



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

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

Melrose - Spring Hill - Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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.

True Fulfillment



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

Jesus begins His public ministry immediately after being tempted by the devil while in the desert for forty days. As He begins His ministry, He declares: "This is the time of fulfillment." First, the beginning of Jesus' public ministry was, historically speaking, the "time of fulfillment," in that the new era of the Gospel and grace had just begun. But the "time of fulfillment" of which Jesus speaks also refers to each and every time that we hear the Gospel and respond. We do this by sincerely repenting of our sins and by becoming a fuller member of God's Kingdom. But ponder for a moment the specific word "fulfillment." What does this mean?

The word "fulfilled" can be contrasted with its opposite "unfulfilled." To be unfulfilled is always undesirable. In this world, many people find themselves unfulfilled and try to fill this void with many things. Interestingly, the three temptations that Jesus had just experienced in the desert are among the temptations that so many people give into during their search for fulfillment in life.

First, Jesus was hungry, and the devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread to satiate that hunger. This is a temptation to fleshly fulfillment. Second, the devil tempted Jesus to throw Himself off the pinnacle of the Temple to prove He was the Son of God. This is a temptation to fulfillment by pride—pride to convince another of one's importance and identity. Third, the devil showed Jesus all the nations of the world and promised them to our Lord if Jesus worshiped him. This is a temptation to fulfillment by obtaining earthly wealth and power. Of course, Jesus rejected all three temptations as a way of showing that none of these truly fulfill us. And He did this just prior to the beginning of His public ministry so as to then go forth preaching the true message of fulfillment. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

True fulfillment is only found in the Gospel, the message of Truth that Jesus shared during His three years of public ministry and then brought to completion by His sacrificial death and resurrection. Only those who heed His words and open themselves to the grace poured forth from the Cross are able to find the fulfillment that they seek.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 22 - 28 ADORATION

St. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Alfonso Ramirez
†Gabino Ramirez
Tu 8:00 am ††Richard & Marie Wenning
We 8:00 am †Paul Spaeth
†Jeremy Brickweg
Th 8:00 am †Jim Curto
Fr 8:30 am †Arlene Arnzen
Sa 5:00 pm †David Bierschbach
For the People
*Su 10:00 am †Bob Weber
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Agustina Becerra
†Mariano Rodriguez
†Jose Rodriguez
Cumpleaños de Emmanuel Carrillo

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Marie Kampsen
Sa 4:00 pm †Viola Olmscheid

St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Arlene Arnzen
Su 10:00 am For the People

St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Joe Loehr
Su 10:00 am ††Henry & Marie Kampsen

St. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJSA School Mass
Peter Van Beck
Sa 4:00 pm Peter Van Beck

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am ††Leo & Anna Mae Schneider
Su 8:00 am †Leon Meyer

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Mildred "Millie" Nienaber
Fr 8:15 am †Rita Riter
Su 8:00 am ††Kenneth & Vernon Vos



St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich
Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

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

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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:
~ St. Mary ~ St. Michael ~ St. Andrew ~ St. John ~
•Confirmation Prayer Trees have been placed in the parishes of St. Michael's, St. Andrew's, St. John's and St. Mary's. Each dove on the tree has the name of a Confirmation candidate. We invite you to take a dove or two home with you and pray for the candidates, that they may be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives! Confirmation will take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 10 at St. Mary's in Melrose. Everyone, especially all from our 7 ACC parishes, is welcome to join us in celebrating this sacrament with our young people!

SMS Breakfast Please join us for the St. Mary's School Breakfast on Sunday, January 28 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Breakfast will be served in the St. Mary's School Gymnasium, Melrose. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, & more!

Matching Grant Endowment Fund Sacred Heart School is thrilled to announce a remarkable opportunity for the school! A generous donor has pledged a matching grant of \$50,000 to the endowment fund. By supporting Sacred Heart School through our endowment fund, you are not only helping secure its future, but also providing a foundation for success for our students. Every dollar donated will be matched up to \$50,000!! Don't miss out on this opportunity to double your impact. This opportunity ends January 27, 2024! To donate, contact the Sacred Heart School Office.

