



ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of

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)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2026

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

Melrose Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Office Phone: 320-256-4207

Fr. Mitchell Bechtold: 320-247-4907 (call or text)
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Website: www.oneinfaith.org

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Melrose, MN 56352

Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Office Phone: 320-836-2143

Fr. Daniel Walz: frwalz@catholic-centered.org

Office Email: triparish@albanytel.com

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.

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

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



Praying to the Father in the Son

At that time Jesus exclaimed: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.” Matthew 11:25-27

This passage beautifully summarizes the entire Christian life—the life to which we are called and in which we find our purpose, meaning, and ultimate fulfillment. Jesus begins by offering praise to the “Father, Lord of heaven and earth.” Though Jesus Himself is fully God, “one in being with the Father”—co-eternal and consubstantial—He nevertheless offers praise to the Father.

In the original Greek, the phrase “I give praise to you...” (*exomologoumai*) indicates an open, public, and full acknowledgment by the Son of the Father’s sovereignty and gracious will. The Father is the All-Powerful Lord of all that exists—everything in the heavens and on earth. Jesus expresses this fundamental stance toward the Father for two reasons: first, because it is eternally true; and second, so that we might humble ourselves and join Him in praying the same prayer—through, with, and in Jesus.

This prayer closely parallels the opening of the Lord’s Prayer (the “Our Father”), because both begin with a direct acknowledgment and praise of the Father’s holiness and sovereignty. The Lord’s Prayer is the perfect prayer precisely because it was given to us by Jesus Himself. After addressing the Father, it presents seven petitions. According to Saints Thomas Aquinas and Augustine, the first two petitions—“hallowed be Thy name” and “Thy Kingdom come”—reveal the central purpose of our lives: to glorify God eternally and to be caught up in, and actively participate in that glory by becoming full members of His Kingdom. In today’s prayer, Jesus says “these things” have been revealed “to little ones” and that the Son can choose to reveal the Father to whom He wishes.

We are drawn into Jesus’ prayer and intimate relationship with the Father precisely

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JULY 6 - 12

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Tu 6:30 pm Misa en español (Melrose)
We 8:00 am Lucille Imdieke (Meire Grove)
Th 8:00 am Benjamin Gruenes (Spring Hill)
Fr 8:00 am Rose Hinnenkamp (Melrose)
Sa 5:00 pm Clarence Schaefer (Meire Grove)
*Su 9:00 am For the People (Melrose)
Su 11:30 am Misa en Español (Melrose)

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu 8:15 am Deceased/Living Members of the Luvern Hellermann Family
We 8:15 am Jeanette Barth
Th 8:15 am Ron Hoppe Anniversary
Fr 8:15 am James "Jim" Thoma
Su 8:00 am Deceased/Living Members of the Thomes, Kuhlmann, & Gaebel Families

St. Mary - Melrose
First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm in Spanish (en Español) and Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 am
Sacred Heart - Freeport
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Fridays

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Su 10:00 am Chad Toenyan



*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

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.



Golf for One In Faith Catholic Schools

The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23 at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. The event is a Best Ball Scramble with 100% of the proceeds from hole sponsorships, entry fees and donations to benefit the One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. John's/St. Andrew's.

Humanae Vitae Mass & Award Reception July 23, 2026

Join the celebration at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Saint Cloud. We will celebrate the 58th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae with Mass at 7:00 pm with Bishop Patrick Neary presiding. A reception will follow, with the presentation of the 2026 Humanae Vitae Award to Tom & Meg Klecker.

Celebrate Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week July 19-25, 2026

Plan now to celebrate NFP Week. This year's theme from the USCCB is, "Natural Family Planning: Designed by God - Guided by Love - Open to Life." Resources can be found at usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/national-nfp-awareness-week.

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.

My Catholic Will: August is Make a Will Month! If not now, when? Surveys indicate that less than 1 in 3 Americans have a will. Your will is an important way to provide security for your loved ones and to give you a voice in how your assets are managed.

- Create a Last Will and Testament
Express final wishes consistent with Catholic teaching
Consider a bequest to your parish or diocesan ministries

This is a simple and meaningful way to care for your loved ones and live out our call to stewardship. For more information, visit MyCatholicWill.com/STCDIO.

Save the Dates:

Holy Family Mini Fest 2026 Join us this summer (August 13 - 16) for a different kind of great Minnesota get-together! Come experience the beauty and wonder of God alongside fellow Catholics at the historical Holy Family Catholic Church and Belle Prairie Park along the Mississippi River just north of Little Falls, MN.

