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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



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Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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New Parishioners

Please contact the respective parish office to register.

Leaving Our Parish?

If you are leaving our parishes, please call the respective parish office so we can update our census.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

By appointment only. Call the respective parish office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and must call Deacon Ernie before setting a date. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism

St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John: Call Deacon Ernie.

Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima: Call Freeport Office.

RCIA

Call Deacon Ernie if you are interested in the RCIA program.

Deacon Ernie Kociemba 320-248-5124 Email: kociemba@meltel.net

ACC Mass Schedule/Intention ~ March 1-7, 2021

St. Mary - Melrose

Monday, 6:30 pm Misa en Español Tuesday, 7:30 am †Norma Westendorf Wednesday, 7:30 am †LeRoy Kemper Thursday, 7:30 am †James Petermeier Friday, 8:30 am †Donna Hinnenkamp/

All School

Saturday, 5:00 pm †Eric Mergen/ For the People *Sunday, 10:00 am ††Marie & Richard Winning Sunday, 12:30 pm Misa en Español

Cristina Hernandez Becerra

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Wednesday, 8:15 am†Rita Blommel Anniversary Friday, 8:15 am †Deceased of Joseph

Overman Family

Sunday, 8:00 am †Kevin Preusser Anniversary

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Thursday, 8:15 am L/D COF Members Saturday, 4:00 pm †Elmer Wolbeck

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Tuesday, 8:15 am †Dorothy Wiechmann Sunday, 10:00 am For the People

St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tuesday, 8:00 am †Mary Ann Schulzetenberg Sunday, 10:00 am Liv. & Dec. Members of Mike & Addela Welle Family

*Mass will be livestreamed. Visit oneinfaith.org or Church of St. Mary, Melrose Facebook page.

St. Andrew - Greenwald

Thursday, 8:00 am †Floyd Walz Saturday, 4:00 pm †Matt Welle

St. John - Meire Grove

Wednesday, 8:00 am †Sylvester Nietfeld Sunday, 8:00 am †Dolores Imdieke

Adoration at Sacred Heart - Freeport on Fridays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

First Saturday Devotion Mass SACRED HEART - Freeport

†Gene Waldorf Saturday 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross – March 1-7, 2021

Tuesday, 8:45 am St. Rose of Lima Wednesday, 9:00 am Sacred Heart Wednesday, 7:00 pm St. Rose of Lima Wednesday, 7:30 pm St. Michael Thursday, 8:45 am Immaculate Conception

Friday, 9:00 am Sacred Heart

Friday, 7:30 pm St. John's

Public Rosary will be prayed weekly. We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for. All are invited and welcome!

- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English at church in St. Rosa.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)

Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE; Melrose, MN 56352

02-21

02-22

02-23

Weekly Stewardship	
Total	\$12,014.88
Regular Adult Offering.	6,645.88
Loose	530.00
Child Envelopes	0.00
New Church (actual funds)	4,120.00
Votive Candles	66.00
St. Cloud Catholic Magazine	297.00
Support a Child	16.00
Eastern Europe	215.00
Church Rent	100.00
Improvement Fund	25.00
Rectory Fund	0.00
St. Mary's School Endowment	\$220.00

Rectory Fund Collected to Date	\$40,000.00
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Died in the hope of Resurrection:

Gerald "Jerry" Sonnen, 78

The Church of St. Mary will be open 7:00 am - 7:00 pm every day.

If you are considering giving a contribution through your IRA, please be sure to use the new Church address: 755 Kraft Drive SE, Melrose, MN 56352. You will also want to remind your bank to reference who it is for on the check, so that proper credit can be given. Thank You!

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsor this week: Leedstone & Insurance Solutions



02-24 \$50 Joseph Roehrl - Melrose Nolan & Jenni Schmidt - Holdingford 02-25 \$25

Sue Moening - Melrose 02-26 \$25

02-27 \$25 Harvey Butkowski - Sauk Centre

Due to the excessive sunlight coming into the fireside rooms (gathering space) at certain times of the day, blinds have been measured and ordered. These blinds will help shade when there are events in the fireside rooms, such as weddings and funerals. Please consider contributing to the blinds, as this is an additional cost to the parish. Funds needed for the blinds are just under \$9,000. You can mark the donation – "blinds" and receive credit for your generosity. We have members of the parish who have graciously offered to help hang them, so we are saving the labor costs. Thank you to all those who have helped so far with this project.

