



# 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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

**November 26, 2023**

**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  
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**Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Mailing Address:** PO Box 155  
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.



## The End of Time

*Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left." Matthew 25:31-33*

Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! The Church liturgical year is set up in such a way that we ponder the entire life of Christ in different seasons and at different times. Advent is a preparation for the celebration of the first coming of Christ that also focuses upon the final coming. Christmas is a time to celebrate the Incarnation when the Son of God was made manifest to the world through His birth. Lent and Easter focus upon the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and Ordinary Time presents us with the many lessons and miracles of Jesus' public ministry. Additionally there are many special memorials, feasts and solemnities by which we intensely focus upon some particular person or aspect of our faith. Each feast and season is meant to help us delve more deeply into the mystery of faith that we celebrate.

This is the final Sunday of our Church year. Our focus today is the end of time when Jesus will return again to judge the living and the dead and establish His permanent and glorious Kingdom, visible to all. The *Catechism of the Church* describes this moment in time this way:

The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death (#1040).

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3**

**ADORATION**

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Julia Cervantes  
 †Salvador Sanchez  
 Tu 8:00 am †Arthur Hinnenkamp  
 We 8:00 am **NO MASS**  
 Th 8:00 am †Mildred Mueller  
 Fr 8:30 am †Arlene Arnzen  
 Sa 5:00 pm †††Sally, Gilbert, & Rick Klaphake  
 For the People  
 \*Su 10:00 am †Marcella Hinnenkamp  
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 Por las Familias Pequeda  
 Sanchez y Jimenez Pesqueda

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

We 8:15 am †Dec./Liv. Catholic United  
 Financial Members  
 Fr 8:15 am †Art Van Heel  
 Sa **8:00 am First Saturday Mass**  
 †Lori Scherping  
 †††Hubert, Florence, &  
 Marvin Lange  
 Su 8:00 am †Agnes Job

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am †Florence "Flossie" Hoppe  
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa**

Tu 8:15 am Herman Wiechman  
 Su 10:00 am ††Al & Esther Beuning

**ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 8:00 am †Lisa Schoenberg  
 Su 10:00 am ††John & Dorine Schwagel

**ST. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am †Otto Thelen  
 Sa 4:00 pm ††Cel & Rose Uphoff

**ST. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am **NO MASS**  
 Su 8:00 am †Rosie Meyer



**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, November 29  
 9:00 am Friday, December 1 will continue  
 until 8:00 am Saturday, December 2

**\*Mass will be livestreamed.**  
 Visit: [oneinfaith.org](http://oneinfaith.org) for the YouTube link.

**ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**



**Office Closures** The parish offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Friday, December 8 in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**All Are Invited** to an evening with the St. John's Bible at St. Mary's Church in Melrose, Wednesday, November 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm. In 1998, Saint John's Abbey and University commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible. Tim Ternes will introduce us to this work of art that unites an ancient Benedictine tradition with the technology and vision of today, illuminating the Word of God for a new millennium.

**Adorers Needed:** The Tri-Parish invites all the faithful for a special opportunity to kick off the Advent season to grow in relationship with God. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, December 1 after the 8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport and extend through the night until the First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am on December 2. **If possible, we would like at least 2 households per shift.** Sign-up sheets are available at Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima or call or text Elisha Kemper 320-492-1229 or Darlene Engelmeyer 320-491-1357 to sign up. We cannot leave our Lord alone.

**Young Adult Group** will meet Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office in Freeport. We will be talking about Advent. There will be snacks provided. We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces, so bring your friends for a fun night! Contact Katie at 320-333-9871 or Alyssa at 320-429-0770 if you have any questions or ideas for future gatherings.

**Advent Enrichment Materials and Advent Brochures** with confessions opportunities, Advent Service Projects, Mass times, and more are available in the back of the churches. Feel free to take them to enhance your Advent.

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



**Parish News:**

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

- **Men's Group** will meet on December 3, December 10, and December 17. We will not meet today, Sunday, November 26.
- **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.



**Enriching Your Marriage** must be a top priority! Give each other the best CHRISTmas gift possible by attending the December 9 and 10 Marriage Encounter.

Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference Center in Farmington. Register at [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org). If you have questions please call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238 or email [mary@marriages.org](mailto:mary@marriages.org).

**Best Advent Ever** Most people spend the month before Christmas feeling overwhelmed, busy, anxious, and anything but peaceful. With so much worry, it's easy to miss out on the beauty and joy of Advent. Don't let that be you this year. Sign up for BEST ADVENT EVER and make the radical choice to slow down and spend just a few minutes each day immersed in God's word. Sign up at [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com).