2026 Rural Life Celebration This year's Rural Life Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 16 beginning at 1:30 pm at the Moenedick Family Farm in rural Perham. The event will include Mass on the farm with Bishop Neary, the annual Catholic Century Farm and Rural Business Awards presentations, refreshments, and family-friendly activities.

Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: Please accept our deepest gratitude to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries this year. As of Monday, June 22, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2026 has raised cash and pledge gifts of \$1,104,298 toward our goal of \$1,550,000 (71.25%).



This was made possible through the generous donations of 5,296 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. For weekly updates on our progress and to help these ministries meet their funding needs, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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*

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

St. Mary - Melrose

Total	\$8,709.50
Regular Adult Offering	6,906.00
Plate/Loose	1,175.50
Designated Funds	628.00

St. John - Meire Grove

Total	\$1,367.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,115.00
EFT	140.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	96.00
Votives	16.00

St. Michael - Spring Hill

Total	\$4,095.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	805.00
Plate/Loose	595.00
Maintenance Fund	1,395.00
Cemetery	1,300.00

St. Andrew - Greenwald

Total	\$1,128.00
Regular Adult Offering	840.00
EFT	100.00
Plate/Loose	113.00
Votives	5.00
School Support	10.00
Cemetery	60.00

St. Mary's - Meire Grove Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, July 11 - 5:00 pm

- (S) Isaac Zenzen & Volunteer Needed
- (L) Char Meyer
- (U) Ken Schneider & Marvin Schneider
- (GB) Dan & Char Meyer
- (EM) Nick Kelzer, Jim Leukam, Char Meyer, & Dan Meyer
- (HK - July) *Heidi Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, & Brenda Nathe

St. Mary's - Melrose Calendar Raffle

06-28	\$25	Silas Arvig, Grey Eagle
06-29	\$25	Mary Klaphake, Melrose
06-30	\$25	Joann Tschida, Melrose
07-01	\$25	Mark & Tina Heidgerken, Sauk Centre
07-02	\$25	Susan Terres, Melrose
07-03	\$25	Fran Laumeyer, Melrose
07-04	\$25	Mike & JoAnn Foley, Sauk Centre



Baptized in Christ... ♥Natalia Raya Martinez

Hospitality... Come and enjoy refreshments & cookies after 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses on Sunday, July 12. Hope to see you there.



Liturgical Ministry Schedules for July & August have been emailed. Copies are also available in the kiosks. Please request a substitute if you aren't available as scheduled. Contact Sarah Woeste in the parish office if you have questions.

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CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total	\$6,493.46
Regular Adult Offering	5,880.46
Plate	433.00
Votive	160.00
School Support	20.00

Parish Events

Mo	07/06	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
Fr	07/10	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	07/10	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	07/12	11:30 am	Baptism

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Nathan & Kelsey Walter, and their son, Everett, to our parish.

Baptized in Christ...

- We welcome **Loralei Lynn Walter**, the daughter of Nathan & Kelsey Walter, to our parish. Lorelei Lynn was baptized on Sunday, June 28.
- We welcome **Ignatius Aaron Van Beck**, the son of Luke & Kasia Van Beck, to our parish. Ignatius Aaron was baptized on Sunday, June 28.



Wedding... Congratulations to **Kristopher & Tawny (Corsetti) Wensmann** who were married at Sacred Heart on Friday, June 26. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

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!



Sacred Heart Festival (Sunday, July 19) News:

- Third Chair Couple** We are looking for a third chair couple to assist with the festival. If you are willing or able to help, please contact Mary Kay Huhne at 320-290-3058 or Ashley Burg at 320-493-2760.
- 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 19.** Tickets and money can be dropped off at the Parish Office in Freeport, the Freeport State Bank in Freeport or the Freeport branch of Magnifi Financial. 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 13-18**. Cakes can be dropped off in the church basement **July 17-18**.
- Schedule of Events:** See One in Faith Area Catholic Community News on page 7.

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA
Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

Happy Birthday Please join us in wishing Fr. Danny Ohmann, who was born in Greenwald July 6, 1927, a Happy 99th Birthday!



Cemetery Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with trimming at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Cemeteries, especially around the headstones. If you are willing and able to lend a hand, your help would be greatly appreciated. We encourage volunteers to assist anytime. Thank you for helping keep our cemeteries beautiful and welcoming!

St. Mary's - Meire Grove is looking for individuals who would like to volunteer as greeters before Mass. These ministers would greet others at the door as they arrive for Mass. Please contact the parish office if you would be interested in serving in this way.