The Faith and Justice Program will be distributing 600 boxes of food for all families in need in our community on March 4 and April 6 in the St. Mary's Church parking lot between 4:00 - 6:00 pm. You do not need to register or bring anything.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART - FREEPORT (FR)

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

Weekly Stewardship			
Adult Envelopes	\$5,368.00	Other Donations	
Easter	50.00	Votive	\$330.10
Plate	581.10	Central MN Catholic Magazine	100.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$5,999.10	Building/Maintenance	10.00
		Basement Remodel	500.00
Amount Needed for Budget**	\$5,399.00	Easter Flowers	25.00
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit)	600.10	Catholic Home Missions	50.00
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(12,427.00)	Ash Wednesday	180.50
**Total year budget is spread equa- weeks, including Holy Days	ally over 52	Rice Bowl	50.00

Parish Events

We 03/03 Stations of the Cross following Mass We 03/03 10:00 am Bible Study

We 03/03 6:00 pm Elementary Faith Formation

Fr 03/05 9:00 am Stations of the Cross & Adoration Sa 03/06 Individual Confession Before & After 8:00 am

Sa 03/06 9:00 am First Communion Retreat

May She Rest in Peace Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of Alma Schulte who passed away Thursday, February 18. Her funeral was celebrated in Freeport on Tuesday, February 23.

Baptized in Christ We welcome Everett Pierce Hartung, the son of Joshua & Alyssa Hartung, to our parish. Everett Pierce was baptized on February 20.

Demolition has begun. The old flooring is in the process of being removed along with the paneling on the walls. This coming week they will start on the bathroom demolition. The bathrooms will be out of commission in the church, but porta pots will be available outside. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this project.

Humility Families that practice humility place God at their center. Like Joseph and Mary, they put what God wants ahead of their own desires. They strive to do his will, even in the face of fear, challenges, and uncertainties. Family members foster humility when they pray together and show kindness, generosity, compassion, and empathy to others. How can you further cultivate the virtue of humility in your family this Lent?

St. Joseph Society Members You can return your raffle tickets through the Sunday collection or mail to: Rich Primus 34108 Cty. Rd. 10 Albany, MN 56307. Thank you.

Lenten Project: Feed My Starving Children FMSC is a Christian nonprofit



that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Donations are used to fund the meal ingredients, and volunteers pack the meals by hand. Meals are donated around the world.

Each spring the SHS 6th graders and each summer our Tri-Parish Youth Group pack food with FMSC as one of their ways of service. SHS takes up a collection every Wednesday during Lent at the 8:15 am Mass. You can also donate to the project by dropping an envelope marked Lenten Project in the Sunday collection or mailing or dropping it off at the Freeport Office.



Church of the Immaculate Conception - New Munich (NM)

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

Weekly Stewardship			
Adult Envelopes	\$3,213.00	Other Donations	
Plate	59.00	School Support	\$6.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,272.00	Votive	286.25
		Ash Wednesday	293.00
Amount Needed for Budget**	\$3,404.00	Steeple Repair	140.00
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit)	(132.00)	Central MN Catholic Magazine	200.00
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(20,022.65)		
**Total year budget is sp	read equally ov	ver 52 weeks, including Holy Days	

Parish Events

We 03/0310:00 am Bible Study - FR
We 03/03 6:00 pm Elementary Faith Formation - FR
Th 03/04 Stations of the Cross following Mass
Sa 03/06 9:00 am First Communion Retreat - FR
Sa 03/06 3:30 pm Individual Confessions

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Steeple/Roof Repair Fundraiser Immaculate Conception Church's steeple needs a major repair. The estimate to repair is \$50,000. So far \$31,145 has been raised towards this fund. There is still a ways to go. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this needy cause.



March Church Cleaners: Linda Feldewerd, Georgine Nathe, Peggy Thelen, and Joelle Niebergall. Please contact each other to arrange times to do the cleaning. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month. This information is also available in the <u>Tri-Parish Ministry Schedule March 2021</u>. Thank you.

