



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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 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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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Facebook: Tri Parish

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Freeport, MN 56331

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

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

Marriage

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

Baptism & RCIA

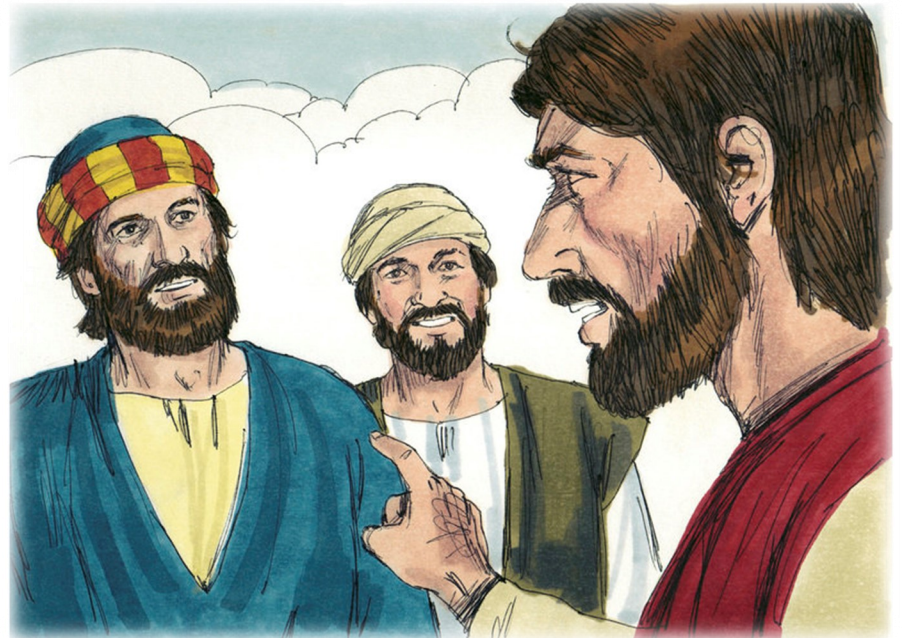
If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion

Pastoral Visitation

Joining/Leaving a Parish

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



Being a Witness of Christ

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40-42

Andrew was a follower of Saint John the Baptist until John directed him to Jesus. One day John saw Jesus walk by and pointed to Jesus, telling Andrew and another disciple, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples followed after Jesus. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. As is mentioned in the passage above, he enthusiastically tells Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Then, once Peter meets Jesus, Peter also becomes His disciple.

A similar experience occurs between the brothers Philip and Nathanael (see John 1:43-51). Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, and he does. After coming to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Philip goes to tell his brother Nathanael that he has found "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets." Nathanael believes and follows our Lord. Thus, a series of conversions began after John the Baptist gave testimony that Jesus was the "Lamb of God."

Though we can be certain that Jesus did not need the testimony of John the Baptist to convert Andrew, nor the testimony of Andrew to convert Simon Peter, nor the testimony of Philip to convert Nathanael, this is how it happened. Jesus chose to use these three to bring about the conversion of others.

In God's divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God's grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 15 - 21 ADORATION

St. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Beatriz Ramirez
†Ester Ramirez
Tu 8:00 am †Jean Hellermann
We 8:00 am †Deceased/Living Family
Members of Dan & Doris Baltes
Th 8:00 am ††Doochie & Shawn Salzl
Fr 8:30 am SMS Mass
††Ralph & Adeline Boecker
Sa 5:00 pm †Deceased Members of the
Donald Mayers & Ed Keller Families
For the People
*Su 10:00 am †Cyrilla Brixius
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Maria Faranillo
†Cirilo Sanchez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Catholic
United Financial Members
Sa 4:00 pm ††Norb & Marilyn Schaefer
St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa
Tu 8:15 am ††Eddie & Millie Kociemba
Su 10:00 am †Virgil Boecker
†Joe Boecker

St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Marcella Lieser
Su 10:00 am †Chris Welle

St. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJSA School Mass
††Henry & Marie Kampsen
Sa 4:00 pm †Marilyn Uphus

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †John Nathe
Su 8:00 am †Arlene Arnzen



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
Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:00 pm
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 ~
•Confirmation Prayer Trees have been placed in the parishes of St. Michaels's, St. Andrew, St. John's and St. Mary's. Each dove on the tree has the name of a Confirmation candidate. We invite you to take a dove or two home with you and pray for the candidates, that they may be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives! Confirmation will take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 10 at St. Mary's in Melrose. Everyone, especially all from our 7 ACC parishes, is welcome to join us in celebrating this sacrament with our young people!