**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Have you read The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine? Do you follow the Diocese of St. Cloud on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, or Instagram? Have you visited the diocesan websites for resources? All of these communication tools that inform us of the latest Catholic news are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Keep the news coming by contributing at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

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

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**  
 Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331  
 Church Basement 320-836-2191

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

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Total.....                  | \$12,451.75 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 9,230.00    |
| Plate/Loose .....           | 977.00      |
| Designated Funds.....       | 2,244.75    |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult Envelopes.....              | \$3,780.62        |
| Plate.....                        | 247.00            |
| <b>Total Weekly Contributions</b> | <b>\$4,027.62</b> |

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

|       |       |  |
|-------|-------|--|
| 11-19 | \$25  | John Rose - Melrose                    |
| 11-20 | \$25  | Lorraine Curto - Melrose               |
| 11-21 | \$25  | Ken Rausch - Prior Lake                |
| 11-22 | \$50  | Kristy Dockendorf - Grey Eagle         |
| 11-23 | \$125 | Victor & Florence Middendorf - Melrose |
| 11-24 | \$25  | Jennifer Seviour - Fargo               |
| 11-25 | \$25  | Alice A. Klasen - Melrose              |



**Calendar Raffle** We are in the last month! Please keep selling and purchasing calendar raffle tickets from the Parish Office, Magnifi Financial - Melrose Branch, or Freeport State Bank - Melrose Branch. All raffle tickets need to be turned in before the end of the year. Thank you for your support!

**Christmas Flowers...** If you wish to donate toward Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please put money in an envelope, include the name or names of the loved one, and mark it "Christmas Flowers." Thank You!

**New Ministry Schedules** are ready! Copies are in the kiosks if needed.

**Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card**

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, [www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys](http://www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys), it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of Church of St. Mary. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

**Thank You** to everyone who made a donation to St. Mary's Mission Society. If you would like to still send one, please feel free to place in an envelope marked Mission Society and add to the collection basket. Thank you and God bless you.

Other Donations

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Votive .....           | \$61.00 |
| School Support.....    | 51.00   |
| Thanksgiving.....      | 286.00  |
| Christmas Flowers..... | 20.00   |

Parish Events

|    |       |         |  |
|----|-------|---------|--|
| Tu | 11/28 | 7:10 pm | Knights of Columbus - NM                   |
| We | 11/29 |         | NO Adoration                               |
| We | 11/29 | 6:00 pm | Faith Formation Grade 2                    |
| We | 11/29 | 7:30 pm | Young Adult Group                          |
| Fr | 12/01 | 7:45 am | Individual Confessions                     |
| Fr | 12/01 | 9:00 am | 24 Hour Adoration Starts                   |
| Fr | 12/01 | 4:00 pm | Confirmation Service Project               |
| Sa | 12/02 | 8:00 am | 24 Hour Adoration Ends                     |
| Sa | 12/02 | 8:00 am | Confirmation Service Project               |
| Sa | 12/02 | 2:00 pm | Youth Event - New Year's - NM              |
| Su | 12/03 | 9:00 am | Catholic United Financial Mtg. & Breakfast |
| Su | 12/03 | 7:00 pm | Men's Group                                |

**2024 Calendars** are available in the back of the church.

**Welcome to our Parish...** We welcome Mike & Amy Current and their children, Liam & Jonathan, to our parish.

**Catholic United Financial #101** will be hosting a Membership Breakfast on Sunday, December 3 after the 8:00 am Mass. All members and their families are invited to attend. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, fellowship, goodie bags for the kids and Bingo for door prizes. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Shelf.



**One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs**

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money! A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.



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\*Gift cards are great gift ideas!

**Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Thursday, December 7**

7:00 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich

**Friday, December 8**

|          |                                     |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| 8:00 am  | St. Andrew, Greenwald (School Mass) |
| 8:15 am  | Sacred Heart, Freeport              |
| *8:30 am | St. Mary, Melrose (School Mass)     |
| 6:30 pm  | St. Mary, Melrose (Misa en Español) |
| 7:00 pm  | St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa          |
| 7:30 pm  | St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove   |
| 7:30 pm  | St. Michael, Spring Hill            |



**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**The Melrose Senior Center** will not have quilting again until after the first of the year.

