



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

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024

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

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Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

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

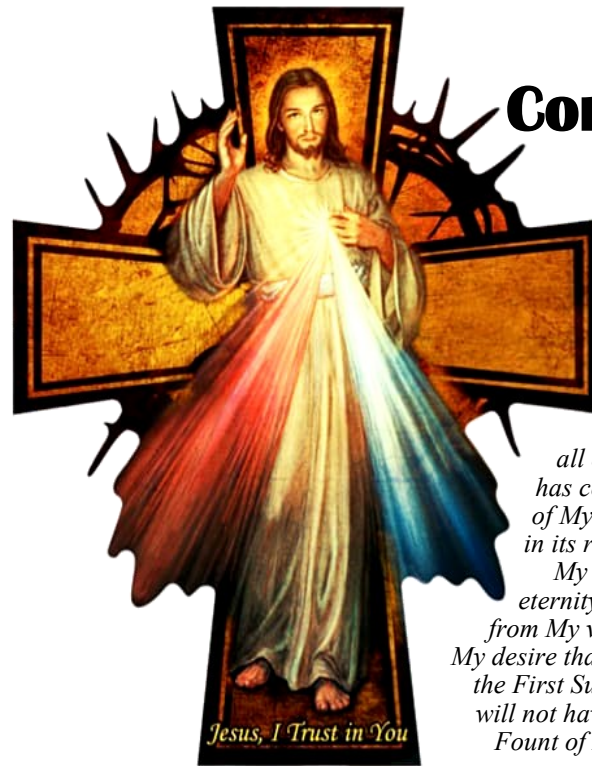
If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

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.



Eternal Contemplation of God's Mercy

Saint Faustina writes in her *Diary*: “My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” (*Diary* #699).

What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won't it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God's mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, “My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

By analogy, if you were given a new car but never drove it, the car would be of no use. Or if you won the lottery and the money simply sat in your account unused, what's the benefit? Or if you were gravely ill and were given a medicine that would cure that illness but you never took it, then you would remain ill. So also, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It's the only thing worth seeking. It's the only source of satisfaction and fulfillment. It's the only cure for our ills. It's the only source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything!

When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn't only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But “eternity” includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ APRIL 8-14

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Rafael Rodrigues Medina
†Ma Guadalupe Maldonado Partida
Tu 8:00 am †Arthur Roehrl
We 8:00 am †Asha Gregory
Th 8:00 am †Rick Wensman
*Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass
†Arthur Hinnenkamp
Sa 5:00 pm †Mildred Mueller
For the People
*SU 10:00 am †Mary Jane Austing
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Sergio Hernandez Chavez
Familia Hernandez Montañez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Ralph Rademacher Anniv.
Sa 4:00 pm †Troy Niebergall

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am ††LaVern & Alice Fuechtmann
Su 10:00 am †Arlene Arnzen

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Mary Ann Schulzetenberg
Su 10:00 am †Marlene Lieser

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

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

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Eugene Yarle
Su 8:00 am †Alphonse Imdieck

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 - 8:30 pm
Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am SH School Mass
†Ruthie Linn
Fr 8:15 am †Ed Hennen
Su 8:00 am For the People

*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 ~

•Retirement Party for Father Marv: Please join us in celebrating Father Marv's retirement on Sunday, June 30 at St. Michael's in Spring Hill. The celebration will include an outdoor Mass at 10:00 am (weather permitting), a lunch in the church basement, and music in the afternoon. This event is being hosted jointly by St. Michael's, St. John's, and St. Andrew's parishes. Please watch the bulletin for more details as the date gets closer.

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, April 13 at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

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 or call 320-256-4207 with questions.

Honoring Marriage Day is May 4 at Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapids 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.



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. Additional memorials received after the lists were printed were: Sacred Heart †John Bohnen, ††Lucy & Roger Vink, ††Edward & Agnes Job; Immaculate Conception †Joan Beilke
•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.

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.

Radio Rosary The Freeport Christian Women are sponsoring the Daily Rosary on KASM 1150AM during the week of April 22 - 28. Please tune in at 6:00 pm hear the rosary.