Parish News: ~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~
•Blessed Epiphany Chalk Please remember the chalk is blessed. After using the chalk, please return it to the church or Tri-Parish Office or bury it in the ground.
•Men's Group The next session begins Sunday, January 14 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Freeport. All men are invited to and encouraged to attend.

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

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

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

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

AED Training St. Rosa Christian Women will be hosting AED training on Tuesday, January 16 at 10:00 am during quilting. This is open to the public, others are welcome to join.



Matching Grant Endowment Fund Sacred Heart School is thrilled to announce a remarkable opportunity for the school! A generous donor has pledged a matching grant of \$50,000 to the endowment fund. By supporting Sacred Heart School through our Endowment fund, you are not only helping secure its future, but also providing a foundation for success for our students. Every dollar donated will be matched up to \$50,000!! Don't miss out on this opportunity to double your impact, this opportunity ends January 27, 2024! To donate, contact the Sacred Heart School Office.

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

The Dogma of Hell Looking for a spiritual journey for the upcoming Lenten season? A one-night book review of the book, The Dogma of Hell written by Fr. F.X. Schouppe, will be held in the One In Faith ACC community at the Immaculate Conception Church in New Munich on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm. The 103 page book is written in short stories. Fr. Schouppe recounts true events as well as apparitions of the damned to help us learn the truth about Hell. If interested, contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to reserve a book. Books will be ordered in early February and be available for pick up at the Melrose or Freeport parish offices later in February. A freewill offering to cover the cost of the book will be available the night of the book discussion. "The Dogma of Hell is the most terrible truth of our faith. There is a Hell. We are as sure of it as of the existence of God, the existence of the sun. Nothing in fact, is more clearly revealed than the Dogma of Hell." —Fr. François Xavier Schouppe, S.J.

An Epoch in Time, history book of St. Rose of Lima Parish, is available at the parish offices in Freeport and Melrose. Cost \$35
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CHURCH OF ST. MARY
*Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
 Melrose, MN 56352*

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

Total.....	\$7,277.15
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,495.00
Plate/Loose	1,027.00
Designated Funds.....	1,755.15

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

01-07	\$25	Alex Klasen - Burtrum
01-08	\$25	Bill Hinnenkamp - Melrose
01-09	\$25	Ralph & Kelly Revermann - Melrose
01-10	\$25	Larry & Rose Van Beck - Melrose
01-11	\$50	Beth Lapping - Baxter
01-12	\$25	Robb Funk - Grey Eagle
01-13	\$25	Richard & Carla Van Heel - Melrose



Christian Women Meeting St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet in the conference room at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 pm.

Thank You The stewardship committee thanks everyone for your involvement in our annual parish renewal. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are the soul of our church. Without your commitment to our 50+ ministries we would not be where we are today. A full report will be presented in a few weeks. God bless you!

Leadership and Council Meetings Parish Leadership will meet Thursday, January 25, at 6:30 pm. Finance Council will meet at 5:30 pm.

Thank You to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Christmas Environment. All your hard work created a great worship space for the Christmas season.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	1 Sm 15:16-23	Mk 2:18-22
Tu	1 Sm 16:1-13	Mk 2:23-28
We	Saint Anthony, Abbot	
	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	Mk 3:1-6
Th	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7	Mk 3:7-12
Fr	1 Sm 24:3-21	Mk 3:13-19
Sa	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27	Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Jon 3:1-5, 10	1 Cor 7:29-31
		Mk 1:14-20

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2,721.62
Plate.....	604.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,325.62

Other Donations

Votive	\$228.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	50.00
School Support	150.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	50.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	65.00
Epiphany Donations.....	206.35
Building/Maintenance.....	205.00

Parish Events

Su	01/14	7:00 pm	Men's Group
We	01/17	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	01/17	5:30 pm	Grade 10 Parent/Student Interviews
We	01/17	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	01/17	7:00 pm	Youth Event
Fr	01/19	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	01/19	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	01/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Welcome to our Parish... We would like to welcome **Michelle Fleischhacker** to our parish.

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Robert "Bob" Hoeschen**, who passed away Sunday, January 7. His funeral was celebrated here on Friday, January 12.


