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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



Fr. Marvin Enneking, Pastor ~ Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor ~ Fr. Arockiya Newton, Parochial Vicar

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

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211 2nd Ave. N. Greenwald, MN 56335

Carol Winter: Administrative Assistant, GR/MG/SH



One In Faith ACC Website

www.oneinfaith.org

St. Cloud Diocese Website www.stclouddiocese.org

Freeport Office:

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

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

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Adoration

Sacred Heart - Freeport Fridays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

New Parishioners

Please contact the respective parish office to register.

Leaving Our Parish?

If you are leaving our parishes, please call the respective parish office so we can update our census.

Confession Times

By appointment only. Call the respective parish office.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and must call Deacon Ernie before setting a date. Diocesan Marriage RCIA program. Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism

St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John: Call Deacon Ernie.

Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima: Call Freeport Office.

RCIA

Call Deacon Ernie if you are interested in the

Deacon Ernie Kociemba 320-248-5124 Email: kociemba@meltel.net

ACC Mass Schedule/Intention ~ July 26 - August 1

St. Mary - Melrose Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español †María Flores y Por la salud de Belseter Vásquez 7:30 am †Richard Hiltner Tu We 7:30 am †John C. Carruth †Ann M. Roehrl & 7:30 am Vernon Dickhaus Fr 7:30 am †Ronald Thieschafer 5:00 pm †Rev. Ken Thielman & Sa †Ron Kettler/ For the People *Su 10:00 am ††Art & Ann Loehr & ††Edward & Pauline Imdieke Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español Por la Salud y bienestar de

Belseter Vásquez Sobreyra

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am L/D Members of the Clarence Hiltner Family †Burke Engelmeyer Fr 8:15 am 8:00 am †Mary Overman

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

8:15 am L/D Christian Women Mbrs 4:00 pm ††Pauline & Alphonse Janson Sa

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

8:15 am †Carla Wolbeck Su 10:00 am For the People

*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.



St. Michael - Spring Hill

8:00 am †Agnes Theiler 7:30 pm Christian Women

Su 10:00 am ††Mike & Jeanette Heinen

St. Andrew - Greenwald

8:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving Th 8:00 pm †Marilyn Uphus

St. John - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am ††Joan & Ed Hoppe 8:00 am †††Mae, Lawrence & John Wiechmann

Mass For Rain

SACRED HEART - FREEPORT

Monday, July 26 - 8:15 am

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)

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

Weekly Contributions			
Total	\$7,756.35		
Regular Adult Offering	6,322.00		
Loose	889.35		
Children Envelopes	5.00		
New Church (actual funds)	60.00		
Blinds	100.00		
Votive Candles	135.00		
Cemetery Clean Up	25.00		
Rectory Fund	0.00		
Bazaar	220.00		
St. Mary's School Endowment	\$320.00		
Rectory Fund Collected to Date	\$41,300.00		
Blinds Fund Collected to Date	\$9,650.00		

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsor this week:

Munson Feed Company Inc. & Schmidt Printing

07-18	\$25	Peter Tylutki - Melrose
		Rosalie A. Welle - Melrose
07-20	\$25	Mary Rieland - Melrose
07-21	\$50	Bernie Winter - Greenwald
		Monika Kraker - Melrose
07-23	\$25	Elmer & Virginia Meyer - Melrose
		Allison Krynski - Melrose



Help is Needed...St. Mary's is Looking for someone to take minutes at Parish Council meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month and submit to the parish office. Call the Melrose Office if interested.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART - FREEPORT (FR)

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

****************Weekly Stewardship**********		
Adult Envelopes	\$2,682.31	
Plate	435.00	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,117.31	
Other Donations Votive	\$53.80	

Welcome to Our Parish... We would like to welcome Timothy and Sharon Blaskowski to our parish.