Bazaar Envelope: You will notice a Bazaar Envelope in your packet in the month of July. This is in place of hosting an annual festival here at St. Mary's, Melrose. Please contribute as you see fit.

Faith Formation News Please be sure to look at the Faith Formation section on page 5 to stay up to date on all the information for this years classes.

Registration Notice: If you are a young adult and/or or grew up in the parish, please note that you must register yourself as an adult in the parish. Letters have been sent to those who are 25 years old under their parents' household. Please contact Katie at the parish office with any questions.

St. Mary's Sacristans & Eucharistic Ministers will have a meeting on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's. This meeting is for anyone who is currently serving or would like to serve communion at St. Mary's during the 9:00 am Mass. Contact Sarah Woeste in the office if you can't come.

Thank You to all who purchased tickets and supported the fundraiser. A total of 982 tickets were sold! The list of winners can be found below:

2026 St. Mary's - Melrose Parish Raffle Winners

- \$20,000 St. Mary's School (Anonymous)
- \$5,000 Sharon Rose
- \$1,000 Lois Roers, Ruth Bowman, Mary Olmscheid
- \$500 Max Wehlage
- \$500 Rita Woeste
- \$500 Wayne Hegg
- \$500 Dustin Welz
- \$500 Liz Pohlmann
- \$500 Jill Propst
- \$500 GERALYN Schmainda
- \$500 Gary & Sandy Toenyan
- \$500 Jone Meyer
- \$250 Carol Klaphake
- \$250 James & Nancy Mohs
- \$250 Lori & Ryan Braegelmann
- \$250 Kathy Eveslage
- \$250 Sara & Nate Housman
- \$250 Shari Rieland



◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,781.63
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,141.92
Plate	330.00
Votive	109.71
Building/Maintenance	200.00

Parish Events

Mo 07/06 6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
We 07/08 4:00 pm	NM Business Association
Sa 07/11 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Annual Summer Picnic Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Leo Court # 786 of New Munich will be having their "Annual Summer Picnic" on Sunday, July 12, at 11:30 am at the Lake Maria Clubhouse and Picnic Grounds. A pot-luck lunch will be served, including hot dogs, kraut, & beverages which will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. A brief quarterly meeting will be held. All court members are welcome.

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$1,885.08
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,603.08
Plate	282.00

Parish Events

Mo 07/06 6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
Fr 07/10 7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 07/11 10:00 am	Private Event



Festival Quilts: Please bring all quilts to the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, July 26. Festival chairs will be there to collect them after Mass. Please contact Michael & Jessica Lehner 320-429-5060 or Devin & Elisha Kemper 320-492-1229 for alternative arrangements or questions.

Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!

06/28	\$25	Sandy Wielenberg - Albany
06/29	\$25	Beth Arnzen - Melrose
06/30	\$25	Sam & Dan Toenyan - Melrose
07/01	\$25	Steven & Neetz Reber - St. Joseph
07/02	\$25	Judy Hennen - Freeport
07/03	\$25	Rich Goebel - Freeport
07/04	\$40	Anita Dalen - Little Falls

The Scriptures This Week
Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo Weekday (<i>Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</i>)	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22	Mt 9:18-26
Tu Weekday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13	Mt 9:32-38
We Weekday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	Mt 10:1-7
Th Weekday (<i>Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>)	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9	Mt 10:7-15
Fr Weekday	Hos 14:2-10	Mt 10:16-23
Sa Saint Benedict, Abbot (<i>Memorial</i>)	Is 6:1-8	Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23	Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** Please contact the Tri-Parish Office if you are interested in signing your child up for Faith Formation. Call 320-836-2143 or email faithformation@catholic-centered.org.
- **11th Grade Confirmation Classes** with Father Dan start Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm. Be sure, **Candidates**, you are registered for these classes with Father Dan if you choose to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church by being Confirmed on Sunday, October 4 at 1:00 pm.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.org

- **Help Still Needed** We are still looking for adults to help with faith formation this year. We will have training on Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 am at St. Mary’s Church. We will meet in the Gathering Space. This will be about a 4 hour training for our core team. Please consider helping us lead our youth closer to Christ. Please RSVP. Email Mark Kociemba at faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.org or call 320-256-9501
- **Faith Formation Registration** It is not too late to turn in your Faith Formation registration forms. All families that have children in grades 1-11 need to register for faith formation even if you did last year. We are excited to lead our youth closer to Christ and want to see all of our youth participating in faith formation. Forms can be found on the Faith Formation table by the office or in the kiosks in the church. They can also be found on the website or by emailing Mark Kociemba at faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.org.
- **Save the Date:** August 8. We will have a summer Edge Program for our young people in grades 6 - 12. The theme of this summer program will be the four gospels. It is called Impressions. If you are interested in helping with this summer program or you know that your child would like to attend, please let Mark Kociemba know by email faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.org or you can call the faith formation office at 320-256-9501. Registration forms will be available at all of the kiosks and at the faith formation table by the office. We will have registration begin on July 12. All 6 - 12 graders are welcome to attend.
- **Parent & Youth Advisory Committee/Board** If you would like to be part of the parent advisory committee or the youth advisory board for faith formation or youth ministry please contact Mark Kociemba at faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- **Youth Night** Monday, July 6 at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym!

