



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

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

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

**Melrose - Spring Hill -
Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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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 & RCIA

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

Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound 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.



Glory
Overshadowing
the Cross

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Mark 9:2-3

Just six days prior to this glorious event of the Transfiguration, Jesus spoke for the first time to His disciples about His pending crucifixion and death. He taught them that “the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days” (Mark 8:31). Recall that Peter had a difficult time accepting this teaching. Jesus went on to rebuke Peter for his refusal to accept this prophetic teaching and further explained that “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34). These disciples then had six days to ponder this prophecy of our Lord before witnessing the Transfiguration.

In your life, is there something that God is trying to say to you that you have difficulty accepting? If so, it will most likely be related to God’s call to you to take up your cross and follow Him. The Cross of Christ comes in many forms throughout life. It might be experienced when we allow the passion of anger to die so that pure mercy can be offered to one who has hurt us. Or it might be that God is calling you to step out in faith to embrace some endeavor that requires courage and trust. Or it might be that God is calling you to accept some hardship in life that is difficult to accept, such as the loss of a loved one, an illness, the loss of a job or any other difficulty that you struggle to accept with love and trust. Bitterness, resentment, anger, fear and the like are often the most difficult crosses we are called to embrace and let die.

If this resonates with you, then this story of the Transfiguration is for you. After giving these disciples six days to ponder the difficult news of His coming Cross, Jesus gives them hope and inspiration through this sacred encounter. Though it lasted for only a short time, this manifestation of Jesus’ glory was all that these disciples needed to begin to accept Jesus’ prediction of His passion. On one hand, they feared what Jesus said was going to happen. But on the other hand, they saw His glory and majesty. By combining these two experiences, these disciples were given a new hope and strength to trust that whatever was to happen in the future, God was in control.

We also need the consoling revelation of our Lord’s glory to help us navigate the difficulties we will endure. For some, life is good, very good, and they walk with joy and ease with our Lord. But for others, life has taken a difficult turn and

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
Por las almas del purgatorio
Tu 8:00 am †Arthur Roehrl
We 8:00 am †Lucille Mae Moore
Th 8:00 am †Sharon Meyer
*Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass
†Joe Loehr
Sa 5:00 pm †Lucille Orth
For the People
*SU 10:00 am †Arlene Arnzen
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Jenny Martinez
†Kaylani Juarez
Por los bebes no nacidos

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Joe Boecker
Sa 4:00 pm †Mary Ann Engelmeier

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Judith Vos & Family
Su 10:00 am †Vic Elfering

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Melvin Schulzetenberg
Su 10:00 am †Lisa Schoenberg

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJSA School Mass
††Henry & Marie Kampsen
Sa 4:00 pm †Lloyd Lucken

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Gerald Sonnen
Su 8:00 am †John Nathe

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

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am SH School Mass
†LaVern Scherping
Fr 8:15 am †Mildred "Millie" Nienaber
Sa 8:00 am First Saturday Mass
††Justin & Alma Schulte
Su 8:00 am For the People

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
No Adoration Tuesday, February 27
Immaculate Conception - New Munich
No Adoration Thursday, February 29
St. Mary - Melrose
First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)
Sacred Heart - Freeport
Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

• Special Collection Next weekend, March 2 and 3, we will be taking up a special collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...



•SMS Kids Time is looking for a few good people who love to work with children to come join the Kids Time family! Must be at least 16 years old, and enjoy doing fun activities with children! If interested, please contact Ms. Amanda at ahellermann@smsmn.org or 320-256-4257 ex. 102.

•Accountant Position: One in Faith (4 - Parishes)

has an opening for an accountant. This is a full-time benefits-eligible position in the Melrose office. This position will work closely with the parish administrator and the pastor. The ideal candidate would have an accounting degree or equivalent experience and be comfortable using accounting software and Excel. The primary responsibility would be to oversee financial data and compliance by maintaining accurate books on accounts payable and receivable, payroll, and daily financial entries and reconciliations. There would be daily accounting tasks such as monthly financial reporting, general ledger entries, record payments and adjustments, and provide reports as needed. To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com or call 320-256-4207 with questions.

•Director of Music: One in Faith (4 - Parishes) has an opening for a director of music. This is a part-time position in the Melrose office. This position will work closely with the director of liturgy. Primary duties include scheduling and leading choir rehearsals, coordinating music coverage at all Masses including funerals as requested, preparing screens, and ensuring license and copyright compliance. To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com or call 320-256-4207 with questions.

