



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

The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

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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.



"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 22:42-43

What powerful words these were. As Jesus hung dying on the Cross for the salvation of the world, He hung between two thieves. These thieves represent all of us. One of them wanted Jesus to save His earthly life by coming down from the Cross and saving him at the same time. The other thief made a prayer for eternal life, asking Jesus to remember him when Jesus entered His Kingdom. To the latter, Jesus granted his request.

Oftentimes we pray for earthly goods and pay little attention to eternal ones. Today, as we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day, we are invited to pray this prayer with the good thief, acknowledging that we are sinners deserving death, but hoping and praying for mercy and a share in the Eternal Kingdom of God.

Nothing makes the soul of our Lord more joyful than saving His children. He endured suffering and death out of love. He knew that His death would destroy our death if we cling to Him in hope. On the Cross, Jesus' gaze was on eternal, not earthly, redemption. He beheld the glorious throne that He mounted. It began with a cross but would end with glory, power and splendor beyond imagination.

As we honor Jesus as the great and glorious King of the Universe, we are encouraged to invite Him to establish His kingship in our lives more fully. Though Jesus' permanent, lasting and visible Kingdom will be established only in the future when He returns at the end of time, His Kingdom must begin now.

The Kingdom of God is established here and now every time you allow Him to exercise His kingship in your life. As a King, Jesus desires to order your life. He demands perfect submission of your will to Him. He demands complete obedience. And He demands that you embrace this kingship of His freely, of your own choosing. These are demands of perfect love that bring about a sharing in His eternal Kingdom. How well do you do this?

*Remember
Me,
My God
and King*

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 24 - 30

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Aurora Raya †Manuel Ramirez
Tu	8:00 am	†Charlie Gebeke
We	8:00 am	†Ralph Duevel
*Th	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Mass †Rosie Meyer
Th	11:00am	Misa en Español †Encarnacion Luis de la Cruz
Fr	8:30 am	†For All the Souls in Purgatory
Sa	5:00 pm	†Larry Thostenson †Randy Pieper
*Su	9:00 am	†Tom Kluempke
Su	11:30 am	Misa en Español Familia Rodriguez Martinez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	NO MASS
Th	8:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass †Betty Goebel
Fr	8:15 am	†Judy Meyer
Su	8:00 am	For the People

*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

We	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass †Don Gaebel
Th	8:15 am	NO MASS
Sa	4:00 pm	†Deceased/Living Members of the Walter & Pauline Bushman Family

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Richard Herges
Th	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass †Elmer Gangl
Su	10:00 am	†Joe Wiechmann

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Marcella Lieser
Th	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass †Vernon Welle
Su	10:00 am	†Al & †Leona Bertram

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	NO MASS
Sa	4:00 pm	For the People

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Lucille Imdieke
Su	8:00 am	†Rosie & †Perry Meyer

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

No Adoration Friday, November 28



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

•**Suspending the Common Cup** From Advent through Lent we will be suspending the common cup. In the Blessed Sacrament we receive the whole Christ: body, blood, soul and divinity. When receiving Communion under the form of bread only, we receive the totus Christus ("whole Christ"), receiving Communion under both forms is a more complete participation in the Eucharist. We look forward to Holy Week when we will begin to offer the common cup again.

•**Thank You** to all who contributed to the Respect Life month baby item fundraiser for Options for Women. We couldn't do what we do without the help of our generous donors! Thank you!

~Options for Women

Bulletin Deadline Change and Office Closures

The Parish Offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. With this closure, the bulletin will need to be printed early. **All notices must be to the bulletin editor by 9:00 am Monday, November 24.** If possible, please send your announcements by Friday, November 21.

What is a Mass Intention? Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. Most commonly, a Mass is requested for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, but it can also be requested for someone living or a special intention/need. Examples would include a birthday, wedding anniversary, baptismal anniversary, illness, surgery, etc. Offering a Mass for someone is a great gift as it provides infinite graces that benefit the souls of both the living and deceased. If you would like to request a Mass to be offered at St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, or St. John contact the Parish Office in Melrose. Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, or St. Rose of Lima, contact the Parish Office in Freeport.

Parish News:

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

•**December Ministry Schedule** was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parishes.

