

### ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of

St. Mary - Melrose, Sacred Heart - Freeport Immaculate Conception - New Munich St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa, St. Michael - Spring Hill St. Andrew - Greenwald, St. John - Meire Grove

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Parochial Vicar

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

 $\textbf{Hours:} \ Monday - Thursday \ 8:00 \ am - 3:00 \ pm$ 

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Office Phone: 320-256-4207 Fr. Mitchell Bechtold: 320-256-9512

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### Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:

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

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Office Phone: 320-836-2143 Email: triparish@albanytel.com

Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org

Facebook: Tri Parish

Mailing Address: PO Box 155

Freeport, MN 56331

### **Bulletin Announcements**

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

#### **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**.

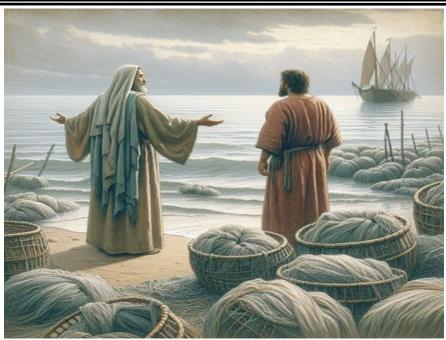
\*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

#### **Baptism & OCIA**

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the OCIA 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.



## Overcoming Discouragement

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. Luke 5:4-6

Jesus had just cured Simon Peter's mother-in-law as one of His first miracles. As a result of this and other miracles, Peter's entire hometown of Capernaum, as well as many of the surrounding towns, were quickly coming to faith in Jesus. Today's Gospel takes place during this initial excitement over our Lord. In it, Jesus personally invites Peter to become an Apostle, promising to make him a fisher of men.

There is much symbolism in this passage worth pondering. First, notice that Jesus uses something very familiar to Peter to invite Him to become one of the Twelve Apostles. He used his trade of fishing. This is similar to the way God used a star to draw the Magi, who were astrologers, to Bethlehem.

Another symbolic action Jesus uses is that of putting out "into deep water." It was not enough to simply go a short distance from shore. Instead, the deep water was to symbolize the fact that the Gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth, just as the fishermen were to fish in the depths of the sea.

Finally, the fact that they "caught a great number of fish" symbolizes the superabundance that would come forth through Peter's apostolic ministry. And the fact that the "nets were tearing" points to the fullness that everyone will experience when they embark upon the mission of Christ.

Though the symbolic aspects of this Gospel passage are worth much prayerful pondering, there is another line within the Gospel that might speak to you just as powerfully. Peter had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. The fact that he relates this to Jesus suggests that he was tired and perhaps even discouraged. Any fisherman could relate to this. But the important lesson Peter teaches us is that he does not give in to that discouragement. And the reason he doesn't give in to discouragement is because it was Jesus Who commanded him to lower the nets.

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8:00 am

#### ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ **FEBRUARY 10 - 16**

### ADORATION

	ACC	MASS TIMES AND INTENT		
St. Mary - Melrose				
Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español		
	-	†Victoriano Orozco		
Tu	8:00 am	†Norbert & †Leona Schaefer		
We	8:00 am	†Grant Lindberg		
Th	8:00 am	†Ron Heinen		
Fr	8:30 am	No School		
		†Lucille Mae Moore		
Sa	5:00 pm	†Donald, †MaryAnn, & †Gary Maus		
	_	†Ruth Elstad		
*Su	10:00 am	For the People		
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español		
	_	†Audencio Hernandez		
		†Jose Refugio Hernandez		
		†Cristina Hernandez		
SACRED HEART - Freeport				
We	8:15 am	SH School Mass		
		†Leo Borgerding		
Fr	8:15 am	†Deceased Members of the		