Go and Make Disciples Grade 11 though young adults are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. We will have a meal and discuss the Catholic Mass. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday, March 6. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

Parish News:

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

•St. Joseph the Worker Council Knights of Columbus will NOT be meeting in February.
•40 Cans For Lent The Knights of Columbus will have a tote in the back of Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima churches during Lent to collect food for the local food shelf. Please consider donating nonperishable food items for this cause. The Knights of Columbus also accepts cash donations for the food shelf. Thank you for supporting the Knights and the food shelf.

Adoration at the State Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference on Friday, March 1 anytime from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room in the Minnesota State Capitol. Visit https://www.mncatholic.org/events for more information.

BINGO:

•Please join the Tri-Parish Confirmation Class today, Sunday, February 25 at Sacred Heart Church Basement for Bingo. Free lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 pm with a purchase of a card. Bingo will start promptly at 1:00 pm. Cash prizes. \$10 per card for 20 games plus 2 black-out games. No checks or credit cards please. All proceeds will be divided between Katie Berg and the Aaron and Kim Schmitz Family.
•Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on March 17 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch includes hot turkey sandwich, chips, pickle and cookie. Beverages are available for sale. Variety games such as Good Neighbor Bingo and Blackout. There will also be a quilt raffle. Fun for the entire family. Sorry, no checks, cash only. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Society of Melrose.



Everything Is Going To Be Okay In The End. If it's not okay, it's not the end yet. God is still at work. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held March 1 - 3, cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY
 Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
 Melrose, MN 56352

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$7,360.07
Regular Adult Offering.....	5,697.00
Plate/Loose	946.07
Designated Funds.....	717.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

02-18	\$25	Leonard Hinnenkamp - Melrose
02-19	\$25	Charla Bueckers - Melrose
02-20	\$25	Liz Middendorf - Melrose
02-21	\$50	Alma Muellner - Melrose
02-22	\$25	Doris Winter - Melrose
02-23	\$25	Deb Duclos - Melrose
02-24	\$25	Duane & Carol Hiltner - Melrose



Died in the Hope of Resurrection... †Catherine Primus, 94

St. Mary's Mission Society will be meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at St. Mary's Church at 8:45 am. All are welcome!



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

◆**The Melrose Senior Center** invites quilters any afternoon starting at 1:00 pm.

February 28, Wednesday

◆**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

March 1, Friday

◆**Fish Fry** at the Melrose American Legion. These are now "all you can eat!" Please joining us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated!

March 2, Saturday

◆**St. Mary's Catholic School's 22nd Annual Auction 4 Education** will be held at the Legion. The theme this year is Down on the Farm.

March 3, Sunday

◆**Lions Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** in the New Munich church basement. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Adult tickets are \$10. Children's tickets ages 5-12 at the door \$5.

◆**Sausage and Ham Supper** in the Spring Hill church basement. Serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Sponsored by Spring Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club, and St. Michael's Parish. Adult tickets are \$10. Children's tickets are sold at the door.

March 6, Wednesday

◆**Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. New appointments please call 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

March 10, Sunday

◆**Freeport Lions Breakfast** serving from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Sacred Heart church basement. All are welcome

March 15, Friday

◆**Farming Lions 19th Annual Fish Fry** serving from 4:30 - 8:30 pm at Trappers Pub and Grub in Farming, MN. The menu includes fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, cheese, and bread.

March 18, Monday

◆**Firearms Safety Informational meeting** for Green Grove Rod and Gun Club will be held at 6:30 pm at Meire Grove City Hall. Must be 11 years of age to participate. For questions please call Matt Silbernick 320-470-0944, Brian Schmiesing 320-293-7976 or Brian Yarke 320-267-4371.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,503.54
Plate.....	431.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,934.54

Other Donations

Votive	\$349.05
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	175.00
Easter Flowers.....	25.00
Ash Wednesday—Food Shelf.....	624.01

Parish Events

Su	02/25	12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo
Su	02/25	7:00 pm	Men's Group
We	02/28	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
We	02/28	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	02/28	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	02/28	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	03/01	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	03/01	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	03/01	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	03/01	2:00 pm	SHS Stations of the Cross
Su	03/03	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Neil & Kathy Yamry, and their son, Mitchell, to our parish.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Luke Pio Newhouse**, the son of Eric & Lisa Newhouse, to our parish. Luke Pio was baptized on Sunday, February 18.