2024 Catholic Men's Conference Sharing our Eucharistic Journey Saturday, February 24 from 8:30 am - 3:15 pm at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell. We have an exciting speaker, Father Tim Donovan, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Orange, CA in 2017. Before entering the seminary, he was youth minister and continues to have a heart for sharing the Catholic faith. He is the founder and president of "Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries." We will also have workshops presented by Father Matthew Crane, Deacon Mike Benda, and Deacon Ed Shoener (from Scranton, PA). Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C. will join us for the day and celebrate Mass with us. Cost is \$35. Registration Deadline is Wednesday, February 14. Visit www.stcdio.org/2024mensconference or call 320-258-7615 to register.

Parish News:
~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~
•Men's Group meets weekly on Sundays at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Freeport. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.
•A Huge Thank You to all who participated in the recent Baby Jesus Shower for Options for Women. We appreciate all of the car seats, diapers, toys, clothing and baby items very much! These items will go a long way in helping mothers, fathers and their children. God bless you all! Options for Women
•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. If you would like to have more information about the low gluten hosts, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport. When you are planning to have a low gluten host for Mass, it will be necessary to have the host within a pyx (the parish can provide a pyx) and placed upon the altar for consecration. You will need to let Father know that you are present prior to Mass, and that you will be in his Communion line.

The Priests will NEVER personally ask parishioners for money or gift cards. If you receive emails/texts regarding anything financial that appear to be from them, please delete them.

The Dogma of Hell Looking for a spiritual journey for the upcoming Lenten season? A one-night book review of the book, The Dogma of Hell written by Fr. F.X. Schouppe, will be held in the One In Faith ACC community at the Immaculate Conception Church in New Munich on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm. The 103-page book is written in short stories. Fr. Schouppe recounts true events as well as apparitions of the damned to help us learn the truth about Hell. If interested, contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to reserve a book. Books will be ordered in early February and be available for pick up at the Melrose or Freeport parish offices later in February. A freewill offering to cover the cost of the book will be available the night of the book discussion. "The Dogma of Hell is the most terrible truth of our faith. There is a Hell. We are as sure of it as of the existence of God, the existence of the sun. Nothing in fact, is more clearly revealed than the Dogma of Hell." —Fr. François Xavier Schouppe, S.J.

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

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

Total.....	\$9,712.05
Regular Adult Offering.....	8,426.00
Plate/Loose	902.05
Designated Funds.....	384.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

01-14	\$25	Donna Sand - Melrose
01-15	\$25	Gene Enneking - Melrose
01-16	\$25	Jeff Klaphake - Melrose
01-17	\$25	Jim Ricklick - Melrose
01-18	\$25	Troy Tomford - Grey Eagle
01-19	\$25	Courtney Wensman - Melrose
01-20	\$25	Susan Stoermann - Melrose



Baptized in Christ... Sophia Elizabeth Meyer

Died in the Hope of Resurrection... †Victor Sunderman, 91

Leadership and Council Meetings Parish Leadership will meet Thursday, January 25, at 6:30 pm. Finance Council will meet at 5:30 pm.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

January 21, Sunday

◆**Melrose Lions Club Ham & Egg Breakfast** serving from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at the American Legion. Adults \$10 in advance, \$11 at the door.

January 22, Monday

◆**Sauk Centre MCCL Bus to the Capitol in St. Paul** for the March for Life. Bus leaves from Walmart in Sauk Centre at 9:00 am, St. Mary's Church parking lot in Melrose by 9:15 am, and across from Charlie's Café in Freeport at 9:30 am. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call 320-250-9904. Please dress warm & bring a bag lunch.

January 24, Wednesday

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

January 27, Saturday

◆**Breakfast & Bibles** will be held at Sportsman's Den in Lake Henry from 9:00 - 10:30 am. Please visit <https://youfourish.co/breakfast-and-bibles-paynesville/> for more information. Tickets are \$20 and you can register online or reach out to Grace Lange at grace@youfourish.co or 320-333-8412 to reserve your spot. All are welcome!

◆**SHS 29th Annual Wine & Dine Dinner/Auction** at Freeport Community Center. Dinner served 4:30-8:00 pm. Live Auction at 8:00 pm. \$100 cash raffle with top prize of \$20,000. Online silent auction Saturday, January 20 through Saturday, January 27. See page 5 for more detailed information.

January 28, Sunday

◆**Greenwald Lions Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** at the Greenwald Pub. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

◆**Roving Hillbillies Snowmobile Club 55th Annual Snowmobile Blessing** at St. Rosa Community Park. Fun, food, drinks, and meat raffle starts at 12:00 pm. Blessing of the snowmobiles at 2:00 pm. And grand raffle drawing held at 4:00 pm. Need not to be present to win.

