6:30 pm**	**All Souls Mass (Melrose)**
		For the People
Tu	6:30 pm	**Misa en español (Melrose)**
		†Tony & Carol Niehaus
We	8:00 am	†Clarence Schaefer (Meire Grove)
Th	8:00 am	**SJSA School Mass (Greenwald)**
		†Deceased Family Members of Clarine Beier
*Fr	8:30 am	†Mary Jane Christenson (Melrose)
Sa	5:00 pm	†Paul Spaeth (Melrose)
Su	7:30 am	For the People (Meire Grove)
*Su	9:30 am	†Kenny Thomes (Melrose)
Su	12:00 pm	**Misa en Español (Melrose)**
		†Manuel Hernandez
		†Clemensia Chavez

SACRED HEART - FREEPORT

Mo	**8:15 am**	†Philip Vrana
Tu	8:15 am	**NO Mass**
We	8:15 am	**SH School Mass**
		†Deceased/Living Members of Catholic United Financial #101
Th	8:15 am	†Joe Rieland
Fr	8:15 am	**NO Mass**
Sa	**8:00 am**	**First Saturday Mass**
		†Bob Van Heel Anniversary Mass
Su	8:00 am	†Deceased/Living of the Hartung/Roering Family

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH

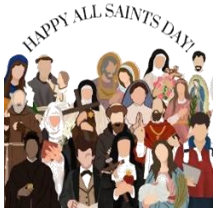
Sa	4:00 pm	†Jeff Rieland

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA

Su	10:00 am	For the People

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

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Talk of Heaven can be jarring to some. We often become so consumed with the present moment that we see only this present moment, seeking immediate satisfaction or resenting current struggles. Living as if this life were all we have is self-deception. It blinds us to eternity, which will be spent either in Heaven or in hell.

The path to Heaven challenges our natural instincts. Grace must elevate them, guiding us by divine wisdom rather than human reasoning. Today's Gospel reveals that wisdom: The truly blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted for Christ.

Do you desire this life of beatitude? Or do you desire a life of riches, fun, pride, judgment, condemnation, an indulgent heart, self-righteousness, and freedom from all suffering and persecution? If you struggle with desiring a life of true beatitude, then fall to your knees in prayer today. Beg God to open your heart to the truth of the Beatitudes that leads to heavenly glory. The path is narrow and few walk it. Resolve to be among those few.

Reflect today on the saints in Heaven. They were not perfect on earth, but they were faithful. They allowed divine charity to take root in their hearts and persevered through trial. Read the Beatitudes slowly and ask, "Do I truly want to be counted among them?" If the answer is "Yes," then live today—and every day—with Heaven as your only goal.

Most glorious and Triune God, I long to gaze upon You, to bask in Your radiance, and to dwell in Your divine presence forever. Open my mind to understand the road I must walk, and my eyes to see the path before me, so that I may follow the example of the saints who have gone before me—embracing the life of the Beatitudes, that I may one day share in Your eternal life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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ADORATION

St. Mary - Melrose

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

NO Adoration Friday, November 6

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**
Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)

Tu **Weekday (Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time)**
(Saint Martin de Porres, Religious)
Phil 2:5-11 Lk 14:15-24

We **Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop** *(Memorial)*
Phil 2:12-18 Lk 14:25-33

Th **Weekday**
Phil 3:3-8a Lk 15:1-10

Fr **Weekday**
Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 16:1-8

Sa **Weekday** *(BVM)*
Phil 4:10-19 Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 **or** 4:13-14
Mt 25:1-13

CHURCH OF ST. MARY
Melrose Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE; Melrose, MN 56352
Meire Grove Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.; Meire Grove, MN 56352

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St. Mary – Melrose

Total	**$8,936.25**
Regular Adult Offering	5,807.00
Plate/Loose	1,411.25
Designated Funds	1,718.00
Spring Hill	**$750.00**
Greenwald (Cemetery)	**$5.00**

St. Mary – Meire Grove

Total	**$17,532.26**
Regular Adult Offering	2,638.18
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	167.00
Cemetery	1,000.00
Catholic United Financial	13,514.58
Designated	212.00

St. Mary's - Melrose Calendar Raffle

10-25	$25	St. Mary's Church, Melrose
10-26	$25	Karen Heinen, Melrose
10-27	$25	Mary & Harry Kraemer, Melrose
10-28	$25	Fran Laumeyer, Melrose
10-29	$25	Ellie & Flavio Acosta, Melrose
10-30	$25	James Sabyan, St. Cloud
10-31	$25	Tammy Pundsack, Melrose



Thank You for Helping Fill the Trucks in Meire Grove & Melrose! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to our Fill the Truck food drive! Last weekend, **329 pounds of food and $1289** were collected! Your generosity will help stock the Melrose Area Food Shelf and support families in our community. Special thanks to the St. Mary's Parish Life Committee for organizing this wonderful effort and for the First Communion children and their families for helping with the collections at each Mass. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated!