Prayer Requests...

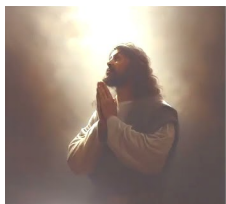
Please call the parish office to be added to this list.

For the Sick: Bethany Downs, Cali Dickhoff, Dorothy Schneider, Ken VanderWeyst, Len Frieze, Michelle Russel

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

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when Jesus reveals the Father to us: “No one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.” Because Jesus deeply desires that we come to know and love the Father with the same love He has for Him, His prayer continues by gently inviting us—especially when burdened by weariness, weakness, or sin—to lay our

burdens down before His merciful power and glory: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” ([Matthew 11:28](#)).

This tender invitation reveals Jesus’ deepest desire for us: that we would enter into His love for the Father, share intimately in the union between Father and Son, and thus magnify and glorify the Most Holy Trinity—not only in our earthly journey but eternally in Heaven. Indeed, what a sublime and glorious calling we have received!

Reflect today upon this beautiful prayer, knowing in your heart that Jesus Himself invites you to pray it with Him, through Him, and in Him. He longs for His voice to resonate within your voice, His love to beat within your heart, and His holy desires to shape your own. Turn your gaze toward the Father—He who is both the Source and ultimate goal of your existence—and strive lovingly and humbly to accomplish all things according to His gracious and holy will.

Our Father, You who dwell in the heavens and within the souls of Your sanctified ones, may Your eternal essence, Your holy Name—the One who was, who is, and who is to come, the Great I AM—be honored, praised, and glorified forever. May this glorification shine forth in my life and in the lives of all Your faithful, as we await with joyful hope the return in glory of Your Son, Jesus our Savior, when You, together with Him and the Holy Spirit, will establish the New Heavens and the New Earth. Jesus, I trust in You.

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
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 Lindsay Frieler, and Chris Klaphake

www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591
 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
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 Trista Roelike, and Jenny Wilson

Phone: 320-987-3133
 www.sjsaschool.org

♥**Report Card/End of Year Folder** Parents, please stop in at school to pick up your report card/end of year folder for your family. Summer care is open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm to make it convenient to pick up during those times. The envelopes are near the front entrance of the school in the entryway.

♥**The school office will be open periodically** throughout the summer. If you need something, please send a fast direct message. Or call the office at 320-836-2591.

♥**Save the Date:** The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23! Proceeds benefit One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools. See page 2 of this bulletin for more information.

♦**We are beyond grateful** to the anonymous donor who purchased the winning \$20,000 ticket from the St. Mary's Church raffle. Your generosity is a true blessing to our school and will directly support our school's mission. Thank you for making such a difference.

♦**St. Mary's students and staff wish you a** safe and relaxing 4th of July weekend.

♦**If you need to contact the school** over the summer, email anelson@smsmn.org or call 320-256-4257 and leave a message.

♥**Save the Date:** The Freeport State Bank Golf Classic will be on Thursday, July 23! Proceeds benefit One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools. See page 2 of this bulletin for more information.

♦**There are still openings** for prospective 2026-2027 Little Saints and students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested, call 320-256-4257, email anelson@smsmn.org, or visit our school website smsmelrosemn.org.

♦**Summer Office Hours** will vary. Please call the school office at 320-987-3133 with any questions.

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HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

July 8, Wednesday

♦**New Munich Customer Appreciation Picnic** Sponsored by New Munich Business Association. Food will be served from 5:30 - 8:00 pm at the New Munich Jaycee Community Park. In case of rain, the event will be held at the New Munich Church basement.

July 9, Thursday

♦**The Wizard of Oz** Presented by Melrose Stages at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center at Melrose High School. Reserved seating \$11. Show starts at 7:30 pm. To purchase tickets visit isd740.org under tickets. If you have questions call Audrey at 320-256-5612.