Volunteers Needed Your Help Is Needed Sacred Heart is looking for a couple or a few individuals to step forward to help chair the summer festival on Sunday, July 21. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this call to help the parish. Please contact Matt Herdering 320-250-3441 or Chris Klaphake 320-250-6229.

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles for the month of March: 1 on the St. Joseph Altar, and 1 by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print. There are also other candles available to be sponsored for the upcoming months. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

One In Faith ACC Catholic School Dinner & Auction Fundraiser



◆**22nd St. Mary's Annual Auction 4 Education** is March 2 at the American Legion. Food is served with free will offering from 5:30 - 8:30 pm; turkey and pulled pork sandwiches, salads, chips, and dessert. Cash Crop Raffle drawing is at 7:00 pm. Classroom projects will be on the live auction at 8:30 pm. Virtual auction is open February 25 through March 2. All items will be available to view and pick up at the American Legion. Entertainment at 5:30 pm by the "Teachers and the Preacher - Sing-a-long" and 7:30 pm by Rueben Nathe and Brady Van Drehle. Dress in your best "Down on the Farm" attire. Please join us for an evening to celebrate and support St. Mary's School! Visit our auction website for details. <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>

Join us at this fundraiser for a great meal and lots of fun.
 All are welcome!

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,155.62
Plate.....	307.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,462.62

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$110.00
Building/Maintenance	37.50
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	175.00
Ash Wednesday—Food Shelf.....	535.40

Parish Events

Su 02/25 12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo - FR
Su 02/25 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 02/27 9:00 am	Quilting
We 02/28 9:00 am	Quilting
We 02/28 6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
We 02/28 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Th 02/29	No Adoration
Th 02/29 8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th 02/29 9:00 am	Quilting
Th 02/29 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 03/02 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 03/03 8:00 am	Lions Breakfast
Su 03/03 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

May She Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Lorene "Lori" Zierden**, who passed away Sunday, February 18.

God's Housekeepers for the month of March: Maureen Schaefer, Linda Wielenberg, & Jody Klaphake. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.



Bake Sale St. Anne's Christian Women will hold a bake sale in conjunction with the New Munich Lions Breakfast on Sunday, March 3.

Parish members with the last names beginning with A-M are asked to bring baked items to the church basement Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. If you choose not to bake you are asked to donate \$10. Thank you for your support.

Attention Sewers: The New Munich Christian Women are doing a sewing project for the St. Cloud V.A. Hospital (making neck pillows) and are looking for any women who would like to help. Many types of material can be used cotton, cotton/polyester, any type of soft material. The pattern is available. We also will collect scraps of batting to stuff the pillows from anyone who has accumulated some from previous projects. We plan to have a get together to do the stuffing after the little pillow coverings have been sewn. They also have needs for catheter bags. So, if any of our parishioners would care to help with this project, please contact Jean Hopfer at 320-837-5239 for additional information.



Pennies for Water-For-Life: New Munich Christian Women are again collecting Pennies for Water for Life (this project has been done in past years). If you have been saving them for a long time or just have a small stash on hand, you can contact one of your Christian Women officers who will take them off your hands. The money from the collection goes to Catholic Relief Services who provide education on basic sanitation & management of their water systems to provide clean water to those in need in Africa, Asia, and Latin American countries. Water-for-Life projects respond to Christ's compelling reminder that those who thirst will indeed be blessed and satisfied. NCCW has been involved with helping CRS for over 35 years. There are 4 "Works of Peace" that Christian Women have been supporting. Pennies will be collected until approximately Monday, April 1. Pamphlets with additional information are available in the rear of the church or contact 320-837-5045. Thank you in advance for your support.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,704.62
Plate.....	333.50
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,038.12

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$292.10
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	150.00
Ash Wednesday—Food Shelf.....	365.00

Parish Events

Su 02/25 12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo - FR
Su 02/25 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 02/27	No Adoration
Tu 02/27 8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu 02/27 9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 02/27	No Quilting
We 02/28 6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
We 02/28 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 02/28 7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Fr 03/01 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 03/03 11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Mtg.
Su 03/03 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Penny Chirhart to our parish.



Festival Quilts For those who work during the day and wish to quilt, come Tuesday evenings. A light supper of soup will be provided at 5:30 pm with quilting to follow until about 8:00 pm. A seasoned quilter will be available to guide beginners and provide basic supplies. NOTE: No evening quilting February 27.

Chair Couple Needed We are looking for a third chair couple for the fall festival. If you would like to join, please reach out to: Adam or Jackie Wiechmann 320-293-0423 or 320-250-0401, Devin or Christine Middendorf 320-223-2642 Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this.