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

- January 14, Sunday**
 ♦**Coffee and Rolls** after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Michael's Parish in Spring Hill. Hosted by Catholic United of St. Michael's.
- January 17, Wednesday**
 ♦**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- January 18, Thursday**
 ♦**Freeport Senior Citizens meeting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.
- January 19, Friday**
 ♦**Melrose American Legion fish fry** from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated! These are always the 3rd Friday of the month and are now "all you can eat!" Please join us.
- January 20, Saturday**
 ♦**Holy Family School, Albany, Snow Ball** at Seven Dolours Church, Dinner from 4:00 - 8:00 pm, Live Auction at 8:00 pm. Meal ticket \$30. Powersport Vehicle and Cash Raffles, In-person Silent Auction.
- January 21, Sunday**
 ♦**Melrose Lions Club Ham & Egg Breakfast** serving from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at the American Legion. Adults \$10 in advance, \$11 at the door.
- January 22, Monday**
 ♦**Sauk Centre MCCL Bus to the Capitol in St. Paul** for the March for Life. Bus leaves from Walmart in Sauk Centre at 9:00 am and St. Mary's church parking lot in Melrose by 9:15 am. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call 320-250-9904. Please dress warm & bring a bag lunch.
- January 24, Wednesday**
 ♦**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA
*Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
 St. Rosa, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2537*

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,132.08
Plate.....	273.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,405.08

Other Donations

Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	\$25.00
Building/Maintenance	37.50
Christmas Envelopes.....	170.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	25.00
Boiler.....	50.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$7,501.54
Plate.....	302.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$7,803.54

Other Donations

Epiphany Donations.....	\$64.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	20.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,403.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	497.00
Plate/Loose	136.00
Christmas.....	2,750.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	20.00

Parish Events


Su 01/14 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 01/16 7:30 pm	COF Quarterly Mtg.
We 01/17 5:30 pm	Grade 10 Parent/Student Interviews - FR
We 01/17 6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 01/17 7:00 pm	Youth Event - FR
Th 01/18 7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 01/20 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 01/21 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR


Parish Events

Su 01/14 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 01/16 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 01/16 9:00 am	Quilting
We 01/17 5:30 pm	Grade 10 Parent/Student Interviews - FR
We 01/17 6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 01/17 7:00 pm	Youth Event - FR
Fr 01/19 7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 01/20 11:00 am	Private Event
Su 01/21 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR


Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 21 - 10:00 am

(S) Shantel Gruber & Stella Schoenberg
 (L) Pete LeClaire
 (U) Nick Waldorf & Bob Welle
 (EM) (B) Karen Rademacher
 (EM) (C) NO Precious Blood
 (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
 (RL) Kathy Welle
 (CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire
 (HK: **January 21 - February 3**)
 Daisha Welle, Dani Welle, & Deanna Welle

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

 **Festival Quilts** All are invited to help quilt the festival quilts at 9:00 am. We will quilt every Tuesday. Lunch is provided.

Food For Thought: The St. Rose Christian Women are doing a cash fund drive during the month of January for Food For Thought. This is a program to provide food to local students who do not always have adequate access to food over the weekends. Please send donations to St. Rose Christian Women, c/o Sarah Herdering 41404 Co Rd 167, Melrose, 56352. Thank you!

 **Thank You** The St. Rosa Christian Women would like to thank everyone who donated items to our Baby Shower for Jesus. All the items were dropped off with Options for Women and will provide comfort to those in need.

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

Children Envelopes If you would like children's envelopes, please contact the parish office at 320-256-4207.

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

Bible and Breakfast St. Ann's Christian Women of St. Michael's parish would like to invite St. Michael's parishioners to Breakfast & Bibles hosted by one of our very own parishioners, Grace Lange, who is a managing partner with You Flourish Company. The event will be held Saturday, January 27 from 9:00-10:30 am at Sportsman's Den in Lake Henry. The cost of the event is \$20. St. Ann's Christian Women will cover the cost of any St. Michael's parishioner that would like to attend. Please sign up in the back of the church or with one of the Christian Women officers by Sunday, January 21. Anyone needing a ride should contact one of the Christian Women officers.

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




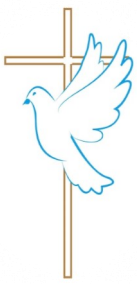
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The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God's words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God's mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God's grace through us.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God's infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say "Yes" to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God's grace.

