



# 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

## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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### Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

### Confession Times

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

### Marriage

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

### Baptism & RCIA

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

### Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion

### Pastoral Visitation

### Joining/Leaving a Parish

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.



## *A Manifestation to the World*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “*Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*” Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them “fishers of men.” He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God’s call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

*Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life. May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 8 - 14** **ADORATION**

**ST. MARY - Melrose**  
 Mo **NO Misa en Español**  
 Tu 8:00 am †Valeria Braun  
 We 8:00 am †Jan Barth  
 Th **NO Mass**  
 Fr 8:30 am **SMS Mass**  
 †Colleen Butte  
 Sa 5:00 pm ††Sylvester & Alvina Woeste  
 For the People  
 \*Su 10:00 am †Ralph Muellner  
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 Primer Aniversario luctuoso de  
 Gilberto Orozco Vazquez

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**  
 We 8:15 am †Pat Schleper  
 Fr 8:15 am †John Gross  
 Su 8:00 am †Walter Beuning Anniversary

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

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**  
 Th 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Catholic  
 Order of Foresters Members  
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa**  
 Tu 8:15 am †Rosie Middendorf  
 Su 10:00 am †Cyril Scherer

**ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**  
 Tu **NO Mass**  
 Su 10:00 am †Mike Frank

**ST. ANDREW - Greenwald**  
 Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**  
 †Luella Marthaler  
 †Joan Marthaler/Gerads  
 Sa 4:00 pm †Mathias "Matt" Welle

**ST. JOHN - Meire Grove**  
 We **NO Mass**  
 Su 8:00 am †Raphael Imdieke



**St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa**  
**NO Adoration** Tuesday, January 9  
**Immaculate Conception - New Munich**  
**NO Adoration** Thursday, January 11  
**St. Mary - Melrose**  
 First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm  
 in Spanish (en Español)  
**Sacred Heart - Freeport**  
**NO Adoration** Wednesday, January 10  
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Prayer Requests for the Sick** If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please email [bulletin@catholic-centered.org](mailto:bulletin@catholic-centered.org) or call one of the parish offices.

**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. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, January 10. There will be a slight change in the evening. We will begin in the Sacred Heart Church basement with a presentation by Catholic United Financial, and then we will go back to the office where we will continue our discussion on the Catholic Mass and share some snacks. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

**Bulletin Advertisements** Thank you to all who have chosen to advertise on the back of our One In Faith Area Catholic Community bulletin for the upcoming year! It is greatly appreciated, and we hope it is beneficial to your business as well. There are still spots open on the back of the bulletin. If you are interested in advertising or have questions, please contact Amy Hoeschen at 320-836-2143.

**Updating Contact Information** Please notify the respective parish office to add, remove, or modify phone numbers, addresses, and any other information that has changed. If you are receiving contribution envelopes and do not wish to, or have not been receiving them and want to, please contact the respective parish office.

**Adoration with Praise & Worship Music** Wednesday, January 17 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Come spend time with the Lord in Adoration and music.

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

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

- **Blessed Epiphany Items** Salt, chalk, and water will be available for use in your homes after the weekend Masses, January 6/7. Please remember the chalk is blessed. After using the chalk, please return it to the church or Tri-Parish Office, or bury it in the ground.
- **Men's Group** The next meeting will be Sunday, January 14 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Freeport.

**Bishop Neary's Pastoral Letter** In light of the National Eucharistic Revival, an initiative of the U.S. bishops aiming to inspire, educate and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, St. Cloud Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C., was moved by the Holy Spirit to write his very first pastoral letter, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The letter can be found at <https://stcdio.org/bishop-nearys-2023-pastoral-letter/>.

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

**SHS Mini Courses** Sacred Heart School is planning for an afternoon of Mini Courses during Catholic Schools week (January 24) taught by teachers, parents, or members of the community. Do you have a skill, craft, hobby or any type of project that you would be able to teach to a small group of students? If so, call Kristie Harren at 320-836-2591.



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

**"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people."** Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office by email: [Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org) or 320-251-5001.