Pathways 4 Youth During the month of February, St. Rose Christian Women are doing a donation drive for the Pathways 4 Youth Program. This is a resource center for youth ages 16-24 experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the St. Cloud area. They offer a safe, secure, non judgmental space and services to meet individuals' needs and to support their growth. They also assist youth with area resources and building connections within the community. There will be a tote for greatest need donations in the Gathering Area. Please reference the list on the tote for their needs. For any monetary donations, please send to St. Rose Christian Women, c/o Sarah Herdering 41404 Co Rd 167, Melrose, MN 56352. Thank you!

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,888.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	965.00
Children.....	9.00
Plate/Loose	138.00
Fuel Fund.....	97.00
Maintenance.....	200.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal.....	126.00
Parish House Sale.....	40.00
Rice Bowl.....	25.00
Ash Wednesday.....	229.00
Ash Wednesday Loose.....	59.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, March 3 - 10:00 am

- (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
- (L) Gary P. Lieser
- (U) Dan Hemmesch & Adam Kalthoff
- (EM) (B) Grace Lange
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
- (HK: February 18 - March 2)
- Kathy (Ron) Welle, Tia Welle, & Jennifer Wilson

Baptized in Christ... Rhett Grayson Snyder

Thank You for your personal prayers that Jerry received during his surgery.

~Jerry & Lou Spanier



Sausage and Ham Supper

Sunday, March 3 in the church basement. Serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Sponsored by Spring Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club, and St. Michael's Parish. Adult tickets are \$10. Children's tickets (\$3 ages 6-12) are sold at the door. Each family is asked to bring a pan of bars.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,534.00
Regular Adult Offering	933.00
Plate/Loose	47.00
Votives.....	9.00
Donations.....	200.00
Fuel Fund.....	10.00
Ash Wednesday.....	125.00
Ash Wednesday Loose.....	145.00
Central MN Catholic.....	40.00
Rice Bowl.....	25.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, March 2 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) Gary Bertram & Dan Boecker
 (GB) Alan & Sandy Niehoff
 (EM) (B) Dustin Gregory
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - March) *Amber Fleischhacker, Amy Frieler, Betty Frieler, Linda Frieler, Rita Frieler, & Kathy Gilk

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

For the Sick: Joe Soenneker, Ethan Zink, Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Joe Salina, Fran Hinnenkamp, Kyle Lieser

- Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**
- Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny 248-8830
 - Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink 837-5321
 - St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren 333-8461
 - St. Mary's 256-3878

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Communal Celebration with Individual Confession

- Friday, March 8— 7:00 pm—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Wednesday, March 20— 5:00 & 7:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Thursday, March 21— 7:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*

Individual Celebration

- Fridays of Lent—7:45 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Saturdays of Lent—3:30 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- Saturdays of Lent—3:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- Saturdays of Lent—4:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Saturday, March 2 before and after First Saturday Mass—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Friday, March 22—5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Friday, March 22—7:30 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*
- Monday, March 25— 5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Monday, March 25— 7:30 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
- Or by appointment; Call Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,683.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,069.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	224.00
Votives.....	12.00
Ash Wednesday.....	125.00
Donations.....	500.00
Fuel Fund.....	145.00
Maintenance.....	100.00
School Subsidy.....	50.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe...	100.00
Central MN Catholic.....	40.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal.....	218.00
Rice Bowl.....	100.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, March 3 - 8:00 am

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
 (L) Char Meyer
 (U) Tom Loxtercamp & Dean Meyer
 (GB) Jamey & Shannon Groetsch
 (EM) (B) Dan Meyer & Karl Meyer
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - March) *Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, & Joy Silbernick

Fellowship Everyone please join us Sunday, March 3 for coffee and rolls after the 8:00 am Mass in the church basement provided by the St. John's Catholic United Financial.



