

ONE IN FAITH COMMUNITY OF St. Andrew-Greenwald, St. John-Meire Grove, ST. MARY-MELROSE & ST. MICHAEL-SPRING HILL

THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Parish Council Message ...

- Lawsuit Update.
- New activity. The "Restore Group" has requested that the Minnesota Supreme Court review the September 3, 2019 decision of the Minnesota Court of Appeals that affirmed the District Court decision dismissing the "Restore Group's" lawsuit against the Church of St. Mary, Diocese of St. Cloud, and Bishop Kettler, Legal counsel for the Church of St. Mary is waiting to hear whether the Minnesota Supreme Court will review the Court of Appeals' decision. Unlike the Minnesota Court of Appeals which hears all appeals, the Minnesota Supreme Court grants only a fraction of the requests for review.
- Financial cost. To date our parish has spent over \$240,000.00 in legal fees regarding the "Restore Group" actions.
- Church Building Team Update.
- Construction. Construction is becoming vertical as concrete, steel and wood framing is rising from the foundation. Currently, the Administration Space is being framed. That will be followed by the steel support and wood framing of the Worship Space and the Gathering Space. This is currently visible from the cemetery and Kraft Drive.
- Historical items. Our beautiful Rose Window, the Stained Glass Windows that will be used in the initial phase one of construction, the Tabernacle, the Sanctuary Lamp, and the Stations of the Cross are being cleaned, repaired and refurbished for installation in the new Worship Space. We are hoping and planning to remove and refurbish the bells for the new bell tower.
- New items. Samples of worship space tile, stone, carpet, paint and wood stain along with a photo of the new hand-crafted wooden Marian Shrine will again be on display before and after masses for all parishioners to see and discuss with members of the Church Building
- Marian Shrine. This custom carved image of Mary is the result of much prayer, conversation and research. After the August, 2018 gathering and listening to parishioners speak on their experiences of the Virgin Mary, and parish dialogue, the idea emerged to create a unique image reflecting our multicultural community. This art is inspired by the divinely authored image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1531 and the traditional European image of The Virgin of Mercy, was first seen in Germany in 1480. She will be approximately 5'6" tall and be the only image of our Lady in the new worship space. She has been hand carved in Oberommergau, Germany. The design committee, our Spanish speaking parishioners and our. Liturgical consultant has been very involved and encouraged. We are all blessed by
- Construction Calendar. As expected, the construction calendar continues to be subject to adjustment, but we are hoping for completion and celebration of Masses in winter of 2020-2021.
- Excellent Work! The Church Building Team, committees, volunteers, Finance Council and Parish Council continue to work very hard on this exciting and important project! This work, commitment, support and prayers by many people including parishioners and volunteers are building a beautiful and sacred Church for our parish and community!

ACC MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTION ~ NOVEMBER 04 - 10, 2019

St. Mary - Melrose

Sunday, 10:00 am

Monday, 6:30 pm No Misa en Español - Rosario SMS Tuesday, 7:30 am †Bob Kemper Pine Villa Wednesday, 7:30 am †Valentine Arceneau Pine Villa Thursday, 7:30 am †Eddie Pohlmann Pine Villa Friday, 7:30 am †Margaret Messerich Pine Villa Saturday, 5:00 am For the People **SMS** Sunday, 9:30 am †Ruth Braegelmann Pine Villa

SMS

††Ed & Lorraine Schulzetenberg

Sunday, 12:30 pm Misa en Español †Teresa Marquez SMS

St. Andrew - Greenwald

Thursday, 8 a.m. Thanksgiving for the Work-a-Thon Sunday, 10:00 a.m. †Gary Winter

St. John - Meire Grove

†Viola Wiechmann Wednesday, 8 a.m. ©Religious Graphics, Ltd. | Sunday, 8 a.m †Joan Hoppe

St. Michael - Spring Hill

Tuesday, 8 a.m. † Jerry Primus Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving & Health

Sundermann Family **Confirmation Mass**

Sunday, 2:00 p.m

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Wednesday, 8:15 am †Glen Feine Friday, 8:15 am †Blake Hemker Sunday, 8:00 am †Darin Blommel

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

Thursday, 8:15 am †Linda Raeker Anniv. Saturday, 4:00 pm †Raymond "Ray" Mayers Anniv.

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Tuesday, 8:15 am †Art Engelmeyer For the People Saturday, 8:00 pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsors this week: Cornerstone, Kramer Lumber Co Inc.

10/27 Jessica Blenker, Freeport—\$25

10/28 Alice Bartels, Melrose—\$25

10/29 Harvey Keller, Melrose—\$25

10/30 St Mary's, Building fund—\$25

10/31 Kent Brown, Melrose—\$25

11/01 Greg & Julie Tschida, Melrose—\$25

11/02 Erin Lester, Melrose—\$25

Baptism Class - Deacon Ernie will be offering a Baptism class on November 12, 7:30 p.m. at St Andrew's, Greenwald. Pre/registration is required by calling the parish office at 256-4207

Mission Society - meet November 12, 10:30 a.m. at the Melrose Senior Center.