•**"Shower for Baby Jesus"** The Christian Women organizations from Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. Rose of Lima are hosting a "Baby Shower for Jesus" this Advent. There is a bassinet in each of the churches to put new or like-new items for infants through age 4. Car seats are an especially difficult item for the site to obtain. All donations will be given to Options for Women, a crisis pregnancy center in Sauk Centre.

•**Birthday Bags for the Food Shelf** The Tri-Parish Faith Formation will be including a service project during the Winter Family Fellowship Night on December 10. They will be putting gift bags together for the local food shelves. How can you help? You can donate items to help fill these bags. We are looking for cake mixes, frosting, candles, cans of lemon-lime soda, and **small unisex** games or children's gifts (playing cards, other card games, Playdoh, crayons, markers, etc.) to fill the bags. Our goal is to fill at least 50 gift bags. Please drop off items in designated boxes at Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. Rose of Lima Churches or at the Tri-Parish office no later than Friday, December 5.

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 the lab in the basement of Sacred Heart School in Freeport. We will have snacks and discuss various Catholic topics. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, December 3. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.



Toys for Tots Collection The Melrose FFA has put a Toys for Tots box in the gathering areas of Immaculate Conception Church in New Munich and St. Mary Church in Melrose. You can place new toys in the box, and they will be collected to send to children in need.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352

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

Total.....	\$18,129.00
Regular Adult Offering	16,490.00
Plate/Loose	899.00
Designated Funds	740.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

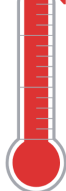
11-16	\$25	Joe Hennen, Freeport
11-17	\$25	Chris Rempel, Richmond
11-18	\$25	Arthur & Rita Terwey, Melrose
11-19	\$25	Sheila Hellermann, Melrose
11-20	\$25	Josh & Beca Haider, Becker
11-21	\$50	Butch Klaphake, Melrose
11-22	\$25	Matt & Cindy Anderson, Melrose



Sound System Goal

\$58,767

Raised \$56,303



Sound System Thank you for your generous support of our Sound System project! We've now received \$56,303 in gifts and pledges—96% of our goal! Contributions can be mailed, placed in the collection, or dropped off at the parish office.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules have been emailed. Paper copies can be found in the kiosks. Please find a replacement if you can't serve as scheduled.

Thank You to everyone who donated items to our craft sale, to everyone who purchased items, and to those who made a donation or paid their dues for Christian Women. Report: Craft sales: \$148; Dues \$193; Donations \$120.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle Tickets can be purchased before and after Saturday evening Masses and at some Sunday Masses, the parish office, Magnifi Financial—Melrose Branch, or Freeport State Bank—Melrose Branch. Be sure to get yours before 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 31!

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total.....	\$8,133.19
Regular Adult Offering	7,341.56
Plate	531.88
Votive	59.75
School Support	200.00

Parish Events

Tu	11/25	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
Tu	11/25	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tu	11/25	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Fr	11/28	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	11/28		NO Adoration
Su	11/30	9:00 am	Baptism

2025 Calendars are in the back of the church.

Interior Painting of the Church will take place beginning January 5, 2026. The cost of this project is \$385,000. The last time the interior of the church was painted in its entirety was in 1979. Please watch the bulletin for updates on this project. Donations are being accepted to help cover the cost.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

November 23, Sunday

◆**St. Michael's Men's Society Breakfast** at St. Michael's, Spring Hill. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Cost: \$10 Adults and \$3 for Ages 6 - 12. There will also be a bake sale.

◆**Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** Join us at Holy Spirit Church 2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud, MN from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm for unique assortment of hand crafted items and gifts.

◆**Journeys of Hope** Come be inspired with faith stories from April Bechtold, Julie Scegura and Steve Fiecke from 11:15 am - 1:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church, St. Anna. All are welcome for talks, prayer and chili with fixings. Free with no registration needed. Come to prepare for your best Advent ever.

◆**Turkey Bingo & Cash Raffle** at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church - Rockville. A la carte lunch from 12:00 pm until gone. Bingo from 1:30 - 4:30 pm. Raffle drawing at 4:30 pm. Raffle Tickets \$25 each. Only 850 tickets sold! Grand prize of \$5,000.