Spring Mission Rally The St. Cloud Mission Office Spring Mission Rally will be Thursday, April 25 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. St. Rose of Lima Parish will be hosting the event. All are welcome to attend. Mass with Bishop Patrick Neary C.S.C. at 8:30 am. Guest speaker Fr. Rodrigo from the Maryknoll. Lunch and fellowship, mission groups displays and fair trade sales following the speaker. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations due by Thursday, April 11. Contact the Mission Office for more information or to register 320-251-1100.

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.....	\$24,287.93
Regular Adult Offering	20,637.00
Plate/Loose	2,635.20
Designated Funds	1,015.73

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Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,414.08
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,414.08

Other Donations

Votive	\$313.00
School Support	452.51
Easter Flowers.....	35.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	50.00
Rice Bowl Envelopes.....	340.00
Holy Land Envelopes.....	543.00
Holy Land Plate.....	470.00
Easter Vigil Plate.....	185.00
Easter Envelopes.....	13,221.00
Easter Plate.....	873.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

03-31	\$225	Luverne Hinnenkamp - Melrose
04-01	\$25	Jone Meyer - Melrose
04-02	\$25	Claire Westendorf - Bloomington
04-03	\$25	Ellen Klasen - Melrose
04-04	\$25	Mary Baca - Santa Fe, NM
04-05	\$25	Matthew Hellermann - Melrose
04-06	\$25	Brittany McDonald - Melrose



Baptized in Christ... Elvin Samuel Vazquez Valentin

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



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

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.

Prayer Tree for the children who will celebrate First Eucharist this spring is now in the gathering space at St. Mary's. Each paper chalice on the tree has the name of a First Communicant. We invite you to take an ornament or two home with you, to pray for those children. As a parish, we look forward to celebrating First Eucharist with the children and their families at 4 of our upcoming weekend Masses (Saturday, 4/20 at 5:00 pm, Sunday, 4/21 at 12:30 pm, Sunday, 4/28 at 10:00 am, and Sunday, 5/5 at 10:00 am).



Parish Events

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
We	04/10	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	04/10	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	04/12	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/12	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	04/13	2:30 pm	Youth Music Ministry Practice - NM
Su	04/14	7:00 pm	Men's Group

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



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.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

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 Soup Luncheon** hosted by the Melrose Area Senior Citizens at the Senior Center, located at the Melrose City Center. Serving from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Free will offering. All are welcome!

April 11-13, Thursday-Saturday

- ◆ **Hello Dolly** presented by Melrose Stages at Marit Elliott 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

- ◆ **Annual Pancake, Sausage & Eggs Breakfast** sponsored by the Melrose Boy Scout Troop 68 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm at the Melrose American Legion. Adult Tickets \$12 and Children 5-10 \$6.
- ◆ **St. Michael's Spaghetti Dinner, Bake Sale and Raffle** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Spring Hill.
- ◆ **Hello Dolly** presented by Melrose Stages at Marit Elliott 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.

April 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.

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.

Alleluia!! Christ has Risen!

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆


Adult Envelopes	\$417.69
Total Weekly Contributions	\$417.69

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance	\$454.62
Boiler	250.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Rice Bowl Envelopes.....	743.00
Rice Bowl Plate.....	420.50
Holy Land Envelopes.....	611.00
Holy Land Plate.....	247.00
Easter Vigil Plate.....	185.00
Easter Envelopes.....	7,426.00
Easter Plate.....	452.00

Parish Events

Su 04/07	2:00 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Event - FR
Su 04/07	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 04/09	6:30 pm	Catholic Order of Foresters Mtg.
We 04/10	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
Th 04/11	7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 04/13	2:30 pm	Youth Music Ministry Practice
Sa 04/13	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 04/14	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

 **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.

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	\$3,041.92
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,041.92

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$16.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine....	50.00
Rice Bowl Envelopes.....	1,175.00
Holy Land Envelopes.....	467.00
Holy Land Plate.....	255.74
Easter Vigil Plate.....	185.00
Easter Envelopes.....	8,240.00
Easter Plate.....	457.00

Parish Events

Su 04/07	8:30 am	Lion's Breakfast
Su 04/07	11:00 am	Baptism
Su 04/07	2:00 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Event - FR
Su 04/07	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Mo 04/08	7:00 pm	Christian Women Mtg.
Tu 04/09	7:00 am	Adoration
We 04/10	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
Fr 04/12	7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 04/13	2:30 pm	Youth Music Ministry Practice - NM
Su 04/14	11:00 am	Baptism
Su 04/14	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

 **Bake Sale Today...** The Christian Women will be hosting a bake sale 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!

