



# 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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 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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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.



## Glory Beyond Imagination!

*"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Matthew 28:5-7*

The Lord has truly risen! Alleluia! Sin and death have been destroyed, and new life has been offered to all who cling to the Savior in faith. What a glorious day we celebrate today!

Matthew's Gospel, quoted above, is read at the Easter Vigil Mass. Prior to the reading of this Gospel are seven Old Testament readings, each followed by a psalm, as well as a New Testament reading, another psalm and the Gospel. There are seventeen readings in all at the Easter Vigil! For that reason, the Easter Vigil is called "the mother of all vigils." Though many people have not had the opportunity to participate in the Easter Vigil, it is helpful to understand it, because its structure and length reflect the awe and wonder we must have at the Resurrection of Christ.

The Vigil Mass begins in darkness, after the sun sets, with all the lights out in the Church. Outside, a new "blazing fire" is lit and blessed that symbolizes the Light of Christ that dispels all darkness. From that fire, the Easter candle and other candles held by the faithful in the church are lit, and the new light illuminates the church. The procession into the church with the candles is followed by the singing of the ancient hymn the *Exultat*. That hymn is the Church's announcement of the Resurrection of Christ and is filled with profound theology, presented with youthful excitement and amazement. The tabernacle remains empty as a way of inviting the faithful to anticipate the celebration of the Eucharist once again. The lengthy Liturgy of the Word follows, as it recounts the history of God's plan of salvation. Finally, the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated within the Mass that culminates with the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

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ADORATION

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Jose Tovar Hernandez  
 †Maria Cruz Mantanez  
 †Adan Sanchez Orozco

Tu 8:00 am ††Sandra, Margaret, & Jerry Sand  
 We 8:00 am ††Ralph & Adeline Boecker  
 Th 8:00 am †Arthur Roehrl

\*Fr 8:00 am **SM School Mass**  
 †Paul Spaeth

Sa 5:00 pm †Lorraine Imdieke  
 For the People

\*Su 10:00 am †Elmer Hellermann  
 †Richard Hellermann

Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Alfonso Mireles  
 †Jaime Mireles

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**  
 †Bernie Laing

Fr 8:15 am †Mildred "Millie" Nienaber Anniv.

**Sa 8:00 am First Saturday Mass**  
 †Alcuin Renneker

Su 8:00 am ††Glen & Betty Wilwerding

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am †Peter Van Beck  
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

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

Tu 8:15 am †Jack Engelmeyer  
 Su 10:00 am August & Theresia  
 Herdering Families

**ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 8:00 am †Dec./Liv. Members of  
 St. Mary's Mission Society

Su 10:00 am †Clarence Bertram

**ST. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**  
 †Ralph Inderrieden

Sa 4:00 pm †Lloyd Lucken

**ST. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †Joyce Yarke  
 Su 8:00 am ††Vincent & Rosie Schmiesing

**St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa**

No Adoration Tuesday, April 2  
**Immaculate Conception - New Munich**  
 No Adoration Thursday, April 4

**St. Mary - Melrose**  
 First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm  
 in Spanish (en Español)

**Sacred Heart - Freeport**  
 Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
 No Adoration Friday, April 5



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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

**Parish News:**

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

**•Easter Flowers & Environment:** It's not too late! If you wish to donate toward Easter Flowers & Environment in memory of a loved one, please put your money in an envelope, the name or names of the loved one, and mark it "Easter Flowers & Environment." You may turn in the envelope to the Parish Office or in the collection basket at the weekend Masses or at the office by April 3.

**Parish Office Closure** The Melrose Office will be closed on Monday, April 1.



**Honoring Marriage Day** is May 4 at Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapid for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60 plus anniversaries in 2024. Call your parish office with your name, number of years of marriage, and contact mailing address. The office will notify the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family in St. Cloud. You will then receive a personal invitation for the event.

**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, April 3. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

**Mass Time Change/Switch:** 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.



**Adoration at the State Capitol** Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference on Friday, April 5 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.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal** The Lord is risen! Blessings to you and those you love on this most holy of days.

**Parish News:**

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

- Funeral Subs Needed** We are in need of parishioners, men and women, to be on a sub list for serving at funerals. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a funeral sub. Contact the Parish Office in Freeport to sign up by Wednesday, April 17.
- Easter Flower Memorials** Thank you to all who made donations for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The church looks very jubilant as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! A list of those remembered by donors can be found in the back of the churches.
- 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.