Children's Liturgy of the Word With the school year right around the corner, we are looking for help with Children's Liturgy of the Word in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa during weekend Masses. If you like working with children and sharing your faith with them, this could be the ministry for you. We need to have one

Parish Events

Tu	07/27	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - NM
Fr	07/30	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	08/06	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	08/07	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass

confirmed member and one youth present during Children's Liturgy of the Word. If a Mass time in one of the parishes is better for you, you are more than welcome to help in that parish. If we do not have

volunteers to carry out this ministry, it will not be available to your young people. Please contact the Freeport Office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH (NM)

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

Adult Envelopes	\$3,419.46	
Plate	111.00	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,530.46	
Other Donations		
Building/Maintenance	\$80.00	
Cemetery	200.00	

Christian Women Meeting Annual summer meeting of St. Ann's Christian Women of New Munich will be Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. All parish women are invited to attend the meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Christian Women, please contact Jackie Massmann at 651-214-0270. Please pray for leaders to step forward to help lead our organization! If you would like to become a leader, please call or email sacwpresident@gmail.com.

Black Dirt Needed: Work has begun on the cemetery expansion. We are in need of black dirt. If you have some black dirt that you would be willing to contribute, please contact Steve Worms at 320-837-5308.

Parish Events

Tu 07/27 7:10 pm Th 07/29 7:00 pm Sa 07/31 3:30 pm Su 08/0110:30 am Private Event

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with them, this could be the ministry for you. We need to have one confirmed member and one youth present during Children's Liturgy of the Word. If a Mass time in one of the parishes is better for you, you are more than welcome to help in that parish. If we do not have volunteers to carry out this ministry, it will not be available to your young people. Please contact the Freeport Office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.



CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA (SR)

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

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Adult Envelopes	\$2,375.00
Plate	224.00
Total Weekly Contributions	2,599.00

Welcome to Our Parish... We would like to welcome Derrick and Brianna Schultz to our parish.

Children's Liturgy of the Word With the school year right around the corner, we are looking for help with Children's Liturgy of the Word in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa during weekend Masses. If you like working with children and sharing your faith with them, this could be the ministry for you. We need to have one confirmed member and one youth present during Children's Liturgy

Parish Events

Tu	07/27	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - NM
Fr	07/30	7:30 pm	Rosary
Fr	08/06	7:30 pm	Rosary

of the Word. If a Mass time in one of the parishes is better for you, you are more than welcome to help in that parish. If we do not have volunteers to carry out this ministry, it will not be available to your young people. Please contact the Freeport Office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.



CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL (SH)

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

Weekly Contributions			
Total	\$655.00		
Regular Adult Offering	455.00		
Plate/Loose	130.00		
Maintenance Fund	70.00		

Parish Office in Greenwald will be open on Monday, July 26 instead of Tuesday, July 27.

Interested in Helping with Mass? If anyone is interested in helping with ministries at Mass on Sundays, you can contact the parish office on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 pm or contact Fr. Marv. **Please give this some prayerful consideration!**

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, August 1 - 10:00 am

- (S) Celia Schoenberg & Gabby Schoenberg (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Allen Lieser & Gary P. Lieser
- (EU) (B) Sandra Gruber (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
- (HK July 25 Aug 1) Brenda Lieser, Megan Lieser & Pam Lieser

Christian Women Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 28. Mass at 7:30 pm with meeting and lunch to follow at Extra Innings.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)

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

Weekly Contributions			
Total	\$1,679.50		
Regular Adult Offering	1,560.00		
Plate/Loose	12.00		
Votives	7.50		
Cemetery Fund	50.00		
Maintenance Fund	50.00		

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Interested in Helping with Mass? If anyone is interested in helping with ministries at Mass on Sundays, you can contact the parish office on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 pm or contact Fr. Marv. **Please give this some prayerful consideration!**

<u>Liturgical Ministries Saturday, July 31 - 8:00 pm</u>

(S) Gretta Kasper & Sophia Kasper

(L) Isaiah Gilk

(U) Bob Worms & John Worms

(GB) Paul & Kathy Buermann

(EU) (B) Herman Lensing

(HK-July) *Kris Winter, Carol Winter, Bev Winter, Doreen

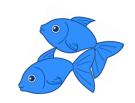
Wenker, Lucy Wessel, & Donna Worms

Greenwald Barley Days will be August 7th & 8th, 2021. If you have not received your packet with raffle tickets and work schedules, please contact one of the Christian Women officers so everyone gets their information.