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


◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$10,233.55
Regular Adult Offering.....	80.00
Children	16.00
Plate/Loose	220.55
Fuel Fund.....	50.00
Maintenance.....	400.00
Easter	9,325.00
Holy Land	142.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, April 14 - 10:00 am

(S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
 (L) Pete LeClaire
 (U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz
 (EM) (B) Stan Heinen
 (EM) (C) Jeanette Kalthoff & Melvin Kalthoff
 (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
 (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
 (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
 (HK: March 31 - April 13) Krystal Barten, Cindy Bertram, & Deb Bertram

Spaghetti Dinner, Bake Sale, and Raffle: St. Michael's will host a spaghetti dinner, bake sale, and raffle on Sunday, April 14, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.


 **Rosary Rally...** Please join us for a rosary rally on Saturday, April 17, at 10:00 am, at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill.

Ministry Schedules for April - June are available online and in church.



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

Mo	The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Tu	Acts 4:32-37	Jn 3:7b-15
We	Acts 5:17-26	Jn 3:16-21
Th	Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Acts 5:27-33	Jn 3:31-36
Fr	Acts 5:34-42	Jn 6:1-15
Sa	Acts 6:1-7	Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19		1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$6,818.39
Regular Adult Offering	540.00
Children	1.00
Plate/Loose	496.00
Votives.....	15.00
Donation.....	300.00
Easter	5,305.00
Maintenance.....	30.00
Holy Land	85.00
Rice Bowl	46.39

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, April 13 - 4:00 pm


(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
 (L) Kathy Gilk
 (U) Dave Nathe & Arnold Nietfeld
 (GB) Robert & Judy Wehlage
 (EM) (B) Dustin Gregory
 (EM) (C) Herman Lensing & Mary Opatrny
 (HK - April) *Becky Hoffmann, Linda Heinze, Deb Imdieke, Carol Inderrieden, Ronnie Inderrieden, & Bridget Kasper

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the plaster repair project. The plaster issues above the choir loft and sanctuary are planned to be addressed next. Donations to provide financial support as we continue with this project would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate "Plaster Repair" on your donation. Thank you.

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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.

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!

 **Preparación Bautismal** - Una segunda preparación bautismal se llevará a cabo el día Sábado 4 de Mayo de 2024 a la 1:00pm. 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 8:00am a 12:00pm para asistencia en Español.

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.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$8,257.41
Regular Adult Offering.....	150.00
Children.....	0.41
Plate/Loose	243.00
Votives.....	13.00
Easter Flowers	85.00
Easter	6,555.00
Maintenance.....	500.00
Donation	400.00
Holy Land	305.00
Rice Bowl	6.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, April 14 - 8:00 am

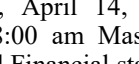
(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
 (L) Doug Meyer
 (U) Dennis Schmiesing & Don Schneider
 (GB) Gary & Irene Marthaler
 (EM) (B) Jim Leukam & Char Meyer
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - April) *Abby Zenzen, Julie Wehlage, Ann Brang, Janice Funk, Kathy Illies, Darlene Imdieke

Thank You to the Meire Grove Athletic Club for their donation of \$5,000 towards

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Enriquecimiento Matrimonial - 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.

El Árbol de Oración para los niños que celebrarán la Primera Eucaristía esta primavera se encuentra ahora en el espacio de reunión de St. Mary's. Cada cáliz de papel en el árbol tiene el nombre de un Primer Comunicante. Te invitamos a llevarte uno o dos adornos a casa, para orar por esos niños. Como parroquia, esperamos celebrar la Primera Eucaristía con los niños y sus familias en 4 de nuestras próximas misas de fin de semana (sábado 20/4 a las 5:00 p. m., domingo 21/4 a las 12:30 p. m., domingo 4/4 a las 5:00 p. m.). /28 a las 10:00 horas, y domingo 5/5 a las 10:00 horas).