The Christian Women Spring Bake Sale is traditionally held with the Lion's Breakfast. This is one of two bake sale fundraisers we have each year. Due to COVID-19 we are not able to hold the bake sale. We know that this is a challenging financial time for some. If



you are able, parish members with the last names beginning N-Z are asked to please contribute \$5 or more to the virtual bake sale. Make your checks out to 'St. Ann's Christian Women' and send to the parish office or place in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

Christian Women Meeting: Spring quarterly meeting of St. Ann's Christian Women of New Munich will be in March. Date and time will be posted in the March 6, bulletin. Meeting will be held in the church basement. All parish women are invited to attend the meeting.

New Munich Christian Women are collecting Pennies for "Water For Life." Pennies will be collected during the Lent season. The money collected goes to Catholic Relief Services. Additional information has been posted on Christian Women Bulletin Boards at each entrance. Please drop pennies off at the Freeport Office or call Jackie Massmann at 651-214-0270. Thank you in advance for your support.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA (SR)

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

Weekly Stewardship			
Adult Envelopes	\$2,290.00	Other Donations	
Plate	90.00	Central MN Catholic Magazine	\$125.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,380.00	Votive	37.00
		Ash Wednesday	229.00
Amount Needed for Budget**	\$1,995.00		
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit)	385.00	Building Project	
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$16,760.12	Total Due + Interest	\$14,062.52
**Total year budget is	spread equally	y over 52 weeks, including Holy D	ays

Parish Events

Mo 03/01 9:00 am Quilting

Tu 03/02 Stations of the Cross following Mass

We 03/03 10:00 am Bible Study - FR

We 03/03 6:00 pm Elementary Faith Formation - FR

We 03/06 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Fr 03/05 7:30 pm Rosary

Sa 03/06 9:00 am First Communion Retreat - FR

The St. Rose Christian Women are sponsoring a collection of new or gently used items and cash for Pathways for Homeless Youth and Service for Homeless Youth. These two programs work together to serve homeless youth ages 16-25 who have limited family support with Street Outreach for basic needs, Youth House, and Scattered Site Programs assist youth with finding affordable housing, basic life skills, managing a budget, searching for employment, among many other things. The two programs are in need of anything that can help people live on their own - Food gift cards, phone cards, diapers and baby supplies, baby clothing up to size 5T, cleaning supplies for their apartments, garbage bags, toilet paper, paper towels, bath towels, wash clothes, kitchen towels, dishes, pots and pans, laundry quarters, laundry detergent, canned chicken, can openers, gas cards, hair conditioner, and paper towels. For more information, check out pathways4youthmn.org or ccstcloud.org/services/housing/homeless-youth. There will be a box in the gathering area at church. Thank you so much for considering the needs of youth without healthy supports in their lives!

St Rose of Lima Festival News We are seeking a third couple to join the festival committee. If anyone is interested or has further questions, please call Sara Arvig 320-333-6221, Scott Wiechman 320-285-3060, Chris Atkinson 763-221-4172, or Lisa Atkinson 763-300-0065.

St. Rose Quilters Quilting has started. Come quilt anytime during the week or join the group on Mondays starting at 9:00 am. As usual, everyone is welcome. New this year, bring you own lunch. Call Sara Arvig to schedule your groups to quilt 320-333-6221.



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CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL (SH)

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

Weekly Stewardship	
Total	\$1,230.18
Regular Adult Offering	654.00
Children	2.00
Plate/Loose	25.00
Fuel Fund	275.00
Maintenance Fund	20.00
Ash Wednesday	240.00
Rice Bowl	14.18

Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm.

St. Mary's Mission and St. Michael's Men's Society please put your dues in an envelope marked Mission Dues or Men's Society Dues in the collection basket. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, March 7 - 10:00 am

(L) Pete LeClaire

(Ú) Nick Waldorf & Bob Welle

(RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes

(CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger

(HK-Feb. 21-28) Deanna Welle, Diane Welle, & Donna Welle

**Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass, **

St. Michael's Parish Council will meet Tuesday, March 2 at 8:00 pm. Finance Committee meets at 7:30 pm.

Spring Hill Baseball Team's Annual Sausage & Ham Supper will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2021. Serving 4:00-8:00 pm. This year's supper will be a drive-through around the St. Michael's church in Spring Hill and the food will be delivered to people's vehicles outside.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)

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

Weekly Stewardship	
Total	\$1,430.50
Regular Adult Offering	750.00
Plate/Loose	40.00
Votives	5.50
Cemetery Fund	100.00
Fuel Fund	20.00
Ash Wednesday	405.00
Bishop's Appeal	10.00
St. Cloud Visitor	25.00
Rice Bowl	50.00
Central/European Church	25.00

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 pm on Friday night in St. Andrew's, Greenwald and St. John's, Meire Grove alternately, starting with St. John's, Meire Grove on March 5.