HISPANIC MINISTRY

Formación en la fe: Información de contacto: Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- Confirmación:** Práctica para la Misa de Confirmación el miércoles 28 de febrero, 7:00-8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. Todos los estudiantes deben estar allí y, si es posible, los patrocinadores también deben estar allí. Si su padrino no puede estar presente, por favor pida a otro adulto (mentor o padre) que asista. ¡Las cartas al Fr. Marv están pendientes!
- Grados 9/10: Próxima clase:** Miércoles, 28 de febrero, 7:15-8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María, estudiantes y algunos padres.
- Vía Crucis** a las 7:15 pm en la Iglesia de Santa María para estudiantes de Confirmación, estudiantes de 9/10 grados y cualquier feligrés que desee unirse a nosotros. ¡Todos están invitados!
- ¡Por favor pasen la voz!** El evento de resbalarse en la nieve de Uno en la Fe ha sido cambiado. Ahora estamos planeando tener un torneo de Bean Bag (lanzamiento de bolsas de frijol) con premios, comenzando a las 2:00 pm el Domingo 25 de Febrero en la Iglesia de Santa María. Después habrá una adoración eucarística a las 4:00 pm y la invitación está abierta para toda nuestra ACC. Se proveerán los aperitivos. ¡Ven y únete a la diversión!
- Ve el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC** para información juvenil.

Habrà Adoración al Santísimo cada Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.



Rosario y Oración con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los últimos tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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- **Grade 1, 3 - 6 Next Lesson:** Wednesday, February 28. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
 - ♦ **First Communion Retreat:** Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church Basement.
 - ♦ **First Communion Mass:** Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Confirmation: Practice for Confirmation Mass** Wednesday, February 28, 7:00-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church. All students must be there and if at all possible, sponsors should be there too. If your sponsor cannot be there, please have another adult (mentor or parent) attend. Letters to Fr. Marv are due!
- **Grades 9/10: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 28, 7:15-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church, Students and some parents.
- **Stations of the Cross** Wednesday, February 28 at 7:15 pm at St. Mary's Church for Confirmation students, 9/10 graders, and any parishioners who would like to join us. All are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- ♥ **Please spread the word!** The One in Faith sledding event has changed! We are now planning for a bean bag tournament with prizes starting at 2:00 pm today, Sunday, February 25 at St. Mary's Church. Adoration will follow at 4:00 pm and is open to all in our ACC. Snacks will also be provided. Come and join the fun!
- ♥ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 22 - 24 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 51 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 - \$210 (\$110 is nonrefundable deposit) Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 if you are interested in attending.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

40 Days for Life Come boldly with confidence. Join us for prayer, fasting and peaceful witness February 14 - March 24, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm at Planned Parenthood, 451 East St. Germain St., St. Cloud. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! For more information or questions, contact Judy judy4life@meltel.net or 320-453-7592 or Jan hoelscherhorj@charter.net or 320-253-1779.

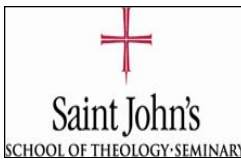


Annual Women's Lenten Retreat: March 9 Join Deb Rudolph, Retreat Leader, on a "Journey of a Woman's Life: Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith." That is the theme of the annual St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat to be held Saturday, March 9 at St. Martin's Parish in St. Martin. Following registration at 8:30 am, Deb will kick off the Retreat at 9:00 am; Fr. Edward Vebelun, OSB will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am; followed by lunch/social, and conclusion of presentation. Registration is \$20 by March 1. See stcloudccw.org for more information.

Thank You to all of the people who came out to gave the precious gift of life on February 13. The American Red Cross blood drive at the Freeport Community Center had a great turn out with 77 units of blood collected. This is an awesome amount and helps to save hundreds of lives. A great HUGE thank you goes out to my workers who volunteer their time year after year. See you on Tuesday, August 13.



An Epoch in Time, history book of St. Rose of Lima Parish, is available at the parish offices in Freeport and Melrose. Cost \$35



Elliptical Theology: Revelation, Theology, and Human Experience
William J. Cahoy, Ph.D. Drawing on the reality of the Incarnation and the geometry of the ellipse, we will reflect on revelation as the Word of God and work of the Spirit; the unavoidable role of human experience, thought, and language in receiving, expressing, and understanding that revelation; and what this means for our theology, doctrine, liturgy, practice, and spirituality. Friday, March 1 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Emmaus Hall, St. John's University. There is no fee, but you are asked to register at www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, by calling 320-363-3560, or email: theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Public Rosary...

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.

All are invited and welcome!



- Tuesdays at 7:30 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.