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Th	8:15 am	†Kathleen "Kathy" Wolbeck
Sa	4:00 pm	†Dave & †Ruth Searcy
ST.	Rose of I	LIMA - St. Rosa
Tu	8:15 am	†Harvey Rohe
Su	10:00 am	†Deceased/Living Members of
		the Elmer & Florence Austing Family
ST.	MICHAEL -	- Spring Hill
Tu	8:00 am	†Norbert & Frances Waldorf
Su	10:00 am	†Bob Terres
ST.	Andrew -	Greenwald
Th	8:00 am	SJSA School Mass
		†Charlene Ohmann
Sa	4:00 pm	†Peter Van Beck
ST.	John - M	eire Grove
We	8:00 am	†Norm Wehlage
Su	8:00 am	†Lucille Imdieke
	Th Sa ST. Tu Su ST. Tu Su ST. Th Sa ST. We	Th 8:15 am Sa 4:00 pm  ST. ROSE OF I Tu 8:15 am Su 10:00 am  ST. MICHAEL Tu 8:00 am Su 10:00 am  ST. ANDREW Th 8:00 am Sa 4:00 pm  ST. JOHN - Mo We 8:00 am

in Spanish (en Español) Sacred Heart - Freeport Praise & Worship Adoration Wednesday, February 12: 5:30 - 8:30 pm Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa First Tuesday of the month 7:00 - 8:00 am Immaculate Conception - New Munich First Thursday of the month 7:00 - 8:00 am St. Mary - Melrose First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm

### ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

\*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

### Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle

Joseph Overman Family

For the People

Sacred Heart School will again be participating in Financial the annual Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle. From now until March 2, students and their families will be selling \$10 raffle tickets. The best part? 100 percent of every dollar raised

stays with Sacred Heart School, helping us reach our fundraising goals. This year's Grand Prize is a 2025 Chevy Trax SUV or \$20,000 in cash. Other prizes include a \$5,000 Dream Vacation, a Mall of America Weekend Package, gift cards, and more.

One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting The One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room. If you are wanting to be added to the agenda please contact Lisa Wuertz at 320-219-3624 or <u>plwuertz@meltel.net</u> before Monday, February 10.

### Bishop's Annual Appeal: This is Announcement Week!

Please take this opportunity to read the insert in this weekly bulletin to learn more about the diocesan ministries that continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Please keep them thriving.



Adoration with Praise & Worship Music Wednesday, February 12 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Come spend time with the Lord in Adoration and music.



A "Perfect Marriage" is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other! In this month of love, plan to attend the February 15-16. Marriage Encounter and begin February 15-16. Marriage Encounter and begin

to create the marriage of your dreams. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center. Register at: www.marriages.org.

"The Secret of the Holy Face" Lenten Retreat Lent will be here before you know it. Make a resolution to attend "The Secret of the Holy Face" Lenten Retreat at St. Michael's Parish in Buckman, MN on Saturday, March 8. Speakers: Cathy Maloney-Hills, OSF and Fr. Robert Altier. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. \$20 by Friday, February 28; \$25 at the door. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. See www.stclouddccw.org for more information.

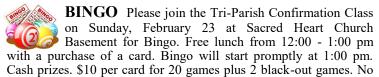
Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, February 22, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at St. John's University in Collegeville; Bishop Patrick Neary will celebrate Mass at 4:00 pm. Keynote speaker: Father Scott Traynor, JCL, a priest in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South

Dakota. He is the Vicar for Lay and Clergy Formation.

Various Workshops will be available, including topics for young men ages 15 and up. Cost: \$40 or \$35/each for groups of 5, includes morning refreshments and lunch. Cost for young men ages 15 - 22: \$10, scholarships available for the first 50 registrants. Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 Registration Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CMC. If you have any questions please contact Janet by calling 320-258-7616 or email at janet.dusek@gw.stcdio.org or visit https://stcdio.org/event/2025catholic-mens-conference/ for more information. Confessors are also needed (lunch provided) please contact Janet Dusek.

**Theology Day** at Saint John's University in Collegeville is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper spiritual life or understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives to learn from and interact with the theologians of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. It offers a chance for these scholars to gain insights and grow in their faith, as well. Enhance your spiritual life with one of the events listed below. All events are held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Emmaus Hall. For more information or to register, please call 320-363-3560 or visit www.theologyday.com.

•Making Sense of the Bible: Context, Genre, Narrative - Friday, February 14



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

checks or credit cards please. All proceeds will be given to Alec Beuning.