Liturgical Ministries - Saturday, March 6 - 4:00 pm

(L) Peter Van Beck

(U) Mark Silbernick & Benjamin Stepan

(HK-Feb.) *Angie Kulzer, Julie Kulzer, Rose Lensing, Mariann Lucken, Rita Mehr, and Lorene Meyer

Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.

St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial – Due to COVID-19, St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial has decided to cancel the Annual Matching Grant Breakfast. Letters have been sent out to the parishioners requesting donations representative of the amount normally spent on tickets, bake sale, etc. These donations will be eligible for up to \$1000 in Matching Grant Funds from Catholic United Financial. All Proceeds will go to St. Andrew's Parish. Donations can be put in the collection addressed to St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial. Any and All donations are welcome.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE (MG)

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

Weekly Stewardship	
Total	\$1,812.25
Regular Adult Offering	1,580.00
Children	6.00
Plate/Loose	34.75
Votives	56.50
Ash Wednesday	75.00
St. Cloud Visitor	60.00

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 pm on Friday night in St. Andrew's, Greenwald and St. John's, Meire Grove alternately, starting with St. John's, Meire Grove on March 5.

St. John's Parish is looking for a Janitor and if they have any questions to contact Tom Loxtercamp at 987-3233.

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, March 7 - 8:00 am

(L) Missy Illies

(U) Tim Meyer, Jeron Nathe, & John Nathe

(HK-Feb.) *Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Charlene Meyer, Sue Meyer, and Geri Meyer

 $\star\star 3$ ushers needed to cover all doors - be sure to find a replacement if you won't be there, $\star\star$

**Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass, **

Due to Covid19 the Annual Chicken Supper at St. John's Church in Meire Grove has been cancelled. The RAFFLE will still be held with the drawing on Sunday, March 28th in the church basement after the 8:00 am Mass. The raffle has been changed to \$5.00 per ticket.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Matthew 5:6

Sacred Heart School

Calendar Raffle Winners

Steve Feldewerd - Browerville

Sharon Shoenberg - Melrose

Christine Middendorf - Melrose

Brad Herkenhoff - St. Rosa

Jim Feldewerd - Melrose

Laura Bursch - Foley

Ervin Feldewerd - Melrose

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Formación de Fe (Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald, Spring Hill)

- Primera Reconciliación/Primera Comunión: Próxima clase: Sábado 6 de marzo a las 10:00 am Iglesia de Santa María. Sólo para estudiantes.
- ▼ Grados 1, 3-8: Entrega de tareas & Recogida: 3 de marzo de 3:00-8:00 pm en la Iglesia de Santa María
 - Durante el mes de marzo, complete el recorrido por la iglesia de San Martín o la Abadía de San Juan y su paquete/asignación de nivel de grado para el mes.
- Grado 4, 5, & 6: Siguiente clase: 3 de marzo a las 6:00 pm. Nos vemos en la Iglesia de Santa María. Estudiantes y padres.
- ♥ Grado 9: Entrega de tareas & Recogida: 3 de marzo de 3:00-8:00 pm en la Iglesia de Santa María
 - Durante el mes de marzo complete el recorrido a la iglesia de San Juan (MG) o San Andrés (GW) y su paquete/asignación de nivel de grado para el mes.
- Grado 10: Próxima clase: 10 de marzo a las 7:00 PM vía Zoom. Orador invitado sobre relaciones saludables e insalubres. Estudiantes y padres.

- ♥ Grado 11: Próxima clase: Miércoles 3 de marzo a las 7:00 pm. Nos vemos en la Iglesia de Santa María. Sólo el estudiante debe asistir.
 - ♥ El informe de nombres vence el miércoles 3 de marzo.

Recordatorio Debido a las nuevas regulaciones del COVID-19, requerimos el uso de mascara cuando atendamos a la Misa en la Iglesia.

El rosario en español se rezara los jueves a las 6:30 pm. Después del rosario tendremos la comunidad de Oración Santa María, dirigida por el Señor Oscar Nolasco. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

A partir del 22 de febrero, la Iglesia de Santa María estará abierta todos los días de 7:00 am a 7:00 pm horas. Todos son bienvenidos a Orar dentro de estos horarios.