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

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


Total.....	\$19,809.91
Regular Adult Offering.....	10,378.00
Plate/Loose .....	1,034.41
Designated Funds.....	8,397.50

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

12-31	\$1,000	Becky Hiltner - Melrose
01-01	\$25	Karen Kerfeld - Freeport
01-02	\$25	Arturo Salgado - Sauk Centre
01-03	\$25	Ed or Cary Golebiowski - Elk River
01-04	\$25	Shelly Wiechmann - Melrose
01-05	\$25	Pete Tylutki - Melrose
01-06	\$25	Melanie Wensmann - Melrose



**St. Mary's Mission Society** will meet on Wednesday, January 10 at St. Mary's Church at 8:45 am. All are welcome!

 **Refreshments** There will be refreshments served after all the Masses this next weekend, January 13-14 at St. Mary's. Please plan to come and stay awhile!

**Epiphany Blessing**

20+C+M+B+24

The numbers represent the year (2024).  
 The letters represent both the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasat) and the phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which is Latin for "May Christ Bless the House."

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$5,915.62
Plate.....	5,297.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$11,212.62</b>

**Other Donations**

Votive .....	\$187.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine .....	25.00
School Support .....	20.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	2,250.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	1,565.00
Solemnity of Mary Plate.....	186.00

**Parish Events**

Tu	01/09	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	01/10		<b>NO</b> Adoration
We	01/10	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	01/10	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
We	01/10	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples
Fr	01/12	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	01/12	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	01/14	7:00 pm	Men's Group

**Baptized in Christ...** We welcome **Kinzey Rose Rademacher**, the daughter of Kyle & Brooke Rademacher, to our parish. Kinzey Rose was baptized on Saturday, December 30.



**Thank You** The Freeport Christian Women would like to thank everyone who donated items to our Baby Shower for Jesus. All the items were dropped off with Options for Women in Sauk Centre and will bring joy to those who need it most.



**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 .....	\$2,387.08
Plate.....	290.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,677.08</b>

**Other Donations**

Thanksgiving/Fuel.....	\$1,500.00
Building/Maintenance .....	37.50
Christmas Envelopes.....	695.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	816.00
Solemnity of Mary Plate.....	62.00
Boiler.....	1,780.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes .....	\$1,966.54
Plate.....	426.20
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,392.74</b>

**Other Donations**

Thanksgiving.....	\$25.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	1,565.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	855.00
Solemnity of Mary Plate.....	81.26

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,541.75</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	763.00
Children.....	14.25
Plate/Loose .....	133.00
Votives.....	158.50
Maintenance.....	770.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	243.00
Christmas.....	1,460.00

**Parish Events**

Su 01/07 10:30 am	Family Gathering
We 01/10 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 01/10 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 01/10 7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Th 01/11	NO Adoration
Sa 01/13 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 01/14 7:00 pm	Men's Group—FR


**Parish Events**

Tu 01/09	NO Adoration
Tu 01/09 9:00 am	Quilting
We 01/10 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 01/10 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 01/10 7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Fr 01/12 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 01/14 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR


**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, January 14 - 10:00 am**


(S) Sam Orbeck & Kenny Niehoff  
 (L) Katherine Orbeck  
 (U) Rick Terres & Robert Van Drehle  
 (EM) (B) Grace Lange  
 (EM) (C) Allen Lieser & Gary P. Lieser  
 (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd  
 (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes  
 (CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres  
 (HK: January 7-20)  
 Maggie Terres, Jenn Tschida, & Renee VanDrehle

**Thank You** to the Catholic United Financial for their donation of \$1,000 matching grant to be used for Faith Formation and their donation of \$250 for ministree.

 **Boiler Update:** The new boilers are installed and up and running. The cost for replacement was a little over \$54,000. Currently, donations of \$13,210 have come in. Please consider donating to this need.

**New Addition Update** The elevator has arrived! It is in many parts and installation has begun. Painting is also underway. Installation of windows should also begin soon. At this time, a little over \$952,000 has been donated, pledged, or loaned to this project that is estimated at \$1,000,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this project and helping meet the needed goal.


 **God's Housekeepers** for the month of January: Cathy Sand, Tami Funk, Amy Van Beck and Shelly 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** All are invited to help quilt the festival quilts starting Tuesday, January 9 at 9:00 am. We will quilt every Tuesday. Lunch is provided.




**Who Doesn't Enjoy Coffee And Rolls?**  
 Everyone is invited for this free treat after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 14. Hosted by Catholic United of St. Michael's.

**New Ministry Schedules** are available on the website and in the church.

**Rosary Rally** Please join us for a rosary rally Saturday, January 20 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill. 

**A Special Thanks** to all the people who have volunteered their time to help make our Church inviting and beautiful this Christmas. Thank you also for the generous Christmas donations as well as the flower contributions.