**November 29, Wednesday**

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

**December 1, Friday**

◆ **Spring Hill Recreation Club Community Christmas Party** and annual meeting at 7:00 pm at Horseshoe bar. Food and drinks provided. Everyone is invited!

**December 6, 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.

**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult Envelopes .....             | \$2,193.08        |
| Plate.....                        | 359.00            |
| <b>Total Weekly Contributions</b> | <b>\$2,552.08</b> |

Other Donations

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Thanksgiving.....          | \$150.00 |
| Christmas.....             | 25.00    |
| Christmas Flowers.....     | 25.00    |
| Cash Bazaar.....           | 100.00   |
| Building/Maintenance ..... | 37.50    |

Parish Events

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Mo 11/27 6:30 pm | CUF Christmas Party       |
| Tu 11/28 7:10 pm | K of C Meeting            |
| We 11/29 6:00 pm | FF Grade 2 - FR           |
| We 11/29 7:30 pm | Young Adult Group - FR    |
| Th 11/30 7:00 am | Adoration                 |
| Th 11/30 6:30 pm | CUF Raffle Drawing        |
| Th 11/30 7:00 pm | Choir Practice            |
| Fr 12/01 4:00 pm | Confirmation Serv Proj-FR |
| Fr 12/01 9:00 am | 24 Hour Adoration - FR    |
| Sa 12/02 8:00 am | Confirmation Serv Proj-FR |
| Sa 12/02 8:00 am | 24 Hour Adoration Ends-FR |
| Sa 12/02 2:00 pm | Youth Event - New Year's  |
| Sa 12/02 3:30 pm | Individual Confessions    |
| Su 12/03 9:00 am | Private Party             |
| Su 12/03 7:00 pm | Men's Group - FR          |

**New Addition Update** Sheet rocking, taping, and mudding has been completed. Brick work has been completed on the north side and work has begun on the west side. Please prayerfully consider donating to this project.

**God's Housekeepers** for the Month of December: Sharon Salzer, Bettie Frieler, Jenna Thull and Jean Hopfer. 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.

**Sacrament of Confession**

• **Communal Celebration with Individual Confession:**

|           |            |         |                        |
|-----------|------------|---------|------------------------|
| Wednesday | December 6 | 5:00 pm | St. Mary, Melrose      |
|           |            | 7:00 pm | Sacred Heart, Freeport |
|           |            | 7:30 pm | St. Mary, Melrose      |
| Thursday  | December 7 | 7:30 pm | St. Andrew, Greenwald  |

• **Individual Celebration:**

|           |             |                    |                                   |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | December 19 | after 8:15 am Mass | St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa        |
| Wednesday | December 20 | 7:30 pm            | St. Andrew, Greenwald             |
|           |             | 7:30 pm            | St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove |
| Thursday  | December 21 | after 8:15 am Mass | Immaculate Conception, New Munich |
|           |             | 7:30 pm            | St. Mary, Melrose                 |
|           |             | 7:30 pm            | St. Michael, Spring Hill          |

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|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Fridays   | 7:45 am  | Sacred Heart, Freeport            |
| Saturdays | 3:30 pm  | St. Andrew, Greenwald             |
| Saturdays | 3:30 pm  | Immaculate Conception, New Munich |
| Saturdays | 4:30 pm  | St. Mary, Melrose                 |
| Sundays   | 12:00 pm | St. Mary, Melrose                 |



**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult Envelopes .....             | \$1,616.54        |
| Plate.....                        | 318.00            |
| <b>Total Weekly Contributions</b> | <b>\$1,934.54</b> |

Other Donations

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Christmas Flowers..... | \$45.00 |
| Thanksgiving.....      | 500.00  |

Parish Events

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tu 11/28 7:00 am  | Adoration                   |
| Tu 11/28 7:10 pm  | K of C Meeting - NM         |
| We 11/29 6:00 pm  | FF Grade 2 - FR             |
| We 11/29 7:30 pm  | Young Adult Group - FR      |
| Fr 12/01 9:00 am  | 24 Hour Adoration - FR      |
| Fr 12/01 4:00 pm  | Confirmation Serv Proj-FR   |
| Fr 12/01 7:30 pm  | Rosary                      |
| Sa 12/02 8:00 am  | 24 Hour Adoration Ends-FR   |
| Sa 12/02 8:00 am  | Confirmation Serv Proj-FR   |
| Sa 12/02 2:00 pm  | Youth Event New Year's - NM |
| Su 12/03 11:00 am | CUF Mtg. & Christmas Party  |
| Su 12/03 7:00 pm  | Men's Group - FR            |

**St. Rose Christian Women** meeting and Christmas party will be Monday, December 4 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. Please bring a \$15 gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. Again, we will provide wine for a happy hour for Pine Villa residents. If you would like to donate please bring to the Christmas party. Hope to see many of you there.