**Thank You!** Freeport Christian Women would like to thank everyone who came out to our Spring Quarter Craze. We had a full house and loved seeing so many people out supporting our mission. We were able to raise over \$1,100. This money is used to support our church, school and local organizations. Thank you again.

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



**•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.

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

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

Total.....	\$5,399.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	3,933.00
Plate/Loose .....	647.00
Designated Funds .....	819.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

03-24	\$25	Mary Kay Ersland - Grey Eagle
03-25	\$25	Renee Blonigen - Melrose
03-26	\$25	Roger & Mary Jane Pundsack - Melrose
03-27	\$25	Kevin O'Brien - Rogers
03-28	\$25	Geri Meyer - Melrose
03-29	\$25	Alice Klasen - Melrose
03-30	\$25	Jenn Ellering - SMS



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

**Census** The Church of St. Mary is conducting a parish-wide Census. If you haven't picked up your census forms, please do so. The census forms are available at the parish office. You can also call the parish office at 320-256-4207 and we can complete the form with you via the phone. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important endeavor.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**April 3, 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.

**April 6, Saturday**

◆ **Meire Grove Athletic Club Annual Meeting** at C.B.'s Bar and Grill in Meire Grove at 8:00 pm. Join us for a fun night of "baseball talk." Later on at 9:00 pm, the seven lucky winners of our raffle will be drawn. The raffle prizes range from \$599 to \$100. The cost of a ticket is \$20 and only 200 tickets will be sold. Lunch will be served after the meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**April 7, Sunday**

- ◆ **St. Rosa Lions Breakfast** in the St. Rosa Church Basement. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Adults \$10 in advance, at the door \$10.50. Children 5-12 \$5, 0-4 free. Children's tickets only sold at the door. Proceeds go to Lions Eyesight, hearing, and local community projects.
- ◆ **Matching Grant Breakfast** Sponsored by St. James, Elrosa Catholic United Financial. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Elrosa. Adults \$10. Children 6-11 \$5, 5 and under free.
- ◆ **Holdingford Knights of Columbus 9307 Chicken and Ham Dinner** at the Pelican Lake Ballroom in St. Anna. Serving from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Adults \$15. Children 5-12 \$10. Take outs available.

**April 10, Wednesday**

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

**April 11-13, Thursday-Saturday**

◆ **Hello Dolly** presented by Melrose Stages at Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at <http://gofan.co/app/school/MN99879> or call Audrey at 320-256-5612 with questions. Tickets are \$10.

**April 14, Sunday**

◆ **Hello Dolly** presented by Melrose Stages at Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center at 2:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at <http://gofan.co/app/school/MN99879> or call Audrey at 320-256-5612 with questions. Tickets are \$10.

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$6,350.08
Plate.....	389.02
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,739.10</b>

**Other Donations**

Votive .....	\$245.05
School Support .....	445.00
Easter Flowers.....	195.00
Easter.....	200.00
Rice Bowl.....	5.00

**Parish Events**

Su	03/31	11:00 am	Private Event
We	04/03	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	04/03	6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation
We	04/03	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
We	04/03	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples
Fr	04/05	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/05		No Adoration
Fr	04/05	9:00 am	Dave Ostendorf Funeral Visitation
Fr	04/05	11:30 am	Dave Ostendorf Funeral
Su	04/07	9:00 am	St. Joseph Society Meeting
Su	04/07	2:00 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Event
Su	04/07	7:00 pm	Men's Group

**May She Rest in Peace...** Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †Susan "Sue" Rolfes-Worms, who passed away Wednesday, March 20. A Funeral Liturgy of the Word was celebrated here on Thursday, March 28.

**Welcome to Our Parish...** We welcome Jessica and Christopher Kundert, and their children, Easton, Stella, and Bryaden, to our parish.

**St. Joseph Society Annual Meeting** will be held Sunday, April 7 after the 8:00 am Mass in the church basement. Coffee, rolls, and juice will be served.