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

• **Inscripción para toda la formación de fe en 2024-2025** (incluida la Primera Comunión, la Confirmación y todas las demás clases de Formación de fe): si desea inscribirse para la Formación de fe el próximo año, puede hacerlo en St. Mary's antes o después de las clases (desde 6:45 - 7:15 pm o de 8:00 - 8:45 pm) los miércoles 10, 17 o 24 de abril. También puede pasar por la oficina parroquial en cualquier momento de abril o mayo para registrarse para el próximo año. Obtenemos un descuento en nuestros materiales si los ordenamos en primavera, ¡por eso nos registramos ahora!

• **Primera Comunión - Centros de Aprendizaje**, domingo 7 de abril, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. Para TODOS los estudiantes de Primera Comunión y sus padres. ¡Las familias aprenderán información importante sobre cómo celebraremos la Primera Comunión!

• **Grados 1, 3-6** - Próxima clase = miércoles 10 de abril, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. Estudiantes y padres. Esta es nuestra última clase del año, así que haremos algunos carteles para enseñar al resto de la parroquia lo que hemos aprendido, ¡y lo celebraremos con algunas galletas/cupcakes! También tendremos inscripción para el próximo año.

• **Grados 9/10** - Próxima clase = miércoles 10 de abril, 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. Estudiantes y algunos padres. ¡Tendremos a Angel Arroyo (el estudiante de St. John's que está haciendo su pasantía en St. Mary's este año) como maestro invitado! Hablará sobre el papel de la tecnología en nuestras vidas. También tendremos inscripción para Formación de Fe el próximo año en esta noche, así como el 17 y 24 de abril.

• **Primera Comunión** - Próxima clase = Sábado 13 de abril, 9:30-11:00 am, Iglesia de Santa María. Sólo estudiantes. ¡También tendremos inscripción para la Formación de Fe del próximo año al final de la clase de hoy!



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- Grade 1, 3 - 6: Next Lesson: Wednesday, April 10 - Home Lesson
- Grade 7-10: Next Class: Wednesday, April 10. Meet in your classrooms.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- Registration for All Faith Formation in 2024-2025 (including First Communion, Confirmation, and all other Faith Formation classes):** If you would like to register for Faith Formation next year, you can do so at St. Mary's before or after classes (from 6:45 - 7:15 pm or from 8:00 - 8:45 pm) on Wednesday, April 10, 17, or 24. You can also stop by the parish office anytime in April or May to register for next year. We get a discount on our materials if we order them in Spring, which is why we do registration now!
- First Communion: Learning Centers,** Sunday, April 7, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm, St. Mary's Church. For ALL First Communion students and their parents. Families will learn some important information about how we will celebrate First Communion!
- Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, St. Mary's Church. Students and parents. This is our last class for the year, so we will make some posters to teach the rest of the parish about what we've learned, and we'll celebrate with some cookies/cupcakes! We'll also have **registration** for next year.
- Grades 9/10: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 10, 7:15 - 8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents. We'll have Angel Arroyo (the St. John's student who is doing his internship at St. Mary's this year) as guest teacher! He'll be speaking about the role of technology in our lives. We'll also have **registration** for Faith Formation next year on this night as well as on April 17 and April 24.
- First Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, April 13, 9:30 - 11:00 am, St. Mary's Church. Students only. We'll also have **registration** for next year's Faith Formation at the end of class today!

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- ♥**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.
- ♥**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.

Prayer Requests...

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

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West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women

will be holding their Spring General Meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at the St. Mary Church, 308 Main St., Upsala, MN. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a Mass, followed by a Light Supper (\$6) and meeting. Please RSVP for supper to Corrine Hadrich at 320-310-1260 or cmhadrich@gmail.com. All women in the West Central Deanery are invited. Any questions, contact Jean Hopfer, Deanery Pres., 320-837-5239 or ecthull@albanytel.com.