**Lost & Found:** Earbuds found by the church in St. Rosa. If you think they are yours, please call Donna at 320-250-6342.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total .....</b>          | <b>\$1,196.60</b> |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 419.00            |
| Children.....               | 4.80              |
| Plate/Loose .....           | 87.05             |
| Votives.....                | 115.75            |
| Cemetery.....               | 20.00             |
| Fuel Fund.....              | 300.00            |
| Thanksgiving.....           | 250.00            |

Liturgical Ministries

**Sunday, December 3 - 10:00 am**

- (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
- (L) Lisa Wuertz
- (U) Peter Wuertz & Randy Barten
- (EM) (B) Grace Lange
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
- (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
- (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
- (HK: Nov. 26 - Dec. 9) Cyndi Schulzetenberg, Sharon Schulzetenberg, & Mary Ann Spanier

**Annual Meeting & Christmas Party**

St. Michael's Parishioners who are members of Catholic United Financial Council #126 will have their annual meeting and Christmas party on Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 pm in the church basement. Kids games start at 1:00 pm and Santa will come at 2:30 pm. There will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome.

**St. Mary's Mission** Christmas party

will be Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 pm in the church basement. There will be a \$5 gift exchange and pot luck lunch. New members are welcome.



**Christmas Flowers or Monetary Offering**

If anyone prefers to make a monetary offering for Christmas Flowers, please put a note along with your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers and flowers will be purchased for you before Christmas. If you choose to buy flowers yourself, bring them to the back of the Church any time and mark them appropriately.



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


◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Total .....                  | \$2,172.00 |
| Regular Adult Offering ..... | 1,382.00   |
| Plate/Loose .....            | 49.00      |
| Votives.....                 | 11.00      |
| Fuel Fund.....               | 30.00      |
| All Saints' Day.....         | 300.00     |
| Thanksgiving.....            | 400.00     |

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, December 2 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk  
 (L) Isaiah Gilk  
 (U) Gary Bertram & Dan Boecker  
 (GB) David & Marilyn Welle  
 (EM) (B) Clarine Beier  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - December) \*Marilyn Welle, Doreen Wenker, Lucy Wessel, Bev Winter, Carol Winter, & Kris Winter

**Baptized in Christ...**  
 Parker Michael Schwieters

 **Christmas Flowers...**If you would like to donate toward Christmas Flowers, in memory of a loved one, please put a note along with your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers. Thank you!


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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Total .....                 | \$8,885.25 |
| Regular Adult Offering..... | 1,564.00   |
| Children.....               | 3.25       |
| Plate/Loose .....           | 197.00     |
| Votives.....                | 51.00      |
| Donations.....              | 5,700.00   |
| Fuel Fund.....              | 370.00     |
| Thanksgiving.....           | 1,000.00   |

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, December 3 - 8:00 am**

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk  
 (L) Jim Leukam  
 (U) Gene Imdieke & Herb Imdieke  
 (GB) Dean & Karen Meyer  
 (EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - December) \*Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke, Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, & Mary Kay Leukam

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**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

**Formación en la fe:** Información de contacto: [Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

•**Grados 7/8 - próxima clase requerida** - Miércoles, 29 de noviembre, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Iglesia de Santa María. ¡Tim Ternes estará aquí para darnos una presentación multimedia sobre la Biblia de San Juan! En 1998, la Abadía y la Universidad de San Juan encargaron al renombrado calígrafo Donald Jackson que produjera una Biblia escrita e iluminada a mano. Tim nos presentará esta obra de arte que une una antigua tradición benedictina con la tecnología y la visión de hoy, iluminando el mundo iluminando la Palabra de Dios para un nuevo milenio.

•**Grados 4-6, 9-12 y padres:** El miércoles 29 de noviembre no es una noche de clase obligatoria para ustedes, pero todos están invitados a asistir a la presentación bíblica de San Juan. Tim es un ex maestro de escuela primaria y hace un trabajo fabuloso al presentar esta increíble obra de arte de una manera entretenida y comprensible.

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



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

**Si desea, ofrecer una misa** por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo o matrimonio, 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.