February 10, Saturday

◆**Valentine's Mass and Dinner** St. Mary's in Upsala will be hosting the 10th annual Valentine's Mass and Meal. Mass will be at 5:15 pm with a social gathering after and a candlelit dinner at 7:00 pm. The main courses are Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Cost per couple is \$60 and the **reservation deadline is February 4**. Please purchase your tickets at the St. Mary's office or after Mass in the gathering space. All proceeds will support youth activities. Contact the Parish Office 320-573-2132.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,572.54
Plate.....	296.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,868.54

Other Donations

Votive	\$275.00
School Support	100.00

Parish Events

Su	01/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Mo	01/22	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tu	01/23	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We	01/24	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	01/24	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	01/24	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
We	01/24	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group
Fr	01/26	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	01/26	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	01/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Festival Chairs Needed Sacred Heart is looking for a couple or a few individuals to step forward to 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.

The Scriptures This Week

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10	Mk 3:22-30
Tu		2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19	Mk 3:31-35
We	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	2 Sm 7:4-17	Mk 4:1-20
Th	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22	Mk 16:15-18
Fr	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5	Mk 4:26-34
Sa		2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Dt 18:15-20	1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

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.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,998.62
Plate.....	184.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,182.62

Other Donations

Boiler.....	\$30.00
Building/Maintenance	67.50

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	\$1,689.62
Plate.....	309.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,998.62

Other Donations

Epiphany Donations.....	\$13.00
School Support.....	20.00

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$465.68
Regular Adult Offering.....	356.00
Children.....	14.00
Plate/Loose	35.68
Candles.....	60.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, January 28 - 10:00 am

- (S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg & Olivia Kalthoff
- (L) SJSA Students
- (U) Chico Welle & Ron Welle
- (EM) (B) Darlene Schoenberg
- (EM) (C) Mark Schoenberg & John Schulzetenberg
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
- (HK: January 21 - February 3)
- Daisha Welle, Dani Welle, & Deanna Welle

Parish Events

Su 01/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 01/23	7:10 pm	Knight of Columbus Mtg. - SR
We 01/24	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 01/24	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 01/24	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Th 01/25	7:00 am	Adoration
Th 01/25	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 01/27	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 01/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Parish Events

Su 01/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 01/23	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 01/23	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 01/23	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
We 01/24	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 01/24	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 01/24	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Fr 01/26	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 01/28	11:00 am	Baptism
Su 01/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Tyler & Katie Roerick to our parish.

St. Ann's Christian Women Meeting
Monday, January 29 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. We will be serving refreshments along with cheese and crackers. All members are welcome to come. Hope to see you there.



Boiler Update: During these cold winter days, we are so grateful for the heat in the church. Cost of installation for boilers came in around \$55,000. Currently, we have raised \$15,040 to help cover the cost. If you are able, please consider making a monetary donation to help cover the balance of the new boilers.

New Addition Update The elevator has arrived! We are waiting on the elevator company for installation. Our hope is that this will start soon. Brick work should be completed soon, then window installation can begin. Currently, we are just shy of \$956,000 towards the 1-million-dollar goal. Please prayerfully consider helping the parish reach this.



Festival Quilts For those who work during the day and wish to quilt, come Tuesday evenings, beginning Tuesday, January 30. 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.

Food For Thought: The St. Rose Christian Women are doing a cash fund drive during the month of January for Food For Thought. This is a program to provide food to local students who do not always have adequate access to food over the weekends. Please send donations to St. Rose Christian Women, c/o Sarah Herdering 41404 Co Rd 167, Melrose, MN 56352. Thank you!

New Homes Needed The Christmas Flowers in the back of the church need a new home and are available to anyone interested. Please help yourself.

Children Envelopes If you would like children's envelopes, please contact the parish office at 320-256-4207.

Bible and Breakfast

St. Ann's Christian Women of St. Michael's parish would like to invite St. Michael's parishioners to Breakfast & Bibles hosted by one of our very own parishioners, Grace Lange, who is a managing partner with You Flourish Company. The event will be held Saturday, January 27 from 9:00-10:30 am at Sportsman's Den in Lake Henry. The cost of the event is \$20. St. Ann's Christian Women will cover the cost of any St. Michael's parishioner that would like to attend. Please sign up in the back of the church or with one of the Christian Women officers by today, Sunday, January 21. Anyone needing a ride should contact one of the Christian Women officers.