**Save the Date!** The Sacred Heart Parish festival will be Sunday, July 21, 2024. Details to follow.

**Do You Enjoy Party Planning?** 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.

 **Graduating Seniors** Application period is open for the Catholic United Financial 2024-2025 Post-Secondary Scholarships. All Catholic United members are encouraged to apply. Application information is available on the website [www.catholicunitedfinancial.org](http://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org)

**Sacred Heart School**  
**Calendar Raffle Winners!**

03/24	\$40	Travis Lambrecht - Cottage Grove
03/25	\$25	Justin Althaus - Melrose
03/26	\$25	Norb & Audrey Overman - Albany
03/27	\$25	Jodi Maus - Melrose
03/28	\$40	Micah Gregory - Belle Plaine
03/29	\$40	Peter & Marilyn Heidgerken - Freeport
03/30	\$25	Joe Wiechman - Freeport

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes .....	\$2,476.69
Plate.....	422.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,898.69</b>

**Other Donations**

Easter .....	\$50.00
Building/Maintenance .....	34.62
Easter Flowers .....	145.00
Boiler .....	60.00
Votive.....	110.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	10.00
Holy Land.....	10.00


**Parish Events**

We 04/03 6:00 pm	Elem. Faith Formation - FR
We 04/03 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
We 04/03 7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Th 04/04	No Adoration
Sa 04/06 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Sa 04/06 5:00 pm	St. Joseph Society Meeting
Su 04/07 2:00 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Event - FR
Su 04/07 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR


**May They Rest in Peace...**  
 Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the families of:  
 •†**Jackson Neuens-Studer**, who passed away Monday, March 18. A private family Memorial Mass was held.  
 •†**Mary Ann Zierden**, who passed away Wednesday, March 20. Her funeral was celebrated here on Wednesday, March 27.

**Baptized in Christ...** We welcome **Annabelle Marie Klaphake**, the daughter of Tyler Klaphake and Ashley Wenner, to our parish. Annabelle Marie was baptized on Sunday, March 23.

**St. Joseph Society Meeting** Saturday, April 6 in the church basement after the 4:00 pm Mass.

 **God's Housekeepers** for the month of April: Cindy Schmiesing, Janice Hoppe, Connie Zierden, & Mary Krueger. 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.

**Expansion & Elevator Project...** The interior part of this project is complete. The exterior will be addressed when the weather permits. Currently we are at \$881,000 in donations (of which \$200,000 is a loan from the New Munich Investors) plus \$70,500 in outstanding pledges. Expenses have come in at this point just over \$954,000 so a loan will need to be taken out from the diocese. Please prayerfully consider donating to this project that will serve many for generations to come.

 **Parish Seamstresses and Crafters:** This year the Parish & Quilt Raffle will be on June 8, so it is time again to plan for the "Quilt & Fancy Work" raffle. If any of you have fancy or crafty items (doilies, afghans, towels, etc.) to donate for the raffle, please call or contact me before Wednesday, April 3, so we will have time to get the raffle tickets printed with the information on them and have them ready to send out with the parish raffle tickets. Thanks in advance for sharing your talents to contribute to the Christian Women's main source of funds. Also, if anyone would like to donate cash toward the expenses of the quilt, we'd appreciate that very much. Jean Hopfer, Quilt Raffle Chm. 320-837-5239.

**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 .....	\$1,316.92
Plate.....	197.25
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,514.17</b>

**Other Donations**

Votive.....	\$349.00
Easter Flowers .....	50.00
Easter .....	500.00
Catholic Relief Services .....	200.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine....	25.00
Rice Bowl.....	150.00
Holy Land.....	100.00

**Parish Events**

Tu 04/02	No Adoration
We 04/03 6:00 pm	Elem. Faith Formation - FR
We 04/03 7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
We 04/03 7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Fr 04/05 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 04/07 8:30 am	Lion's Breakfast
Su 04/07 2:00 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Event - FR
Su 04/07 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

 **Bake Sale** The Christian Women will be hosting a bake sale on Sunday, April 7 in the gathering area. Stop by for some baked goods from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

**St. Rose Christian Women** will have their spring meeting on Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. All members or aspiring members are welcome to attend!


**Your Help is 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.

**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>\$2,704.28</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	392.00
Plate/Loose .....	58.00
Votives.....	217.28
Maintenance.....	282.00
Fuel Fund.....	405.00
Cemetery Donation .....	500.00
Cemetery Lot .....	600.00
Easter .....	200.00
Easter Flowers .....	50.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, April 7 - 10:00 am**  
 (S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg  
 (L) Ralph Klassen  
 (U) Bob Welle & Chico Welle  
 (EM) (B) Ruth Heinen  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg  
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber  
 (CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres  
 (HK: **March 31 - April 13**) Krystal Barten, Cindy Bertram, & Deb Bertram

**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. 

**Cash Raffle Tickets** have been distributed. Please return ticket stubs, money, and any unsold tickets to Sue Meyer, Karen Rademacher, or Duane Moscho, or put in the St. Michael's collection marked, "Cash Raffle," by Sunday, April 7. Thank you for your participation.