Thank you to all who attended our Fall Bingo. Thank you also to the chair - people, Debbie Hellermann and Diane Hellermann, along with all the volunteers and donations. It was a great success. Hope to see you all in the spring.

Congratulations to Les Sand for winning the quilt.

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Mission Dues Drive and the Fall Bingo fundraiser. The money raised will be donated to local and foreign missionaries to continue their work of propagating our Catholic faith.

Raffle Calendars have been mailed out to all parishioners. Please help us make this another successful event. Additional calendars are available at the parish office, Freeport State Bank, Melrose branch and CMCU /Melrose branch.

Interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is? All non-Catholics are invited to join RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This Rite is a journey through the Catholic Faith. Those who participate are not obligated to become Catholic, but if you have ever thought of becoming Catholic or know of someone who is, this is a way to get a glimpse at the faith. Catholics are welcome to come to classes in order to grow in faith. Contact Deacon Ernie, RCIA Coordinator for details @(320) 256-4207.

One in Faith ~ Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Amy Hoeschen & Chrystal Sand 320-836-2143

Grade 1, 3-8—Next Class is Wednesday, November 6. 6:00 pm **OR** 7:30 pm session at St. Mary's Gym

> Topics: Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). Please bring your completed homework.

First Rec./First Communion—Next Class is Wednesday, November 6 from 6:00-7:15 pm.

Grade 9—Next Class—Saturday, December 7, service project

Grade 10—Next Class—Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm.

Grade 11— Next Class—Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm

Confirmation Save the Dates:

November 10, 2019 at 2:00 pm in Spring Hill for the "cluster parishes" March 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm in Meire Grove for the St. Mary's students

Stewardship Church of St. Mary

Total	\$8,959.00
Regular Adult Offering	
Loose	
New Church (actual funds)	
World Mission	
All Saints	
St Mary's School Endowment	\$30.00

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of October 28, the diocese raised \$1,254,118 in gifts and pledges. That is 96.47% of the Diocese's goal of \$1,300,000. This is made possible through the donations of 7,452 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Join others around the diocese in making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail it to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Making God's Love Visible—the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal of the Diocese of St. Cloud will launch November 9/10. More information will be available in the coming weeks. The Catholic Charities is a direct-mail appeal.

Any one interested in becoming a lector call the office 256-4207



St. Mary's School News

St. Mary's School will be having a Veteran's Day program on Monday, November 11th at 8:45 a.m. in the school gym.

Box Tops has gone digital! Download the app and under settings you can select St. Mary's School. You can see what items earn box tops, scan your receipt and earn without cutting a thing. You can also bring your receipt to school or put it in the collection on Sunday.

We will be receiving a Loaves 4 Learning check for \$32.50.

Save the date! St. Mary's Christmas Program! Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Little Saints program on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 10:00 in the school gym.

Teacher Parent Conferences are being held Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26 from 3:00-7:00.

The Church of Saint Mary in Melrose, MN is seeking to hire a full-time Director of Liturgy and Music, to begin as soon as possible. The ideal candidate has skill, experience, and passion for collaborative leadership in a vibrant and diverse Catholic faith community. Liturgical opportunities for leadership include coordinating liturgical ministries, meeting with couples and families for wedding and funeral preparations, and collaborating with staff and volunteers in the planning and preparation of liturgies for solemnities, feasts, sacraments, and services throughout the liturgical year. Musical opportunities for leadership include maintaining music resources, directing the Parish Choir, Youth Choir, and Children's Choir, and service leadership as needed. Master's degree in field of theology, liturgical studies, and/or sacred music preferred, as well as prior experience in professional parish ministry. Submit cover letter and resume to the parish office: 402 2nd St. SE, Melrose, MN 56352 – stmarys@stmarysofmelrose.com-320-256-4207. This position is open until filled – thank you for your consideration!

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW GREENWALD

Stewardship Church of St. Andrew

Total	\$1,949.00
Reg. Adult Offering	1,615.00
Children	4.00
Plate/Loose	34.00
Votives	21.00
Cemetery Fund	180.00
All Saints	15.00
Maintenance Fund	30.00
Lawn Mower Fund	50.00

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, Nov. 10, 10:00 a.m. – (S) Evan Young, Taylor Young, (L) Isaac Kulzer, (U) Harold Rademacher, Roger Schoenberg, (GB) Mathew & Bridget Kasper, (EM) (B) Kris Winter, (W) Jane Welle, Mary Opatrny, (HK-Nov) *Kristen Young, Wanda Ahrens, Angie Barten, Ann Barten, Clarine Beier, Lisa Bertram.

Work has begun on the new gates and other projects at the cemetery. We would like to thank the parishioners and organizations who so generously donated to the cemetery fund. In recognition of World Service Day the Greenwald Lions Club will be hosting a party for the Senior of our Tri-Parishes of Greenwald, Meire Grove and Spring Hill on November 14th at Woody's Bar, Greenwald from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. There will be cards, games, refreshments and prizes. Lunch will be served at 4:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's is in need of, and will be purchasing a new lawnmower. Thank you to all who donated toward this purchase.