All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance will be held at St. Mary's in Melrose on Monday, November 2, at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. During Mass, there will be a special time of remembrance for members of our four parishes who have died in the past year. Their names will be read, and their photos will be displayed on the screens. Refreshments will be served following Mass.

Liturgical Ministers (Sacristans, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, AV Ministers, Greeters, Lectors): Please continue to sign up through MSP online to help with 5:00 pm Mass. Even if you aren't scheduled, please stop by the sacristy when you arrive to see if your help is needed.

The Winter Liturgical Ministry Schedule (November 28-February 10) will be created soon. Please enter any "can't serve dates" in MSP and check your preferred Mass times. Please select both the 5:00 pm and 9:30 am Masses if you are willing to serve at either time.

Bounced Emails Each week Ministry Scheduler Pro sends automatic emails reminding ministers that they are scheduled or emails sharing available positions for the weekend. Some liturgical ministers with a meltel.net email address are not receiving these emails. If you have a meltel.net address, please check your spam folder and add sarah@clients.rotundasoftware.com as a safe sender. If you do not wish to receive automatic reminders please let Sarah know and she will change the settings in your profile.

Save the Date: ***St. Mary's Christian Women Dues Collection & Craft Sale*** - November 14 & 15.

Accompanist The Saturday 5:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's is in need of an accompanist once or twice a month. If you have keyboard or guitar skills, we would welcome your help. Contact Sarah Woeste at 320-256-9516 for more information.

God's Housekeepers Schedules for Meire Grove are available in the church and on the website. Thank you to all those who generously give their time to keep our church clean and welcoming!

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle - Ticket sales are off to a great start! Tickets are $20 and are available at the parish office, Magnifi Financial (Melrose Branch), or Freeport State Bank (Melrose Branch). Be sure to purchase your tickets before 9:00 am on Thursday, December 31!

Thank You to everyone who helped make our Spring Hill Worn-A-Bit Rummage and Bake Sale a great success! All the help and donations are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to our winners: Marvin Rademacher (quilt) and Jeanette Kalthoff (doily).

Thank You A sincere thank you to everyone who worked, donated, and attended our Potato Pancake Supper! Your support is greatly appreciated. We served 1,067 meals and donated $13,514.58 to the parish, along with a $2,000 matching grant from Catholic United Financial. Once again, thank you all, and God bless!



TRI-PARISH NEWS:
~Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima~

●Policies on Cemetery Flowers, etc. According to the cemetery policy, all wreaths, flowers, and other objects not glued or cemented to the monuments need to be removed by Tuesday, November 3. Anything left after this date will be removed and saved for a few weeks for those who wish to pick them up before discarding. Over the winter, items not glued or cemented to the monuments often blow off and get buried in the snow, ending up tangled in the snow blower when clearing a path for a grave.

●Seeking Committee Members Fr. Dan wants to form a committee that will assist in the process of merging the three parish corporations of Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima into one corporation. He would like to have representatives from each of the three parish corporations in the process. If you are interested and would be willing to serve on this committee, please reach out to the Tri-Parish office 320-836-2143 no later than November 30, 2026.

●Restructuring and All Things New Update At a recent Mass, Fr. Dan gave a refresher and update of the restructuring and All Things New process for our three parishes. There is a handout that was emailed out and on the kiosk or bulletin board that summarizes the items he shared. We encourage everyone to read it so that you can stay informed with the process.

●Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. Rose of Lima. This ministry is a meaningful opportunity to assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion during Mass. Training for this ministry will occur later this year. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Tri-Parish office at 320-836-2143. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important service to our parish community.

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

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Total	**$3,784.58**
Regular Adult Offering	2,962.08
Plate	600.50
Votive	97.00
School Support	100.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00

Parish Events

Su	11/01	9:00 am	Catholic United Financial Social
Mo	11/02	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
Tu	11/03	10:00am	Judy Schmidt Visitation
Tu	11/03	11:00 am	Judy Schmidt Funeral
Tu	11/03	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
We	11/04		**No** Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	11/04	7:00 pm	FF Grades 6-10 Card Making Service Proj.
We	11/04	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples at SHS
Th	11/05	3:00 pm	Girl Scout Meeting
Fr	11/06	7:45 am	**NO** Individual Confessions
Fr	11/06	9:00 am	**NO** Adoration
Sa	11/07	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass



Wedding… Congratulations to **Dominic & Joran (Carlson) Eiynck** who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, October 24. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

May She Rest in Peace… Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of **†Judy Schmidt**, who passed away Sunday, October 25. Her funeral will be celebrated here on Tuesday, November 3.