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$2,724.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	2,068.00
Plate/Loose .....	161.00
Votives.....	3.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	2.00
Donation.....	275.00
Fuel .....	105.00
Maintenance.....	25.00
Central MN Catholic.....	20.00
Easter Flowers.....	65.00


**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, April 6 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Zachary Rieland  
 (L) Herman Lensing  
 (U) Herman Lensing & Tim Lucken  
 (GB) Jim & Ruth Wehlage  
 (EM) (B) Clarine Beier  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - April) \*Becky Hoffmann, Linda Heinze, Deb Imdieke, Carol Inderrieden, Ronnie Inderrieden, & Bridget Kasper

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

**For the Sick:** Joe Soenneker, Ethan Zink, 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

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$7,793.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,228.00
Children.....	0.50
Plate/Loose .....	133.00
Votives.....	37.00
Maintenance.....	95.00
Plaster Repair Donation.....	5,000.00
Community Park.....	1,300.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, April 7 - 8:00 am**

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer  
 (L) Doug Meyer  
 (U) Dennis Schmiesing & Don Schneider  
 (GB) Gary & Irene Marthaler  
 (EM) (B) Jim Leukam & Char Meyer  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - April) \*Abby Zenzen, Julie Wehlage, Ann Brang, Janice Funk, Kathy Illies, Darlene Imdieke

**Financial Report** Copies of the 2022-2023 financial report have been placed at all three entrances of the church.

**Spring Fundraiser** Sunday, April 14, in the Meire Grove Church basement. Bake Sale following 8:00 am Mass. Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Lunch provided by Catholic United Financial starting at 11:00 am. Bingo starts at noon. 20 games for \$15, includes lunch. Prizes include hams, turkeys and cash. Root Beer Floats available for \$2 served by Faith Formation students. Parish Raffle Drawing after game 10. \$20/ticket. Grand prize \$2,000. Tickets available from any St. John the Baptist parishioner or at the Parish Office in Melrose. Return Raffle Tickets to the boxes at all 3 entrances of the church.

El ministerio Hispano de la iglesia de Santa Maria 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 6:30 pm a 10:00 pm. 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.

**Si desea, ofrecer una misa** por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo omatrimonio, favor de hablar con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús Hernández. O llama a la oficina 320-256-4207.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

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

- Grados 9/10 - Clase Miércoles, 3 de abril, 7:15-8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. Estudiantes y algunos padres.
- Grados 7/8 - Sábado, 6 de abril, 10:30 am. Proyecto de servicio de limpieza de cunetas viales. Reúnase en St. John's Community Park, justo al este de la iglesia Meire Grove. Almuerzo después de la limpieza. ¡Realmente apreciaríamos si algunos padres también pudieran estar allí, para ayudar a transportar a los estudiantes hacia y desde la iglesia MG!
- Centros de Aprendizaje de Primera **Comunión** para estudiantes y padres - Domingo, 7 de abril, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. ¡Cubriremos información importante sobre cómo celebraremos la Primera Eucaristía!
- Vea el **Ministerio Juvenil de ACC** para información juvenil.

**La reunión de la Sociedad Misionera de St. Mary** será el miércoles 10 de abril en la Iglesia de St. Mary a las 8:45 am. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

**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!

**Censo** La Iglesia de Santa María está realizando un censo en toda la parroquia. Si no ha recogido sus formularios del censo, hágalo. Los formularios del censo están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. También puede llamar a la oficina parroquial al 320-256-4207 y podemos completar el formulario con usted por teléfono. Gracias por su cooperación en este esfuerzo tan importante.

**Enriquecimiento Matrimonial -**

*¡Aleluya!*  
*¡Cristo ha resucitado!*



**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, April 3 at 6:00 pm - Classroom Lesson. Meet in the parish office.
- Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 3. Meet in your classrooms.