•Women's Silent Retreat - February 11-13 (Midweek)

763-682-1394 or visit <u>www.kingshouse.com</u>.

•Women's Silent Retreat - February 21-23 (Weekend)



50.00

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

******** Weekly Offerings ********			
Total	\$6,250.50		
Regular Adult Offering	4,828.00		
Plate/Loose	996.50		
Designated Funds	426.00		

### St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

02-03 \$25 Randy & Lori Ostendorf - Melrose 02-04 \$25 Nancy Rausch - Prior Lake 02-05 \$25 Joyce Rademacher - Melrose 02-06 \$25 Gabe Ellering - Spicer 02-07 \$50 St. Mary's Church 02-08 \$25 Gene Enneking - Melrose
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### Baptized in Christ... Baker David Hagen

### **Prayer Requests...**

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

### **Banns of Matrimony:**

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<u>For the Sick:</u> Shirley Laing, Lori Austing, Sandy Welle, Beatrice Massmann, Dorothy Schneider, Tony Niehaus

### **Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny	320-248-8830
Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	320-837-5321
St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	320-333-8461
St. Michael - Sharon Schulzetenberg	320-248-7702
St. Mary's	320-256-3878



### Overcoming Discouragement cont'd from page 1

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In our own lives, we can all get discouraged at times. But the real test of our fidelity to God is whether or not we continue to listen to His commands of love and respond generously, dispelling any temptations to discouragement when things

do not seem to be going our way. If we can do this, it is especially in these moments that God often uses us in powerful ways.

Reflect, today, upon the voice of God in your life. What is it that you sense Him calling you to do? What is that "deep water" to which He is calling you? As you ponder this, reflect especially upon the words of Peter, "Master...at your command I will lower the nets." Say "Yes" to the command of our Lord. Do so even if it is difficult, and especially if you do not feel like doing what He asks of you. If you do, you will find that in this act of fidelity, God will bring forth an abundance of good fruit.

My miraculous Lord, You gave a command of love to Saint Peter, and he obeyed You with generosity. As a result, You brought forth an abundant catch. Please give me the strength of will to obey all that You speak to me, so that You will bring forth an abundance of good fruit in my life also. Jesus, I trust in You.

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### CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Weekly Offerings Total. \$4,965.10 Regular Adult Offering. 3,998.85 Plate. 354.00 Votive. 357.25 Central MN Catholic Magazine. 100.00 School Support. 105.00

### **Parish Events**

We	02/12	5:30 pm	Praise & Worship Adoration
We	02/12	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	02/12	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	02/14	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	02/14	9:00 am	Adoration

Building/Maintenance .....

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

#### February 9, Sunday

•Albany Legion Post 482 Smorgasbord Breakfast Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Church of Seven Dolors parish hall in Albany. Proceeds go towards community and veterans projects.

#### February 11, Tuesday

◆ <u>American Red Cross Blood Drive</u> sponsored by the Freeport Lions Club from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Freeport Community Center. Give the precious gift of lift. Appointment are needed. We are always in need of people with type "O" blood. Schedule your appointment online at <u>redcross.org</u> or call Janet at 320-836-2837 or 320-282-2904.

#### February 12, Wednesday

- ◆Soup Luncheon The Melrose Area Senior Citizens invite you to join them for their monthly soup luncheon at the Senior Center, located at the Melrose City Offices. Serving from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. All are welcome! Free will offering.
- ♦ What Do You Really Want on Your Tombstone? A black and white introduction on how to plan for your or a loved one's headstone. A presentation by Joyce Terwey and Julia Gustafson from Two Rivers Monuments at 12:00 pm following the soup luncheon at Melrose Area Senior Activity Center. Everyone has a story to tell and what better place to share it, other than on your headstone? Joyce and Julia will discuss the basics about monuments and what everyone should know and keep in mind when planning a headstone. Items to be covered: Shapes and styles of monuments. Types and colors of granite and where it originates. Prices of monuments. Lettering/fonts: what works best on the shape and type of granite chosen. Artwork: Sandblasting, Shape Carving, Laser, Diamond Hand Etching (a demonstration of hand etching will be included). Costs: general costs that go along with ordering a monument. Once this information is gathered, what should you do with it and where should you go with it? May you "Rest in Peace" knowing your story is being told the way you want it. This event is sponsored by MAAC and the Senior Citizen Group of Melrose.

