



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

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

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Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date**. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & RCIA

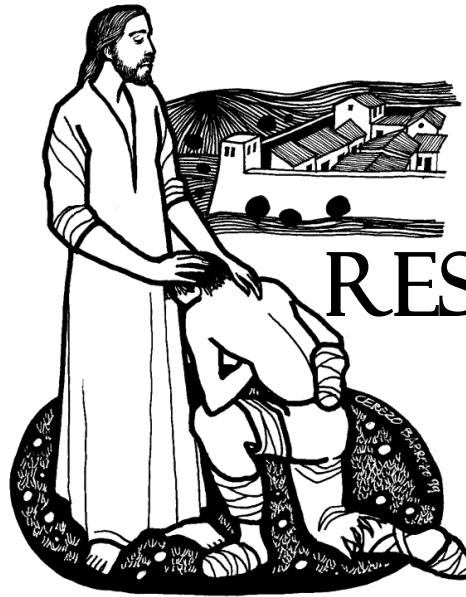
If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

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.



RESTORATION

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:40-41

In the Old Testament, Leviticus 14, God gave Moses a purification rite to be used for those who were cured of

leprosy. This detailed rite that spanned several days was used to reintegrate a healed leper back into society. After Jesus healed the leper in today's Gospel passage, He ordered him to "go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Thus, Jesus not only healed the man but instructed him that he was ready to be restored to the community.

At that time, leprosy was a horrible disease, not only for its physical effects, but also because the leper was not permitted to be a part of the society. This was because leprosy was quite contagious. By keeping those infected separate, the disease did not spread as easily to others.

As we ponder this healing, try to imagine not only the pain caused by the leper's disease, but especially the pain caused by his isolation. Obviously, there were no phones at that time, no video chatting, and no means of communication from a distance. Therefore, isolation would have meant a complete loss of the person's relationship with his family and friends, as well as his former livelihood, home and all that was a part of his life.

On a spiritual level, the various illnesses that Jesus cured are, in part, to be seen as symbols of sin. In the case of leprosy, we should see this illness as a symbol of the effects of mortal sin. And mortal sin, unless it is cured by God's forgiveness, has the effect of completely isolating a person from the life of grace. One becomes cut off from a relationship with God, as well as every other relationship that is centered in Christ. When one commits mortal sin and remains in that sin, that person is not capable of true love, since all grace is gone from their life. Therefore, their relationships become self-centered, demanding and unholy.

For those who have fallen into mortal sin, this leper is a symbol of the way out. First, he came to Jesus and knelt down before Him. He humbled himself before our Lord, acknowledging that Jesus was the answer to his ailment. He then begged Jesus for help. But the way he begged Jesus is also revealing: he did not demand a healing but instead simply professed his faith in the fact that Jesus could heal him. And then he knelt there in trust and hope. This leper teaches us the perfect way to approach our Lord when we struggle with serious sin.

Reflect, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith. And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ FEBRUARY 12 - 18

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Norberto Zamora
 Tu 8:00 am Alfred Olmscheid Family
***We 8:30 am Ash Wednesday Mass**
SM School Mass
 †Lucille Orth
We 6:30 pm Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza
 †Sergio Hernandez Chavez
 †Lydia Schulzetenberg
***Fr 8:30 am ††Will & Barb Schafer**
 Sa 5:00 pm †Lorraine Imdieke
 For the People
***Su 10:00 am †Chad Toenyang**
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Julia Cervantes
 †Salvador Sanchez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

We 12:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 †Dec./Liv. Of the Lawrence
 Boecker Family
 Th 8:15 am †Dec./Liv. COF Members
 Sa 4:00 pm †Chuck Nathe

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 7:30 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 †John Nathe
 Su 8:00 am ††Raphael & Dolores Imdieke

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am August & Theresia
 Herdering Families
We 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass
 †Mary Ann Engelmeyer
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Joe Loehr
We 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass
 ††John & Dorine Schwagel
 ††Henry & Marie Kampsen
 Su 10:00 am

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

We 8:00 am **Ash Wednesday Mass**
SJSA School Mass
 †Asha Gregory
 Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Luella Marthaler
 †Joan Marthaler/Gerads
 Sa 4:00 pm †Charlene Ohmann

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **Ash Wednesday Mass**
SH School Mass
 †Dec./Liv. Members of
 the Locnikar Family
 Fr 8:15 am ††Norbert & Veronica Toenies
 Su 8:00 am †Dec./Liv. Members of the
 Margaret & Cyril Scherer Family

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

ADORATION



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
 No Adoration Wednesday, February 14
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

• **Additional Collection** This weekend, February 10 and 11, we will be taking up a second collection for the Bishop's Annual Appeal.