Nominations Open for the 2024 Humanae Vitae Award

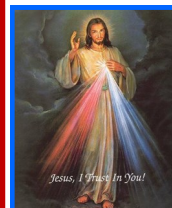
July 25, 2024 will mark the 56th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Presentation at 7:00 pm Thursday, July 25, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, with Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who 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. For more information, contact Sheila Reineke, 320-252-4721 ext. 308 or sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org.



2nd Annual One In Faith ACC

Divine Mercy Sunday...

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday service at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport today, 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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- ♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, April 10 will be planned by Mr. Kuechle and the 3rd grade students.
- ♥ **A Huge Thank You** to the anonymous donor who gave \$50,000 to match donations received through January 27 for the Endowment Fund. We appreciate your support and all who helped with this matching grant to ensure a bright future for SHS.
- ♥ **Sister Janine Braun, our 6th Grade Teacher, has been reassigned** to be the one-on-one caretaker for Sister Suzanne, so she has resigned as the 6th grade teacher and is retiring. She will be greatly missed and we thank her for ALL she has done for Sacred Heart School in the many years she has been with us. We will be hiring a teacher. If you are interested, please stop in or call the Sacred Heart Office at 320-836-2591.
- ♥ **Toddler Registration is Still Open** and we just have a few spots left. If you are looking for care for your toddler ages 18 - 36 months, please call or stop in at the Sacred Heart office. We are also looking for staff members to teach and care for these toddlers. Please contact the school office for more information and/or to pick up an application 320-836-2591.
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **Miss Zoey Herkenhoff had a great time being Principal for the Day** last week and we also celebrated our sleepover in the gym last week. Both were hot items that were auctioned off at our annual Wine and Dine event in January.
- ♥ **The SHS Staff will put on their Pickleball/Pickle Bar Event** on Friday, April 12. This also was a Wine and Dine auction event. We look forward to a fun night with the groups that bid on this experience.
- ♥ **We Celebrated Our Wonderful Paraprofessionals** last week. We thank them for all they do for the school and students!

- ♦ **2nd Graders will Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion** on April 20, 21, 28, and May 5. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of becoming Disciples of Christ.
- ♦ **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.

- ♦ **Catholic Foundation Technology Contest** SJSA received an \$1,100 prize for our submission to the Catholic Foundation of St. Cloud Technology Contest. Thank you to individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout the Diocese that support the contest.
- ♦ **SJSA Students will View the Solar Eclipse** on Monday, April 8. Safety glasses will be provided.
- ♦ **The Sauk Centre Watershed District** will present a "Furs and Feet" program to the K-2 children on Tuesday, April 9.
- ♦ **SJSA Will Participate** in the Statewide Tornado Drill on Thursday, April 11 at 1:45 pm.
- ♦ **SJSA Students Are Participating in the Rox Reading Program** sponsored by The St. Cloud Rox and Magnifi Financial. The children read 100 minutes per week and are eligible for weekly and grand prize drawings.
- ♦ **"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.

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. This is a fun night out with vendors, food and of course bingo and a chance to walk away with a designer bag. We can't wait to see you there!
- ♦ **SHS Spring Fling** is on Friday, May 17. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!		
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Eternal Contemplation of God's Mercy con't. from page 1

In order to make the contemplation of The Divine Mercy the most important goal of your life, you must begin to understand it. That's why we were given this special day, this most solemn Feast of Mercy. Therefore, use this day as an opportunity to deepen your contemplation of this Gift. Begin by reading about God's Mercy as it was revealed to us through Saint Faustina. Try to spend time reading Jesus' words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As you do, if you find that it remains incomprehensible, don't worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavor.

Reflect, today, upon The Divine Mercy. As you do, humble yourself through prayer by admitting to God and to yourself that His Mercy is beyond what you will ever comprehend. Do this in prayer. Reading about God's Mercy is important, but it will only be through prayer that we begin our contemplation. And it will only be through this contemplation that we will begin to live the central purpose of our lives.

Glorious Divine Mercy, pour down upon me; open my mind to Your depth and breadth. Help me to begin to contemplate You in Your fullness so that I can begin my eternity with You now. My loving Savior, You have revealed so much about Your Mercy. May I not only learn about this Gift but also receive it into my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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