



# 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 of Lent

March 10, 2024

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

**Melrose - Spring Hill -  
Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
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](mailto: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.



Seeking  
the  
Full  
Truth

Jesus said to Nicodemus: *“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”* John 3:14-15

The line quoted above concludes a dialogue that Jesus had with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. This is the first of three times Nicodemus is mentioned in the Gospel of John. The second time he appears is when he reminds the other members of the Sanhedrin that a man must be first heard before he is condemned. The third time was when Jesus was killed and Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes to prepare Jesus' body for burial.

Jesus was not accepted by most of the Pharisees and within the Sanhedrin. For that reason, Nicodemus was taking a risk by going to him at night to talk. But Jesus clearly senses faith in the heart of Nicodemus, which is why when Nicodemus asks Jesus about His teaching, Jesus answers him. Unlike the other Pharisees, Nicodemus was not trying to trap our Lord; he sincerely wanted to understand.

At the beginning of this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, Nicodemus professes the beginning of faith in Jesus when he says, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him” (John 3:2). Interestingly, Jesus then speaks to Nicodemus in figures of speech, saying that one can only enter the Kingdom of God when they are “born from above” and “born from water and the Spirit.” Nicodemus tries to understand but fails. Jesus then gently rebukes him by saying, “You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?” (John 3:10). Jesus then goes on to speak further in symbolic language and figures of speech, concluding with the beginning of today's Gospel quoted above when He speaks in a veiled way about His coming crucifixion.

One thing that is important to understand from this dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus is that Jesus' language is veiled in symbolic language because, even though Nicodemus was on the right path, he was not yet ready for the full revelation of the Gospel. He could not yet fully comprehend all that our Lord came to reveal. Thus, Jesus spoke in veiled language and invited Nicodemus to keep seeking its hidden meaning.

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 11 - 17**

**ADORATION**

**St. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Eva Ramierz  
 †Paula Ramierz

Tu 8:00 am ††Lawrence & Melania Wenning  
 We 8:00 am †Jeffrey Hinnenkamp  
 Th 8:00 am †Lydia Schulzetenberg  
 \*Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**  
 ††Ervin & Virginia Klaphake

Sa 5:00 pm †Cheyenne Pundsack  
 For the People

\*Su 10:00 am †Lorraine Imdieke  
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Sergio Hernandez Chavez

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am †Dec./Liv. Members of the  
 Dan & Bette Frieler Family

Sa 4:00 pm For the People

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

Tu 8:15 am †Arlene Arnzen Anniversary  
**Su 8:00 am** †Dec./Liv. Catholic United  
 Financial Members

**St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 8:00 am †Sarah Harkins  
 Su 10:00 am †Marcella Lieser

**St. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**  
 ††Cyril & Olivia Schwieters

Sa 4:00 pm †Peter Van Beck

**St. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †Joyce Yarke  
 †Virgil Rademacher

Su 8:00 am ††Edwin & Marcella 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, March 13  
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



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

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**  
 †Dec. Members of the  
 Al & Val Braun Family

Fr 8:15 am †Dennis Heidgerken  
**Su 10:00 am First Communion Mass**  
 First Communicants

**ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parish News:**

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

- **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated March 16/17. All who are suffering from serious physical, mental, or spiritual sickness, including the elderly and those who are scheduled to have surgery, are invited to celebrate this sacrament, to receive the strength, courage, peace, and healing gift of the Holy Spirit. There will also be health care professionals at the churches to provide basic screening services such as taking blood pressures, etc.
- **COAR** will be making an upcoming mission appeal on the weekend of March 16/17, asking for your prayers, awareness, and generosity. Founded in 1980 at the beginning of El Salvador's civil war, COAR is the Community of Oscar A. Romero, a school, foster care facility, clinic and other services for the impoverished children of El Salvador. More information is available at [www.coarpeacemission.org](http://www.coarpeacemission.org), 216-269-1710. Donations are payable to our parish, placed into the 2nd collection, or brought or mailed to the parish later with "COAR" in the memo.