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.

Save the Date! Freeport Christian Women are hosting our Spring Quarter Craze on Monday, March 18 at the Freeport Community Center. Ticket information will come at a later date. Keep the date open for a fun night!

Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle

Sacred Heart School is participating in the 2024 Catholic United Financial Raffle from now until February 18. Tickets are \$10 a chance and are available from SHS families as well as the school office. This fundraiser is unique in that every dollar stays within our school and helps us fund programs that support Catholic education. Your ticket purchase not only supports our school, it gives you the chance to win one of many prizes totaling \$35,000. This year's grand prize is a brand-new 2024 Chevy Trax or \$20,000 cash—your choice! There are even more prizes to give away: NFL Vikings tickets package, a \$5,000 Dream Vacation package, passes to the Minnesota Zoo, and gift cards for brands like Nike, Coach, Best Buy, Sephora and more! Follow the Catholic United Financial Facebook page for more updates, successes and to watch the live stream of the ticket drawing on March 7: www.facebook.com/catholicunited.

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.

Parish News:

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

- **Ash Wednesday Collection** will be taken at all three parishes during Mass. The money will be given to the food shelf. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- **Men's Group** that meets on Sunday nights is taking a two week break. We will next meet on Sunday, February 18.
- **Needed: Sacristans** The three parishes in our community are in need of sacristans. Sacristans are called to "prepare the feast and celebration" through the preparation and purification of Eucharistic vessels. Sacristans also perform other duties done behind the scenes that are essential to the orderly celebration of Mass. Sacristans are also needed for weekday, First Saturday, and Funeral Masses. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a sacristan for your parish. Contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested or have questions.
- **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.

Join a Historic Journey to Eucharistic Consecration

At critical times throughout Salvation History, God's people have been invited to consecrate themselves. We are at one of those critical times in history, and consecrating ourselves, our families, our country, and indeed, the whole world to the Eucharist may make all the difference. Sign up for BEST LENT EVER and be one of the first people in history to go on this journey! The program will guide you through the book, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*. You can sign up and order the book at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>.

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

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

Total.....	\$7,578.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	5,248.00
Plate/Loose	1,020.00
Designated Funds.....	1,310.50

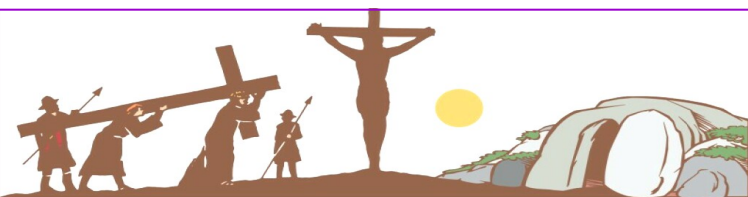
St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

02-04	\$25	Joseph Primus - Melrose
02-05	\$25	Veronica Juarez - Melrose
02-06	\$25	Andrew Pierskalla - Avon
02-07	\$50	Linda Morton - Melrose
02-08	\$25	Alice Klaphake - Melrose
02-09	\$25	Gracie Drossel - Melrose
02-10	\$25	Veronica Hellermann - Melrose



St. Mary's Mission Society Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 14 at St. Mary's Church at 9:30 am. All are welcome!

St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet Tuesday, February 20, at 6:00 pm in the conference room at the church.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima

- Tuesdays of Lent after 8:15 am Mass—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
- Wednesdays of Lent after 8:15 am Mass—*Sacred Heart, Freeport* except Wednesday, March 20 (First Communion Remembrance Mass)
- Thursdays of Lent after 8:15 am Mass—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- Fridays of Lent after 8:15 am Mass—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Wednesdays of Lent — 7:00 pm as follows:
 February 21—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
 February 28—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
 March 6—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
 March 13—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
 March 20—*Shadow Stations—Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Freeport*
 March 27—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*

St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John the Baptist

- Wednesday, February 21, 28, March 6, 13—7:15 pm *St. Mary, Melrose*
- Wednesdays of Lent — 7:30 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*
- Wednesdays of Lent — 7:30 pm as follows:
 February 21—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
 February 28—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
 March 6—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
 March 13—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
- Friday, February 23, March 1, 8—2:00 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald* (led by SISA)
- Fridays of Lent—6:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)*

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,743.54
Plate.....	336.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$5,079.54

Other Donations

Votive	\$553.61
School Support	100.00

Parish Events

Su	02/11	9:00 am	Sacristan Training
We	02/14		NO Adoration
Fr	02/16	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	02/16	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	02/16	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Su	02/18	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Festival Chairs 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 1 candle by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print for the month of February. 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!