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

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

- Grades 9-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 3, 7:15-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.
- Grades 7/8:** Saturday, April 6, 10:30 am. Road ditch cleanup service project. Meet at St. John's Community Park just east of the Meire Grove Church. Lunch after cleanup. We would really appreciate it if a few parents could also be there, to help with shuttling students to and from the Meire Grove Church.
- First Communion Learning Centers** for students & parents - Sunday, April 7, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm, St. Mary's Church. We will cover some important information for how we will celebrate First Eucharist!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

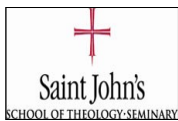
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♥**One In Faith Youth in Grades 6-12** are invited to join us for a Youth Game Night with Fr. Doug and Fr. Derek on Saturday, April 27, at Hellermann Acres. We will start with a Mass in the hay barn at 5:00 pm, followed by a meal and games in the game room haybarn, which has pool, foosball, ping pong and board games available. The event will end at 9:00 pm. We would love for the youth to grab a friend and join us for this fun evening! Permission slips will be available in the back of all churches and can be turned in on the night of the event.

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



**From Lord's Supper to Adoration: The History of the Earliest Christian Eucharist**

Charles Bobertz, Ph.D. Jesus gathered with his disciples to celebrate a ritual meal that marked the dawn of the Messianic Age. The earliest Christians continued this ritual meal, the Lord's Supper, in their house churches, now with the bread enacting the continuing presence of the resurrected Christ in their midst. How did the earliest Christians understand this "real presence" of Jesus Christ 1300 years before the doctrine of transubstantiation? Our journey will take us from Lord's Supper to present day Eucharistic Adoration. Friday, April 5, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Emmaus Hall, St. John's University.

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

**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 - April 5-7 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - April 23-25 (Midweek)



**Catholic Century Farm Awards and Rural Business Award Social Concerns**

is now taking applications for the Catholic Century Farm Awards. We are also accepting nominations for the Catholic Rural Business Award. If your family, neighbors or members of your ACC have been working the same land for 100 years or more, or if you know of a Catholic business owner in the diocese who lives out their faith in how they run their business, please visit the Rural Life section of the Social Concerns website for more information: <https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/social-concerns>. You may also contact [JoAnn.Braegelman@ccstcloud.org](mailto:JoAnn.Braegelman@ccstcloud.org) or [Luke.Preussler@ccstcloud.org](mailto:Luke.Preussler@ccstcloud.org) with questions. Recipients of both awards will be honored at the Rural Life Celebration Mass with Bishop Neary, beginning at 1:30 pm Sunday, August 18, at the Nate and Samantha Middendorf farm in Long Prairie.



Alleluia!  
Christ has Risen!

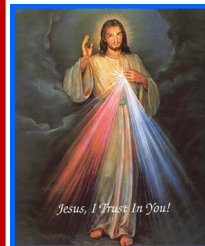
**The Scriptures This Week**

**Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II**

<b>Mo</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tu</b>	Acts 2:36-41	Jn 20:11-18
<b>We</b>	Acts 3:1-10	Lk 24:13-35
<b>Th</b>	Acts 3:11-26	Lk 24:35-48
<b>Fr</b>	Acts 4:1-12	Jn 21:1-14
<b>Sa</b>	Acts 4:13-21	Mk 16:9-15
<b>Next Sunday - Sunday of Divine Mercy</b>		
	Acts 4:32-35	1 Jn 5:1-6
		Jn 20:19-31

**2nd Annual One In Faith ACC  
Divine Mercy Sunday...**

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday service at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport on Sunday, April 7. This is our second annual ACC Divine Mercy Sunday event and hope to continue this feast day in the future to recognize the graces granted by our Lord. Please feel free to come for a portion of, or all of the events. Enjoy some goodies and coffee sponsored and served by Catholic United PVT #101 in the church basement following the service.



**Schedule of Events:**

- Adoration** from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Individual Confessions** from 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm
- Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 3:00 pm
- Closing of Adoration** at 4:00 pm
- Social** in the church basement

**What is Divine Mercy Sunday?**

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Easter - April 7. The Novena began on Good Friday, March 29. The great promise of this day is the forgiveness of all sins and punishment due to sin for anyone who would go to Confession and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on this very special Feast Day. According to the Divine Mercy Productions, one may receive the Sacrament of Confession twenty days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet pamphlets are available in the back of churches. Please see the insert in the March 24, 2024 bulletin for more information.

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♥**On Behalf** of everyone at Sacred Heart School, we want to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

♥**No School** on Monday, April 1.

♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, April 3 will be planned by Mrs. Benson and the 5th grade students.

