



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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 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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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Mailing Address: PO Box 155
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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.



The Subtleties of Grace

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, *“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”* Jesus rebuked him and said, *“Quiet! Come out of him!”* The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him.

Mark 1:23–26

It’s interesting to note that this unclean spirit immediately knows Who Jesus is. This is because each of two opposites emphasizes the other very clearly. For example, the color black is most clearly seen when it is placed in front of something white. Or something hot is most noticeable after experiencing something very cold. And a loud noise is most jarring when someone is sitting in silence. And so it is with Jesus and evil. Jesus, the Holy One of God, is most clearly seen when He comes in contact with an unclean spirit.

This fact gives us some wonderful insights into our journey toward the heights of holiness. Oftentimes, when one experiences a profound and transforming conversion, it is because they were first living a life of sin. When one who is living in sin encounters the saving grace of God, it is quite noticeable. And that is good.

But there is also another spiritual insight we can take from this. To further the analogy, it is also true that when the color black is put next to something dark blue, or something hot is touched after holding something quite warm, there is less notice taken. So it is with the spiritual life. When we are striving to obtain true holiness of life, and when we are already living the many virtues to which we are called, the next step closer to God might not be nearly as noticeable. Instead, growth in perfection for one who is already striving for perfection will be very subtle. And that is also good.

This is important to understand because sometimes, when a person has gone through a powerful conversion earlier in life, they want to return to the experience they had when they initially converted. But that should not be our goal. Instead, we should continually strive to experience these more subtle changes that take us from a life of holiness to one of even greater holiness. In this case, if you do not sense a powerful contrast of spiritual experiences within you, that may be simply because there are no serious sins you are trying to overcome. Thus, the ideal for every Christian is to eventually experience less contrasting spiritual experiences and more that are gentle

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 4

ADORATION

St. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Sergio Hernandez Chavez
 Tu 8:00 am †Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
 We 8:00 am ††Pete & Roslyn Lehner
 Th 8:00 am †Dec./Liv. Members of the Herman
 & Margaret Hinnenkamp Family
 *Fr 8:30 am **SMS Mass**
 †Mike Ellering
 Sa 5:00 pm ††Shawn & Doochie Salzl
 For the People
 *Su 10:00 am †Thomas Enneking
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Abelardo Botello Lopez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am Paige Wiechman
 Fr 8:15 am †Loretta Renneker
 Sa **8:00 am First Saturday Mass**
 ††Vern & Kevin Stroeing
 ††Roman & Dolores Waldorf
 †Gregory Waldorf
 Su 8:00 am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Don Gaebel
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Dec./Liv. Members of the
 Margaret & Cyril Scherer Family
 Su 10:00 am †Mary Ann Engelmeier

St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Dec./Liv. Members of the
 St. Mary's Mission Society
 Spring Hill Men's Society
 Su 10:00 am

St. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 ††Ervin & Virginia Klaphake
 †Dan Klaphake
 Sa 4:00 pm †Robbie Uphoff

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Wilfred Hinnenkamp
 Su 8:00 am St. John's Choir



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

Theology on Tap Join us on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm at Pooch's Corner Pub in Freeport. Fr. Dan will be giving a small presentation on the topic "What is purgatory?" Following that presentation, he will have an open Q & A. Any questions are welcome; they do not need to relate to the topic previously discussed. If you want to order food, you should arrive early to do that.

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, February 7. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

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.



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.


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

Parish News:
 ~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~

- **Year-end Contributions Statements** have been mailed out. You will also find an Electronic Financial Church Support form. This form allows you to electronically support the church on a monthly or semi-monthly basis.
- **Candlemas...**The Presentation of the Lord is on February 2. Candles will be blessed during the 8:15 am Mass on Friday, February 2, as well as during the weekend Masses on February 3/4 for use in your homes.
- **St. Blaise Blessing of Throats** The Feast of St. Blaise is on February 3. The Blessing of Throats will be offered after the weekend Masses on February 3/4.
- **Anointing of the Sick** will take place at the weekend Masses on February 10/11. For those that would like the laying of hands for this anointing, please sit in the front few pews.
- **February Ministry Schedule** was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish.
- **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.
- **Men's Group** meets weekly on Sundays at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Freeport. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Diocesan Festival of Families: This week is your last chance to register for this family event on Sunday, February 11. Register at <https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/> for only \$20 per family. The day includes a free carnival, family games, lunch, parent-children-teen sessions, Mass with Bishop Neary and more!