◆**Family Turkey Bingo** at Holy Family Fellowship Hall 18777 Riverwood Dr., Little Falls. Bingo starts at 1:30 pm. 20 Bingo games for \$5. 2 Blackout games \$2. Over 28 door prizes \$100 for Blackout. Prizes for the children will be drawn through out the afternoon!

November 25, Tuesday

◆**Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults** Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at us02.zoom.us/j/8125252525.

December 3, Wednesday

◆**Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment. 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

December 5, Friday

◆**Freeport Santa Days** from 4:00 - 7:00 pm in downtown Freeport. Photos with Santa at City Hall. Food shelf donations are greatly appreciated! Tree lighting at Freeport State Bank at dusk. Sleigh rides by Barn View Courtesy of Freeport State Bank. Sacred Heart Strings will be caroling. Visit various downtown businesses for treats, specials and activities.

◆**Jingle Mingle** A Christmas mixer for Catholic singles (ages 19 - 39) beginning at 7:00 pm at The Gathering Barn of Avon 35204 Cty Rd 155, Avon, MN. 'Tis the season for Catholic singles to mix, mingle, and make spirits bright. Bring a friend, bring a snack and reserve your spot: <https://tinyurl.com/3hzhyndz>. Questions call Tricia 320-248-7358 or Hannah 320-310-5252.

December 7, Sunday

◆**Spring Hill Rec Club** Christmas party and annual meeting at Horseshoe Bar at 1:00 pm. The whole community is invited!

◆**Breakfast with Santa** at Saints Peter & Paul School - Richmond from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Adults \$12. Children \$5. Santa's visit 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for photos and goodies. Matching grant fundraiser for the Sts. Peter & Paul church bell tower restoration project.

◆**Church of St. Augustine Parish Breakfast** Serving from 7:30 am - 12:00 pm at the St. Augustine Parish 106 Wilson Ave SE, St. Cloud. Sunday Mass at 9:00 am. Adults \$12. Children 5-12 \$7. Ages 4 and under are free.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering ♦♦♦♦

Total.....	\$3,792.53
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,454.33
Plate	216.00
Votive	197.70
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50
All Saints	7.00
Cash Bazaar	300.00
All Souls	80.00
Thanksgiving	500.00

Parish Events

Tu 11/25 6:30 pm	Catholic United Financial Christmas Party
Tu 11/25 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - FR
Sa 11/29 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Mo 12/01 6:30 pm	Catholic United Financial Raffle Drawing

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Everett Timothy Mayers**, the son of Kurt & Katie Mayers, to our parish. Everett Timothy was baptized on Saturday, November 15.

Feast of Immaculate Conception Social

There will be a social in the Gathering Space after the Immaculate Conception Mass on Monday, December 8. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our Patronal Feast Day. **Servers Requested:** Chairs: Clarence & Renee Kampsen, Co-Chairs: Duane & Shelley Kemper, Servers: David & Jane Johnson, Denise Klaphake, Kenneth & Dorothy Klaphake, Mark & Jody Klaphake, Michael & Naomi Klaphake. All servers please bring cake, cookies or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering ♦♦♦♦

Total.....	\$1,936.57
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,478.46
Plate	308.11
Votive	140.00
Special Needs	10.00

Parish Events

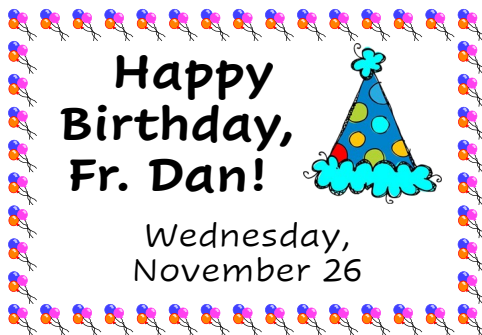
Tu 11/25 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting-FR
Tu 11/25 7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Th 11/27 11:30 am	Private Event
Fr 11/28 7:30 pm	Rosary
Mo 12/01 7:00 pm	Christian Women Meeting and Christmas Party

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Bennett Mark Middendorf**, the son of Devin & Christine Middendorf, to our parish. Bennett Mark was baptized on Sunday, November 16.

St. Rose Christian Women News...

•We are in need of a new vice president. Please contact Lisa Herdering with any questions.