RESTORATION

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 and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty power and love, and place yourself into His hands of merciful love. He will not let you down.

Most merciful Lord, You desire all of Your children to be healed of the many sins that keep them from communion with You and with Your people. Please give me the faith and trust I need to always be able to humble myself before You so as to receive the restoration to Your grace I so desire.

Jesus, I trust in You. mycatholic.life

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,160.62
Plate.....	239.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,399.62

Other Donations

Boiler.....	\$5,230.00
Building/Maintenance	187.50
Votive.....	45.00
School Support.....	10.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	25.00

Parish Events

Tu 02/13 9:00 am	Quilting
We 02/14 9:00 am	Quilting
Th 02/15 7:00 am	Adoration
Th 02/15 8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th 02/15 9:00 am	Quilting
Sa 02/17 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 02/18 10:00 am	Private Event
Su 02/18 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR



Quilting in the Immaculate Conception Church basement is at 9:00 am Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week until we have sewn 6 quilts. If you do not sew, we would appreciate volunteers to bring lunch. Call Julie Boecker at 320-250-0088 for details.

New Addition Update Window installation is complete. Finishing work on the interior is underway. Currently, we are just shy of \$956,000 towards the 1-million dollar goal. Please prayerfully consider helping the parish reach this.



Annual Church Cleaning

Since the dust has settled and the construction is coming to an end, we have lots of cleaning to do.

“Annual Church Cleaning” Thursday, February 22 beginning at 9:00 am and work until around 8:00 pm, giving those who have jobs a chance to come and help for a couple hours as they are able. Lists are available indicating what needs to be done. Please bring a bucket and rags. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Those families who are unable to help clean are asked to donate \$10 toward the cost of the lunch and cleaning supplies. Donations can be dropped off in the church basement or put in the collection basket marked for church cleaning. Thank you for helping to maintain our beautiful church. We welcome guys and gals. Many hands make for less hard work. ~St. Ann's Christian Women Committee



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	\$1,479.62
Plate.....	338.36
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,817.98

Other Donations

Central MN Catholic Magazine....	\$25.00
Votive.....	100.00

Parish Events

Su 02/11 11:00 am	Sacristan Training
Tu 02/13 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 02/13 9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 02/13 5:30 pm	Quilting
Fr 02/16 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 02/18 11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Meeting & Breakfast
Su 02/18 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Levi Michael Kerfeld**, the son of Eric & Dana Kerfeld, to our parish. Levi Michael was baptized on Sunday, February 4.

Sponsor a Votive Candle

The parish is looking for someone to sponsor 1 candle on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.



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!

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.



Thank you for helping to maintain our beautiful church. We

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,142.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	608.00
Plate/Loose	17.00
Votives.....	127.50
Fuel Fund.....	100.00
Maintenance.....	270.00
St. Cloud Visitor.....	20.00

Liturgical Ministries

Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday, February 14 - 7:30 pm

- (S) Shantel Gruber & Stella Schoenberg
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Pat Bertram & Randy Bertram
- (EM) (B) Conrad Gruber
- (EM) (C) Sandra Gruber & Ruth Heinen
- (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Marvin Rademacher & Amy Orbeck

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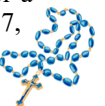
Sunday, February 18 - 10:00 am

- (S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg & Olivia Kalthoff
- (L) Pete LeClaire
- (U) Robert Bertram & Tyler Bertram
- (EM) (B) Jenny Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
- (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
- (HK: February 18 - March 2)
- Kathy (Ron) Welle, Tia Welle, & Jennifer Wilson

2022-2023 Finance Report has been approved and is in the back of the church.

Flowers for the Taking in the back of the church for anyone that is interested. Please help yourselves.

Rosary Rally Please join us for a rosary rally on Saturday, February 17, at 10:00 am at St. Michael's church in Spring Hill.