**Prayer Requests...**

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

**For the Sick:** Meaghan Hickman, Shari Salina, Joe Salina, Lynn Bussmann MacRae

**Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

- Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny 248-8830
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**The Scriptures This Week**

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

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| <b>Mo</b> Dn 1:1-6, 8-20   | Lk 21:1-4                  |
| <b>Tu</b> Dn 2:31-45   | Lk 21:5-11                 |
| <b>We</b> Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28                                  | Lk 21:12-19                |
| <b>Th</b> <b>Saint Andrew, Apostle</b><br>Rom 10:9-18                    | Mt 4:18-22                 |
| <b>Fr</b> Dn 7:2-14  | Lk 21:29-33                |
| <b>Sa</b> Dn 7:15-27   | Lk 21:34-36                |
| <b>Next Sunday - First Sunday of Advent</b><br>Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9<br>Mk 13:33-37 |

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Prayers, Mass, and Celebration

Saturday, December 9

St. Mary's, Melrose

**Morning:**

- 5:30 am Rosary (Spanish)
- 6:00 am Songs to Mary (Spanish)
- 7:00 am Hot Chocolate & Breads served

**Evening:**

- 5:30 pm Bilingual Mass
- 6:30 pm Ethnic Food & Fellowship

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena will start on December 1**



## FAITH FORMATION

### Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org)

- **Grade 1, 3-6 Next Class:** Wednesday, November 29. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 pm. Meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm Sauk Centre High School Auditorium. Steve Angrisano. Internationally recognized Catholic composer, presenter, and passionate music missionary. Always rooted in humility and faithfulness, Steve's highly effective and authentic style of ministry springs from his deep love for Jesus Christ. Evening will end with Adoration. Students are expected to attend. This is considered a classroom night. Students will need to be dropped off at 6:50 pm and picked up at the Sauk Centre High School Auditorium.
- **Grade 1-12: Winter Family Fellowship Night NOTE DATE CHANGE** Wednesday, December 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Families are strongly encouraged to join us for a fun night of activities, snacks, and fellowship. This is in place of class. All students are expected to attend. We will be making tie fleece blankets to donate to the Melrose Ambulance. Donations are being accepted to help cover the costs for this project. You are welcome to make a monetary donation, a donation of fleece (minimum of 1 1/2 yard length), and/or your time to help assemble the blankets.

### Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

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- **Grades 7/8 - next required class -** Wednesday, November 29, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. St. Mary's Church. Tim Ternes will be here to give us a multimedia presentation about the St. John's Bible! In 1998, Saint John's Abbey and University commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible. Tim will introduce us to this work of art that unites an ancient Benedictine tradition with the technology and vision of today, illuminating the Word of God for a new millennium.
- **Grades 4-6, 9-12 and parents:** Wednesday, November 29 is *not* a required class night for you, but you are all invited to come to the St. John's Bible presentation. Tim is a former elementary school teacher, and he does a fabulous job of presenting this amazing work of art in an entertaining and understandable way.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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- ♥ **Bible Study** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 29.
- ♥ **New Year's Party** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Saturday, December 2 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church Basement. We will be celebrating the beginning of a new church year. Join us as we prepare for Advent, play games, and more. We will end with Mass at 4:00 pm.
- ♥ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 22-24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaways 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](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org) or 320-836-214, or Pam Pundsack at [pam@stmarysofmelrose.org](mailto:pam@stmarysofmelrose.org) or 320-256-9503 with questions.

## ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2



**Holiday Décor** Do you need a spray for your door, a tabletop tree for your table, or a beautiful poinsettia? The Tri-Parish Youth Group has some available for purchase as part of their annual fundraiser. Contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to purchase. This is a great way to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group and enjoy beautiful holiday décor.

**Christ the King Retreat Center** in Buffalo hold 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](http://www.kingshouse.com).

- Men's Silent Retreat - December 1-3 (Weekend)
- Advent Day of Prayer - December 6 (Wednesday)
- Advent Silent Retreat for Men & Women - December 8-10 (Weekend)



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## Public Rosary...

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

*All are invited and welcome!*

- Tuesdays at 7:00 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.



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- ♥**Conferences:** We finished up our conferences last week. Thank you teachers for putting in extra time and thank you to the parents that took time to come in and meet to discuss your students progress so far this year. Also, thank you to all the parents that brought in food, treats and snacks for the teachers all week.
- ♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, November 29 will be planned Ms. Hoeschen and the 4th grade students.
- ♥**Top 20:** The 2nd grade class will present their Top 20 on Thursday, November 30.
- ♥**Calendar Raffle Begins:** SHS is starting their Calendar Raffle this week. If you are interested in a calendar, please reach out to a SHS family or you can pick one up in the office. They are \$25 each - over \$10,000 in prizes and 367 chances to win.
- ♥**Freeport Santa Days** is coming up on Friday, December 1 and it will be hosted at the Sacred Heart School gym again this year. Please watch the Chamber and SHS Facebook pages for more information.