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

**Catholic United Financial** 

**Calendar Raffle Winners**  
**December 2023**

12-25	\$200	Pam Broughton
12-26	\$40	Ken Schaefer
12-27	\$40	Mary Krueger
12-28	\$40	Richard Holdvogt
12-29	\$40	Brent Funk
12-30	\$40	June Schwieters
12-31	\$100	Hugo Massmann

**Banns of Matrimony:**  
 III Gracie Drossel♥Zachery Boeckermann, 1/13 Melrose

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

**Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

•Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny	248-8830
•Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	837-5321
•St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	333-8461
•St. Mary's	256-3878

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

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

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,844.00</b>
Regular Adult Offering .....	1,120.00
Children.....	17.00
Plate/Loose .....	164.00
Votives.....	25.00
Maintenance.....	30.00
Christmas.....	2,225.00
Retirement for Religious.....	10.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	253.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,034.75</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,819.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose .....	131.00
Votives.....	47.00
Donations.....	200.00
Fuel Fund.....	300.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	387.00
Christmas.....	145.00
Crib.....	5.50

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

- **Clase de Confirmación: Próxima Clase:** Miércoles, 10 de enero en la Iglesia de Santa María de 7:00 a 8:30 pm. Estudiantes y mentor/padrino/padre.
- **Confirmación - Rito de Llamada** Los estudiantes y padres/tutores, por favor elijan 1 Misa para asistir en cualquiera de las 4 parroquias el fin de semana del 13 y 14 de enero.
- **Primera Comunión: Centros de Aprendizaje:** Sábado 14 de enero en la Iglesia de Santa María de 11:15 am a 12:15 pm. Esta es una reunión para estudiantes y padres también. ¡Aprenderás información importante sobre el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, que celebraremos el próximo fin de semana, el 20 de enero!

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, January 13 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Gretta Kasper & Leo Kasper  
 (L) Cassandra Kettner  
 (U) Roger Schoenberg & Mark Silbernick  
 (GB) Paul & Kathy Buermann  
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny  
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Dustin Gregory  
 (HK - January) \*Donna Worms, Laurel Worms, Kristen Young, Wanda Ahrens, Angie Barten, Ann Barten


**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, January 14 - 8:00 am**

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk  
 (L) Jim Leukam  
 (U) Andrew Primus & John Primus  
 (GB) John & GERALYN Primus  
 (EM) (B) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer  
 (EM) (C) Elmer Meyer & Abby Zenzen  
 (HK - January) \*Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Charlene Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer

**Festival de Familias Diocesana:** ¿Estás buscando diversión familiar en el medio de invierno? Únase a nosotros en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en Sauk Rapids el 11 de febrero, de 10:30 AM a 3:00 PM para un día de diversión celebrando nuestra fe católica. El costo es de solo \$20 por familia (sin importar el tamaño de la familia) e incluirá un carnaval gratuito, juegos familiares, almuerzo, actividades apropiadas para la edad y misa con el Obispo Neary. Registra a tu familia en: <https://stedio.org/event/festival-of-families/>

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**“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”**

Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

**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 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.


**The Scriptures This Week**  
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

<b>Mo</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9	Mk 1:7-11
<b>Tu</b>	<b>First Week in Ordinary Time</b> 1 Sm 1:9-20	Mk 1:21-28
	<b>OR</b>	
	1 Sm 1:1-8 & 1:9-20	Mk 1:14-20 & 1:21-28
<b>We</b>	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	Mk 1:29-39
<b>Th</b>	1 Sm 4:1-11	Mk 1:40-45
<b>Fr</b>	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	Mk 2:1-12
<b>Sa</b>	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Mk 2:13-17
<b>Next Sunday - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19	1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

**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.

## 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, January 10. Classroom Lesson. Meet in the Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 10 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 10: Confirmation Student and Parent Interviews:** Wednesday, January 17. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.