The Scriptures This Week
Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo Dn 9:4b-10	Lk 6:36-38
Tu Is 1:10, 16-20	Mt 23:1-12
We Jer 18:18-20	Mt 20:17-28
Th Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31
Fr Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46
Sa Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Lent	
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17	1 Cor 1:22-25
	Jn 2:13-25

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- ♥Mid-Quarter Reports will go home on Monday, February 26.
- ♥School Liturgy on Wednesday, February 28 will be planned by Mrs. Maus and the Kindergarten class.
- ♥One School One Book Project will be celebrated on Friday, March 1.
- ♥All School Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 1 at 2:00 pm.
- ♥All School Penance Service on Friday, March 8.
- ♥First Communion Retreat for all 2nd graders will take place on Saturday, March 9.
- ♥New Toddler Program We are extremely excited to inform you that Sacred Heart School is growing! We will be adding a toddler room (18 - 36 mo.) to our campus. This means we will be making a few changes, redoing a couple rooms, and using some of our current space a little more wisely. We will be looking for little ones to fill these areas and staff members to teach and care for these toddlers. Please contact the school office for more information and/or to pick up an application 320-836-2591.
- ♥Lenten Project Sacred Heart School will be participating in a Lenten Project supporting Heifer International <https://www.heifer.org/index.html>. Please consider helping our students reach their goal of raising \$2,000 during the Lenten season.

- ♦This will be the Last Weekend to get your "Cash Crop" raffle tickets. Winners will be chosen at the auction on March 2 at 7:00 pm. Visit our auction website for more details <https://one.bidpal.net/smsmelrose/welcome>
- ♦Thank You for supporting our Catholic School's Week breakfast in January. Our profit on the breakfast was \$7,605. We served 530 people.
- ♦During Lent, families at SMS will be collecting dollars and coins to give to four different organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Schwieters and Fr. Ohmann, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International (a nonprofit organization founded by Erin Cannon that supports an orphanage in Tanzania. Erin is an alumnus of St. Mary's School). If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, drop your coins off at the parish office or school.
- ♦Attend Our Winter Open House for preschool through 6th grade on Monday, March 11, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm and discover the benefits of Catholic education.
- ♦Registration for Preschool-6th Grade is open for current SMS families and in March for those families not currently enrolled at SMS. If you are new to the community or are considering sending your child to St. Mary's School, please call to schedule a visit or to receive the new registration materials in March 320-256-4257.

- ♦Doug Wood, Minnesota Author and Storyteller, will present "Earth Stories" at SJSA on Monday, January 26 at 12:30 pm for all students in grades K-6.
- ♦SJSA Third and Fourth Graders will lead Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 1 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. All are welcome.
- ♦Sara Michaelson, Interim Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of St. Cloud, visited the school on Tuesday, January 20. Sara met with students and staff and toured the building.
- ♦Registration is now open for grades preschool - 6th for the 2024-2025 school year. If your children are not currently enrolled at SJSA, but you are interested in joining us, please call the school at 320-987-3133 to plan a school visit.
- ♦Mark Your Calendars! Kindergarten Round-up is Monday, April 8. More information will be posted in the upcoming weeks.

**Sacred Heart School
 Calendar Raffle Winners!**

02/18	\$25	Joe Welle - Avon
02/19	\$25	Hana Schneider - Melrose
02/20	\$25	Dick Christenson - Melrose
02/21	\$25	Sarah Toenyan - Freeport
02/22	\$50	Joe Hennen - Freeport
02/23	\$25	Earl & Tammy Pundsack - Melrose
02/24	\$25	Pearl Peterson - Audobon

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 26 - March 1

Tuesday	2-27	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Wednesday	2-28	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
		7:00 pm	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
		7:15 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
		7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
		7:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
Thursday	2-29	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Friday	3-01	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
		2:00 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald (Led by SJSA)
		6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)



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confusion has set in. If life is good for you right now, then rejoice that you are currently sharing a taste of the glory of the Transfiguration. Give thanks to God and tell Him with Saint Peter, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" Give thanks to him for the joy and consolation you currently experience. But if life is difficult for you right now, ponder those six days during which the disciples struggled with the prediction of the Lord's passion. Think about their confusion, doubts and fear. As you do, turn your eyes up the mountain. Know that the glory of God awaits you and that He wants to free you from all fear and anxiety. The mountain is climbed by a firm faith that is grounded in prayer. Make that journey with our Lord through prayer.

Reflect, today, upon this holy mountain to which you are called. Know that as you climb it with perseverance and determination, hope and joy will be given to you. Pray for the ability to trust in the God Who not only died a cruel death but also is radiant in glory for all eternity. Trust Him, turn to Him and commit to the journey ahead.

My Transfigured Lord, You revealed Your glory to these disciples as a way of helping them accept Your Cross. Help me to also embrace Your Cross in my life and to see clearly the glory that results from its embrace. I trust in You, dear Lord; help me to trust You more. Jesus, I trust in You.

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