St. Andrew's will be pouring new ribbons in the cemetery and doing some other cemetery projects. We would appreciate any donations to help with cemetery costs. Please put your donation in an envelope and mark it Cemetery. Thank you!

** If anyone is interested in helping with the ministries at Mass on Sundays, you can contact the parish office on Tuesday evenings from 5 pm - 7 pm or contact Fr. Marv.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN MEIRE GROVE

Stewardship—Church of St. John		
Total	\$17,548.91	
Reg. Adult Offering	1,090.00	
Children		
Plate/Loose	91.00	
Votives	31.30	
Cemetery Plots	6,000.00	
Cemetery Fund	110.00	
Maintenance Fund	60.00	
World Missions	60.00	
Catholic Mutual refund	6.00	
Matching Grant Supper	9,538.61	
Cookbook Sale		
Community Park		
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Liturgical Ministries – Sunday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. – (S) Luke Meyer, Miranda Meyer, (L) Kaylee Nathe, (U) Tim Meyer, Jeron Nathe, (GB) Nicholas & Kate Kelzer, (EM) (B) Abby Zenzen, Daryl Zenzen, (W) Sue Meyer. John Nathe, (HK-Nov) *Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer.

St. John's Parish Raffle Tickets will be distributed in the upcoming weeks. If anyone is interested in a ticket, please contact a parishioner or if you are in need of more tickets, contact Rita Meyer (987-3113) or Abby Zenzen (320-420-0343). Tickets are \$20.00 each. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 8:00 pm in the Meire Grove Church Basement during an intermission in Bingo. Grand Prize is \$2,000.00. Only 700 tickets will be sold. Thank you - in advance - for buying a raffle ticket and supporting our Parish!

** If anyone is interested in helping with the ministries at Mass on Sundays, you can contact the parish office on Tuesday evenings from 5 pm - 7 pm or contact Fr. Marv. Please give this some consideration!!



Upcoming TEC retreats Check out the website at www.cmtec.org for more info.

SISA St. John's-St. Andrew's School News

The end of the first quarter is Thursday, Nov., 7th. There is no school at SJSA and the Melrose District on Friday, November 8th. The teachers have a workshop day.

Veteran's Day - SJSA students and staff will attend the Veteran's Day program at Melrose Public School on Monday, November 11th.

Student Council Service project - The SJSA student council is collecting old towels, sheets, and blankets for the pound at Minnesota Veterinary Associates in Melrose. If you'd like to donate, please drop your items off at the school during school hours by November 26th. The students will also be making fleece chew toys for the dogs in the pound. If you have any fleece fabric you'd like to donate, please drop that off at the school as well. Any questions, call the school office at 987-3133.

Scrip - Think Scrip for your holiday shopping! We have a variety of local and national gift cards. Gift cards make great gifts or a stocking stuffers.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL SPRING HILL

Stewardship Church of St. Michael

Total	\$3,025.50
Reg. Adult Offering	
Plate/Loose	111.50
Fuel Fund	50.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00
Shingling Fund	800.00
School Demolition	

Liturgical Ministries – Sunday, Nov. 10, 10 **a.m.** – (S) Shantel Gruber, Eric Sundermann, (L) Rhonda Sundermann, (U) Bob Welle, Chico Welle, (EM)(B) Allen Lieser, (W) Melvin Kalthoff, Jeanette Kalthoff, (RL) Marilyn Gruber, (CC) Rhonda Sundermann, Linda Athmann, (HK) Sharon Schoenberg, Cyndi Schulzetenberge, Sharon Schulzetenberg.

We wish to thank all the people who helped make our Worn-A-Bit / Bake Sale a wonderful success. We had great help from Thursday night unpacking until Sunday noon packing up and loading. We have a great parish that is always willing to help when needed. Thank you!! Mary and Karen Rademacher won the quilt. Lou Athmann won the pillow cases.

Please give this some consideration!!

The demolition of the school has begun and it will be very costly by the time we are finished. We would appreciate any donations to help pay for the job. Please put your donation in an envelope and mark it **School** Demo. Thank you!

Thank you for the generous donations we have already received for shingling and demolition.

YOU ARE INVITED

Nov. 3: Holy Family Catholic United Financial Roscoe Matching Grant games party, at 7:30 p.m. St Agnes church basement Roscoe, lunch and refreshments will be served.

Nov. 7, 8, 9 & 10: Melrose High School Fall Musical - "Once Upon A Mattress" at Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center, at 7:30 p.m. Nov 10, at 2 p.m. Purchase tickets at Melrose, Coborn's CMCU, Freeport State Bank or call Audrey at 320-256-5160

Nov. 9: Sacred Heart School, Freeport -Annual Soup & Rummage Sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menu: Homemade chicken noodle soup, sandwiches, refreshments & treats.

November 14: Greenwald Lions will recognize World Service Day for the Seniors of Greenwald, Meire Grove and Spring Hill by hosting a party at Woody's Bar from 2 – 4 pm Feb. 29: St Mary's School Auction 4 Education. The theme is "The North Woods.



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