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

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

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

Total.....	\$5,456.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,040.00
Plate/Loose	859.00
Designated Funds.....	557.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

01-21	\$25	Linda Utesch - Rochester
01-22	\$25	Eddie Thomas - Melrose
01-23	\$25	Ryan & Amy Wallraff - Ham Lake
01-24	\$25	David Theiler - Melrose
01-25	\$50	Kenneth S. Hinnenkamp - Melrose
01-26	\$25	Jason & Elisha Seanger - Melrose
01-27	\$25	Gail Schlicht - Melrose



Died in the Hope of Resurrection... †Lorraine Fischer, 77

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

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.

January 31, Wednesday

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

February 4, Sunday

◆Quilt Bingo hand stitched quilts at St. Mary's Church in Upsala at 1:00 pm. 20 games for \$10. Blackout is extra. Lunch served after. Proceeds will go to St. Mary's Mission Group. Building is Handicap accessible.

February 7, Wednesday

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

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

◆Melrose Area Senior Citizen Soup Luncheon will be held from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Melrose Area Senior Center, located in the Melrose City Office Building. All are welcome. Freewill offering.

February 9 & 10, Friday & Saturday

◆33rd Annual Steak & Wing Dinner & Auction to support St. John's-St. Andrew's Catholic School at The Greenwald Pub. Tickets cost \$35 and are now available at the school, QPC in Meire Grove, Freeport State Bank in Greenwald, as well as the nights of the event at the Pub. Online auction prior to the event. Live auction Saturday night. Donny Brang will play live music BOTH nights! More information to come!

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.

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.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,422.54
Plate.....	445.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,867.54

Other Donations

Votive	\$35.00
School Support	110.00

Parish Events

Su	01/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group
We	01/31	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	01/31	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	01/31	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	02/02	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	02/02	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	02/04	8:30 am	Youth Music Ministry - SR
Su	02/04	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.



Sponsor a Votive Candle –The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles for the month of February: the military remembrance candle by the votive stand and 1 candle by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	Mk 5:1-20
Tu	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25c, 30—19:3	Mk 5:21-43
We	Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17	Mk 6:1-6
Th	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	Mk 6:7-13
Fr	The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4	Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Sa	1 Kgs 3:4-13	Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

Prayer Requests...

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

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

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

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

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$3,025.62
Plate.....	230.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,255.62

Other Donations

Boiler.....	\$1,030.00
Building/Maintenance	187.50
Votive	291.00
Solemnity of Mary	250.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,469.62
Plate.....	370.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,839.62

Other Donations

Votive	\$216.00
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◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,954.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	688.00
Children.....	19.00
Plate/Loose	67.00
Fuel Fund.....	1,040.00
Maintenance.....	100.00
Donations.....	40.00

Parish Events

Su 01/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Mo 01/29	7:00 pm	Christian Women Mtg.
We 01/31	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 01/31	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Th 02/01	7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 02/03	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 02/04	8:30 am	Youth Music Ministry - SR
Su 02/04	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Parish Events

Su 01/28	11:00 am	Baptism
Su 01/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 01/30	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 01/30	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 01/30	5:30 pm	Quilting
Tu 01/30	6:00 pm	Finance Council Meeting
We 01/31	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 01/31	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Fr 02/02	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 02/04	8:30 am	Youth Music Ministry
Su 02/04	10:00 am	Baptism
Su 02/04	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, February 4 - 10:00 am

(S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
 (L) Gary P. Lieser
 (U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz
 (EM) (B) Sharon Schulzetenberg
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
 (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
 (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
 (HK: February 4-17) Diane Welle, Donna Welle, & Kathy (Chico) Welle

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.

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.

New Addition Update The elevator is installed, exterior brick work is complete, and windows and doors are installed. This week we received a generous donation of \$5,000 bringing the total to just shy of \$956,000 towards the 1-million-dollar goal. Please prayerfully consider helping the parish reach this.

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!

God's Housekeepers for the month of February: Karen Sand, Stacy Hoppe, Michelle Wenker, & Terri Hoppe. 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.