Baptized in Christ… We welcome **Josephine Lily Jandro,** the daughter of Adam & Paige Jandro, to our parish. Josephine Lily was baptized on Sunday, October 25.

Social… Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial #101 will be Serving Rolls and Beverages after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, November 1. All are welcome to come down and enjoy!

Thank you to an anonymous donor for the $30,000 donation. This donation was used to cover the cost of the sidewalk cement work at the parish and other projects that resulted from the street project.

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the military remembrance candle by the votive stand. There are also other candles available to be sponsored for the upcoming months. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is $16.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Physical Address: 650 Main Street; New Munich, MN 56356 Church Basement: 320-837-5217

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Total	**$3,376.37**
Regular Adult Offering	2,211.92
Plate	654.45
Building/Maintenance	200.00
SHS Endowment	100.00
World Mission Sunday	70.00
Cash Bazaar	120.00
All Saints	20.00

Parish Events

Mo	11/02	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
We	11/04		**No** Faith Formation Gr 1-6 – FR
We	11/04	7:00 pm	FF Gr 6-10 Card Making Service Proj – FR
We	11/04	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples at SHS
Fr	11/06	11:00 am	Mary Ann Pflipsen Funeral
Sa	11/07	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NEWS CON.'T



Harvest Supper Saturday, November 21 in the church basement. Serving from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Menu: Loin Chops, Potatoes (German & small red) Sauerkraut, Beans, Beverages & Desserts. Tickets: $15 – Adult, Ages 6-10 - $5, Age 5 and under Free. Parish Winter Raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds: Help meet on-going parish expenses. For additional information call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.

Thank you to the New Munich Lions for their donation of $2,000 towards the elevator expansion project.

May She Rest in Peace… Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of **†Mary Ann Pflipsen**, who passed away Sunday, October 25. Her funeral will be celebrated here on Friday, November 6.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

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Total ……	**$2,613.46**
Regular Adult Offering ……	2,229.46
Plate ……..……..	348.00
Votive ……..…….	16.00
School Support ……...	20.00

Christian Women News Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm for our Winter meeting and Christmas party! $15 gift exchange. All women of the parish 19 and older are invited!

Parish Events

Su	11/01	10:00 am	Private Event
Mo	11/02	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
Tu	11/03	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
We	11/04		**No** Faith Formation Gr 1-6 – FR
We	11/04	7:00 pm	FF Gr 6-10 Card Making Service Proj – FR
We	11/04	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples at SHS
Fr	11/06	7:30 pm	Rosary

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

•**Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 11, at 6:00 pm. **Reminder** that parents need to come into the office and pick up their children from the classroom.

•**Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 11, at 7:05 pm.

•**10th Grade Confirmation Retreat Save the Date:** Sunday, January 10, 2027. If there is a snowstorm, Sunday, January 17, 2027, is our backup date. Watch for more information.

Service Project:

•**Card Making** will be on Wednesday, November 4, 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 28. **Parents are encouraged to join in the fun!**

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

•**Next Class:** Wednesday, November 4, for grades 1, 3-12.

Prayer Requests…

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

Banns of Matrimony:

II Natalie Wilwerding♥Casey Kallock, 11/14 - FR

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

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Tri-Parish Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org

•**Youth Night** Monday, November 2 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym in Freeport! Open to grades 9-12 from any parish!

•**Steubenville Youth Conference** Students going into grades 9-12 for the 2027/28 school year or are graduating this 2026/27 school year: You are invited to join us for the Steubenville Youth Conference in St. Paul, MN! This three-day journey (July 23-25, 2027) will be filled with inspiring talks by world renowned speakers, fellowship with other Catholic youth, Praise and Worship, Mass, and Adoration. Let's fill a bus and experience our Lord in a whole new way this summer! Please turn in your interest form and $50 deposit to the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport by Wednesday, November 11. For more information or an interest form, please contact the Tri-Parish Office or email faithformation@catholic-centered.org.

St. Mary's Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

•**Thank You** to Cindy Hemmesch for coming along to help with the Apostle Games this last weekend. Our One in Faith Dutchmen took third place overall at the Games! A big thank you to Elisha Seanger for helping plan and lead some of the games and workshops. You are truly leading our youth closer to Christ. If you are interested in helping lead our youth closer to Christ, especially our 6-8th grade students, please contact Mark Kociemba.