**Mass Time Change/Switch:**

- First Communion for Sacred Heart, St. Rose of Lima, and Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 am. This will be the only Mass in Freeport that morning. St. Rose of Lima will have the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 17.
- Due to First Communion at St. Andrew's, the Mass times for the weekend of April 20/21 will change. There will be a 4:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's in Spring Hill on Saturday, April 20, and a 10:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's in Greenwald on Sunday, April 21.

**BINGO:** Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on March 17 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch. Beverages are available for sale. Variety games: Good Neighbor Bingo and Blackout. There will also be a quilt raffle. Fun for the entire family. Sorry, no checks, cash only. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Society of Melrose.

**Colored Easter Eggs for Sale:** Order your dyed Easter eggs to support our Tri-Parish Youth. \$5.00 per dozen. Call the Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to place your order.



**Parish News:**

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

- **40 Cans For Lent** The Knights of Columbus will have a tote in the back of Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception and St. Rose of Lima Churches during Lent to collect food for the local food shelf. Please consider donating nonperishable food items for this cause. The Knights of Columbus also accepts cash donations for the food shelf. Thank you for supporting the Knights and the food shelf.



**Building Relationship with God:** Consider taking an hour break from the busyness of the world to come adore and spend time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. The Tri-Parish invites all the faithful for a special opportunity to kick off Holy Week to grow in relationship with God. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, March 22 after the 8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport and extend through the night until Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed around the clock, particularly after 2:00 pm on Friday. Sign-up sheets are available in all three parishes or call or text Jan Herzog 320-248-9262 or Sara Van Beck 320-241-3086 to sign up. We cannot leave our Lord alone.

**Communal Reconciliation Service** originally scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at St. Andrew's in Greenwald has been moved to **Tuesday, March 19**, due to the Diocesan Chrism Mass on the Thursday, March 21. Reconciliation will still be at 7:30 pm.

**Chrism Mass for the Diocese of St. Cloud** will be held Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud. This solemn liturgy takes place once a year at the Cathedral, during which Bishop Neary will consecrate the holy oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism) used in parishes of our diocese throughout the coming year.



**Spring Quarter Craze** Freeport Christian Women are hosting our Spring Quarter Craze on Monday, March 18 at the Freeport Community Center. Tickets are available for purchase at Decor & More in Melrose, (located inside True North Marketplace) and at the Freeport State Bank in Freeport (ask for Brenda). Tickets are just \$5.00 and only 75 tickets are sold. Doors open at 6:00 pm with the auction starting at 7:00 pm. Join us for a fun night!

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

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

Total.....	\$6,758.26
Regular Adult Offering .....	4,003.00
Plate/Loose .....	987.26
Designated Funds .....	597.00
Eastern Europe .....	1,171.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

03-03	\$25	JoAnn Tschida - Melrose
03-04	\$25	Eric & Jocie Meyer - St. Joseph
03-05	\$25	Maria Maleska - Melrose
03-06	\$25	Coltin Schmidt - New Munich
03-07	\$25	Allie Geertsema - Clearwater
03-08	\$50	Helen Jacobs - Melrose
03-09	\$25	Mitch & Kayla Ostendorf - Savage



**Lent And Charitable Organizations:** During Lent, our parish community will be learning about, praying for, and donating to a number of different charitable organizations, some local and some worldwide. You are invited to participate in any way you feel able!

We will highlight a different organization each week. We have already learned a little about Farm of the Child (a home and school for children in Central America) and St. Cloud Catholic Charities (a local agency that helps with food, clothing, housing, mental health and many other services). This weekend we will join the rest of the diocese in learning about the work of Catholic Relief Services.

We invite everyone to pray for the work that the people in these organizations do, as well as for the people they serve. If you would like to donate to any of these organizations, you can donate online (on the organization's website), or you can put cash or check in the wooden lock box in the gathering space. There are envelopes by the lockbox; please write on the envelope the name of the organization you are donating to. Stop by the display in the gathering space to learn more and see how you could be of help!

**Melrose Area Food Shelf** St. Mary's is also collecting items for the Melrose Area Food Shelf throughout Lent. There are donation suggestions in the gathering space; you can bring your donation back to church, and Faith Formation families will deliver the donations to the Food Shelf. Thank you!



**Public Rosary...**

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.  
 All are invited and welcome!



- Tuesdays at 7:30 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,334.54
Plate.....	528.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$4,862.54</b>

**Other Donations**

Votive .....	\$176.00
School Support .....	50.00
Easter Flowers.....	285.00
Rice Bowl .....	25.00
Easter .....	110.00
Holy Land .....	25.00

**Parish Events**

Su	03/10	8:30 am	Freeport Lions Breakfast
Su	03/10	7:00 pm	Men's Group
We	03/13	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
We	03/13		No Adoration
We	03/13	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	03/13	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
We	03/13	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Fr	03/15	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	03/15	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	03/15	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	03/17	10:00 am	First Communion Mass
Su	03/17	11:00 am	Private Event
Su	03/17	6:30 pm	Catholic United Financial Meeting
Su	03/17	7:00 pm	Men's Group

**Volunteers Needed** Prayerfully Consider Sacred Heart is looking for a couple or a few individuals to step forward to help chair the summer festival on Sunday, July 21. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this call to help the parish. Please contact Matt Herdering 320-250-3441 or Chris Klaphake 320-250-6229.

**Prayer Requests...**

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

**For the Sick:** Joe Soenneker, Ethan Zink, Joe Salina, Fran Hinnenkamp, Kyle Lieser

**Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

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

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

<b>Mo</b>	Is 65: 17-21	Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tu</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Jn 5:1-16
<b>We</b>	Is 49:8-15	Jn 5:17-30
<b>Th</b>	Ex 32:7-14	Jn 5:31-47
<b>Fr</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Sa</b>	Jer 11:18-20	Jn 7:40-53
<b>Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>		
	Jer 31:31-34	Heb 5:7-9
		Jn 12:20-33

**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes .....	\$2,349.62
Plate.....	231.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,580.62</b>

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$96.00
Building/Maintenance .....	57.50
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	50.00
Easter Flowers .....	264.00
Boiler .....	30.00
Easter .....	100.00

Parish Events

Su 03/10	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 03/12	9:00 am	Quilting
We 03/13	9:00 am	Quilting
We 03/13	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 03/13	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 03/13	7:15 pm	Summer Raffle Comm. Mtg.
Th 03/14	7:00 am	Adoration
Th 03/14	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th 03/14	9:00 am	Quilting
Th 03/14	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 03/16	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 03/17	10:00 am	First Comm. Mass - FR
Su 03/17	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

**New Addition Update** Completion is near. Currently we are just shy of \$952,000 in pledges, loans, and donations with a goal of \$1 million. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this new addition to the church that will serve others for years to come.

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes .....	\$1,089.62
Plate.....	298.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,387.62</b>

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$64.00
Easter Flowers .....	20.00

Parish Events

Su 03/10	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 03/12	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 03/12	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu 03/12	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 03/12	5:30 pm	Quilting
We 03/13	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 03/13	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Fr 03/15	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 03/17	10:00 am	First Comm. Mass - FR
Su 03/17	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

**Evening Quilting** The final evening to quilt will be Tuesday, March 19.

**Chair Couple Needed** We are looking for a third chair couple for the fall festival. If you would like to join, please reach out to: Adam or Jackie Wiechmann 320-293-0423 or 320-250-0401, Devin or Christine Middendorf 320-223-2642 Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this.



**Volunteers Needed**

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$955.50</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	618.50
Plate/Loose .....	157.00
School Support .....	40.00
Maintenance.....	30.00
Eastern Europe .....	110.00

Liturgical Ministries

**Sunday, March 17 - 10:00 am**

- (S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg & Olivia Kalthoff
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Allen Lieser & Jeff Lieser
- (EM) (B) Adam Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
- (HK: **March 3-16**) Terri Winter, Lisa Wuertz, & Mary Wuertz

**Rosary Rally** Please join us for a rosary rally on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill.

**Save the Date:** St. Michael's will host a spaghetti dinner, bake sale, and raffle on Sunday, April 14, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.



**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!



**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

**Communal Celebration with Individual Confession**

- Tuesday, March 19— 7:30 pm—St. Andrew, Greenwald
- Wednesday, March 20— 5:00 & 7:30 pm—St. Mary, Melrose

**Individual Celebration**

- Fridays of Lent—7:45 am—Sacred Heart, Freeport
- Saturdays of Lent—3:30 pm—Immaculate Conception, New Munich
- Saturdays of Lent—3:30 pm—St. Andrew, Greenwald
- Saturdays of Lent—4:30 pm—St. Mary, Melrose
- Friday, March 22—5:30 pm—St. Mary, Melrose
- Friday, March 22—7:30 pm—St. Michael, Spring Hill
- Monday, March 25— 5:30 pm—St. Mary, Melrose
- Monday, March 25— 7:30 pm—St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
- Or by appointment; Call Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143



**March Synod Listening Sessions**

Pope Francis, regarding the Synod on Synodality, is inviting the world into another round of listening sessions. Seeing synodality as a model of the Church and for the Diocese of St. Cloud is one of Bishop Patrick Neary's priorities. You are welcome to join him at one or more of these sessions to share your thoughts, experiences and concerns of Church life, leadership, and structures as we continue this journey of synodality. Participants will engage in small group discussions throughout the morning. This is a bilingual event. Lunch will follow the in-person sessions — a free will offering is appreciated. Registration is required. Visit [www.stcdio.org/listening2024](http://www.stcdio.org/listening2024) to register. In person session at Our Lady of Victory Church, Fergus Falls, March 23 – 9:30 am-1:00 pm. Registration deadline: March 20. Zoom session on March 17– 7:00-9:30 pm. Registration deadline: March 11.



**CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,144.00</b>
Regular Adult Offering .....	600.00
Children .....	2.00
Plate/Loose .....	73.00
Votives.....	34.00
Maintenance.....	40.00
Ash Wednesday.....	300.00
Eastern Europe .....	75.00
Central MN Catholic .....	20.00

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,748.25</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,186.00
Children.....	2.25
Plate/Loose .....	200.00
Votives.....	73.00
School Subsidy .....	55.00
Eastern Europe .....	172.00
Steeple Lighting .....	60.00

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

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

- HOY** : 10 de marzo Misa del Sacramento de la Confirmación a las 3:00 pm en la Iglesia de Santa María con el Obispo Patrick Neary. Los estudiantes de Confirmación y su padrino deben estar en la iglesia a las 2:00 pm. Compañerismo y refrigerio después del servicio. ¡Todos están invitados!
- Grados 1, 3-6: Próxima clase:** Miércoles, 13 de marzo, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. Estudiantes y algunos padres.
- Estaciones de la Cruz** Miércoles 13 de marzo a las 7:15 pm en la Iglesia de Santa María. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!
- Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC** para información juvenil.

**El Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos** se celebrará el 16 y 17 de marzo. Todos los que sufren enfermedades físicas, mentales o espirituales graves, incluidos los ancianos y los que van a someterse a una cirugía, están invitados a celebrar este sacramento para recibir la fuerza, el coraje, la paz y el don sanador del Espíritu Santo. También habrá profesionales de la salud en las iglesias para brindar servicios básicos de detección, como tomar la presión arterial, etc.

**COAR** hará una llamada de misión pidiendo sus oraciones, conciencia y generosidad. Fundada en 1980 al comienzo de la guerra civil de El Salvador, COAR es la Comunidad de Óscar A. Romero, una escuela y hogar para los niños más necesitados de El Salvador. También cuenta con una clínica y otros servicios. Más información está disponible en [www.coarpeacemission.org](http://www.coarpeacemission.org), (216) 269-1710. Si quiere hacer una donación, puede participar en la segunda colecta, o traer o mandar el dinero, o un cheque a nombre de la parroquia, a la oficina parroquial después, con una nota que es para COAR.

**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 bienvenidos!

**Enriquecimiento Matrimonial** - El ministerio Hispano de la iglesia de Santa María de Melrose, hace una invitación a todas las parejas casadas y no casadas de habla hispana a una noche especial para ustedes. Este evento se llevará a cabo el próximo Sábado 27 de Abril de 6:30pm a 10:00pm. Para más información hable con el Diácono Jorge Carrillo o llame a la oficina parroquial de lunes a viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm.

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Saturday, March 16 - 4:00 pm**

- (S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
- (L) Linda Heinze
- (U) Bill Frieler & Duane Frieler
- (GB) Kristin Pattinson & Family
- (EM) (B) Mary Opatry
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (HK - March) \*Amber Fleischhacker, Amy Frieler, Betty Frieler, Linda Frieler, Rita Frieler, & Kathy Gilk

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Sunday, March 17 - 8:00 am**

- (S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer
- (L) Kurt Meyer
- (U) Karl Meyer & Kurt Meyer
- (GB) Volunteers Needed
- (EM) (B) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (HK - March) \*Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, & Joy Silbernack

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**March 10, Sunday**

◆ **Freeport Lions Breakfast** serving from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. All are welcome.

**March 13, Wednesday**

◆ **Melrose Senior Citizens March Soup Luncheon** serving from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Melrose Senior Center located in the lower level of the Melrose City Offices. Free will offering, all are welcome!

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

**March 15, Friday**

◆ **Fish Fry** at the Melrose American Legion. All you can eat! Please joining us from 4:30 -7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated!

◆ **Farming Lions 19th Annual Fish Fry** serving from 4:30 - 8:30 pm at Trappers Pub and Grub in Farming, MN. The menu includes fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, cheese, and bread.

**March 17, Sunday**

◆ **St. Agnes Church Spaghetti Dinner** 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, St. Agnes Church basement, Roscoe. Homemade spaghetti, coleslaw, garlic bread, & fresh pies. Adults \$11 advance, \$12 at the door, Ages 6-12 \$6, 5 & under free.

**March 18, Monday**

◆ **Firearms Safety Informational Meeting** for Green Grove Rod and Gun Club will be held at 6:30 pm at Meire Grove City Hall. Must be 11 years of age to participate. For questions please call Matt Silbernack 320-470-0944, Brian Schmiesing 320-293-7976 or Brian Yarke 320-267-4371.

**March 21, Thursday**

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

**March 23, Saturday**

◆ **Easter Egg Hunt** hosted by the Freeport Lions from 9:30 - 10:30 am at the Freeport Community Center. Join us for an hour of fun playing games. Ages 0 - 10 years. All children receive a treat bag and prize.

**March 24, Sunday**

◆ **42nd Annual St. Martin Baseball Breakfast Fundraiser** Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Smoked, non-smoked and liver sausage, fried potatoes, scrambled eggs, applesauce, homemade cinnamon bread, and milk. Adults \$10 in advance, at the door \$12. Children 6-12 \$5, preschool free. St. Martin Parish Center. Curbside pickup available 8:30 - 11:30 am.

◆ **Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the New Munich Lions at the New Munich Community Park. Registration and activities starting at 12:30 pm. Easter Bunny arrives at 1:00 pm by fire truck to start the hunt. Prize drawing to follow.

**FAITH FORMATION**

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

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

- **Grade 1, 3 - 6 Next Lesson:** Wednesday, March 13 - Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
  - ♦ **First Communion Mass:** Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 13. Meet in your classroom. **Please arrive by 6:45 pm as we will be attending Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.**

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

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

- **Sacrament of Confirmation Mass Today,** March 10, with Bishop Patrick Neary at 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. Confirmation students and your sponsor, please be at the church at 2:00 pm. Fellowship and refreshments following the service. All are invited!
- **Grades 1, 3 - 6 Next Class:** Wednesday, March 13, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.
- **Stations of the Cross** Wednesday, March 13 at 7:15 pm at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:**

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- ♦ **Egg Dying Service Project for Grades 6-8** Wednesday, March 27 from 6:45 - 8:15 pm at Immaculate Conception Church basement. If you haven't signed up and would like to join us, please reach out to Chrystal at 320-836-2143 or [www.sacredheartfreeport.org](http://www.sacredheartfreeport.org). Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 20.
- ♦ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 22 - 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 51 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$210 (\$110 is nonrefundable deposit) Contact Chrystal Sand at [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org) or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at [pam@stmarysofmelrose.org](mailto:pam@stmarysofmelrose.org) or 320-256-9503 if you are interested in attending.
- ♦ **Bible & Breakfast** meets each Wednesday (if there's school) in the Melrose High School ITV Room at 7:15 am. All students grades 7-12 are invited.

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**One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...**



• **SMS Kids Time** is looking for a few good people who love to work with children to come join the Kids Time family! Must be at least 16 years old, and enjoy doing fun activities with children! If interested, please contact Ms. Amanda at [ahellermann@smsmn.org](mailto:ahellermann@smsmn.org) or 320-256-4257 ex. 102.

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**Special Prayer Service and Reception**

Abbot Douglas and the monks of Saint John's Abbey invite you to take part in a special prayer service at the Abbey Church on Saturday evening, March 23, the evening before Palm Sunday. Beginning at 7:00 pm, the service, with its special music and prayer setting, is an opportunity to enhance the beginning of your Holy Week. A reception will follow in the Great Hall and will include light refreshments. Please join us for this special vigil service, on Saturday, March 23, at 7:00 pm. And feel free to bring a friend or two. All are welcome.



**SHADOW STATIONS**

*Presented by the 6th Grade Class from Sacred Heart School*  
 Wednesday, March 20 - 7:00 pm - Sacred Heart School Auditorium  
 Thursday, March 21 - 1:00 pm - Sacred Heart School Auditorium

**LIVING STATIONS**

*Presented by St. Mary's School*  
 Wednesday, March 20 - 1:00 pm - St. Mary, Melrose

**EASTER PROGRAM**

*Presented by SJSA School*  
 Tuesday, March 26 - 1:00 pm - St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove  
 Tuesday, March 26 - 7:00 pm - St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove



**"O God,  
I give you  
my heart."**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**March 11 - 15**

Tuesday	3-12	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Wednesday	3-13	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
		7:00 pm	Sacred Heart, Freeport
		7:15 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
		7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
		7:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meier Grove
Thursday	3-14	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Friday	3-15	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
		6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)



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- ♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, March 13 will be planned by Sr. Janine and the 6th grade students.
- ♥ **Conferences Will Be Held** at Sacred Heart School the week of March 11-14.
- ♥ **No School** on Friday, March 15.
- ♥ **2nd Grade Students of the Tri-Parish** will celebrate their First Communion at the 10:00 am Mass in Freeport on Sunday, March 17. (Please note special Mass time.)
- ♥ **Catholic United Financial Raffle Fund-raiser Results.** We are happy to report that we made our goal of \$15,000. Thank you to an anonymous donor who bought our last tickets so that we could meet the goal!
- ♥ **New Toddler Program** We are extremely excited to inform you that Sacred Heart School is growing! We will be adding a toddler room (18 - 36 mo.) to our campus. This means we will be making a few changes, redoing a couple rooms, and using some of our current space a little more wisely. We will be looking for little ones to fill these areas and staff members to teach and care for these toddlers. Please contact the school office for more information and/or to pick up an application 320-836-2591.
- ♥ **Lenten Project** Sacred Heart School is participating in a Lenten Project supporting Heifer International <https://www.heifer.org/index.html>. Please consider helping our students reach their goal of raising \$2,000 during the Lenten season. We have raised a total of \$437.31 so far.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- ♥ **First Communion Remembrance Mass** on Wednesday, March 20 at the 8:15 am Mass in Freeport.
- ♥ **SHS will Perform Shadow Stations** on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, March 21 at 1:00 pm.
- ♥ **March Birthdays and ½ Birthdays** will be celebrated at the Birthday Dinner on Thursday, March 21.
- ♥ **SHS Designer Bag Bingo** is on Saturday, April 13.

## Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

03/03	\$25	Dale Goebel - Freeport
03/04	\$25	Gerald Koopmeiners - Melrose
03/05	\$25	Jerry Gerads - Melrose
03/06	\$25	Justin Gertken - Richmond
03/07	\$25	Carrie & Keith Zierden - Freeport
03/08	\$25	Nate Arnzen - Freeport
03/09	\$25	Jim Peterson - Osakis

- ♦ **Attend Our Winter Open House** for preschool through 6th grade on Monday, March 11, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm and discover the benefits of Catholic education.
- ♦ **Students in Grades 2-6** will have reconciliation on Thursday, March 14.
- ♦ **Living Stations.** All are invited to the Living Stations being presented by St. Mary's School students on Wednesday, March 20, at 1:00 pm in the church.
- ♦ **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for Monday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 27.
- ♦ **During Lent, Families at SMS** will be collecting dollars and coins to give to four different organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Schwieters and Fr. Ohmann, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International (a nonprofit organization founded by Erin Cannon that supports an orphanage in Tanzania. Erin is an alumnus of St. Mary's School). If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, drop your coins off at the parish office or school.

- **Registration** is now open for grades preschool - 6th for the 2024-2025 school year. If your children are not currently enrolled at SJSA, but you are interested in joining us, please call the school at 320-987-3133 to plan a school visit.
- **Mark Your Calendars!** Kindergarten Round-up is Monday, April 8. More information will be posted in the upcoming weeks.
- **SJSA Catholic School Offers** small class sizes that allow our teachers and staff to build meaningful relationships with our students and promote genuine growth. We offer a faith-filled environment along with academic excellence. If you are considering sending your children to Catholic school, please check out SJSA at [sjsaschool.org](http://sjsaschool.org) or call to arrange a visit at 320-987-3133. Scholarships are available.



### Seeking the Full Truth con't. from page 1

In our own lives, we can come to God and want Him to speak clearly and definitively to us, revealing His perfect will for our lives. But often He doesn't. Why? Because God knows we are not yet ready for the full truth. When He speaks to us and when we gain insight in one way or another, this is good and reveals we are on the right path. But the Gospel, in its fullness, is so radical and so demanding that most people are not yet ready for the full truth. Therefore, in His compassion, God gives us only what we can handle at the moment. But this humble truth should encourage us, as it did Nicodemus, to not give up and to continue opening ourselves to the fullness of the Word of God.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to the fullness of God's Word. What would happen if God were to reveal to you, by an immediate personal revelation of divine knowledge, all that was in His sacred mind? Would it be too much for you to handle? Yes, it would be. But that humble admission is an important step toward that very goal. Humble yourself, today, more fully before the mysterious Word of God and pray that you will continue to be changed and open so that the clarity of God's truth will more fully penetrate your soul.

*My teaching Lord, Your sacred Truth is so deep, so profound and so transforming that it remains too much for me to fully comprehend and embrace. For that reason, I thank You for the mercy of speaking to me in veiled ways so as to continually draw me deeper in my faith and knowledge of You. Please continue to open my mind and heart to You so that, one day, I will understand Your Truth most fully. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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