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.

The Subtleties of Grace
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and subtle as our Lord continues to gently perfect you in many ways.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual journey toward holiness. If you do see serious sin in your life, know that God wants to profoundly free you and draw you through a major conversion. If you do not see serious sin in your life and if you already strive daily to become holy, then rejoice if your spiritual consolations and communications from God are much more subtle and, at times, undetectable. Keep working at perfection and rejoice that you are on the correct path.

Lord of all holiness, please continue to draw me into the life of perfection. Help me to grow in every virtue and to continually be aware of every gift of grace I am given. Please help me, especially, to be attentive to every small and subtle grace and to respond to those graces with a truly open and grateful heart. Jesus, I trust in You!

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."
 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this - use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,828.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,385.00
Plate/Loose	77.00
Votives.....	21.00
Donations.....	240.00
Fuel Fund.....	100.00
School Subsidy.....	5.00

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,839.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,560.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	146.00
Votives.....	33.00
Maintenance.....	100.00

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

•**Confirmación: Próxima clase:** Miércoles 31 de Enero por la noche, 7:00-8:30 pm, Iglesia de St. Mary's, Estudiantes y mentor / patrocinador u otro adulto. Tema: ¿Qué es el Espíritu Santo?

•**Primera Comunión: Próxima clase:** Sábado 3 de Febrero, 9:30-11:00 am, Iglesia de St. Mary's, solo estudiantes.

•**Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC** para información juvenil.

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, February 3 - 4:00 pm

(S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms
 (L) Isaiah Gilk
 (U) David Welle & Chuck Winter
 (GB) Pete & Linda Heinze
 (EM) (B) Herman Lensing
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - February) *Clarine Beier, Lisa Bertram, Joyce Bertram, Kathy Buermann, Sara Dehmer, & Rita Eveslage

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, February 4 - 8:00 am


(S) Isaac Zenzen
 (L) Kurt Meyer
 (U) Marvin Schneider & Matt Silbernick
 (GB) Ken & Linda Schneider
 (EM) (B) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - February) *Heidi Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, & Brenda Nathe

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 lleves 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!

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.

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: ¡Esta semana es su última oportunidad para registrarse para este evento familiar! Regístrese en <https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/> por solo \$20 por familia. ¡El día incluye un carnaval gratuito, juegos familiares, almuerzo, sesiones para padres, hijos y adolescentes, misa con el Obispo Neary y más!

One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools Dinner & Auction Fundraisers

◆**33rd Annual Steak & Wine Dinner & Auction** to support St. John's-St. Andrew's Catholic School at The Greenwald Pub on Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10. Tickets cost \$35 and are now available at the school, QPC in Meire Grove, Freeport State Bank in Greenwald, as well as the nights of the event at the Pub. Online auction prior to the event. Live auction Saturday night. Donny Brang will play live music BOTH nights! More information to come!


◆**22nd St. Mary's Annual Auction 4 Education** will be held on Saturday, March 2, at the American Legion in Melrose. The night will start with music from the Teachers and the Preacher from 5:30-6:30 pm. A freewill offering meal will be served from 5:00-8:00 pm. The \$100 Cash Crop raffle tickets with a top prize of \$20,000 are available now after the 10:00 am Masses, at 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. Winners will be drawn on March 2 at the Legion. We will again use our online platform to bid for silent auction items, while the classroom projects will be auctioned live in person at the Legion. Please come dressed in your best Down on the Farm attire. Visit our auction website for more details. <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.



Join us at each of these fundraisers for a great meal and lots of fun. All are welcome!

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.

Clínica de Salud Gratis. Cada tercer jueves del mes en el Centro Hispano de Waite Park, de 2 a 5:30 pm se atiende con cita o sin cita. 106 7th Ave North, Waite Park, 56387. Llame hoy para programar una cita. 320-492-2220.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grade 1, 3 - 6 Next Lesson:** Wednesday, January 31. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 31 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Confirmation: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 31, 7:00-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church, Students and mentor/sponsor or another adult. Theme: What is the Holy Spirit?
- **First Communion: Next class:** Saturday, February 3, 9:30-11:00 am, St. Mary's Church, Students only.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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- ♥ **Skiing at Andes Tower Hills** Sunday, February 11 from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. We will have a fun filled afternoon skiing. Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 7. Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org.
- ♥ **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@stmarysofmelrose.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.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

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. Schoupe, 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. Schoupe 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 Schoupe, S.J.