The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE (MG)

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

Weekly Contributions Total \$1,474.50 Reg. Adult Offering 1,255.00 Children 0.25 Plate/Loose 69.00 Votives 30.25 Faith Formation 120.00

Parish Office in Greenwald will be open on Monday, July 26 instead of Tuesday, July 27.

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, August 1 - 8:00 am

- (S) Luke Meyer & Miranda Meyer (L) Char Meyer
- (U) Marvin Schneider & Matt Silbernick
- (GB) Marcy Lensing & Family
- (EU) (B) Dan Meyer & Char Meyer
- (HK-July) *Geri Meyer, Karen Meyer, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler

Interested in Helping with Mass? If anyone is interested in helping with ministries at Mass on Sundays, you can contact the parish office on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 pm or contact Fr. Marv. **Please give this some prayerful consideration!**

HISPANIC MINISTRY

El Departamento de asistencia de MN, está ayudando a pagar facturas de utilidades a personas que no puedan pagar, la renta de su departamento, la renta de parqueadero de trailas, el agua, la luz o el gas. Si usted necesita asistencia en alguno de estos biles, póngase en contacto con la señora Mayuli Bales al 1-763-639-4368 no necesita un seguro o un número Itin.



El Rosario en español se rezara los jueves a las 6:30 pm. Después del rosario tendremos la comunidad de Oración Santa María, dirigida por el Señor Oscar Nolasco. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kathy Welle SHS BOARD: Amy Wilwerding, Emily Smith, Nick Shaw, Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514 www.shsfreeport.org

▶ Led by the Holy Spirit and supported by the parish communities, Sacred Heart School unites students, families and staff in their spiritual, social and academic journeys. We strive to inspire, challenge, and empower one another to go forth and touch the world with the knowledge, values, and gifts with which God has blessed us.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

- 07-18 \$25 Pam Rue Melrose
- 07-19 \$25 Andrew Holdvogt New Munich
- 07-20 \$25 Meghan Lindemann Maple Grove
- 07-21 \$25 Todd Pakit New Prague
- 07-22 \$25 Kevin & Sarah Athmann Freeport
- 07-23 \$25 Len Frieze Albany
- 07-24 \$25 Michelle Goebel Melrose



SJSA

PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Jenn Ellering Phone: 320-256-4257 www.smsmelrosemn.org

- If you're an Arvig internet customer, sign up for the School partnership Program and Arvig will donate \$1 each month to the school of your choice at no additional cost to you. https://www.arvig.net/supportyourschool
- St. Mary's Catholic School is a faith-filled community that illuminates the teachings of Jesus by using our hearts, hands, and voices as Christian witnesses while striving for academic excellence.
- ◆ Little Saints Preschool and St. Mary's Students: There is still availability for students to enroll at St. Mary's and Little Saints Preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact the school for more information or to enroll. 320-256-4257 or anelson@smsmn.org.

PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking SJSA BOARD: Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Bridget Kasper, Amy Frieler, Kristin Zimmer, Kate Kelzer, Trista Roelike Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

- Support your school! You can make a difference! SJSA received a check for \$519 from the Arvig School Partnership Program. If you are an Arvig internet customer, sign up for the School Partnership Program and Arvig will donate \$1 each month to the school of your choice at no additional cost to you. Thank you to Arvig for their support of local schools and to all who have designated St. John's St. Andrew's Catholic School as their school of choice. If you haven't signed up, you can do so at www.arvig.net/supportyourschool.
- Mark your calendars! St. John's St. Andrew's Catholic School Open House for preschool 6th grade is Thursday, August 26 from 4:00 7:00 pm. A parent meeting will be at 6:00 pm.
- St. John's St. Andrew's Catholic School is open to all students preschool 6th grade. SJSA is dedicated to providing a Christ-centered learning environment to foster the growth and development of each child.



Waiting out a drought can seem hopeless, but just as we have faith

that God will nourish us, we must have faith that He will bring the rain in His perfect timing.

Prayer for Rain O Mighty God, Your fingerprints are scattered across all of creation. Through each thing You have created, You show Your glory. Your caring and gentle nature are on display for all to see and experience. You open the heavens and bring the waters down from above. Lord, this very day we ask that You open the flood gates. Bring down nourishing rains, that the land may be quenched and bring forth much fruit. Amen.