- ♦**For Advent,** the students and staff at St. Mary's will collect new socks for men, women, girls, and boys of all ages, to be given to Melrose Food Shelf, Eagle's Healing Nest, Place of Hope, and Anna Marie's Alliance. Please feel free to drop off socks when you go to Mass or leave them at the school entrance.
- ♦**No School** on December 1 for students. It is a staff retreat day.
- ♦**Advent Prayer Services** will be held on the following Mondays: December 4, 11, and 18 at 2:15 pm in the school gym. You are welcome to join us.
- ♦**Reconciliation:** Students in grades 3-6 receive reconciliation this coming week.
- ♦**St. Mary's Christmas Program** at the Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, on Wednesday, December 13, at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. Little Saints program on Wednesday, December 15, at 9:30 am in the SMS gym.
- ♦**Auction 4 Education** St. Mary's Catholic School's 22nd Annual Auction 4 Education will be held on Saturday, March 2, at the Legion. The theme this year is Down on the Farm.

- Harry's Pizza Sale** It's time to stock up for the holidays! SJSA students are selling Harry's Pizza November 22 - December 7. You can also order pizzas by calling the school at 320-987-3133 or fill out the order form that will be in next week's bulletin. Pizza pick-up is Saturday, December 16 Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!
- Advent** SJSA students will gather the Monday mornings of Advent to light the Advent wreath and offer Advent prayers. The students will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Melrose Area Food Shelf December 4 - 15 as their Advent Service Project. If you would like to contribute, please drop your items off at the school.
- Three Wisemen and A Baby...** SJSA students will present *Three Wisemen and A Baby* on Tuesday, December 19 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. Refreshments will be served in the school basement after each program.
- No School** at SJSA on Friday, December 1.

## Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

11/19 \$25 Mike Moscho - Freeport  
 11/20 \$25 Mary Spanier - Paynesville  
 11/21 \$25 Kay Sawyer - Melrose  
 11/22 \$25 Shirley Stoerman - Melrose  
 11/23 \$120 Melvin Kalthoff - Melrose  
 11/24 \$25 Aaron Bayer - Paynesville  
 11/25 \$25 Bethanie Eittle - Freeport



## The End of Time con.'t from page 1

God is truly a mystery. He is the greatest of mysteries. As a mystery, God is forever the unknown in the sense that He is endless and eternal. He has revealed Himself to us but we will forever enter deeper into our knowledge of Him because of His infinite and endless nature. This is important to understand because when we contemplate the many mysteries God has revealed, we must approach them as both known and unknown. Our solemnity today is one of those mysteries.

Of this great moment in time, we know that the Son of God will return to earth to issue forth His final judgment upon all the living and the dead. It will be the final moment of time as we know it now. The dead will rise and our bodies and souls will be reunited. The just will enter the glorious New Heavens and Earth. Those in mortal sin will be condemned for eternity. The world will no longer be a fallen world. All illness and disorder in nature will be eliminated. Peace will ensue and perfect order will be established. God will be the universal King and will govern this new world forever.

As we celebrate this glorious mystery of our faith, we must accept and believe all that we know about it. But as we do, we must also approach it with deep humility, admitting to ourselves that we will never fully comprehend the awesomeness of that day until it comes. No earthly concept will ever come close to fully describing that moment in time, but we must adhere to our belief in it with a profound and unwavering faith.

Reflect, today, with a deep faith, upon this glorious and definitive moment in time still to come. On that day, all that will matter is how faithful you have been to the will of God. Your charity will become an open book for all to see, and the rewards for your charity will remain with you forever. As you think about that day with faith, allow it to encourage you to do all you can today to prepare for the Last Judgment. When that day comes, it will be too late to change. Get ready today and tomorrow and every day of your life so that when Jesus does return in all His glory, it will be the most glorious day of your life.

*Most glorious and universal King of the Universe, I believe and profess with a firm faith that You will return again to judge the living and the dead and will establish Your glorious Kingdom that will never end. Please help me to understand the greatness of that moment and to do all I can, every day of my life, to prepare for it so that it is, indeed, the beginning of the best day of my life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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