### February 18, Tuesday

◆<u>Theology on Draft Series</u> 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at The Depot, 104 Broadway St. Alexandria, MN with Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC. Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to these evening to learn and share faith, fellowship, food and refreshments.

### February 20, Thursday

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

### CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

### **♦♦♦♦** Weekly Offering **♦♦♦♦**

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Total	\$2,987.31		
Regular Adult Offering	2,322.69		
Plate	275.00		
Building/Maintenance	214.62		
Central MN Catholic Magazine	75.00		
School Support	100.00		

### **Parish Events**

Tu	02/11	9:00 am Quilting
We	02/12	9:00 am Quilting 5:30 pm Parise & Worship
We	02/12	5:30 pm Parise & Worship
		Adoration - FR
We	02/12	6:00 pm FF Grade 2 - FR
We	02/12	7:00 pm FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Th	02/13	9:00 am Quilting
Sa	02/15	3:30 pm Individual Confessions 5:00 pm Private Event
Sa	02/15	5:00 pm Private Event

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †Jeffrey "Jeff" Rieland, who passed away Friday, January 31. His funeral celebrated here on Friday, February 7.

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Natasha Crowe to our parish.

**Quilting...** The New Munich Christian Women will begin Quilting on Tuesday, February 11 at 9:00 am in the church basement. We will be sewing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week until we have sewed 4 quilts. We welcome any new sewers. If you do not sew, we would appreciate volunteers to bring lunch. Call Julie Boecker at 320-250-0088 and let her know.

> God's Housekeepers for the month of February: \*Paula Schwieters, Mary Zink, Bernie Holdvogt, Doris Rieland, Tatum

Holdvogt, and Emily Smith. 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.

### CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

### **♦♦♦♦** Weekly Offering **♦♦♦♦**

Total	\$2,009.85
Regular Adult Offering	1,678.85
Plate	169.00
Votive	32.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	50.00
Total	80.00

### **Parish Events**

Tu	02/11	9:00 am	Quilting Praise & Worship
We	02/12	5:30 pm	Praise & Worship
			Adoration - FR
We	02/12	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We	02/12	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Fr	02/14	7:30 pm	Rosary



**Sponsor a Votive Candle** The parish is looking for sponsors for the following candles during 2025: 1 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue

Stand and 2 on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

Pathways 4 Youth During the month of February, St. Rose Christian Women are doing a donation drive for the Pathways 4 Youth Program. This is a resource center for vouth ages 16 - 24 experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the St. Cloud area. They offer a safe, secure, non judgmental space and services to meet individuals' needs and to support their growth. They also assist youth with area resources and building connections within the community. There will be a tote for greatest need donations in the Gathering Area. Please reference the list on the tote for their needs. For any monetary donations, please send to St. Rose Christian Women, c/o Sarah Herdering 41404 Co Rd 167, Melrose, MN 56352. Thank you!

**Quilting...** Come join us in St. Rose. The quilters will be quilting on Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Lunch is provided, everyone is welcome.



### **Public Rosary...**

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

- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Tuesdays at 7:00 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
- 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. MICHAEL

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

### **\*\*\*\*** Weekly Offering **\*\*\*\***

Total	\$1,104.60
Regular Adult Offering	1,019.00
Children's	0.60
Plate/Loose	65.00
School Subsidy	20.00

### **Liturgical Ministries** Sunday, February 16 - 10:00 am

(S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt

(L) Ralph Klassen

(U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz

**(EM) (B)** Ruth Heinen

(EM) (C) No Precious Blood

(Sacristan) Ruth Heinen

(RL) Kathy Welle

(CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres

(HK: February 2-16) Donna Welle, Kathy Welle (Chico), & Kathy Welle (Ron)



### The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of

charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise

> for ever. Amen.

### CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

### \*\*\*\* Weekly Offering \*\*\*\*

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\$1,186.00			
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240.00			
16.00			
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40.00			

### Liturgical Ministries Saturday, February 15 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Zachary Rieland
- (L) Cassandra Kettner
- (U) Jim Uphoff & James Wehlage
- (GB) Jim & Ruth Wehlage
- (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (HK February) \*Rita Eveslage, Amy Frieler, Betty Frieler, & Kathy Gilk

# **St. Andrew's Christian Women** will have their final meeting on Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 pm in the St. John's - St. Andrew's School Basement.

### CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

<b>♦♦♦♦♦</b> Weekly Offering <b>♦♦♦♦♦</b>	
Total	\$1,514.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,239.00
Plate/Loose	85.00
Votives	40.00
School Subsidy	
Catholic Magazine	
Steeple Lighting	

### Liturgical Ministries Sunday, February 16 - 8:00 am

- (S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
- (L) Char Meyer
- (U) Marvin Meyer & Tim Meyer
- (GB) Marvin & Rita Meyer
- (EM) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
- (HK February) \*Ann Brang, Janice Funk, Kathy Illies, Darlene Imdieke, Joni Imdieke, & Sharon Imdieke



### HISPANIC MINISTRY

¡Se suspende la distribución de la preciosa Sangre en la comunión!

Para evitar la propagación de enfermedades contagiosas estacionales, nuestro Párroco el Padre Mitchell ha decidido suspender la distribución de la Sangre de Cristo y volverla

a introducir en la misa del jueves Santo.

¡Preparación prebautismal! Si usted desea tomar la preparación prebautismal hable con el Diacono Jesus Hernandez después de misa o llame a la oficina de lunes a viernes de 8:00am a 12:00pm para asistencia en español.

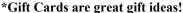
Retiro de cuaresma en español: Los invitamos al retiro parroquial de cuaresma que se llevará a cabo el día sábado 29 de Marzo de 8:00 am a 4:00 pm, el costo será de 25 dólares. Si está interesado o interesada en asistir hable con el diácono Jorge después de misa.

### **Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial**

¿Están buscando un fin de semana perfecto? ¿Un fin de semana para acercarse más? ¿Quieren aprender una técnica de comunicación que le permita a cada pareja explorar áreas importantes de su relación en un espíritu de amor y comprensión? Un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial exactamente lo que buscan. Se pueden escapar de las distracciones de la vida cotidiana y concentrarse en su matrimonio. Los próximos fines de semana disponibles son el 5 y 6 de abril en Brainerd, MN y el 25 al 27 de abril en Crookston, MN. Para aplicar visite http://ncmarriagediscovery.org/faqs-es.php o para más información pónganse en contacto con Diego y Claudia Gonzalez: 704-698-1010 o Claudiagg@ymail.com.

### One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money! A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.









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### The Scriptures This Week Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo Saint Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial)

Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56

Tu Weekday (Our Lady of Lourdes)

Gn 1:20—2:4a Mk 7:1-13

We Weekday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23

Th Weekday

Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30

Fr Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop (Memorial)

Gn 3:1-8

Mk 7:31-37

Sa Weekday (BVM)

Gn 3:9-24

Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

### One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

Starting Saturation with

• 23rd St. Mary's Annual Auction 4 Education is on Saturday, March 1 at the Legion. Food is served with free will offering from 5:00 - 8:00 pm;

turkey and pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, and cupcakes. Disco for Dollars raffle drawing is at 7:00 pm. Classroom projects will be on the live auction at 8:15 pm. Auction items are available for viewing starting Sunday, February 16. Bidding opens on Sunday, February 23. All items will be available to view and pick up at the Legion. Entertainment at 5:30 pm includes a game of Family Feud. Music by Rueben Nathe and Brady Van Drehle throughout the night. Dress in your best 70's attire. Please join us for an evening to celebrate and support St. Mary's School! Visit our auction website for details.

Join us at these fundraisers for a great meal and lots of fun.

https://one.bidpal.net/smsmelrose/welcome

All are welcome!

### FAITH FORMATION

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

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- •Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class: Wednesday, February 12. Home Lesson.
- •Grade 2: Next Class: Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the parish office.
- •Grades 7-10: Next Class: Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.