Estaciones de la Cruz/Viacrucis se estarán haciendo todos los viernes a las 6:30 pm durante la cuaresma.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kathy Welle SHS BOARD: Amy Wilwerding, Emily Smith, Rick Goebel, Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho

Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514 www.shsfreeport.org

♦ This past week some SHS staff members and the 6th graders spent a few days at Lake Maria by New Munich to participate in CCC (Catch, Clean, Cook) Camp. What a phenomenal experience for all who were able to join us. A huge thank you to the Freeport Lions who sponsored a snake encounter with Hemker Zoo, The Dark House & Angling Association whose members gave lessons on spearing and angling and shared some of their pickled fish with those who were willing to give them a try, and

many parent volunteers and community members who were willing to share their knowledge and love for the outdoors. We are truly blessed!!

◆ Wednesday, March 3 - School Liturgy will be planned by Mr. Hippman and the 1st grade class.

▼Thursday, March 4 - Liberty Tschida, 5th grade student, will be "Principal for the Day," learning about what keeps Principal, Mrs. Harren, busy on a typical school day. This experience was purchased at the Sacred Heart School Prime and Wine Auction in January.

▼ Friday, March 5 - Wax Museum The 5th & 6th grade students will be participating in Wax Museum presentations in the Sacred Heart School Gym. They are busy researching and gathering information about someone from history and will dress up as this person and share interesting facts about him/her.

◆Saturday, March 6 - The First Communion Retreat for 2nd graders of the Tri-Parish will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Jenn Ellering Phone: 320-256-4257 www.smsmelrosemn.org

- SMS students will be performing the Living Stations in the Church on Wednesday, March 17 at 1:00 pm.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 23 and 25.
- Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will open on March 3.

• During Lent, families at SMS will be collecting dollars and coins to give to four different organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Schwieters, Fr. Ohmann, and Simply Love International (a nonprofit organization founded by Erin Cannon that supports an orphanage in Tanzania. Erin is an alumni of St. Mary's School). If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, drop your coins off at the Melrose Office or school.

• Attend our Winter Open House for preschool through 6th grade on March 15 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm and discover the benefits of Catholic education. Call 320-256-4257 or email sms@smsmn.org to schedule a tour during the open house or anytime.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kristen Pattinson SJSA BOARD: Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Jeron Nathe, Bridget Kasper, Kathy Gilk, Amy Frieler, Kristi Zimmer Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

* Coborn's Coupon Books are available for purchase for \$20. The school earns \$15 per book sold. The coupon books have over \$100 in coupon savings. The coupons expire July 2022. Call the school office at 320-987-3133 if you are interested in purchasing a coupon book.

- * SJSA is accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year. If you'd like to visit SJSA, please call the school office at 320-987-3133, and we would be happy to arrange a tour for you. New families are always welcome!
- * Stations of the Cross SJSA students will lead Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 5 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. All are welcome.
- * SJSA Student Council Lenten Project The students are collecting personal care items for the Melrose Area Food Shelf. through March 28. Items needed are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, and dish soap. Collection boxes are in the back of St. John's, St. Andrew's, and St. Michael's Churches. You may also drop items off at the school.
- * Janitor needed SJSA is in need of a janitor. The position is approximately 10 hours per week. Hours are after 3:30 pm. The position pays \$15 per hour.
- * Scrip Gift Cards SJSA has a variety of local and national gift cards. Please call the school office at 320-987-3133 to purchase Scrip.

FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa

- Grade 2 Next Class: Wednesday, March 3 from 6:00 7:00 pm. Please bring your workbook and meet at Sacred Heart School. First Communion Retreat Saturday, March 6 from 9:00 am 12:00 pm at Sacred Heart School Gym.
- Grades 1-6 Next Class: Wednesday, March 3 Classroom Lesson at 6:00 pm.
- Grades 4-12 Server Training: If your child/children in grades 4-12 are interested in becoming an alter server, there will be training on Wednesday, March 3 at 6:40 pm at Sacred Heart Church. If you have any questions, contact the Tri-Parish Office 320-836-2143.
- Grades 7-8 Next Class: Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm. Please bring notebook, Bible, and pen to class and meet at Sacred Heart School.
- Grade 9 Next Class: Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm. Please bring workbook and pen to class and meet at Sacred Heart School.
- Grade 10 Next Class: Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm. Please bring workbook and pen to class and meet in the body of Church.
 - Sponsor Affidavits are due on March 10.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Meire Grove, Greenwald