•**Summer Camp Is Coming—Don't Miss Out!** Students currently in grades 5–8 are invited to join Youth Ministry for summer camp at Camp Cana in Missouri July 26-31, 2027! Only 14 spots are available on a first come, first-served basis. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU LET MARK KOCIEMBA KNOW BY NOVEMBER 20 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.** The first payment is due November 25, 2026. Contact Mark at faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com or text 612-430-2351.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Amy Van Beck
SHS BOARD: Myranda Beuning, Bethanie Ettle, Ben Kalthoff, Mike Moscho, Lindsay Frieler, and Chris Klaphake
www.shsfreeport.org
School Phone: 320-836-2591
Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585

♥**Thank you** to everyone that contributed to the Sacred Heart Caring Coats Drive. They collected over 160 items for our local community.
♥SHS had a **WCEA Accreditation** team here last week. Thank you to the committee and all staff and teachers that helped with this process!
♥**Thank you** to the Freeport Fire Department for visiting SHS on Tues, October 20. It is always great to have you share fire prevention information with our students.
♥The 3rd and 4th Graders went on a field trip to **Vintage Village** on Thursday, October 29.
♥Our **Vocabulary Parade** was on Friday, October 30 at 1:30 pm. It is always a fun event to see how the students dress up and share their vocabulary word and sentence.
♥SHS **end of quarter** is Friday, November 6 and we will have conferences for the whole campus the week of November 9.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

10/25	$25	Brian & Lindsay Sand - Clearwater
10/26	$25	Branden Roering - Freeport
10/27	$25	Brock Zenzen - Henderson, KY
10/28	$25	Jodi M. Johnson - Long Prairie
10/29	$25	Kim & Dan Swanson - St. Cloud
10/30	$25	Gary Bielejeski - Morehead City, NC
10/31	$25	Marge Evans - Little Falls

PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Briana Worms
SMS BOARD: Jenn Lubarski, Cindy Hemmesch, Jake Primus, Becky Hukriede, Lindsey Gruber, and Greta Rademacher
www.smsmelrosemn.org
School Phone: 320-256-4257

♦**We've officially surpassed our $30,000 marathon goal.** You may be wondering how our total keeps growing. One reason is that students write letters to community members, family, and friends, and those are continuing to come in. We are overwhelmed by your generosity.
♦**Learning with Faith Bags** will be available after the 9:30 am Mass next weekend for children 3-6 years old. Make sure to stop by after Church in the gathering area to pick up a faith-based learning activity that you and your child can do together at home.
♦**Last day of the 1st quarter** is Thursday, November 5. November 6 is a teacher workshop day. No school for students.
♦**Pizza pick-up** is Thursday, November 5, from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the gym.
♦**Conferences** are on Tuesday, November 10, and Thursday, November 12, from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
♦St. Mary's and SJSA students will hold a **Veterans Day program** on Wednesday, November 11, at 8:30 am in the St. Mary's school gym. All are welcome!
♦**No School** on Friday, November 13.
♦**The WCEA Accreditation** team will visit November 16-18.

PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Hope Klein
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD: Amber Bueckers, Kathy Gilk, Adam Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Heidi Meyer, Trista Roelike, and Kristi Zimmer
www.sjsaschool.org
School Phone: 320-987-3133

●**Our softener salt has arrived!** Pickup will take place on Thursday, November 5, from 12:00 - 5:00 pm at the Greenwald Elevator. Thank you for your patience with the delayed delivery!
●**The first quarter will come to a close** on Thursday, November 5! We are proud of all the hard work and growth our students have shown throughout the first quarter.
●**No School** on Friday, November 6, due to a teacher in-service day.





Public Rosary…

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

St. Mary – Melrose
Wednesday: 1:00 pm
Thursday (Spanish): 6:30 pm
(Except the 1st Thursday)
Saturday: 4:30 pm

St. Mary – Meire Grove
Monday: 7:00 am

Greenwald
Thursday: 7:40 am

Sacred Heart, Freeport
Tuesday: 7:45 am
Wednesday: 7:45 am
Thursday: 7:45 am
Friday: 7:45 am
Sunday: 7:30 am



Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Saturday: 3:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Friday: 7:30 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am

One in Faith ACC News

Go and Make Disciples Everyone in grade 11 through adult is invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Sacred Heart School in Freeport. We will have snacks and discuss various Catholic topics. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, November 4, and we will learn about the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

End-of-Year Giving: Stock, IRAs and QCDs Gifts of stock are always appreciated, and there are significant tax benefits available to those who give appreciated stock held longer than a year. Those who choose to donate stock are generally entitled to a tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the stock at the time the gift is made, not just the original cost. Additionally, donors do not incur any capital gains tax when stock is given away rather than sold. Please consider a stock gift when donating to your church or one of our Catholic Schools. When making a charitable rollover through IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), we always recommend that you seek professional advice in these matters. If you have any questions about this type of contribution, please contact the parish office in Melrose and Freeport with questions.