Annual Women's Lenten Retreat to be held 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 stcloudccw.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.

Melrose Confirmation Mass 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!

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!



Ministry Help Needed We are looking for help with Mass ministries. There are many opportunities for you to help with the Mass. You can be a sacristan and be behind the scenes setting up and taking down for Mass. You can share the Word of God by becoming a lector. You can be commissioned to distribute communion by being an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. There is also need for servers, ushers and rosary leaders. Please prayerfully consider taking on one of these rolls. Contact your parish office if you are interested in helping with any of these ministries.



Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024 Launches Soon:

- **Announcement Weekend** is February 3 - 4: You will receive bulletin inserts highlighting diocesan ministries and be asked to consider a gift to support these ministries on Commitment Weekend.
- **Commitment Weekend** is February 10 - 11: This is your opportunity to support diocesan ministries with a 2024 gift to the appeal. You may bring the envelope you receive in the mail or use a response envelope that will be provided at Mass. Both will be gratefully received in the offertory.

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♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, January 31 will be planned by Mrs. Benson and the 5th grade students.

♥**The Book For Our "One School, One Book"** activity will be announced this week. Over the next several weeks, all students and staff will be reading the book and participating in activities related to the book.

♥**2nd Quarter Report Cards** will be sent home on Monday, February 5.

♥**Looking Ahead:** February 7-9, the 6th grade students, Mrs. Harren, and Parent chaperones will be attending the Long Lake Conservation Camp near Palisade, MN.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

01/21	\$25	Trisha Hoppe - Sauk Centre
01/22	\$25	Lisa & Steve Groetsch - Albany
01/23	\$25	Mary Scheibel - St. Cloud
01/24	\$25	Nick Arnzen - Freeport
01/25	\$25	Justin Weisbrich - Freeport
01/26	\$25	Gary Harren - Freeport
01/27	\$25	Duane & Judy Rothstein - Melrose

One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

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♦**Congratulations to Jacob Decker**, who will represent St. Mary's and Melrose Area Schools in the Regional Spelling Bee on February 13.

♦**Registration for Preschool-6th Grade** will begin in February 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.

♦**Congratulations to our Second Graders** who received the Sacrament First Reconciliation this past weekend.

♦**Monday, January 29 - Celebrating our Community:** Jersey Day! Classes will be writing letters to members of our community who care for others: the Nursing Home, Rose View, Hospice, and Home Health Care workers.

♦**Tuesday, January 30 - Celebrating the Student:** Hat/Hawaiian Day! Students will get to sit by someone new at lunch and partner read with students from a different grade.

♦**Wednesday, January 31 - Celebrating Vocations:** Dress in your favorite Pajamas! Each grade will have the opportunity to learn about the different ministries people are involved in within our church.

♦**Thursday, February 1 - Celebrating God's Creation:** Funny/Fuzzy Sock Day. Little Saints-3rd graders will be sledding near the St. Mary's School, and 4th-6th graders will be Skiing at Andes Tower Hills.

♦**Friday, February 2 - Celebrating Faculty and Staff:** St. Mary's Spirit Day! We will have mini-courses after lunch.

♦**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 at 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>.

♦**Happy Catholic Schools Week!** The students are celebrating Catholic Schools Week Sunday, January 28 through Friday, February 2 with a variety of activities. Their service project is writing *Letters of Love* to children with cancer.

♦**Aluminum Can Recycling** SJSA received a check for \$165 from recycling. Please note that **aluminum foil can be recycled, but must be in a separate bag.** Thank you for recycling with SJSA!

♦**SJSA Welcomes Mariah Meyer** as a Reading and Math Interventionist. We are excited to have Mariah join our staff and support our students in their learning.

♦**SJSA Received a Check for \$515** from the Arvig School Partnership Program. Arvig will donate \$1 each month to the local school of your choice at no additional cost to you if you're an Arvig internet customer. If you haven't signed up, please do so at arvig.net/support your school. Thank you to those who have chosen St. John's - St. Andrew's as their partner school.

♦**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!



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