July 10, Friday

♦**Burger Night** at the American Legion Post 101 in Melrose. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Baskets starting at \$10. Take-outs available. Doors open at 3:00 pm.

♦**The Wizard of Oz** Presented by Melrose Stages at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center at Melrose High School. Reserved seating \$11. Show starts at 7:30 pm. To purchase tickets visit isd740.org under tickets. If you have questions call Audrey at 320-256-5612.

July 12, Sunday

♦**Festival** at the Church of Saint Benedict, Avon. Outdoor Polka Mass at 10:00 am bring your chairs. Quilt Auction, Silent Auction, Kid's Games, Bingo, Live Music and more following the Mass.

♦**Annual Summer Picnic** for Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Leo Court #786 of New Munich at 11:30 am at the Lake Maria Clubhouse and Picnic Grounds. A pot-luck lunch will be served, including hot dogs, kraut, & beverages which will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. A brief quarterly meeting will be held. All court members are welcome.

July 12, Sunday

♦**The Wizard of Oz** Presented by Melrose Stages at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center at Melrose High School. Reserved seating \$11. Show starts at 2:00 pm. To purchase tickets visit isd740.org under tickets. If you have questions call Audrey at 320-256-5612.

July 13, Monday

♦**The Wizard of Oz** Presented by Melrose Stages at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center at Melrose High School. Reserved seating \$11. Show starts at 7:30 pm. To purchase tickets visit isd740.org under tickets. If you have questions call Audrey at 320-256-5612.

July 16, Thursday

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

July 19, Sunday

♦**Sacred Heart Parish Festival/Parade**, Freeport. 9:00 am Outdoor Mass with polka music, 10:30 am Parade, 11:30 am Food & Games, 11:45 am Live Entertainment, 4:00 pm Grand Raffle and Quilt Raffle drawings.

July 23, Thursday

♦**Freeport State Bank 26th Annual Golf Classic** at Meadowlark Country Club, Melrose. Best Ball Scramble, rain or shine event will have a 3:00 pm shot gun start with a meal served around 5:30 pm. 100% of the proceeds from hole sponsorships, entry fees and donations benefit: Sacred Heart School, Freeport; St. Mary's School, Melrose and St. John's - St. Andrew's School, Greenwald. Stop by any Freeport State Bank location in Freeport, Melrose, or Greenwald if you'd like to golf, sponsor a hole, join for a meal, donate, purchase your Rolling on the Green chance or have questions. Thank you for your commitment and support of Catholic Schools.

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Care for Creation A reminder that the diocesan Care for Creation guide is available to guide homes, parishes and schools in living out one of Bishop Neary's priorities. Find it online at <https://stedio.org/care-for-creation> or contact Kateri.Mancini@gw.stedio.org for copies or help implement it into your community.



When One Door Closes, Another One Opens.

Are you feeling like you are stuck between those doors? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a Catholic retreat program that can help you find your way. Sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next retreat is scheduled for September 18 - 20, 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.

MCCL's Annual Life Leadership Camp For the first time, we're offering a pro-life summer camp for middle school students. Our camp for middle school students will take place August 9-12 at the same location and is open to students who will enter grades 6-8 in the fall. Each Life Leadership Camp offers impactful pro-life education, compelling guest speakers, engaging activities, and outdoor fun with fellow students from across the state. This event is sponsored by the Sauk Centre Chapter of MCCL for students in our Area Catholic Communities. Learn more and register at mccl.org/camp and call Mary Reuter at 320-250-9904.

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. The next weekend is July 31-August 2.



Embroidered Dish Towels Do you need a bridal shower or wedding gift? Or do you need a new set of dish towels to use at home? Sacred Heart Parish has embroidered dish towels available for sale. They are \$35 for a set of seven and can be purchased at the Freeport Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 pm or by calling Dolores Notch at 320-836-2450.

Discernment Retreat July 28 - 30 Come and discover tools to help you discern God's Will for your life. This retreat is for young men and women entering 7th grade and up. At St. Mary's, Milaca 645 - 3rd Avenue SE, Milaca. Cost is \$50. Boys and girls entering grades 4-6 are invited to join the group on Thursday, July 30 at 12:00 noon for lunch. Concluding with Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by a Family Potluck Meal. Cost for 4-6 graders is \$15. For more information and for all grades to register, visit www.fourpillarsinfaith.org. Please call St. Mary's, Milaca at 320-983-3255 with any questions.

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)
- St. Mary - Meire Grove**
 - Monday: 7:00 am
 - Saturday: 4:30 pm
- Spring Hill**
 - Thursday: 7:30 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

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