Most glorious Lord, You are abundantly generous in Your grace and mercy and desire to bestow Your love on all people. Please use me for Your divine mission of evangelizing the world. I say "Yes" to You, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You.
 mycatholic.life

 **Thank You** for adding me to the church prayer line and for all the parishioners who prayed for me when I was having debilitating pain from my back problems. The prayers have helped and since my surgery a few weeks ago my pain is very minimal. I appreciate all the phone calls and cards I have received in the mail. Your kindness and prayers have meant a lot to Eldred and me.
 ~Thank you, Phyllis Klaphake



ONE IN FAITH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



ST. MARY - MELROSE, ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL,
ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD, ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE

Who has helped you in your faith journey?



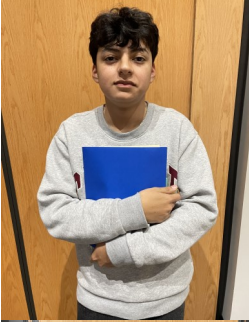
Aaron Abonce - Parents: Miguel Abonce and Brenda Garcia

Brenda Garcia - My mom has helped me since I was little. She taught me a song and helped me go to my First Communion classes. She drove and picked me up every time.



Lauryn Beuning - Parents: Kyle Beuning and Tammy Beuning

Joni Ellering - She is my grandma. She would come to all my St. Mary's School Masses every Friday. She talked about what the readings really meant so we could understand better.



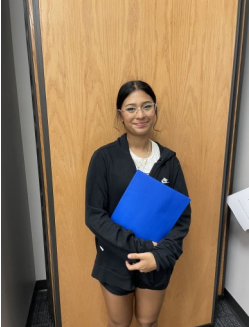
Miguel Ambriz Botello - Parents: Edgar Hernandez and Mairén Botello

Mairén Botello - My mom has taught me to be a better person. She has helped me with my faith journey.



Turner Beuning - Parents: Kyle Beuning and Tammy Beuning

Joni Ellering - My grandma has encouraged me to go to church and to pray.



Natalie Ambriz Botello - Parents: Edgar Hernandez and Mairén Botello

Mairén Botello - My mom has influenced me to put God first and has helped me through my faith journey. She has always helped me pray.



Aubrey Braegelmann - Parents: Lori Braegelmann and Ryan Braegelmann

Lori Braegelmann - My mom has shown me the love of God through her actions. She always makes me feel loved and puts my needs before her own.



Devin Bauer - Parents: Kevin Bauer and Mindy Bauer

Linda Bauer - She had a stroke so I prayed for her and by that I got closer to God. He made her better.



Caraline Braun - Parents: Jason Braun and Kristie Braun

Amanda Mackedanz - She goes to church every Sunday and lives a faith-filled life. She helps me follow my goals in life and shows that God is always present in my life.



Olivia Bauer - Parents: Jason Bauer and Kim Bauer

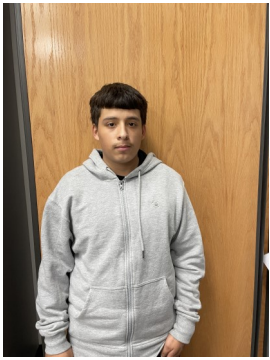
Kim Bauer - I selected my mom because she has taught me to have faith and believe in God. And she is always there for me when I'm in a difficult spot.



Wendy Carrillo Juarez - Parents: Jorge Carrillo and Lorena Juarez

Lorena Juarez - My mom has taught me what God is like and how good He is. She has helped me through difficult times and has made my faith stronger.

Who has helped you in your faith journey?



Jaime De los Santos - Parents: Jose De Los Santos and Veronica Morales



Owen Funk - Parents: Karl Funk and Jill Funk

Betty Rademacher - She took me to church my whole childhood on the weekends and weekdays.



Elli Dockendorf - Parents: John Dockendorf and Kristy Dockendorf

Kristy Dockendorf - My mom has helped me in my faith by showing me the love of God through her actions. She has always cared for and supported me. In good and bad times she was there to lift me up and solve the problem. By doing this for me, I have felt loved by my parents and got closer to God.



Megan Frieler - Parents: Duane Frieler and Amy Frieler

Jan Arceneau - My aunt has taught me how to follow God more and trust Him.



Ethan Duevel - Parents: Duane Duevel and Cindy Duevel

Cindy Duevel - My mom has taught me how to control my feelings, life skills and other stuff I will use until I die.



Shantel Gruber - Parents: Conrad Gruber and Sandra Gruber

Marilyn Gruber - My grandma has impacted my faith by showing me she is willing to do anything for her church and community. She does this by leading the rosary before Mass, distributing Communion to those unable to attend our daily or weekend Masses and often visits the elderly in the nursing home.