#### **Service Project:**

• Casino Night at the Tree of Life Wednesday, March 12, from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Tree of Life Assisted Living in New Munich. Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 26. Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org.

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

Contact Information: <u>faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com</u>

- •Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class: Wednesday, February 12 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.
- •Grades 9-10: Next Class: Wednesday, February 12 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.
- •Confirmation: Student and family conversations with Fr. Mitchell continue. Please see Sign-Up Genius schedule to remind yourself of your date and time.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

### **One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:**

Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ▼NCYC The Diocese of Saint Cloud will be bringing a group to Indianapolis, Indiana November 19 - 23 for NCYC 2025: I Am | Yo Soy. NCYC is a time for high school youth from around the nation to gather and celebrate being Catholic through prayer, Mass, and activities. The cost to attend is \$940. Deadline to register is April 15. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at 320-836-2143 or csand@catholiccentered.org, or Pam Pundsack at 320-256-9503 or pam@stmarysofmelrose.org with questions.
- **▼Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.
- ♥Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12: Friday Sunday, March 28-30 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 52 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 is \$200; after Monday, February 10 it increases to \$220. A \$100 non-refundable deposit must accompany the registration form. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Space is limited so contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 ASAP if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS**



**PASTOR:** Fr. Dan Walz **PRINCIPAL:** Kristie Harren **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Amy Van Beck SHS BOARD:

Myranda Beuning, Julie Job, Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle, Lindsay Frieler, and Jenelle Herkenhoff www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585

- ▼Mrs. Zink and the 6th Grade Class recently participated in the St. Cloud Diocese Great Technology Giveaway Contest. They created an inspirational video based on a beautiful song "My Jesus." They were awarded 1st place for their video and received a \$1,200 check.
- **▼Sacred Heart School Board** will meet on Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 pm.
- **No School** on Friday, February 14 and Monday, February 17 (Presidents' Day).
- **◆Open House** We will have a Preschool and Kindergarten Parent open house on Tuesday, February 18. More details to come.
- **♥**Catholic United Financial Raffle Tickets Sacred Heart Families will be selling Catholic United Financial raffle tickets after Masses in the Tri-Parish during the month of February. For just \$10, you have a chance at winning \$20,000 cash or a 2025 Chevy Trax SUV. We appreciate your support.
- **▼Full-time Openings** available for our Toddler Care Program! Please contact the school office for more information.



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold **PRINCIPAL:** Autumn Nelson ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Briana Worms SMS BOARD:

Cory Ellering, Bob Arceneau, Jenn Lubarski, Cindy Hemmesch, Jake Primus, and Pat Christenson

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- ◆Presidents' Day: No school on Friday, February 14, and Monday, February 17.
- ◆Disco for Dollars Raffle Tickets will be sold after Masses in February. Take your chance at winning \$20,000.
- \*Attend our Winter Open House for preschool through 6th grade on Monday, March 10, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm and discover the benefits of Catholic education. Please RSVP by emailing anelson@smsmn.org or calling 320-256-4257.
- ◆Registration for Preschool-6th Grade will begin in February for current SMS families and March for those families not currently enrolled at SMS.
- ◆St. Mary's School's Auction 4 Education information can be found on page 5.





PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold **PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kristen Pattinson SJSA BOARD:

Kathy Gilk, Adam Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Kurt Meyer, Trista Roelike, Jenny Wilson, and Kristi Zimmer Phone: 320-987-3133

- www.sjsaschool.org
- •SJSA Students Raised \$501 during Catholic Schools Week for The Wattatula Education Fund which benefits Fr. Danny Ohmann's mission school in Africa.
- •No School at SJSA Friday, February 14 and Monday, February 17.



### Sacred Heart School

Calendar Raffle Winners!

02/02 Danny & Jenny Grieve - Glyndon \$2.5

02/03 \$25 Gerald Hartung - Freeport

02/04 \$25 Melvin Hinnenkamp - Melrose

02/05 \$25 Karie Ward - Avon 02/06 \$25 Eileen Walz - St. Joseph

02/07 \$25 Dave Theiler - Melrose

Corrine Blenker - Albany

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

Save the Date for Dive Deep into Your Faith with Fr. Dan (formerly Theology on Tap) Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima Church basement. Watch for more information to come.