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,281.00
Regular Adult Offering	875.00
Plate/Loose	100.00
Votives.....	6.00
Maintenance.....	30.00
School Subsidy.....	5.00
St. Cloud Visitor.....	265.00

Liturgical Ministries
Ash Wednesday Mass
Wednesday, February 14 - 8:00 am

(S) SJSA Students
 (L) SJSA Students
 (U) Volunteers Needed
 (GB) SJSA Students
 (EM) (B) Volunteers Needed
 (EM) (C) Volunteers Needed

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, February 17 - 4:00 pm

(S) Zachary Rieland
 (L) Linda Heinze
 (U) Bob Worms & Jon Worms
 (GB) Pat & Deb Keller
 (EM) (B) Herman Lensing
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - February) *Clarine Beier, Lisa Bertram, Joyce Bertram, Kathy Buermann, Sara Dehmer, & Rita Eveslage

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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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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 Hopper at 320-837-5239 for additional information.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,563.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,694.00
Children.....	1.25
Plate/Loose	37.00
Votives.....	26.00
Fuel Fund.....	230.00
School Subsidy.....	75.00
St. Cloud Visitor.....	240.00
Donations.....	200.00
Steeple Lighting.....	60.00

Liturgical Ministries
Ash Wednesday Mass
Wednesday, February 14 - 7:30 pm

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
 (L) Karen Meyer
 (U) Chad Funk & Gene Imdieke
 (GB) Matt & Joy Silbernick
 (EM) (B) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
 (EM) (C) Elmer Meyer & Karl Meyer

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, February 18 - 8:00 am

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
 (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Herb Imdieke & Jerry Imdieke
 (GB) Mike & Julie Wehlage
 (EM) (B) Sue Meyer & Abby Zenzen
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - February) *Heidi Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, & Brenda Nathe

Save The Dates: More details to follow.
 •Sunday, April 14 - Spring Fundraiser Bake sale, bingo, and parish raffle.
 •Sunday, June 2 - Corpus Christi Mass and procession led by Bishop Patrick Neary.

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

For the Sick: Jaycie Scherping, 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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- ¡Todos están invitados a pasar por St. Mary's Church/Melrose** para comer una dona o un churro de camino a la escuela el martes 13 de febrero por la mañana, para el Martes Gordo! Sirviendo de 7:20-8:00 am.
- Miércoles, 14 de febrero:** ¡Por favor, consulte el boletín para conocer los horarios y lugares de las Misas! A las 7:30 pm del miércoles por la noche es en St. John the Baptist en Meire Grove. Masa = Clase.
- Jovenes de Uno en la Fe, en los grados 6-12** están invitados a venir a resbalar en trineo con el ministerio de juventud a el Cornerstone Pines Tree Farm el Domingo 25 de Febrero. Nos resbalaremos en trineo, tendremos aperitivos junto a una fogata y usaremos su capilla para un momento de oración. estamos planeando salir de la iglesia de Santa Maria a las 2:00 pm y regresar a las 5:00 pm. Las formas de permiso pueden ser recogidas en cualquier iglesia de Uno en la Fe y regresadas a más tardar el 23 de Febrero en las oficinas parroquiales de Melrose o Freeport, o en el salón de Mrs. Hellermann en la escuela secundaria o en el salón de Ms. Amanda en la escuela católica.
- Vea 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 bien venidos!

Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo omatrimonio, favor de hablar con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús Hernández. O llama a la oficina 320-256-4207.

The Scriptures This Week
Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Jas 1:1-11	Mk 8:11-13
Tu	Jas 1:12-18	Mk 8:14-21
We	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18	2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Th	Dt 30:15-20	Lk 9:22-25
Fr	Is 58:1-9a	Mt 9:14-15
Sa	Is 58:9b-14	Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday - First Sunday of Lent	Gn 9:8-15	1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-10:** Class is to ATTEND Ash Wednesday Mass on February 14.
- **Grade 1, 3 - 6 Next Lesson:** Wednesday, February 14. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmmarysofmelrose.com