Kai Enright - Parents: Justis Enright and Sandra Enright

Mike Nelson - My Uncle Mike has helped me many times when I am troubled. He has been there on every joyous occasion.



Genri Hernandez Becerra - Parents: Elias Hernandez and Leticia Becerra



Isaac Frericks - Parents: Phil Frericks and Ashley Frericks

Sarah Wiechman - She introduced me to being closer and more connected to God.



Christopher Herrera - Parents: Antonia Herrera and Juan Herrera

Steven Herrera - He has taught me to be a better person. He leads me on a better path. He has instructed me to work hard.

Who has helped you in your faith journey?



Brian Hernandez Montañez - Parents: Salvador Hernandez and Maria Guadalupe Montañez

German Hernandez - My brother has helped and supported me in anything.



Brooke Klaphake - Parents: Jayme Klaphake and Amy Klaphake

Lori Thull - My grandma inspired me to follow my Religion. She makes it easy and fun to stay connected with God.



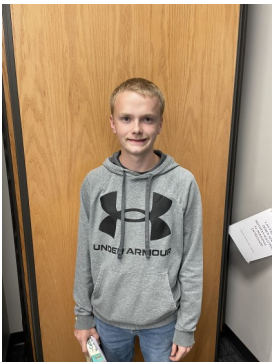
Maria Hinnenkamp - Parents: Pete Hinnenkamp and Barb Hinnenkamp

Barb Hinnenkamp - My mom is kind and caring and has helped me on my faith journey since I was little.



Addison (Addie) Maus - Parents: Craig Maus and Amanda Maus

Amanda Maus - My mom is one of my biggest supporters and greatest role models. She helps me better my faith by encouraging Mass on Sundays and helping her with CLOW (Childrens Liturgy of the Word). My Mom works at Sacred Heart School in Freeport is a perfect example of how to teach the youth about God. I am so thankful for her help as I begin this new faith journey.



Mick Hinnenkamp - Parents: Pete Hinnenkamp and Barb Hinnenkamp

Pete Hinnenkamp - My dad is always there for me.



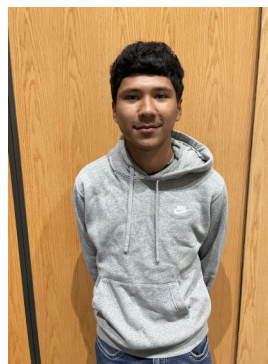
Maria Martínez Montañez - Parents: Leonel Martinez and Veronica Montañez

Veronica Montañez - My mom taught me about God and she would always take me to church.



Yasli Jimenez Pesqueda - Parents: Manuel Jimenez Zamora and Linda Rubi Pesqueda Sanchez

Irene Pesqueda Sanchez: Her kind actions have shown me how God is great in many ways.



Alejandro Martínez Montañez - Parents: Leonel Martinez and Veronica Montañez

Leonel Martinez - My dad has helped me grow since I was small and helped me overcome challenges.



Gretta Kasper - Parents: Mathew Kasper and Bridget Kasper

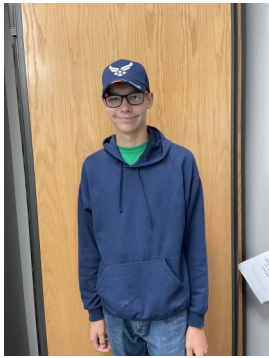
Linda Kasper - My grandma is always there to listen and help me in my faith.



Miranda Meyer - Parents: Marvin Meyer and Rita Meyer

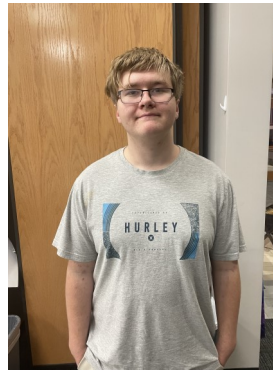
Marvin Meyer - Every day when my dad drives me to school we say a little prayer and it reminds me that God is with me.

Who has helped you in your faith journey?



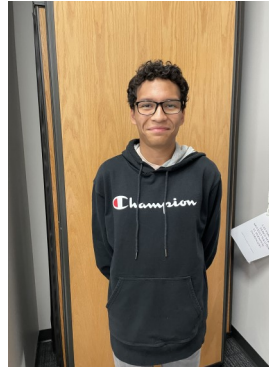
Carson Middendorf - Parents: Tony Middendorf and Nikki Middendorf

Thomas Gerads - My grandpa is always involved with the church.



