

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

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

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

Melrose - Spring Hill -Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

ACC Bulletin Announcement Deadline Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements 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.



At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

Matthew 4:1-2

"Forty" is a significant number. In Scripture, it is used more than 145 different times. For example, the rain during the Great Flood lasted forty days and forty nights. Each time Moses went up Mount Sinai, he remained there for forty days and nights. The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days before ascending into Heaven. And there are many other uses of "forty" throughout the Bible. Interestingly, forty is even significant within human nature, in that we develop within our mother's womb for forty weeks before being born.

The "forty" that we commemorate today is the forty days and forty nights that our Lord spent in the desert being tempted by the devil while He fasted and prayed. Forty is used to symbolize a time of testing, purification, trial or probation. For that reason, it should also be seen as a symbol of your entire life here on earth. In Saint Matthew's version of Jesus' temptation in the desert, He specifically uses the wording "forty days *and* forty nights." Saint Bede, in commenting upon this, points out that this period of time not only symbolizes our entire lives, but the "days" represent the many graces and blessings we receive, while the "nights" represent the crosses we endure.

As we begin our Lenten journey, it is important to once again apply the lessons of Jesus' time in the desert to our entire lives. Let's consider two lessons we can take from the passage quoted above. First, we see that Jesus was "led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." This teaches us that Jesus not only endured temptation, He confronted it. He was not afraid of the devil and did not fear his attacks. Instead, He willingly faced those temptations, being led by the Spirit, so as to not only overcome them in His life but also to enable us to confront, in our lives, every temptation by the power and initiative of the Holy Spirit. We must never be afraid to confront temptations directly and confidently when the Holy Spirit is in the lead.

A second important lesson is that Jesus voluntarily fasted during this time in the desert. This illustrates the importance of the virtue of temperance in life. If we see this period of forty as a symbol of our whole lives, then we will understand that

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ACC Mass Times and Intentions ~ February 27 - March 5

St. Mary - Melrose		
Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español
	•	†Juan Nunez Avila
Tu	7:30 am	†LeRoy Kemper
We	7:30 am	†John Terhaar
Th	7:30 am	†Norma Westendorf
Fr	8:30 am	St. Mary's School Mass
		††Alfred & Agnes
		Olmscheid & Family
Sa	5:00 pm	††Sylvester & Alvina Woeste
	_	For the People
*Su	10:00 am	††Marie & Richard Winning
		†Jerry Sand
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español
	•	†Gumecindo Botello
		†Jovita Becerra

*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit <u>oneinfaith.org</u> for the YouTube link.

SACRED HEART - Freeport

8:15 am ††Joseph & Hilda Overman We Fr 8:15 am †Leo Borgerding

Sa 8:00 am ††Norbert & Veronica Toenies 8:00 am Su For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

8:15 am †Harvey Mayers 4:00 pm †Rosie Ostendorf Sa

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †John Herkenhoff Su 10:00 am †LaVern Fuechtmann

St. Michael - Spring Hill

8:00 am †Melvin Schulzetenberg Su 10:00 am †Lisa Schoenberg

Please see page 5 for Stations of the Cross dates, times, and locations.

St. Andrew - Greenwald

8:00 am SJSA School Mass Th †Marilyn Uphus

Sa 4:00 pm †Francis Uphus

St. John - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †John Nathe Su 8:00 am †Dolores Imdieke



ADORATION

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:00 pm Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

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Parish News:

~ St. Mary ~ St. Michael ~ St. Andrew ~ St. John ~

◆Please take a dove (or two or three!) from our Confirmation Prayer Tree. Each dove has the name of a Confirmation candidate. We ask that you pray for them so their hearts may be open to the full blessings of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation will take place at 2:00 pm on March 19 at St. Mary's in Melrose. Everyone especially anyone from our 7 ACC parishes is welcome to join us in celebrating this sacrament with our young people!



BINGO Please join the Tri-Parish Confirmation Class on Sunday, February 26 at Sacred Heart Church Basement for Bingo. Free lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 pm with a purchase of a card. Bingo will start promptly at 1:00 pm. Cash prizes. \$10 per card for 20 games plus 2 black-out games. No

checks or credit cards please. All proceeds will be divided between Asha Gregory and an anonymous cancer patient who has requested the funds go to the Coborn's Cancer Center.

ACC Lenten Project: "Food for Thought" Weekend Program Did you know that rural poverty is at an all time high? Hunger comes in many different shapes, sizes, colors, and situations. Many District 740 students go without food for the entire weekend when they are away from school. Food for Thought is a non-profit weekend food backpack program for children in District 740, which serves the following communities: St. Rosa, Freeport, Greenwald, Meire Grove, St. Martin, Grey Eagle, Melrose, Spring Hill, and New Munich. Cash donations cover the cost of the food items. The cost per pupil per month is roughly \$20. Currently 125 kids are served in District 740. To contribute to this Lenten Project, place donations in an envelope marked "Lenten Project." Drop envelope in the collection or mail it to or drop it off at either the Freeport or Melrose Office.

DISCOVER the real you. Every time you collaborate with God to create a Holy Moment...the real you emerges. Most people live and die without even scratching the surface of their potential. