



# 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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 28, 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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**Facebook:** Tri Parish

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 155  
Freeport, MN 56331

**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 to be Pruned

Jesus said to his disciples: *“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.”* John 15:1-3

Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus’ teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the “true vine.” He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn’t leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that “it bears more fruit.”

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. Do you believe all that God has spoken through His holy Word? It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can “love” many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it?

Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don’t feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ APRIL 29 - MAY 5

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Florentino Montañez
Tu 8:00 am †Mary Ann Arnzen
We 8:00 am †David Bierschbach
Th No Mass - Funeral
\*Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass
†Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
Sa 5:00 pm †Paul Spaeth
†Jeremy Brickweg
For the People
\*Sua 10:00 am †Jan Barth
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Maria Sanchez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am SH School Mass
†Deceased Members of the
Al & Val Braun Family
Fr 8:15 am ††Gothard & Irene Rademacher
Sa 8:00 am First Saturday Mass
†Dennis Heidgerken Anniversary
For the People
Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Christian
Women Members
Sa 4:00 pm †Leroy Hoppe

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Mary Ann Engelmeyer
Su 10:00 am †Dan Blommel

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the
Gruber Family
Sharon & John Schulzetenberg
45 year Wedding Anniversary
Su 10:00 am

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJSA School Mass
†Viola Berscheid
Sa 4:00 pm †Lloyd Lucken

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Vern Meyer
Su 8:00 am †Joyce Yarke
†Albert Yarke, Sr.

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

Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



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

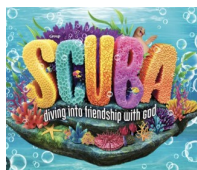
ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

- Sacrament of First Eucharist We invite you all to help celebrate the sacrament of First Eucharist with our St. Mary's School and Faith Formation families at the weekend Mass on Sunday, May 5 (10:00 am). We know that this Mass is always a little bit longer, but we appreciate everyone who is there to support and celebrate these young people as they enter more deeply into the Body of Christ that is our church community!
•Baccalaureate Masses Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating our High School graduates from the One in Faith 4-Parish Cluster with an 11:00 am bilingual Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 19 at St. Mary's. We will also be celebrating our High School graduates from Spring Hill with a 10:00 am Mass at St. Michael's. There will be no 10:00 am or 12:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's on May 19.

Go and Make Disciples Grade 11 though young adults are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. We will have a meal and discuss the Catholic Mass. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, May 1. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.



Vacation Bible School June 10 - 14 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Send your children, ages 4 through entering grade 5, for an under the water good time! This summer's theme is Scuba. Children will be "Diving into friendship with God." Scuba is filled with Bible stories, music, games, and other fun ways to learn that God is with you every day, no matter what. Registration forms are available Tri-Parish website. Deadline to sign up is May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

Adoration at the State Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference on Friday, May 3 anytime from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room in the Minnesota State Capitol. Visit https://www.mncatholic.org/events for more information.

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

Parish News:

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

- May Ministry Schedules have been emailed or mailed out. The schedules are also available on the Tri-Parish website.
•Tri-Parish Directory We are looking to have a "Directory Team" composed of individuals from all 3 parishes to head up and work as a team to put together a new Tri-Parish Directory. If interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.



Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School

June 10 - 14 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Students entering grade 6 through adults are invited to prayerfully consider joining us for an amazing start to your summer! Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website. Deadline to sign up is May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

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, May 11 at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.



Public Square Rosary

Join Sacred Heart Parish members in praying the rosary at the downtown Freeport pavilion at 9:30 am Saturday, May 11.

Together Encountering Christ (TEC)

is a three-day retreat weekend. The experience of TEC brings alive the heart of our Christian Faith - that being the life of Jesus, his death, and his resurrection. But it's not just about who Jesus was or what Jesus did. A TEC retreat makes that experience real and relevant for each person. In that sense, the retreat is a "lived experience" - deeply personal yet very much part of a larger loving community. TEC has influenced the lives of over 41,000 youth, young adults, and adults in Central Minnesota and beyond. You are invited to check out a TEC weekend and encounter Christ in perhaps a new and most profound way. For information, retreat dates, and registration, go to CMTEC.org.



**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.....	\$9,922.98
Regular Adult Offering .....	7,929.00
Plate/Loose .....	1,595.98
Designated Funds .....	398.00

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

Total.....	\$3,996.13
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,414.08
Plate/Loose.....	435.05
Votive .....	147.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

04-21	\$25	Linda & John Kociemba - Grey Eagle
04-22	\$25	Linda Morton - Melrose
04-23	\$25	Sheila Doll - Melrose
04-24	\$25	Matthew O'Brien - Rogers
04-25	\$25	Adriana Boeckermann - Freeport
04-26	\$50	Eileen & Ken Maus - Melrose
04-27	\$25	Rich & Charlene Van Drehle - Melrose



**Parish Events**

Su	04/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Mo	04/29	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	05/01	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples
Fr	05/03	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	05/03	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	05/05	7:00 pm	Men's Group

**Baptized in Christ...** Sebastian Hernandez Juarez

**Died in the Hope of Resurrection...**

†Odaliz Orozco Acevedo, 24



**Niche Columbarium** A 96 niche columbarium has been installed in St. Mary's cemetery. Please contact the parish office with any questions or to purchase a niche.

**St. Mary's Parish Annual Raffle** is underway and all parishioners will receive a flyer in the mail soon. Please prayerfully consider purchasing a ticket(s) to help make this year's raffle fundraiser a success. Thank you.  
 ~The Raffle Committee

**New Trustee...** I am pleased to announce that Bishop Neary has appointed Sue Rademacher as a trustee for St. Mary's parish effective April 1, 2024. I would like to thank Jody Wehlage for serving as parish trustee since 2016. I appreciate her commitment to this parish and the many hours she served in this capacity.

~Fr. Marv



**Community Garden** If you are interested in reserving rows in the community garden, please call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143. Each row is spaced 5 feet apart and will be assigned on a first call basis.

**Christian Women Save the Date:** Freeport Christian Women will be hosting our yearly gathering on September 23 in the church basement. Save the date for an evening that will include a recap of our year, welcome to new members, a light meal and a fun activity. More info to come closer to the date.

**Sponsor a Votive Candle** The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the 2 votive candles by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.



**Your Parish Needs Your Help!!** 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.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**April 28, Sunday**

◆52nd Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper Sponsored by Holy Name Society, Christian Mothers & Women, & St. Anthony Parish. St. Anthony, MN off of State Hwy. 238. Serving from 3:00 - 8:30 pm. All you can eat! Adults \$11.50 in advance, at the door \$12. Children 6-12 \$6, 0-5 free. Children's tickets only sold at the door.

**May 1, Wednesday**

◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.  
 ◆Feet First Clinic at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

**May 1 - 3, Wednesday - Friday**

◆Festival of the Arts Local artists will have their art on display at the school libraries, Freeport State Bank and the Melrose City Center. There will be a quilt display and workshop in the Senior Activity Center. Check [melroseareaartscouncil.org](http://melroseareaartscouncil.org) for more information.

**May 2, Thursday**

◆Mother of Mercy Foundation National Day of Prayer Benefit Breakfast at Seven Dolores Church in Albany. Doors open at 7:30 am for social, breakfast is from 8:00 - 9:00 am. Keynote speaker Father Aaron Kuhn. Tickets \$10. Limited seating. Purchase tickets at Mother of Mercy in Albany or Seven Dolores Church. Call 320-845-5530 or email [Randerson@momcampus.org](mailto:Randerson@momcampus.org) with questions.

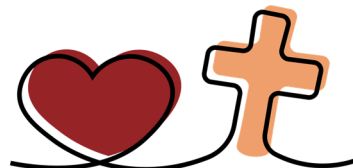
**May 3, Friday**

◆Holy Family School's Annual Color Run and 5K beginning at Seven Dolores Church in Albany. Registration is 5:30-6:00 pm and the run is 6:00-7:00 pm along the Wobegon Trail. Participants may choose to run the Color Run (1 mile) or continue farther along the trail to run a 5K. Cost is \$20 for preschool through 5th grade and \$25 for sixth grade through adult. Funds raised benefit Holy Family School in Albany. Registration forms are available on the school website at <https://www.holyfamilyalbany.org>. For more information call Holy Family School at 320-845-2011.

**May 8, Wednesday**

◆Blood Drive Melrose Community American Legion from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Please call Sally with questions or to schedule an appointment at 320-291-2994 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter Melrose to schedule an appointment.

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



**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 ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,288.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,886.69
Plate/Loose .....	216.00
Votive.....	126.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	25.00
Building/Maintenance .....	34.62

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,147.40
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,261.92
Plate/Loose .....	431.00
Votive.....	420.00
Rice Bowl.....	34.48

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,059.30
Regular Adult Offering.....	392.00
Children .....	7.00
Plate/Loose .....	84.00
Votives.....	136.30
Fuel Fund.....	340.00
Easter .....	100.00

**Parish Events**

Su 04/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Mo 04/29	7:00 pm	Christian Women Meeting
We 05/01	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Th 05/02	7:00 am	Adoration
Fr 05/03	11:00 am	Burial
Sa 05/04	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 05/05	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

**Parish Events**

Su 04/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 04/30	7:00 am	Adoration
We 05/01	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Fr 05/03	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 05/05	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, May 5 - 10:00 am**

(S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg  
 (L) Lisa Wuertz  
 (U) Robert Bertram & Tyler Bertram  
 (EM) (B) Mark Schoenberg  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (Sacristan) Sharon & John Schulzetenberg  
 (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes  
 (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer  
 (HK: April 28-May 11) Lisa Feldewerd,  
 Melissa Frieler, & Kathy Fuchs

**St. Ann's Christian Women** will have a meeting Monday, April 29 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. All are welcome to attend.

**God's Housekeepers** for the month of May: Linda Schmiesing, Diane Lemm, Stacy Zierden, & Jolene Nathe. 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.

**Baptized in Christ...** We welcome **Gracelynn Jo Schultz**, the daughter of Derrick & Brianna Schultz, to our parish. Gracelynn Jo was baptized on Sunday, April 21.

**Church Cleaning** Christian Women will be cleaning the church on Monday, May 6 and prayerfully invite anyone else who can assist! 4:30 pm to start but join whenever you can. There will be pizza at 5:30 pm. Many hands make light work!

**Chair Couple Needed** We are still 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.

**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.

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

<b>Mo</b>	<b>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b>	Acts 14:5-18	Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tu</b>		Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a
<b>We</b>		Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
<b>OR</b>			
	<b>For the Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker</b>	Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24	Mt 13:54-58
<b>Th</b>	<b>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>	Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11
<b>Fr</b>	<b>Saints Philip and James, Apostles</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8	Jn 14:6-14
<b>Sa</b>		Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21
	<b>Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

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Reflect, today, upon this holy imagery from Jesus. It's a lesson from nature that reveals the supernatural life of grace at work. Don't be deterred by the pruning God wants to do. Embrace suffering with love, respond to injustice with forgiveness, offer mercy when you don't feel like it, and seek to serve selflessly those who seem undeserving. Doing so will prune you so that God will be able to build up His Kingdom in glorious ways through you.

*Jesus, most glorious Vine, You and You alone are the source of all nourishment in life. From You all good things come. Help me to have a firm faith in You and all that You have revealed, so that this faith will bud forth and bring about an abundance of good fruit for the glorious building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,803.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	1,490.00
Plate/Loose .....	97.00
Votives.....	6.00
Additional Loose Checks.....	210.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, May 4 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan  
 (L) Linda Heinze  
 (U) Benjamin Stepan & Jim Uphoff  
 (GB) Ron & Carol Winter  
 (EM) (B) Dustin Gregory  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - May) \*Kari Kasper, Deb Keller, Cassandra Kettner, Doris Kraemer, Angie Kulzer, & Julie Kulzer

**New Trustee** I am pleased to announce that Bishop Neary has appointed Steve Gilk as a trustee for St. Andrew's effective March 1, 2024. I want to thank Roger Schoenberg for his service as a trustee. I appreciate his time and work over the past 10 years. ~Fr. Marv

**Parish Leadership Position...** Deb Keller has agreed to serve on parish leadership in the position that became available when Carol Inderrieden was appointed as trustee on December 1, 2022.

**Special Leadership Meeting** St. Andrew's parish leadership will have a special meeting on Wednesday, May 8 to approve the 2024-2025 parish budget.

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

**Banns of Matrimony:**  
 I Taryn Van Heel♥Zachary Tomsche, 5/18 - M  
 I Angeline Satterlund♥Luke Zink, 5/18 - NM

**For the Sick:** Dorothy Schneider, Petra Oevermann, Lori Austing, Sandy Welle, Ethan Zink, Joe Soenneker, Kyle Lieser, Fran Hinnenkamp

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$6,918.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,275.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose .....	176.00
Votives.....	47.00
Church Repair.....	250.00
Plaster Repair.....	5,000.00
Catholic Home Mission.....	50.00
Fuel Fund.....	120.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, May 5 - 8:00 am**

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk  
 (L) Missy Illies  
 (U) Gene Imdieke & Herb Imdieke  
 (GB) Karl & Geri Meyer  
 (EM) (B) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - May) \*Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke, Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, & Mary Kay Leukam

**Defibrillator Training** There will be a free defibrillator training for the Meire Grove community at the Meire Grove City Hall at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 23. There will be pre-registration sheets located in the back of church and the store. The defibrillator will be stored inside the front door of the Grove Place Apartments along Hwy 4.



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

**2024 día de oración para hombres y mujeres** at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN. Ven a pasar tiempo con El Señor 18 mayo Tiempo Ordinario 9:00 am a 4:30 pm Presentado por el Padre Hank Lemoncelli, O.M.I. Durante los días de oración de este año trataremos de profundizar nuestra comprensión del año litúrgico de la Iglesia. El día consistirá, intercambios en grupos, periodos de silencio, una comida en común. Donación sugerida: \$40.00; incluye almuerzo. REGÍSTRESE EN LÍNEA EN [kingshouse.com/events/](https://kingshouse.com/events/)



**El suicidio asistido por un médico les dice a las personas que son una carga** En Oregon, los datos revelan que las personas solicitan medicamentos letales, no tanto para aliviar el dolor, sino porque no pueden hacer las mismas actividades que realizaban antes, no pueden controlar las funciones corporales, sienten que han perdido su dignidad o se consideran una carga. Los medicamentos letales no son la respuesta. Todo ser humano merece cuidado afectuoso y compasivo, afirmación de su dignidad y saber que no es ni será una carga. Dígalas "no" a los legisladores de su Estado: NO al suicidio asistido. Visite [mncatholic.org/pas](https://mncatholic.org/pas)



**Misas de Bachillerato** Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros para celebrar a nuestros graduados de la escuela secundaria del grupo de 4 parroquias One in Faith con una Misa de Bachillerato bilingüe a las 11:00 am el domingo 19 de mayo en St. Mary's. También celebraremos a nuestros graduados de la escuela secundaria de Spring Hill con una misa a las 10:00 am en St. Michael's. No habrá misa a las 10:00 am ni a las 12:30 pm en St. Mary's el 19 de mayo.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**



**Preparación Bautismal**  
 Una segunda preparación bautismal se llevará a cabo el día Sábado 4 de Mayo de 2024 a la 1:00 pm. Si usted está interesado en recibir esta preparación hable con El diácono Jesus Hernandez o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.

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**Los invitamos a todos a ayudar a celebrar el sacramento de la Primera Eucaristía** con nuestras familias de St. Mary's School y Faith Formation en la Misa del domingo 5 de mayo (10:00 am). Sabemos que esta Misa siempre es un poco más larga, pero apreciamos a todos los que están allí para apoyar y celebrar a estos jóvenes a medida que entran más profundamente en el Cuerpo de Cristo que es nuestra comunidad eclesial.

## FAITH FORMATION

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

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

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, please look for your registration packet in the mail. Please turn in all registration forms and fees for 2024/2025 by Friday, May 17 to avoid an increase in costs. You can drop them off at the Parish Office in Freeport or mail to PO Box 155, Freeport.
- **Grade 1-11:** Classes concluded on Wednesday, April 24. A big THANK YOU to our catechists: Megan Gaebel, Ema Feldewerd, Olivia Van Beck, Carrie Goebel, Gabrielle Goebel, Beth Notch, Bernadette Walz, Carrie Roering, Jessica Goebel, Rick Goebel, Andy Welle, Joe Notch, and Amy Hoeschen. Thank you also to all the parents and students for a great year! We look forward to meeting again in the fall for classes.

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

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

- **Registration** If you haven't already, please register your child(ren) for next year's Faith Formation program sometime before the end of May (materials cost less if we buy them now, in Spring!). Registration forms can be found online or can be picked up and returned to the Parish Office.

## 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)

- ♥ **Kickball & Cookout** Wednesday, May 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Grounds. Join us for kickball, a meal together, and fellowship. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish website: [www.sacredheartfreeport.org](http://www.sacredheartfreeport.org). Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 1.
- ♥ **Bible & Breakfast** meets each Wednesday (if there's school) in the Melrose High School ITV Room at 7:15 am. All students grades 7-12 are invited.

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

### One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunities...



• **St. Mary's School Teaching Position:** St. Mary's School is actively searching for exceptional, licensed teachers to join our amazing staff for the 2024-2025 school year. We're looking for a full-time 6th grade teacher and a part-time media teacher. Do you know someone who's graduating this spring or wants to change careers? Please spread the word! If interested, please email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org) with your resume and references.

• **Sacred Heart School Multiple Positions:** Sacred Heart School in Freeport is seeking faith filled, energetic and caring candidates to fill a full time Elementary position and Early Childhood teachers for our new toddler room for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must be able to demonstrate teacher qualifications as defined by MN State Licensing and Human Services, and be willing to work with a dedicated, motivated and well experienced team. Interested persons should send a cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and references to: Sacred Heart School, Attn: Kristie Harren, PO Box 39, Freeport, MN 56331 or [kharren@shsfreeport.org](mailto:kharren@shsfreeport.org) or call 320-290-1426. Join our team today! Positions are open until filled, so seize the opportunity and apply now.

• **Accountant Position:** One in Faith (4 - Parishes) has an opening for an accountant. This is a full-time benefits-eligible position in the Melrose office. This position will work closely with the parish administrator and the pastor. The ideal candidate would have an accounting degree or equivalent experience and be comfortable using accounting software and Excel. The primary responsibility would be to oversee financial data and compliance by maintaining accurate books on accounts payable and receivable, payroll, and daily financial entries and reconciliations. There would be daily accounting tasks such as monthly financial reporting, general ledger entries, record payments and adjustments, and provide reports as needed. To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to: [pam@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:pam@stmarysofmelrose.com) or call 320-256-4207 with questions.



**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).

- Women's Silent Retreat - May 10-12 (Weekend)
- Men & Women's Day Retreat: Preparation for Pentecost - May 16

### Nominations Open for the 2024 Humanae Vitae Award



July 25 will mark the 56th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Presentation at 7:00 pm Thursday, July 25, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, with Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae Vitae. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). For more information visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/humanae-vitae-award-nominations-2023/>. Send, fax, or email nominations before May 1, 2024, to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305 7th Ave. N., Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: 320-258-7658 email: [omf@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stcdio.org). For more information, contact Sheila Reineke, 320-252-4721 ext. 308 or [sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org).

**Bishop's Annual Appeal** Have you attended a baptism, first communion, confirmation, wedding, or ordination? All of these sacraments are supported through the ministries funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith through a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

**All are Created in the Image of God and called to be part of His family. Are you seeking to be part of His family?**

Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.



**Religious Brothers Day May 1** "He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or [Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org).



**House Blessing...** If you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan call the Tri-Parish Office, Freeport (320-836-2143).

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- ♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, May 1 will be planned by Ms. Blashack and the 1st grade students.
- ♥**Principal Appreciation Day** is Wednesday, May 1. Let's show our amazing, Mrs. Kristie Harren, just how much we appreciate her! She is truly a wonderful and faithful leader of the school and we are so grateful for all her time and dedication to keep Sacred Heart School the thriving school that it is.
- ♥**The Pre-K Classes Will Attend** their annual field trip on Thursday, May 2. They are going to Otter Cove in Fergus Falls.
- ♥**Toddler Registration is Still Open** and we just have a few spots left. If you are looking for care for your toddler ages 16 - 33 months, please call or stop in at the Sacred Heart School office 320-836-2591.
- ♥**We are Taking Registrations** for the 2024/2025 school year for grades 1 - 6. Please stop in or contact the school office if you would like a registration form for your child.
- ♥**Save for SHS** We do still take Teal's Grocery Receipts and Loaves for Learning Labels from Country Hearth Village and Pan-O-Gold Bread. We turn these items in for redemption and receive 1% of the Teal's Grocery Receipt totals and 5 cents for each bread label. You can give them to any Sacred Heart family, drop them off at the parish or school office or even put them in the collection basket in an envelope marked SHS. Thank you in advance for helping support SHS.

♥**SHS Employment Opportunities**—See the ACC section of this bulletin.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- SHS Move-up Day** will take place on Wednesday, May 15.
- SHS Spring Fling** is on Friday, May 17. All are welcome.

- ♦**There Will Be A Gathering** in Church after the school Mass on Friday, May 10 to celebrate Ms. Pundsack's retirement. All are welcome.
- ♦**The Sixth Grade Will Host A Festival Of Nations** in St. Mary's School Gym on Friday, May 3. Community members are welcome to visit the festival from 10:15 - 11:00 am and 1:00 - 2:15 pm. All are welcome.
- ♦**2nd Graders will Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion** on May 5. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of becoming Disciples of Christ.
- ♦**There are Still Openings** for prospective 2024-2025 Little Saints. This program is for 3 and 4 year olds (preschool program) and 4 and 5 year olds (prekindergarten program). If interested call 320-256-4257 or email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org).
- ♦**SMS Employment Opportunity**—See the ACC section of this bulletin.
- ♦**St. Mary's Students Used the \$400** they raised for Simply Love International during their Lenten collection to sponsor a 4-year-old girl, Catherine from the Global Orphanage, to attend school. Catherine's favorite part of school is singing and reading. Her favorite color is blue, and her favorite animal is a lion. We at SMS are so excited to learn more about Catherine and be a part of her education journey! Catherine is pictured below!



- ♦**SJSA will Celebrate Grandparent's Day** and Mass with Bishop Patrick on Thursday, May 2 at 8:00 am at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald.
- ♦**SJSA Meat Raffle** on Wednesday, May 1 at CB's in Meire Grove starting at 5:00 pm. Come join us for the last raffle of the school year!
- ♦**SJSA's Last Harry's Pizza Sale** for the school year begins Friday, April 26 - Thursday, May 9. Pizza pick-up is Saturday, May 18 from 9:00-10:00 am in the school basement. This is your last chance to stock up on pizzas for the summer!
- ♦**Mark Your Calendars!** The date for next year's Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction has been set. It will be one night only, so plan to come on Saturday, February 8 at the Greenwald Pub. There will be much more information to come as the date gets closer.

**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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04/23	\$25	Scott Pueringer - Holdingford
04/24	\$25	Bonnie Bielejeski - Albany
04/25	\$25	Lisa Kohout - Grey Eagle
04/26	\$25	Kyle & Brooke Rademacher - Freeport
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- 1 John 3:18

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