**JRLC** Day on the Hill Interested in joining people from faith

communities around the state to share their values with our elected officials? Join us for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Day on the



Hill! It will be held on Thursday, February 27 at Central Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. We'll gather for fellowship, hear from speakers, learn about JRLC's policy priorities and get advocacy tips before heading up the hill to the Capitol for more programming in the Rotunda and visits with your lawmakers. The JRLC is made up of the Catholic Bishops of Minnesota, along with leaders from the Jewish, Muslim and Protestant faiths throughout Minnesota. Our advocacy efforts will focus on where all these traditions find common ground, this year largely speaking to women and children and anti-poverty needs in Minnesota. Don't miss this incredible day of interfaith advocacy to seek justice and better our state! Register at: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/xU2JTBdKz6">www.jrlc.org/day on the hill 2025</a> Request or offer a ride-share: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/xU2JTBdKz6">https://forms.office.com/r/xU2JTBdKz6</a> \*A donation of \$50 to help with event costs is requested, but optional! After registering for the event on the JRLC website, you will be redirected to a donation page; if you are unable to donate, simply exit out of the donation page and your registration will still be recorded.

Stewardship as a Way of Life "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isiah 6:8) Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

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and Thursday, March 20 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health -Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

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

Are You Feeling Like Your Cross is Getting too

Heavy to Carry? Are you in need of Simon of Cyrene to come to your aid? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program that is designed to help you carry your cross. The next retreat is scheduled for March 21-23, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

An Epoch In Time history book of St. Rose of Lima Parish is available at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. Cost \$35

What is a TEC Retreat? How do I sign up?

TEC - Together Encountering Christ is a three-day retreat supported by the St. Cloud Diocese. The retreat is intended for both youth (age 16+) and adults and is modeled after the Paschal Mystery - the Easter message of death, resurrection and sending forth. Youth will often credit TEC for giving



meaning to their faith life, purpose to their everyday life, and a commitment to living their life for Christ. One adult indicated, "outside of my marriage and the birth of my children, TEC is the most important event of my life." Check out what others have experienced by participating in an upcoming TEC weekend. For information and registration details, visit the website at www.cmtec.org or call 320-532-4455.

Attention College Students Totus Tuus Leaders are needed for 2025. Leaders help with week-long summer Catholic retreats for youth across the diocese by providing lively skits, songs, and lessons in the Catholic faith. Training is provided. Brochures are available in the churches. More information is available at https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/, by calling 320-251-5001, or emailing vocations@gw.stcdio.org.

**Thank You** to all those who attended the viewing **THANK** of **Radiating Joy** last weekend. We had a nice turnout. Thank you to Samantha and Peter Wiechman for heading up the event. If you were not able make the event, you can watch the movie at https://ondemand.ewtn.com/Home/Series/

ondemand/video/en/radiating-joy---the-michelle-duppong-story. We look forward to offering another event like this in the future. If there is a movie or event you would be interested in the church hosting, or if you are willing to help with heading up an event, please let the Tri-Parish Office know.

### **Sacred Heart School** Wine & Dine Cash Raffle Results

**\$20,000** - Sara & Mike Decker

\$3,000 - Tony & Brittany Hellermann

\$2,000 - Ryan & Meaghan Hickman

\$1,000 - Brad Herkenhoff

\$500 - Micah Gregory

\$500 - Joe Hoppe/Jim Thull

\$500 - Dave & Bonnie Theiler

**\$500** - Josh Hartung

\$500 - Lauren Kelsey

\$500 - Lillian Arnzen/Duane Hellmann

\$500 - LaShana Tschida

\$250 - LeRoy & Geri Moscho

**\$250** - Judy Zeis

\$250 - Mark Stangler

\$250 - Scott Groetsch

\$250 - Renee Blenker

\$250 - Bryan & Kim Scherping

**\$250** - Peter Heidgerken

\$250 - Joe Soenneker

**\$250** - Dan Uphus

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the Sacred Heart School Cash Raffle which was held in conjunction with the Wine & Dine fundraiser.





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