- **All are invited to stop in** at St. Mary's Church/Melrose for a donut or churro on their way to school on Tuesday morning, February 13, for Fat Tuesday! Serving from 7:20-8:00 am.
- **Wednesday, February 14:** Please see the bulletin for Mass times and places! 7:30 pm on Wednesday night is at St. John the Baptist in Meire Grove. Mass = Class.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- ♥ **One in Faith Youth in Grades 6-12** are invited to come sledding with Youth Ministry at Cornerstone Pines Tree Farm on Sunday, February 25. We'll be sledding, having snacks over a bonfire, and using their chapel on the hill for prayer time. Plan to leave from St. Mary's Church at 2:00 pm and return around 5:00 pm. Permission slips can be picked up at the back of all churches and returned by Friday, February 23 to either the Melrose or Freeport parish offices, Mrs. Hellermann's room in the high school or Ms. Amanda's room at St. Mary's School.
- ♥ **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@stmmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 if you are interested in attending.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

Lenten Enrichment Materials and Lent Brochures

which include schedules for Ash Wednesday, Easter Triduum, confessions, and more are available in the back of the churches. Feel free to take anything that will help you on your faith journey this Lent.

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.stclouddio.org/2024mensconference or call 320-258-7615 to register.

BINGO Please join the Tri-Parish Confirmation Class on 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.

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

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.

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



Annual Women's Lenten Retreat: March 9 Join Deb Rudolf, 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; Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C. will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am; followed by lunch/social, and conclusion of presentation. Registration is \$20 by March 1. See stclouddccw.org for more information.



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.

"Do Everything For The Glory Of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven. *World Marriage Day*

Engaged & Married Couples! Have you considered using Natural Family Planning (NFP)? Now is a great time to learn about its many benefits. It's healthy for the body and soul. NFP can be used to naturally space children or achieve a pregnancy. **A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in:** Sauk Centre on Thursday, February 15 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health - Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



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♥**Our Food Drive for Celebrating** the 100th day of school kicked off this week. Students can bring in food shelf items for the Kindergarten class to count, sort and graph as they learn how to count to 100.

♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, February 14 will be planned by the staff of SHS.

♥**Sacred Heart School Board** meets on Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 pm.

♥**No School** on Friday, February 16 or Monday, February 19.

♥**Sacred Heart School is Participating** in the Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle. Tickets are available from any SHS family or the school office. (See ACC news for more information)

♥**We are Extremely excited to Inform** you that Sacred Heart School is growing! We were "given the green light" last week by the state to add 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 keep all of this in your prayers as we embrace these changes and opportunities. Stay tuned for more details and employment opportunities.

♥**Our Preschool and Kindergarten Open House and Registration** will take place on Thursday, February 22. We will have a parent meeting as well as tours of the school and time to answer any questions you may have. Stay tuned for more details.

♦**Presidents' Day:** No school on Friday, February 16 and Monday, February 19.

♦**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.

♦**Mark Your Calendar:** March 2, Auction4Education at the Melrose Legion. We will be celebrating 22 years with a Down on the Farm theme. "Cash Crop" \$100 raffle tickets can be purchased after the Masses, at school, church office, or local businesses. Visit our auction website for more details. <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.

♦**SJSA students in grades 1-6** will attend the 8:00 am Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Andrew's.

♦**No School** at SJSA Friday, February 16 and Monday, February 19 (Presidents' Day.)

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

February 11, Sunday

♦**Avon Boy Scout Troop 31 Annual Super Breakfast & Auction** at St. Benedict's Church, Avon. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Adults \$13. Children ages 5-12 \$6 and children 4 and younger are free.

♦**Albany Legion Post 482 Smorgasbord Breakfast** at Church of Seven Dolors Parish Hall, Albany. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

February 13, Tuesday

♦**American Red Cross Blood Drive** sponsored by the Freeport Lions Club will be held at the Freeport Community Center from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Appointments are needed. Schedule your appointment online at redcross.org or call Janet Butkoswki at 320-836-2837 or 320-282-2904.

February 14, Wednesday

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

♦**Melrose American Legion Fish Fry** on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. These are now "all you can eat!" Please join us from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated!

February 15, Thursday

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

February 16, Friday

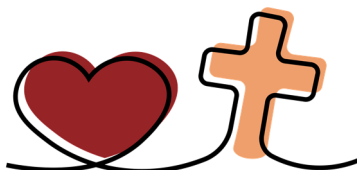
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February 21, Wednesday

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

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

02/04	\$25	Regina Hoeschen - Freeport
02/05	\$25	Deb Feldewerd - Melrose
02/06	\$25	Tanner Borgen - Red Wing
02/07	\$25	Gerald Koopmeiners - Melrose
02/08	\$25	Steph Worms - Melrose
02/09	\$25	Mary Ann Laing - Freeport
02/10	\$25	Kate Boecker - St. Joseph



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.
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