Winners for the January 6, 2024 Winter Cash Raffle:



\$10,000	Kelli Stradtman/Ricky Klaphake	\$250	Chad Funk
\$2,500	Ann Ritter		Eric Revermann
\$1,500	Ron Schaefer	\$100	Shelly Wenker
\$1,000	Bruce Funk		Eugene Kunstleben
	Jim & Linda Schmiesing		Kay Johnson
\$500	David Roering		Tim Mayers
	Tim Klaphake		Joe & Vivian Weber
\$250	Rueben Schwieters		Kevin & Barb Zierden
	Curt & Becky Feldewerd		Peg & Kurt Thelen
	Virginia Massmann		Russ Herdering
	Dave Gerads		Jim & Teresa Thielen
	Steve Hennen		Craig Voss
	Rose Ann Inderriden		

Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Shari & Joe Salina, Fran Hinnenkamp, Kyle Lieser, Belester Vazquez Sobreya

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

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$459.00
Regular Adult Offering	425.00
Plate/Loose	25.00
Votives.....	9.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, January 27 - 4:00 pm

(S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan
 (L) Herman Lensing
 (U) Peter Van Beck & James Wehlage
 (GB) Steve & Kathy Gilk
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatry
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Dustin Gregory
 (HK - January) *Donna Worms, Laurel Worms, Kristen Young, Wanda Ahrens, Angie Barten, Ann Barten

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,818.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,485.00
Children.....	0.50
Plate/Loose	101.00
Votives.....	52.00
Steeple Lighting.....	60.00
Crib Money.....	20.00
Fuel Fund.....	100.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 28 - 8:00 am

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
 (L) Doug Meyer
 (U) Don Schneider & Ken Sneider
 (GB) Don & Cindy Schneider
 (EM) (B) Jim Leukam & Char Meyer
 (EM) (C) Dan Meyer & Elmer Meyer
 (HK - January) *Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Charlene Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer

Leadership and Council Meetings
 Parish Leadership will meet Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 pm. Finance Council will meet at 6:30 pm.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- Grados 7-10 y Confirmación: **Próxima clase:** Miércoles 24 de enero en la Iglesia de Santa María de 7:00 a 8:30 pm. Alumnos y padres. Tema: Ambiente Seguro. Contaremos con ponentes invitados de Anna Marie's Alliance. (NOTA: Comenzamos la noche a las 7:00 p.m., esto es 15 minutos antes de lo habitual para los estudiantes de 7 a 10 grados.
- Vea el **Ministerio Juvenil de ACC** para información juvenil.

Se han colocado árboles de oración de confirmación en las parroquias de St. Michaels's, St. Andrew, St. John's y St. Mary's. Cada paloma en el árbol tiene el nombre de una candidata a la Confirmación. ¡Te invitamos a que te llesves una o dos palomas a casa y ores por los candidatos, para que puedan estar abiertos a la presencia del Espíritu Santo en sus vidas! La confirmación se llevará a cabo a las 3:00 pm el domingo 10 de marzo en St. Mary's en Melrose. ¡Todos, especialmente todos los de nuestras 7 parroquias ACC, son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros para celebrar este sacramento con nuestros jóvenes!

Desayuno SMS Únase a nosotros para el desayuno de la escuela St. Mary's el domingo 28 de enero de 8:30 am a 12:00 pm. El desayuno se servirá en el gimnasio de la escuela St. Mary's, Melrose. ¡Ven a disfrutar de panqueques, salchichas, huevos y más!

Festival de Familias Diocesana: Únase a nosotros en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en Sauk Rapids el 11 de febrero, de 10:30 AM a 3:00 PM para un día de diversión y aprendizaje familiar. Los temas de las sesiones para padres incluirán salud mental, cuidado personal para padres, redes sociales y crianza en la fe. Registra a tu familia por solo \$20 en: <https://stedio.org/event/festival-of-families/>

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 bien venidos!



True Fulfillment
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Reflect, today, upon your own interior desire for fulfillment in life. How do you try to satiate this desire? Do you allow the evil one to trick you into thinking that fleshly desires, pride or wealth are the answer? Reject those temptations with our Lord and then immerse yourself in His Gospel message, which is the only source of fulfillment in life.