Prayer for Peace in Waiting for Rain Jesus, my Savior, You have never failed Your people. You always deliver in Your good timing and according to Your perfect knowledge. Yet I am weak and headstrong. I want everything now, now, now! Lord, give me peace and assurance that You will bring the needed rains. Help me to trust in You and find rest and assurance that You always provide. In Your holy name, I pray. Amen.

Prayer for Patience During a Drought Lord God, my Fortress, as far as I can see, the Earth has become desolate. Vast areas are parched, and life is willowing away. Rains are desperately needed. However, I know that I can only see as through a dark glass. Your vision is crystal-clear. Thus, give me sanctified patience as I wait for Your hand. You always pull through according to Your word. Amen.

Prayer for Hope for Rain All-Powerful Lord Jesus, what reason do I have to doubt You? Every promise You have ever made has been fulfilled through the incarnation of Your Son. Send Your wondrous hope into my soul, so that I know that I can trust in Your word and count on Your promises. You know that rain is needed, and I want to place my hope in You. Amen.

Prayer for Faith That You Will Bring Rain Almighty Father, as the scorched land around me cries out for water, my faith is being tested. I want to believe in Your promise to provide. I do not want to doubt You, so fill my soul with belief. Let faith abound in my being, bringing honor to Your name. Just as You have assured me that You have forgiven my sins, so also give me this same assurance that You will bring water. Amen.

Prayer for Trust in Your Providence Everlasting God, by any means necessary, You see to it that Your people are taken care of. Just as You used the raven to feed Elijah in the wilderness, use these same means to bring about the rains that are needed to bring about a good harvest. Do whatever is needed to get this done, for You are a God of means and a God of providence. Amen.

Prayer for Gratitude for Your Provisions God our Great Provider, I approach Your throne with a spirit of thanksgiving. For whatever I have asked for, You have swiftly provided. You have not let Your servant on doubting that You will provide. At this time, there is a drought. It has not rained as it should, and the rivers and lakes are drying up. See this need, Lord, and come quickly to our aide. Amen. Prayer Against Panic During Drought God of All Comfort, as the days are getting longer, water is drying up quickly. There is anxiety, panic, and unrest amongst us. Tempers are flaring, and there are tensions and uneasiness in the community. I ask that You send Your conciliatory Spirit during this time. As we wait for Your providing hand, calm the nerves and cool tensions among all and send the rains we so crucially need to survive. Amen.

Prayer for Anxiety Blessed Lord Jesus, with each passing day, anxiety is growing. The lands need rain to endure the harshness of the weather, but none have come. I do not want to slip into doubt and fear. Assure me, Lord, that You will put an end to these problems. Let rain clouds swirl and move in quickly, bringing Your living water to all things and breathe life back into this Earth. In Your powerful name. Amen.

Prayer Against Fear of Lack of Rain Father, my Miracle-Worker, You showed Your prophet Ezekiel that even dry, arid bones can once again live and breathe. Therefore, I know that this lack of rain means nothing before You. You open the barren womb and bring the dead back to life. Lord, extinguish all fear and doubt from my heart. Demonstrate Your power before me, and quickly bring the rains down from heaven. Amen.

FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa

• Faith Formation Registration: We are still accepting registrations for Faith Formation. Contact the Freeport Office if you need forms or have questions, 320-836-2143.



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS



Spend a Day with St. Joseph! In this year dedicated to St. Joseph by Pope Francis, you are invited to participate in a pilgrimage to visit a few of the St. Joseph churches in our diocese on Wednesday, August 4. Car pool with friends and fellow parishioners and meet in Browerville at Christ the King Church for Mass at 8:15 am. Fr. Mitch Bechtold will give a talk on St. Joseph churches in the area after Mass. We will then go

to Clarissa to tour the St. Joseph church there. We will have lunch at 11:00 am at the Farm House Café (going as a group but Dutch). There will be Trivia during lunch. We will then tour St. Joseph church in Bertha from 12:30 - 12:45 pm. The day should end by 2:00 pm or thereabouts. Prayers will be said at each church. We will gain a plenary indulgence by making this pilgrimage. Contact Jean Zwilling, 320-492-7069 if you plan to go by July 30. The restaurant would like a headcount.