- **▼** First Reconciliation/First Communion:
 - ▶ Next Class: Saturday, March 6 at 10:00 am St. Mary's Church. Students only.
- **♥** Grades 1, 3-8:
 - ▶ Homework Drop off & Pick up: March 3 from 3:00 8:00 pm at St. Mary Church.
 - During the month of March, complete the St. Martin or St. John's Abbey church tour and your grade level packet/assignment for the
 month.
- ▼ Grades 4, 5, & 6: Next Class: March 3 at 6:00 pm. Meet at St. Mary Church. Students and parents.
- **♥** Grade 9:
 - ▶ Homework Drop off & Pick up: March 3 from 3:00 8:00 pm at St. Mary Church.
 - ▶ During the month of March, complete the St. John (MG) or St. Andrew (GW) church tour and your grade level packet/assignment for the month.
- ▼ Grade 10: Next Class: Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Guest speaker on healthy & unhealthy relationships. Students and parents.
- ▼ Grade 11: Next Class: Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm. Meet at St. Mary's Church. Only the student should attend.
 - **▼ Name report** is due Wednesday, March 3.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Lent Materials A variety of materials, including books, brochures with schedules for Masses, confessions, and Stations of the Cross, and other items are available in the back of the churches. Feel free to pick up what you need to enhance your Lenten experience this year.

Bible Study meets every Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Fr. Dan is leading the study of the Gospel of Mark.

House Blessings There are openings to have your house blessed by Fr. Dan. Contact the Freeport Office if you are interested.

Our One in Faith ACC Leadership Team met on February 10. Our main discussion centered on youth ministry, which is a top priority in our ACC. Kent Schmitz from the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office was here. Upon a recommendation from Mr. Schmitz, we will be forming a Youth Ministry Core Group, made up of 2 people from each of our 7 parishes and Mr. Schmitz. This group will explore youth ministry options that would be best suited for our ACC, beginning with a meeting in early March. We are looking for people from all 7 parishes who have a genuine interest in our youth who could serve in this Core Group. Might this person be you? Please consider serving in this important role. Contact Jane Salzl, fredsfarm@meltel.net, with

SHS Lenten Collection for Feed My Starving Children See details under Church of the Sacred Heart.

questions or to volunteer. Thank you!

Loot for Learning Purchase your prepaid shopping cards for the purchases you make anyway - and have Sacred Heart School benefit 1%, 5%, or even 15% of your purchase. Using the program is easy. Cards for some vendors such as Charlie's Café, Cobom's/Cash Wise, Mills Fleet Farm, Teal's Market, both Freeport gas stations, and more can be purchased on the spot at Sacred Heart School or Décor and More in Freeport. One more extra step before shopping can make a BIG difference to the students of Sacred Heart School.



Save the date for St. Mary's Catholic School 19th Annual Auction 4 Education Saturday, March 6.

• February 27, 9:00 am - Online Auction Open https://one.bidpal.net/smsmelrose/welcome

• February 28 - March 6 - Keep bidding and watch for outbid text alerts on any Silent Auction and Classroom Projects you want to secure!

- Saturday, March 6
 - 6:30 Auction begins
 - 7:00 Raffle drawing
 - 7:15 Classroom projects start closing—staggered times
 - 9:00 All bidding closes
 - 11:59 Every Bid Counts and Cash Donations close
- Food: Several local businesses are offering dine in or take-out specials to
 ensure a special evening for you and our community. Please support these
 local businesses who are generously donating back to St. Mary's.

SMS\$4Kids We have a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase. We will be selling scrip after Masses the first weekend of every month. These work great for gifts but also to do your everyday shopping. If you have questions, call the school office at 320-256-4257. We appreciate your support.

Many thanks to those of you who donated baby items in the Christian Women's Baby Jesus Shower that were give to us at Options for Women. These items will greatly help our clients and their babies.