Lord of true fulfillment, You and You alone are the source of the fullness of life. I believe that with all my heart. Please give me the grace I need to reject all temptations in life and to cling only to Your holy Word and the grace given to all who follow You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Sacred Heart School
Wine & Dine
Dinner/Auction Fundraiser



Saturday, January 27 at Freeport Community Center

Dinner will be served from 4:30 - 8:00 pm
 (Tickets - \$35, Choice of Baked Chicken or Roast Beef)

\$100 Cash Raffle Drawing will be at 7:30 pm
 (Top Prize - \$20,000)

Tickets available at Sacred Heart School & Parish Office,
 Freeport State Bank in Freeport.

Live Auction will begin at 8:00 pm.

Online Silent Auction begins this weekend
 Saturday, January 20 and closes Saturday, January 27 at 2:30 pm.
 Check out the online auction at
32auctions.com/wineanddine2024

Call school office (836-2591) for ticket information.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grade 1, 3 - 6 Next Class:** Wednesday, January 24. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.com

- **Grades 7-10 & Confirmation: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 24 at St. Mary's Church from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Students and parents. Topic: Safe Environment. We will have guest speakers from Anna Marie's Alliance. (NOTE: We are starting the evening at 7:00 pm. This is 15 minutes earlier than usual for 7-10 graders.)



YOUTH MINISTRY

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- ♥ **Gym/Game Night** Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come hang out for a gym/game night with snacks and worship time on Sunday, January 21 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at St. Mary's School.
- ♥ **Middle School Lock-In for Grades 6 - 8:** Saturday - Sunday, January 27 - 28 starting with 7:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids and ending at 6:00 am at the St. Cloud YMCA. This lock-in will have Mass, great food, swimming, dodgeball, gaga ball, prayer opportunities, wallyball, a silent disco, game shows, and so much more. Come together with other youth in our diocese, make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat great food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$50 January 19 - 24. Registration forms are available on the parish website sacredheartfreeport.org. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143 with questions.
- ♥ **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 - \$190. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 31 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-214, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofamelrose.org or 320-256-9503 with questions.
- ♥ **Bible & Breakfast** meets each Wednesday (if there's school) in the Melrose High School ITV Room at 7:15 am. All students grades 7-12 are invited.

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Young Adult Group will be meeting on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm at the parish office in Freeport. We will be looking at *As the Father has sent me, so I send you*, a pastoral letter by Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC.

Vespers for Life will be held January 21 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm at Church of St. Anthony, St. Cloud. Bishop Patrick Neary will preside. The service includes music, prayer, scripture and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist pregnancy resource centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud. Rosary at 3:30 pm and Vespers at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo holds retreats 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's Silent Retreat - February 9-11 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - February 13-15 (Lenten Midweek)
- Married Couples Retreat - February 16-18 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - February 23-25 (Weekend)
- Lenten Day of Prayer for Men & Women - February 28 (Wednesday)

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org. For an increase in fishers of men and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving our diocese, we pray to the Lord.



March for Life will be held Monday, January 22 in St. Paul. A prayer service for life will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30 am followed by the MCCL March for Life at the Minnesota Capitol from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Visit <https://stcdio.org/event/march-for-life-2024/> for more info. Sauk Centre MCCL is sponsoring a bus to the State Capitol on Monday, January 22 for the March for Life. A bus will be leaving from Walmart in Sauk Centre at 9:00 am, the parking lot of St. Mary's Church in Melrose by 9:15 am, and across from Charlie's Café in Freeport by 9:30 am. To reserve a seat on this bus, please call 320-250-9904.

Communicating Faithfully in the Digital Age This presentation explores the call to lend a faithful presence to digital culture, especially on social media platforms. Benedictine spirituality is a tradition deeply rooted in Word. From this foundation we can reflect on what it means to remain rooted in the Word and let this shape our communication practices as we interact with one another in digital spaces. Friday, January 26 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Emmaus Hall, St. Johns's University. There is no fee, but you are asked to register at www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday. Or by calling 320-363-3560 or Email: theologyday@csbsju.edu.



Central Minnesota Koinonia Heavenly Father, help me to understand clearly the reason that you have created me and gifted me in the way you have so I can fulfill your purpose in other's lives. 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, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

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♥**Catholic Schools Week** is being celebrated at Sacred Heart School this week. Special events are planned for each day.