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

Contact Information:

[faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- **Confirmation Class: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 10 at St. Mary's Church from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Students and mentor/sponsor/parent.
  - **Confirmation - Rite of Calling** Students and parents/guardians, please chose 1 Mass to attend at any of the 4 parishes on the weekend of January 13/14.
- **First Communion: Learning Centers:** Sunday, January 14 at St. Mary's Church from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm. This is a gathering for students and parents too. You will learn some important information about the Sacrament of Reconciliation which we will be celebrating the next weekend January 20.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

[csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org) or [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- ♥ **Pizza Making & Games for Grades 9-12** Wednesday, January 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church Basement. Join us as we make homemade pizzas and play card games and board games. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish website: [www.sacredheartfreeport.org](http://www.sacredheartfreeport.org). Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 10.
- ♥ **Middle School Lock-In for Grades 6 - 8:** Saturday - Sunday, January 27 - 28 starting with 7:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids and ending at 6:00 am at the St. Cloud YMCA. This lock-in will have Mass, great food, swimming, dodgeball, gaga ball, prayer opportunities, wallyball, a silent disco, game shows, and so much more. Come together with other youth in our diocese, make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat great food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$40 prior to January 18 and \$50 January 19 - 24. Registration forms are available on the parish website [sacredheartfreeport.org](http://sacredheartfreeport.org). Contact Chrystal Sand at [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org) or 320-836-2143 with questions.
- ♥ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 22 - 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 51 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$190. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 31 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at [csand@catholic-centered.org](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.
- ♥ **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 Catholic Schools Dinner & Auction Fundraisers



♦ **SHS 29th Annual Wine & Dine** Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, January 27. We will have an online Silent Auction (more info to follow in the next few weeks) as well as a live auction on the night of the event. The fundraiser will also include a \$100 cash raffle with a top prize of \$20,000. Dinner and Raffle tickets are available from all SHS families as well as at the school and parish offices. We will also be selling after Masses in the Tri-Parish this weekend as well as January 13-14 and 20-21.



♦ **The 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 free-will 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 10:00 am Masses, at St. Mary's School/Church, and 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>.



♦ **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!

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

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

### January 10, Wednesday

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

♦ **Melrose Area Senior Citizens** are hosting their January Soup Luncheon from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in the Senior Citizens Center in the lower level of the Melrose City Offices. Free will offering. All are welcome. If anyone would like to bring a soup or bread, please contact Pat Seanger at 320-248-6630.

### January 14, Sunday

♦ **Coffee and Rolls** after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Michael's Parish in Spring Hill. Hosted by Catholic United of St. Michael's.

### January 17, Wednesday

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

### January 18, Thursday

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

### January 27, Saturday

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

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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♥ **Thank You** from Sacred Heart School students and staff to the Freeport Lions for providing a Bingo party for us before Christmas break.

♥ **On Friday, January 5**, some of the SHS students presented the nativity portion of the Christmas Program for the residents at the Pine Villa Care Center in Melrose.

♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, January 10 will be planned by Mrs. Berg and the 2nd grade students.

♥ **Sacred Heart School Board** meets on Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 pm.

♥ **Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated at SHS the week of January 21-26. The Tri-Parish Catholic Schools Week Mass will be on Sunday, January 21 at the 8:00 am Mass in Freeport.

♥ **SHS Wine & Dine Dinner/Auction and Cash Raffle** will be held on Saturday, January 27 at the Freeport Community Center. Please see note in ACC news.

### Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

01/01	\$250	Cory Sundell - St. Stephen
01/01	\$50	Mary Hoppe - Albany
01/02	\$25	Pam & Kris Pundsack - Freeport
01/03	\$25	Sianna Mayers - Freeport
01/04	\$25	Samuel Scherping - Albany
01/05	\$25	Jean Hellermann - Melrose
01/06	\$25	Dacia Patrick - St. Stephen



♦ **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 the 10:00 am Mass 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>.

♦ **Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated from Sunday, January 28 through Saturday, February 3. We will celebrate Catholic Schools at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 28. Breakfast is also served from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the school gym.

♦ **Family Life Program** A representative from the St. Cloud Diocese Office of Family Life will present a program on chastity to the 5th and 6th graders on Wednesday, January 10.

♦ **Sr. Suzanne will visit SJSA** and paint with the 4th graders the afternoon of Wednesday, January 10.

♦ **Stearns Electric will present a program** on Electricity and Safety on Thursday, January 11 to the 3rd and 4th graders.

♦ **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](http://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!

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

**Christ the King Retreat Center** in Buffalo holds retreats throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com).

- Men's Silent Retreat - January 12-14 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - January 19-21 (Weekend)

**Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group:** Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We will meet at 7:00 pm on Saturday, January 13 at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

**March for Life** will be held Monday, January 22 in St. Paul. A prayer service for life will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30 am followed by the MCCL March for Life at the Minnesota Capitol from 12:00-1:00 pm. Visit <https://stcdio.org/event/march-for-life-2024/> for more info.



### 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.

**\*Gift cards are great Christmas gift ideas!**



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