•Christmas meeting and party will be Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm Join us for a fun get together. \$15 gift exchange.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering ♦♦♦♦

Total	\$905.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	537.50
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	103.00
Fuel Fund	220.00
All Saints	20.00
Military	25.00

Liturgical Ministries**Thanksgiving Mass**

Thursday, November 27 - 9:00 am

(S) Kenny Niehoff & Hank Primus
(L) Lisa Wuertz
(U) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
(EM) (B) Mark Schoenberg
(EM) (C) Nick Waldorf & Kathy Welle
(Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, November 30 - 10:00 am

(S) Kenny Niehoff & Hank Primus
(L) Ralph Klassen
(U) Robert Van Drehle & Nick Waldorf
(EM) (B) Adam Kalthoff
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
(HK: November 30-December 13)
Jane Terres, Maggie Terres, & Jenn Tschida

St. Michael's Men's Society Breakfast

Sunday, November 23 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Serving sausage, eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, and beverage. Cost: \$10 Adults and \$3 Ages 6-12. There will also be a bake sale.

**St. Mary's Mission Society**

Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 6 at 1:00 pm at Extra Innings. There will be potluck lunch and \$5 gift exchange. New members are always welcome.

**Annual Meeting and Christmas Party for Catholic United Financial Council #126 of Spring Hill**

will be on Sunday, December 7 in the church basement. Membership meeting at 12:30 pm, kids games at 1:00 pm, and Santa will arrive at 2:30 pm. There will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome to join us.



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

Mo	Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time) (Memorial)
	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4
Tu	Weekday (Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr)
	Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11
We	Weekday
	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19
Th	Weekday (Thanksgiving Day)
	Dn 6:12-28 Lk 21:20-28
	Or
	For Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God"
Fr	Weekday
	Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33
Sa	Weekday (BVM)
	Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Next Sunday - First Sunday of Advent	
Is 2:1-5	Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,017.00
Regular Adult Offering	540.00
EFT	1,350.00
Plate/Loose	111.00
Votives	16.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, November 29 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Leo Kasper & Clara Kasper
(L) Herman Lensing
(U) Mark Silbernack & Benjamin Stepan
(GB) Jim & Lee Uphoff
(EM) (B) Kris Winter
(EM) (C) Mike Barten & Clarine Beier
(HK - December) *Angie Barten, Ann Barten,
Clarine Beier, & Lida Bertram

Calendar Raffle Winners Catholic

Catholic United Financial United Financial #324 Raffle
Winners week #3:

11/16 \$50	Dennis Schmiesing
11/17 \$25	Ann-Mike Barten
11/18 \$25	Al Kampsen
11/19 \$25	Dave Frieler
11/20 \$25	Linda Trisko
11/21 \$25	Tom Schneider
11/22 \$50	Cassie Kettner

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,038.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,485.00
EFT	140.00
Plate/Loose	218.00
Votives.....	85.00
Fuel Fund	10.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, November 30 - 8:00 am

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
(L) Doug Meyer
(U) Mike Wehlage & Daryl Zenzen
(GB) Karl & Geri Meyer
(EM) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
(HK - December) *Kathy Illies, Darlene
Imdieke, Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke,
Kate Kelzer, & Amy Klapfake

HISPANIC MINISTRY

¡Posadas! Las posadas este año se realizarán en la Iglesia del 15 al 23 de Diciembre. Aunque este año no será de casa en casa, aún seguimos invitando a 8 familias que deseen tomar un día de posadas. La responsabilidad de esa familia será traer alimentos, bebidas y/o dulces para compartir después del rezo de las posadas.

**Fiesta a la Virgen de Guadalupe 2025:**

El Consejo de Liderazgo Parroquial Hispano ya está trabajando en la planeación de la festividad a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, por lo cual anunciamos que ya estamos recibiendo donaciones para realizar esta actividad. Los encargados de recolectar las donaciones este año son Maria Salinas, Guadalupe Montañez, Romeo Garcia y Salustia Cruz. En unas semanas más estaremos dando más información sobre el tema.

¡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.

Coros Parroquiales:

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

**Remember Me, My God and King**

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Throughout our world, there are many forms of governments. Democracies are thought by many to be the best form of government because no one person is capable of being the perfect king. Therefore a democracy is more of a safeguard against tyranny and abusive leadership. But when it comes to the end of time, the governance of humanity will take place by a King—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the only one Who is capable of governing humanity with justice and love. He is the only one under whose leadership we will all flourish. He is the only one Who will be able to establish universal peace and harmony.