* **Sunday, January 21 - We celebrate our Parish Family Kickoff** to Catholic Schools Week with the 8:00 am Mass in Freeport. The School Board will serve rolls and beverages after Mass. Wear: SHS Blue

* **Monday, January 22 - We celebrate our Parents/Teachers** Students shop the AR Store. Wear: Beach Day

* **Tuesday, January 23 - We celebrate our Students** 12th grade alumni are invited to join us for lunch, Awards Day for students. Wear: College Jersey/Hat Day

* **Wednesday, January 24 - We celebrate our Faith-Based Community** Mini Courses. Wear: Freeport Business Attire

* **Thursday, January 25 - We celebrate our Catholic Schools Donors** Ski Trip for grades 3-6, Craft Day for K-2. Wear: Color Day (Red, Yellow, or Green)

* **Friday, January 26 - We celebrate Catholic School Educators** Teacher Workshop Day

* **Saturday, January 27 - We celebrate our Families** Wine & Dinner Dinner/Auction at the Freeport Community Center.

♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, January 24 will be planned by Sr. Janine and the 6th grade students.

♥**End of the Quarter AR Incentive** will take place on Wednesday. Students who have excelled in AR reading earned a special treat. Doughnuts with Fr. Dan!

♥**2nd Quarter of the School Year Ends** on Thursday, January 25.

♥**There will be No School** for students on Friday, January 26. The ECC will be open for Child Care.

♦**Congratulations to Jacob Decker**, who represented St. Mary's School in the Melrose District Spelling Bee on January 16.

♦**Registration for Preschool-6th grade** will begin in February for current SMS families and March for those families not currently enrolled at SMS. If you are new to the community or just 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.

♦**Catholic Schools Week** will begin with Family Fun Night in the gym on Friday, January 26, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Mass on Sunday, January 28, at 10:00 am will be a Children's Mass. After Mass, join us for breakfast at the St. Mary's School gym from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. This breakfast is sponsored by the parents of St. Mary's School.

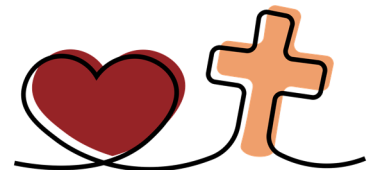
♦**St. Mary's School has \$1,399,594.76** in the school endowment fund as of December 31, 2023. Of amount, \$883,945.78 is the principal, which can not be spent. Please keep the endowment fund in mind if you are looking to donate in memory of someone or just want to make a donation.

♦**Mark your Calendar:** March 2, St. Mary's School's Auction4Education at the Melrose Legion. Our theme this year is Down on the Farm. The Cash Crop \$100 raffle tickets can be purchased after all Masses, St. Mary's School/Church, All Stars Sports Bar & Grill, Double "R" Bar & Grill, Freeport State Bank -Melrose, Kraemer Lumber, Magnifi Financial - Melrose, Melrose Bowl, and St. Rosa Lumber. Visit our auction website for more details. <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.

♦**End of the Second Quarter** is Thursday, January 25. There is no school Friday, January 26 due to a teacher workshop day.

♦**Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated January 28 - February 2. CSW Kickoff Mass will be Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill. The students will be writing *Letters of Love* to children with cancer for their CSW service project. Other activities for the week include Author Doug Wood presenting Earth Stories and Songs, mini-courses, and a preschool carnival.

♦**Steak and Wine Matching Grant** - We have exciting news! The *Joel and Cindi Schwieters Charitable Fund and John and Lynnea Schwieters and Family* are providing a matching grant for the first \$50,000 raised at our Steak and Wine Auction. This includes cash donations, online, and live auction bids. Through this matching grant, your cash donations and auction bids have the potential to be doubled! The Online Auction starts Friday, February 2 at 6:00 pm and runs through 8:30 pm on Thursday, February 8 at 32auctions.com/SJSA2024. The live auction is Saturday, February 10 at 8:30 pm at the Greenwald Pub. Cash donations can be sent directly to the school at - SJSA PO Box 120 Greenwald, MN 56335 or made the night of the auction. Thank you for your support in helping us obtain our \$50,000 matching grant!



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

01/14 \$25 Dan Beste - Freeport
 01/15 \$25 Keith & Lucy Overman - Freeport
 01/16 \$25 Meaghan Hickman - Freeport
 01/17 \$25 Gene Hartung - Melrose
 01/18 \$25 Marion Bremer - Red Wing
 01/19 \$25 Mike Beste - Melrose
 01/20 \$25 Justin Gertken - Richmond

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