Parish Ministries There are many opportunities for parish members to serve their parish community. Contact the Parish Office to find out how you can help or to sign up.

Celebrate Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness



Week July 25-31, 2021! This is a great time to learn about NFP and God's plan for your marriage. The theme this year from the USCCB is, "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage. If you have questions or would like additional resources contact Sheila Reineke at 320-258-7609 or sreineke@gw.stcdio.org.

Diocesan Ministries are Here for YOU! Visit our webpage for updates about how the Appeal supports ministries at the very core of our Church's mission. Go to www.stcdio.org and click on "Bishop's Annual Appeal."

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" — John 6:9 The miracle of the loaves and fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Loot for Learning Anytime is a great time for a Dairy Queen Treat in Albany! Get a sweet treat and have 10% of your purchase go back to Sacred Heart School through the Loot to Go program! Stop by Décor & More or Sacred Heart School and pick up your prepaid shopping cards today before you head to the Dairy Queen.

Celebrate the Anniversary of Humanae vitae! Join us for the annual Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Reception on Thursday, July 29 at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in St. Cloud. We will celebrate the 53rd Anniversary of Humanae Vitae with Mass at 7:00 pm with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding. A reception will follow, with the presentation of the 2021 Humanae Vitae Award to Sue Ek. We hope you will join us!

"Amazing Grace" Silent Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo are held throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com.

- •Men & Women's Silent Weekend, August 6-8 (Weekend)
- •Men & Women's Weekend (Premiere), August 20-22 (Weekend)

Minnesota Farm & Rural Helpline...Catholic Rural Life, a national Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to the vitality of the American countryside, is helping to spread the message about the 24/7 confidential "Minnesota Farm & Rural Helpline" to all Catholic dioceses in Minnesota. Need help finding a confidential financial or legal adviser? Feeling alone, sad, or worried and need a listening ear? Call the hotline at 833-600-2670. "Our farmers are facing hard times, and this is one way we can help them. This helpline is offered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, and all calls are answered locally by trained staff and volunteers," said Annie Huntington, Catholic Rural Life project coordinator.



House Blessings Call the Freeport Office if you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan.

"40 Days for Life" Summer Retreat, Saturday, August 14 at Assumption Parish in Eden Valley. This year we are hosting a "whole day retreat" 8:00 am-9:00 pm. Come for all or any part of this day. Schedule: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Pro-Life Vigil sidewalk in front of church and Eucharistic Adoration; 3:45 pm Benediction followed by 4:00 pm Mass with Father Aaron Nett; 5:30 pm Supper; 6:30 pm Movie "UNPLANNED"; 8:30 pm Small group discussion offered after Movie. Focus will be on Praying To End Legalized Abortion, learning & being inspired to be active in the pro-life movement. For more information contact Judy at judy4life@meltel.net.

Honoring Marriage Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 2 at St. Mary's Parish in Melrose, MN for couples celebrating their 5, 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60 plus anniversaries. Call your respective parish if you wish to sign up for this event.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Loved the wedding! Invite me to the marriage." -God. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will do just that! The next available weekends are Oct 8-10, 2021 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 15-17, 2021 in Owatonna, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Brent &

Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Save The Date: October 23, 2021 Diocesan Ministry Day 2021 One Body: Gathered, Nourished, Sent. We've got Spirit! Yes, we do! We've got Spirit. How about you? This year, Diocesan Ministry Day will be a rousing celebration of all that we are as a diocese. This rally-themed day, to be held at Saint John's Abbey and University, will honor the gifts of each of our parishes and ACCs. Save the date to come and cheer on the whole diocese and be filled with the love of community and the spiritual gifts of our faith. All are welcome to attend this event. Stay tuned for more details.

Public Rosary will be prayed weekly. We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for. All are invited and welcome!



- Tuesday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- •Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- •Friday at 7:30 pm in English by the grotto in St. Rosa. Bring a chair.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED)

Prayer for Our New Bishop....