Seth Tomford - Parents: Troy Tomford and Jennifer Tomford

Bonnie Theiler - My grandma has always influenced me to do the right thing. She knows even if something looks good you still shouldn't do bad acts.



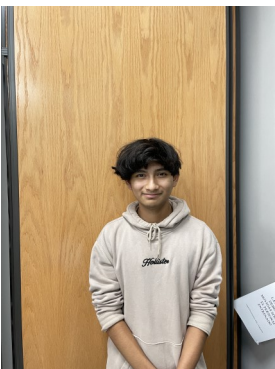
David Raya - Parents: Manuel Raya and Felisa Ambriz

Felisa Ambriz - My mother has inspired me and taught me in my journey throughout my whole life. She helps me through difficult times and prays for not just me but many people. She prays a lot for those who have passed.



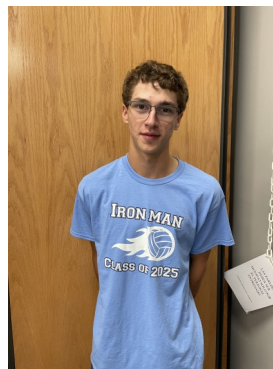
Sam Wehlage - Parents: Jim Wehlage and Jody Wehlage

Jody Wehlage - My mom encourages me to go to church every week and guides me to try and live a faith-filled life.



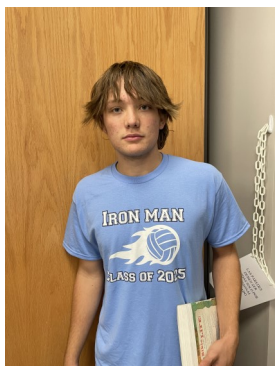
Angel Sanchez Orozco - Parents: Eduardo Sanchez and Leticia Sanchez

Leticia - My mom has answered my questions about God and brings me to church every Sunday.



Charlie Wehlage - Parents: Jim Wehlage and Jody Wehlage

Jody Wehlage - My mom sent me to St. Mary's School and took me to church since I was young.



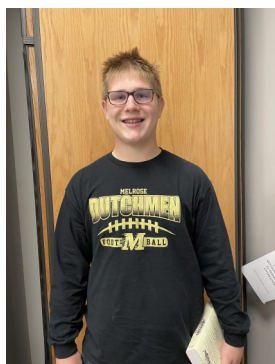
Daniel Spanier - Parents: Curt Spanier and Jennifer Spanier

Jennifer Spanier - My mom sent me to a private Catholic school which helped me start growing in my faith at a young age. She also is always trying her best to be grateful for good health and that we should be grateful for the beautiful world we live in.



Nathan Welle - Parents: Doug Welle and Melissa Welle

Melissa Welle - My mom has helped me on my faith journey by showing me the right thing to do and being a good example. She helps expand my faith by bringing me to church.



Dominic Stommes - Parents: Brian Stommes and Melissa Stommes

Melissa Stommes - My mom brings me to church every Sunday. She teaches me about God. She prays with me when I need it the most. She guides me when I need guidance. And she helps me when I need help.



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HISPANIC MINISTRY

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Total	\$1,177.00
Regular Adult Offering	865.00
Plate/Loose	58.00
Votives.....	34.00
Donations.....	200.00
School Subsidy.....	5.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	15.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,430.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	765.00
Plate/Loose	233.00
Votives.....	35.00
Maintenance.....	60.00
School Subsidy.....	105.00
Christmas.....	2,200.00
Crib Money.....	32.00


Formación en la fe: Información de contacto: Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- Grados 1, 3-6: Próxima clase:** Miércoles 17 de enero en la Iglesia de Santa María de 6:00 a 7:00 pm. Alumnos y padres.
- Grados 9-10: Próxima clase:** Miércoles, 17 de enero en la Iglesia de Santa María de 7:15 a 8:30 pm. Estudiantes y algunos padres.
- Primera Comunión:** ¡Celebración del Sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación! Sábado 20 de enero a las 9:30 horas. ¡Estudiantes y familias! Padres, por favor lleven a su hijo a la iglesia antes de las 9:15 am.
- Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC** para información juvenil.