♥**We are Taking Registrations** for the 2024/2025 school year for all grade levels. Please stop in or contact the school office if you would like a registration form for your child.

♥**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. Please contact the school office for more information and/or to pick up an application 320-836-2591.

♥**We Will Be Celebrating** a few of our Wine and Dine Auction items this week - Sleepover in the Gym and Principal for a Day. These items were auctioned off at our fundraiser in January.

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

♥**SHS Designer Bag Bingo** is on Saturday, April 13! You can reserve your tickets at SHS and then pick up and pay for them on April 13 at the Freeport Community Center.

♥**SHS Spring Fling** is on Friday, May 17. All are welcome.

♦**Ellie Middendorf will be the Principal of the Day** on Thursday, April 4. Her parents purchased this experience at the Auction4Education. She will also get to meet with the Principal of the Day from Sacred Heart and SJSA.

♦**Harry's Pizza Fundraiser** will run through Wednesday, April 10. Orders can be picked up on Thursday, April 25, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at the school gym. Please contact a current SMS family, the parish office, or the school to place an order.

♦**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).

♦**Happy Easter** from everyone at SJSA!

♦**No School at SJSA** on Monday, April 1.

♦**Jackson Gilk will be "Principal for a Day"** on Thursday, April 4. After morning Mass, Jackson and Mrs. Miller will attend a Principal Meeting with the principals and auction winners from St. Mary's and Sacred Heart. There will be other fun activities throughout the day.

♦**Steak and Wine Follow-Up Parent Meeting** is Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 pm in the school basement. Please have at least one parent attend the meeting.

♦**"All-Aboard" Kindergarten Round-Up** is Monday, April 8 from 7:45 am - 2:30 pm. Prospective kindergarteners will spend the day with the current kindergarten class. A healthy snack and hot lunch are included. Call the school at 320-987-3133 to register.



## Glory Beyond Imagination! con't. from page 1

Why is so much solemnity given to this celebration? Because Easter is worth it! Nothing ever has been and nothing ever will be more glorious than the triumph of the Son of God over sin and death. Easter must fill us with awe and wonder. Because of His death and Resurrection, our lives are changed forever. Therefore even if you are not able to participate in the "mother of all vigils," try to learn the lessons this vigil teaches.

Among the many lessons we can learn from the Easter Vigil is that God's glorious plan of salvation unfolds over time and then culminates with glory beyond imagination. This is especially depicted through the many readings in the Liturgy of the Word. The first reading for that Mass comes from Genesis and recounts the six days of creation. We then read the story of Abraham, our father in faith, and how his trust in God was tested when he was told to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice, in a prefiguration of the Father in Heaven offering His only Son for us all. We then read the story of Moses leading the people out of Egypt from slavery through the Red Sea. The waters of the Red Sea are a symbol of Baptism that crushes sin and leads us to freedom. Readings from the prophets Isaiah, Baruch and Ezekiel follow, revealing the unfolding of God's promise of the gift of salvation to come.

At times in life, we can become impatient. We tend to want what we want when we want it. But the lesson of the Holy Scriptures is that God's plan is not only perfect but is also fulfilled only in accord with God's timing. This is His perfect wisdom. It's a wisdom that we cannot always comprehend. In the end, if we embrace the perfect plan of God in our lives, we will share in the Resurrection of Christ. Nothing could ever be better than this. There is nothing that this world can offer us that even comes close to the glorious reward of sharing in the Resurrection of Christ.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Easter, reflect, today, upon the fact that God's plan for your life is perfect. It's a plan that God wants to unfold for you one step at a time. The end result is the glory of the Resurrection! It's a life of perfection with Him in Heaven when every tear will be wiped away. It's a plan that removes every sin, sorrow and suffering, and leads you to the fullness of joy. The way to embrace that plan is to take one step at a time as God leads. Little by little, God wants to change you, free you, forgive you, strengthen you and set you on the path to glory. Believe in the most awe-inspiring glory that you could ever share in. Believe in the promise of the Resurrection. Make sharing in it your one and only goal in life, and let God lead you down that path, one step at a time.

*My resurrected Lord, the glory that we celebrate today, the glory of Your Resurrection, is far above anything I can imagine. The new life given to all who surrender their lives to You is glorious and awe-inspiring. Please help me to keep my mind and heart fixated upon this glorious promise and to always allow You to lead me toward it, one step at a time. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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