Bishop Donald Kettler turned 75 in November 2019, and according to tradition, submitted his request for retirement. A replacement bishop will be appointed by Pope Francis and I may take some time. We pray for Bishop Kettler, for his replacement, and for all involved in the selection process.

Heavenly Father, You sent Jesus to shepherd Your people and the Holy Spirit to make Your people one. Look with favor upon those who will select our new bishop. Give them Your vision and let their judgment be clear. Speak Your will to them. We thank You for our past shepherds and the blessings they have been for the people of this diocese. Lord, send Your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of renewal in the Church, and unite our parishes, priests, and people in love, truth, and wisdom. Give him a true shepherd's heart like that of Jesus, that he may give strength to the weak, heal the broken hearted, console the lonely, bring back the wandering, and be a power against the evil of our day. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray.

The Scriptures This Week

Amen

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo Ex 32:15-24,30-34 Mt 13:31-35 Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28 Mt 13:36-43 Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Th Ex 40:16-21,34-38 Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37 Mt 13:54-58

Lv 25:1,8-17 Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35

Prayer Requests...

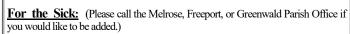
Please call the parish office to be added to this list.

Banns of Matrimony:

II Daisha Meyer♥Travis Welle, 8-7 SH

III Amy Heinen♥Nicholas French, 7-31 SH

III Sarah Meyer♥William Harren, 7-31 MG



Bernie Arceneau, James Posch, Ron Bussmann

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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•Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	
•St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	
•St. Marv's	256-3746

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

July 25, Sunday

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Bazaar, Little Falls. Polka Mass at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Outdoor food booth, homemade pie and ice cream, bingo, pull tabs, beer garden, arts & crafts, silent auction, live auction, kids games, raffle & more.

July 25-26, Sunday - Monday

◆Sauk River Players Present: "Grease" at the Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center. Tickets available at CMCU - Melrose, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, and Coborns - Melrose or call 320-256-5106 ext. 1001. July 25 show time is 2:00 pm. July 26 show time is 7:30 pm.

July 27, Tuesday

◆Bologna Daze, Bucky's Bar, Elrosa - serving from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Dine in or take out. Serving bologna, sauerkraut, potato wedges, baked beans, & homemade bread. Sponsored by Elrosa Senior Citizens. Call 320-697-5616 for take outs. Last Tuesday of the month April - September.

July 30 - 31, Friday - Saturday

◆Rummage Sale at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Rockville. Friday 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday 8 am to 2 pm. Free will donation for all items.

August 4, Wednesday

• Feet First Clinic will be held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am at the Freeport Senior Center. New appointments call 320-836-2450. No masks required. Free will donation.

August 7-8, Saturday-Sunday

♦ Greenwald Barley Days. Outdoor Mass, hamburger stand, beer gardens, parade, bingo, and many other fun games for everyone.

August 17, Tuesday

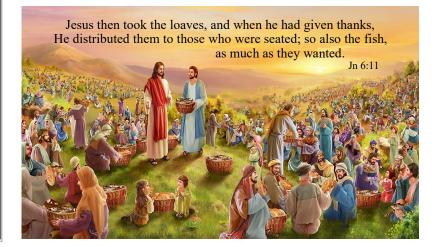
◆The Freeport Lions Club is sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Freeport Community Center from 1:00-7:00 pm. Give the precious gift of life. Masks will be required. Temperatures will be checked. Appts are needed. We are always in need of people with type "O" blood. Schedule your appointment online at www.redcross.org or call Janet Butkowski at 320-836-2837 or 320-282-2904.

August 19, Thursday

• Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:30 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 and bingo played.

August 22, Sunday

◆St. Francis of Assisi 65th Annual Fall Festival. Mass at 10:00 am in air conditioned church. After Mass, join us for a homemade chicken and ham dinner with all the fixings, serving indoors, and outdoors, starting at 11:00 am. Adults \$12, Children (5-10) \$6, Ages 4 and under free. Silent Auction throughout the day. Grand Raffle at 7:30 pm 100+ prizes! Live music all day by LaVerne and the Starlites, then Slew Foot Family Band, sponsored by Freeport State Bank. St. Francis is located 10 miles north of Albany or 25 miles Southwest of Little Falls on State Hwy. 238.





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