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, January 20 - 4:00 pm
 (S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) Benjamin Stepan & Jim Uphoff
 (GB) Mathew & Bridget Kasper
 (EM) (B) Herman Lensing
 (EM) (C) NO Precious Blood
 (HK - January) *Donna Worms, Laurel Worms, Kristen Young, Wanda Ahrens, Angie Barten, Ann Barten

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 21 - 8:00 am
 (S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
 (L) Char Meyer
 (U) Ray Primus & Dennis Schmiesing
 (GB) Denis & Emily Schneider
 (EM) (B) Daryl Zenzen & Nick Kelzer
 (EM) (C) NO Precious Blood
 (HK - January) *Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Charlene Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer


Se han colocado árboles de oración de confirmación en las parroquias de St. Michaels's, St. Andrew, St. John's y St. Mary's. Cada paloma en el árbol tiene el nombre de una candidata a la Confirmación. ¡Te invitamos a que te lleves una o dos palomas a casa y ores por los candidatos, para que puedan estar abiertos a la presencia del Espíritu Santo en sus vidas! La confirmación se llevará a cabo a las 3:00 pm el domingo 10 de marzo en St. Mary's en Melrose. ¡Todos, especialmente todos los de nuestras 7 parroquias ACC, son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros para celebrar este sacramento con nuestros jóvenes!


 **A Huge Thank You** to those who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season! Thank you to Harold and Joan Rademacher, Fred and Doris Kraemer, Amy Stueve and Peter and Linda Heinze for putting up the trees, nativity set and other decorations inside church. Thank you to Clarine Beier who takes care of the poinsettias. Also, thank you to Dave and Linda Wenker for putting the nativity scene outside of church. Many hands make great work and everyone's time during this busy season is always appreciated!





Festival de Familias Diocesana: Únase a nosotros en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en Sauk Rapids el 11 de febrero, de 10:30 AM a 3:00 PM para un día de diversión y aprendizaje familiar. Los temas de las sesiones para padres incluirán salud mental, cuidado personal para padres, redes sociales y crianza en la fe. Registra a tu familia por solo \$20 en: <https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/>

One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools Dinner & Auction Fundraisers

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

 ◆**The 22nd St. Mary's Annual Auction 4 Education** will be held on Saturday, March 2, at the American Legion in Melrose. The night will start with music from the Teachers and the Preacher from 5:30-6:30 pm. A freewill offering meal will be served from 5:00-8:00 pm. The \$100 Cash Crop raffle tickets with a top prize of \$20,000 are available now after 10:00 am Masses, at St. Mary's School/Church, and All Stars Sports Bar & Grill, Double "R" Bar & Grill, Freeport State Bank Melrose, Kraemer Lumber, Magnifi Financial - Melrose, Melrose Bowl, and St. Rosa Lumber. Winners will be drawn on March 2 at the Legion. We will again use our online platform to bid for silent auction items, while the classroom projects will be auctioned live in person at the Legion. Please come dressed in your best Down on the Farm attire. Visit our auction website for more details. <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.

 ◆**33rd Annual Steak & Wine Dinner & Auction** to support St. John's-St. Andrew's Catholic School at The Greenwald Pub on Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10. Tickets cost \$35 and are now available at the school, QPC in Meire Grove, Freeport State Bank in Greenwald, as well as the nights of the event at the Pub. Online auction prior to the event. Live auction Saturday night. Donny Brang will play live music BOTH nights! More information to come!

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

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

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

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.

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



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grade 1, 3 - 6 Next Class:** Wednesday, January 17. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 10: Confirmation Student and Parent Interviews:** Wednesday, January 17. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 17 at St. Mary's Church from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Students and parents.
- **Grades 9-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 17 at St. Mary's Church from 7:15 - 8:30 pm. Students and some parents.
- **First Communion: Celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation!** Saturday, January 20 at 9:30 am. Students and families! Parents, please have your child at church by 9:15 am.



YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

csand@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♥ **Pizza Making & Games for Grades 9-12** Wednesday, January 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church Basement. Join us as we make homemade pizzas and play card games and board games. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 10.
- ♥ **Gym/Game Night** Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come hang out for a gym/game night with snacks and worship time on Sunday, January 21 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at St. Mary's School.
- ♥ **Middle School Lock-In for Grades 6 - 8:** Saturday - Sunday, January 27 - 28 starting with 7:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids and ending at 6:00 am at the St. Cloud YMCA. This lock-in will have Mass, great food, swimming, dodgeball, gaga ball, prayer opportunities, wallyball, a silent disco, game shows, and so much more. Come together with other youth in our diocese, make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat great food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$40 prior to January 18 and \$50 January 19 - 24. Registration forms are available on the parish website sacredheartfreeport.org. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143 with questions.
- ♥ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 22 - 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 51 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$190. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 31 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-214, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 with questions.

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“Come, and you will see.” How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org.