Reflect, today, upon the glorious end of the world when our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, will return in splendor and majesty to judge the living and the dead and to establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. Though we are not able to comprehend what this Kingdom will be at this time, we must believe in it with faith and have supernatural hope that we will share in it. Reflect, especially, upon your mission to allow that Kingdom of grace and mercy to begin now, within the depths of your own soul. Surrender all to Him. Invite Him to reign over your thoughts, will, body and soul. Do not hesitate. Trust in this one and only glorious King Who is worthy of our total obedience.

My Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, You and You alone are worthy of our total trust and surrender in all things. I do choose You as my King today. I join with the good thief and come to You with all my sin, praying that You will remember me when You come into Your glorious Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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**One in Faith ACC Schools
Gift Card Programs**

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

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



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-6: No Class:** Wednesday, November 26. Next class will be Wednesday, December 3.
- **Grades 7-10: No Class:** Wednesday, November 26. Next class will be Wednesday, December 3.
- **Winter Family Fellowship Night** Wednesday, December 10 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Families are strongly encouraged to join us for a fun night of activities, snacks, and fellowship. This is in place of class. **All students are expected to attend.** We will be putting together Birthday Bags for the local food shelves. Please bring cake mixes, frosting, candles, cans of lemon-lime soda, and **small unisex** games or children's gifts (playing cards, other card games, Playdoh, crayons, markers, etc.) to fill the bags. Our goal is to fill at least 50 gift bags. Please drop off items in designated boxes in the back of all three churches or at the Tri-Parish office no later than Friday, December 5.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **All Grades: No Faith Formation classes** this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Castaway Retreat** for Grades 9-12: Friday, March 20 - Sunday, March 22, 2026, at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for over 50 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost is \$210 through Friday, February 13, and \$230 after that. To register, please turn in a Youth Interest Form along with a \$110 non-refundable deposit. Forms are available in the churches and on the parish websites. Contact either parish office with questions.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

All Things New Please watch your mail for a letter that was sent to all registered heads of households regarding the All Things New proposal.

Advent Enrichment Materials and Advent Brochures

with confessions opportunities, Advent Service Projects, Mass times, and more are available in the churches. Feel free to take them to enhance your Advent. Additional Advent programs can be found online, including Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever with Matthew Kelly and Ascension Press' Face to Face with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Visit their websites to sign up or for more information.



Join Us on a Pilgrimage to EWTN! January 18-23, 2026 You're invited to join Fr. Mark Botzet in a special 6-day pilgrimage to EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network founded by Mother Angelica in Irondale, AL) and several inspiring Catholic sites, including:

- The Grotto of the Redemption, West Bend, IA
- National Shrine Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL
- The Gateway Arch, St. Louis, MO
- The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Henceville, AL

This unforgettable journey will be a time of prayer, fellowship, and renewal of faith as we visit some of the most meaningful Catholic landmarks in the country (bussing one way and flying back). For more information or to reserve your spot, please see www.jericochristianjourneys.com. Deadline to sign-up is Monday, December 8.



Do You Love Spending Time With Infants/Toddlers?

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

Thank You The Freeport Christian Women would like to thank everyone who came out to our Holiday Quarter Craze. It was a wonderful evening of laughter and fun. Our event raised just over \$1,500 which gets donated to our church, school and other local organizations. A special thank you to the Freeport Community Center for generously donating the use of their space for our event. Happy Holidays from our committee!!

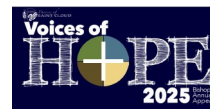
Men's Silent Weekend Retreat – Pilgrims of Hope

As pilgrims of Hope, join us for three conference talks, holy hour, and optional spiritual direction, healing service and personal time for prayer and reflection December 5 - 7. King's House is set on Buffalo Lake. All private sleeping rooms have a lake view and its own bathroom & shower. Meals are included. \$50 deposit with registration. Register online at www.kingshouse.com/events or call 763-682-1394 to make a reservation.