Advent Book Study Join us this Advent as we read "Illuminate" by Fr. John Nepil. We will meet on Wednesday nights. Please contact Amy Hoeschen 320-290-5088 ahoeschen@catholic-centered.org or Jessica Goebel jessicafinnegan@msn.com. All are welcome

Happenings Around the Area

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

November 1, Sunday

♦Ham & Egg Breakfast at Ss. Peter & Paul church basement in Elrosa. Serving from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Adults $11. Children 4-12 $7. Children ages 3 and under are free.

♦Church Breakfast at Church of St. Augustine, St. Cloud. Serving from 7:30 am – 12:00 pm. Adults $12. Youth ages 5-12 $7. Ages 4 and under are free.

November 4, Wednesday

♦November Soup Luncheon hosted at the Melrose Senior Center located in the Melrose City Office building from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. If anyone would like to donate a soup or bread, please contact Pat Seanger at 320-248-6630. Free will offering, all are welcome!

November 5-8, Thursday-Sunday

♦Melrose High School Fall Musical performing *"The Little Mermaid"* at Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center. The show is at 7:00 pm Thursday-Saturday and 2:00 pm on Sunday. Reserved seating $12. Purchase tickets at isd740.org or call Audrey 320-256-5612.

November 6, Friday

♦Pizza Night at the Melrose American Legion for pizza and a bucket of five beers for $25 or pizza and a pitcher of pop for $15. Serving from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Doors open at 3:00 pm.

November 8, Sunday

♦All You Care to Eat Breakfast at Holy Spirit Church, St. Cloud. Serving from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Adults $12. Ages 5-12 $6 and children 4 and under are free.

November 21, Saturday

♦Harvest Supper at Immaculate Conception Church basement, New Munich, serving from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Adults $15, Ages 6-10 $5. Age 5 and under are free. Parish Winter Raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds go toward helping meet on-going parish expenses. For additional information please call 320-248-2231 or 320-250-6288.



Wreaths, Centerpieces, and Poinsettias… There's still time to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group Fundraiser. Poinsettias, wreaths, sprays, centerpieces, and tabletop trees are still available. Call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143 if interested or if you have any questions. This is a great way to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group and enjoy beautiful Christmas décor.

Called to Be Holy: Living Faith in Everyday Life What does it truly mean to be holy—and how are we called to live that holiness today? Explore the meaning of holiness as revealed in Scripture: not simply an ideal of personal perfection, but a shared calling rooted in relationship with God. Together, we'll reflect on how God's presence within us transforms who we are, shaping lives marked by attentiveness, compassion, and communion with others. Discover how holiness becomes a living, shared reality—flowing from God's Spirit within us and drawing us into life as a truly holy people."
Friday, November 6, presentation 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (check-in at 8:30 am, lunch included from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm), Emmaus Hall - Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event – In-Person. Registration is required: www.theologyday.com, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

8th Annual Lake Wobegon Walk Remembering our Martyrs: Fr John Kaiser and Sister Adelaide Koetter
Come Walk with Deacon Jim & Fr. Tony Kroll on Wednesday, November 11

*10:00 am - Meet at Sacred Heart church basement, Freeport
*10:15 am - Begin introductions and prayer
*11:00 am - Gather at the Shrine of Sister Koetter in the cemetery with a sendoff to begin walking the Wobegon Trail carrying a cross. Car service is provided for those wishing to walk partway.
*2:00 pm - Arrive at the Parish of the Transfiguration, Seven Dolors Church, Albany for Pizza and beverages.

Healing the Whole Person Retreat The Three Day Journey to Wholeness Join us on this journey to wholeness as we enter into the heart, face the pains and wounds within, and allow Christ's divine love to bring the healing we ardently desire on December 4-6 at Mount Carmel in Alexandria. There is the option to stay on site at Mount Carmel or commute. Commuter cost includes workbook and all meals for $80. On-site participate includes commuter benefits plus sleeping accommodations for $185. Late fee of $25 after Monday, November 23. What to expect? Video presentations from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT of the JPII Healing Center. Reflection and small group discussion. Prayer: Mass, Adoration, Confession led by Father Dan Ruprecht. Communal meals and fellowship. To experience Jesus in His mission of spiritual, emotional, and physical healing! Any questions please contact Cassie at 320-460-5325.

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Mt 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life is relationships. Relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

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