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.



- Women's Silent Retreat - January 19-21 (Weekend)
- Men's Silent Retreat - February 9-11 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - February 13-15 (Lenten Midweek)
- Married Couples Retreat - February 16-18 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - February 23-25 (Weekend)

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



RCIA Candidates This past weekend three RCIA candidates, Kathy Yamry, Allison Lieser, and Sabrina Pincombe, were welcomed by our ACC as they prepare to be fully initiated as members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their formation.

Melrose Confirmation Mass Confirmation will take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 10 at St. Mary's in Melrose. Everyone, especially all from our 7 ACC parishes, is welcome to join us in celebrating this sacrament with our young people!

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

March for Life will be held Monday, January 22 in St. Paul. A prayer service for life will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30 am followed by the MCCL March for Life at the Minnesota Capitol from 12:00-1:00 pm. Visit <https://stcdio.org/event/march-for-life-2024/> for more info. Sauk Centre MCCL is sponsoring a bus to the State Capitol on Monday, January 22 for the March for Life. A bus will be leaving from Walmart in Sauk Centre at 9:00 am and arriving at the parking lot of St. Mary's Church in Melrose by 9:15 am. To reserve a seat on this bus, please call 320-250-9904.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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♥ **Zoey Herkenhoff will be representing SHS** at the Melrose Area Schools Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 16. We wish her the best of luck.

♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, January 17 will be planned by Ms. Blashack and the 1st grade students. This will also be the "Teaching Mass" for January. Fr. Dan will be explaining the meaning and significance of the Tabernacle, Sanctuary, Ablutions bowl or cup, and Presider's chair.

♥ **Birthday Dinner for January and July** birthdays will be on Thursday, January 18.

♥ **Catholic Schools Week** for Sacred Heart School will begin with the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday, January 21 at 8:00 am in Freeport. Students will be participating in the ministries and the School Board will host rolls and beverages in the church basement after Mass. All are welcome to join us.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

01/07 \$25	Tamara Rotert - Litchfield
01/08 \$25	Geri Viere - Freeport
01/09 \$25	Jane Scherping - Freeport
01/10 \$25	Bill Smith - Albany
01/11 \$25	Emily Arnzen - Freeport
01/12 \$25	Melany Swenson - St. Cloud
01/13 \$25	Tanner Borgen - Red Wing

♦ **St. Mary's students, grades 2-6,** had the opportunity to participate in a 4 day creative dramatics experience. Creative dramatics is an educational and theatrical technique that combines elements of drama, storytelling, and improvisation to engage students in imaginative and expressive activities and games. This activity was made possible through a grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board, thanks to funds provided by the McKnight Foundation and Joe Mullen, who funds our partners in the art program.

♦ **The 2nd grade students** will receive their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 20. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

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

♦ **Mark your calendar:** March 2, St. Mary's School's Auction4Education at the Melrose Legion. Our theme this year is Down on the Farm. The Cash Crop \$100 raffle tickets can be purchased after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Mary's School/Church, All Stars Sports Bar & Grill, Double "R" Bar & Grill, Freeport State Bank -Melrose, Kraemer Lumber, Magnifi Financial - Melrose, Melrose Bowl, and St. Rosa Lumber. Visit our auction website for more details.

<http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.

♦ **SJSA School Board** meets Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

♦ **Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated January 28 - February 2. CSW Kickoff Mass will be Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill. The students will be writing *Letters of Love* to children with cancer for their CSW service project. Other activities for the week include Author Doug Wood presenting Earth Stories and Songs, mini-courses, and a preschool carnival.

♦ **Steak and Wine Matching Grant** - We have exciting news! The *Joel and Cindi Schwieters Charitable Fund* and *John and Lynnea Schwieters and Family* are providing a matching grant for the first \$50,000 raised at our Steak and Wine Auction. This includes cash donations, online, and live auction bids. Through this matching grant, your cash donations and auction bids have the potential to be doubled! The Online Auction starts Friday, February 2 at 6:00 pm and runs through 8:30 pm on Thursday, February 8 at 32auctions.com/SJSA2024. The live auction is Saturday, February 10 at 8:30 pm at the Greenwald Pub. Cash donations can be sent directly to the school at - SJSA PO Box 120 Greenwald, MN 56335 or made the night of the auction. Thank you for your support in helping us obtain our \$50,000 matching grant!



Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Shari & Joe Salina, Fran Hinnenkamp, Kyle Lieser, Belester Vazquez Sobreyra

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
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