St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial – Due to COVID-19, St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial has decided to cancel the Annual Matching Grant Breakfast. Letters have been sent out to the parishioners requesting donations representative of the amount normally spent on tickets, bake sale, etc. These donations will be eligible for up to \$1000 in Matching Grant Funds from Catholic United Financial. All proceeds will go to St. Andrew's Parish. Donations can be put in the collection addressed to St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial. Any and all donations are welcome.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED)

Safe Haven Sunday – Equipping the Family: Safety Through Connection The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers, make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online, it's only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage. Next weekend, the Diocese of St. Cloud will be celebrating Save Haven Sunday. This weekend of awareness will provide free resources to you to give you confidence for how to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please visit https://stcdio.org/marriage-andfamily/marriage-and-family-resources/safe-haven-sunday-march-7-8-2020resources/.

Bishop's Annual Appeal The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports youth religious education in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible.



Please support the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal: www.stcdio.org/ annual appeal. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

Stewardship as a Way of Life "'Here I am!' he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say, "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Oftentimes we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy. Most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo are held throughout the year. Enhance your Lenten experience with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com.

Married Couples Retreat Weekend, March 5-7 Men's Retreat Weekend, March 12-14

The Common Thread of Holy Saturday: How a Trauma Lens Can Unite and Strengthen our Catholic Church Many people spend Holy Saturday (trauma's aftermath), by getting ready for Easter Sunday (triumphal new life), which reflects our overall unease with trauma (Good Friday). Trauma and its aftermath are viewed as something to "get over" as soon as possible, otherwise we risk shame and stigma. We forget: the resurrected Christ still carried his wounds. This presentation will explore the aftermath of trauma, and how use of a trauma lens can serve as powerful witness. We will discuss pastoral responses that help or hurt and will close with a look at what a trauma-responsive Catholic Church might look like. Thursday, March 4 Webinar presentation from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Have you ever stopped to think about heaven, and that everyone who is in heaven is a saint? We often think only about the canonized saints. But everyone of us was created by God to be a saint. Every Lent the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) sponsor a Lenten Retreat. This year we are sponsoring an online virtual retreat on "The Saints Within Us." The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 13, beginning at 9:00 am. To register for the retreat, go to stclouddccw.org and click on the link at the bottom of the screen. The retreat is free, but freewill donations are appreciated.

Catholics at the Capitol There is no time more important than now to speak out in defense of life and dignity at the State Capitol! Even just a handful of people can influence the laws passed by our elected officials; just imagine the impact of every Catholic voice



ioining together! Catholics at the Capitol is designed for YOU! Whether you are an "old pro" in the political arena, exasperated with divisive politics, or someone who doesn't know where to begin, "CatCap" will fortify your faith, provide you with the hope needed to heal the cynicism and division in politics, and equip you to speak with your lawmakers. The event will be held on Thursday, April 15. Tickets are \$20; children and students under the age of 22 can register at no cost. A free-will offering will be accepted if you ride one of the buses provided by the Diocese of St. Cloud. Find out more information at: https://stcdio.org/event/catholics-at-the-capitol-2021/

Sacrament of Confession

For individual confessions, please see the parish sections for opportunities or call one of the parish offices.

Communal Celebration with Individual Confession will be celebrated as follows:

Wednesday, March 10 7:30 pm - St. Andrew, Greenwald Wednesday, March 24 5:30 & 7:00 pm - St. Mary, Melrose Friday, March 26 7:00 pm - Sacred Heart, Freeport

The Scriptures This Week

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle I

Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38 Mο Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12 Tu We Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28 Th Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31 Fr Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Mt 21:33-43,45-46 Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32 Sa

Next Sunday—

1 Cor 1:22-25 Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17 Jn 2:13-25

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

March 5, Friday

♦Fish Fry at the Melrose American Legion. Serving 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Take outs available 320-256-3581.

March 7, Sunday

•Spring Hill Baseball Team's Annual Sausage & Ham Supper will be held at the St. Michael's church. Serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. This year's supper will be a drive-through around St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill, and the food will be delivered to people's vehicles outside.

March 12, Friday

- ♦Fish Fry at the Melrose American Legion. Serving 5:00 8:00 pm. Take outs available 320-256-3581.
- ♦ Meat Raffle sponsored by the Freeport Lions with proceeds to Sacred Heart School will be held at Pioneer Inn at 6:00 pm.

Prayer Requests...

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

May They Rest in Peace:

†Gerald "Jerry" Sonnen, †Alma Schulte

Bryan Goebel, Janice Derichs, Leanard Frieze, LeRoy Wolbeck, Walter & Laura Beuning, Alma Schulte

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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