Stewardship as a Way of Life: "...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12 God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal:



Diocesan ministries for youth and young adults help young Catholics encounter Christ through retreats, conferences, community engagement. These experiences empower young disciples to become Christ's voice of hope among their peers, families, and schools. By supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you invest in the next generation of Catholics and strengthen the future of our Church. Make a gift today at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Reboot A Life-Changing Event This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker Chris Stefanick will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY! It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith. Please join us at Wadena Memorial Auditorium in Wadena, MN from 7:00 - 9:00 pm on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. To purchase tickets please visit <https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1765324>

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♥**Thank you to the Catholic Foundation** for their donation for school security and safety.

♥**Food Shelf Collection** Our 1st Grade class as well as other students collected food shelf items at school and before their Mass on Wednesday, November 19. Thank you to everyone that donated to help those in need this holiday season.

♥**We celebrated** November and the first part of August birthdays with their Birthday dinner on Thursday, November 20.

♥**No School** Wednesday, November 26 - Friday, November 28 - Happy Thanksgiving. Teachers and staff will have their annual retreat on Wednesday, November 26.

♥**Johnny Holm** Friday, November 28 at the Freeport Community Center benefiting SHS. Tickets are on sale at school and a few Freeport businesses.

♥**SHS Grades 2 - 6** will attend the Great Theatre production of Annie at the Paramount Theatre on Tuesday, December 2.



Public Rosary...



We have much to pray for and even more to be thankful for.

All are invited and welcome!

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

♦**Save the Date!** St. Mary's Christmas Program is at the Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, on Wednesday, December 10, at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Little Saints program is also scheduled for December 10 at 10:00 am in the SMS gym.

♦**No school** on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, November 26-28, Thanksgiving break. SMS students and staff wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

♦**For Advent**, the students and staff at St. Mary's will collect new socks, winter gloves, washcloths, towels, Ziploc bags, paper plates, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, & shampoo/conditioner for Eagle's Healing Nest and the Melrose Food Shelf. Please feel free to help us collect these items, which can be dropped off at the school entrance or in the church gathering space.

♦**St. Mary's School is holding an SMS\$4Kids Incentive Drive** to raise funds for playground equipment. You can help by starting or continuing to use the scrip program for your daily shopping or upcoming holiday purchases. The amount earned from purchasing the scrip cards will go towards the school.

♦**St. Mary's School's Auction 4 Education** will be held on Saturday, March 7, at the Legion. The theme this year is Shamrocks and Shenanigans.

♦**SJSA Student Council** made Christmas Ornaments for the CentraCare Hospice Program at their Wednesday, November 12 meeting. The ornaments will be delivered to patients in December.

♦**Thank you to the Catholic United Financial Foundation** for their technology grant of \$500 to St. John's - St. Andrew's. Thank you to SJSA School Board President Adam Kalthoff for writing the grant.

♦**SJSA Advent Project:** SJSA students are collecting the following items for Eagle's Healing Nest as our Advent Service Project: Men's and Women's Gloves, Men's and Women's Socks, Washcloths, Ziploc Bags and Fleece Blankets. Items can be dropped off at the school during school hours December 1 - 12. Thank you for helping us support our veterans in need.

♦**SJSA Harry's Pizza and Cookie Dough Sale** runs now through Thursday, December 4. If you would like to order pizzas and/or cookie dough, please contact an SJSA family or call the school office at 320-987-3605. Pick up for both items is Saturday, December 13 from 9:00-10:00 am in the school basement.

♦**School Security Grant** SJSA received a school security grant for \$1,600 from the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of St. Cloud. The grant will be used to pay for security cameras for both the interior and exterior of the building. This grant was made possible by an anonymous donor to the Diocese to assist Catholic schools with security upgrades.

♦**SJSA/Greenwald Elevator Salt Sale** Thank you to everyone who supported the salt sale. SJSA made \$4,261.27. Thank you to John Dockendorf and the Greenwald Elevator for coordinating the fundraiser.

♦**Mark your calendars!** SJSA Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction is Saturday, February 7 at the Greenwald Pub. Donny Brang will once again be playing for the event. If you would like to donate to this event, please contact the school. More info to come!

♦**November SJSA School Board** meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

♦**No school at SJSA** November 26 -28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. School resumes Monday, December 1.



Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

II Kendra Schmitz♥Luke Dehmer, 12-6 SH

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

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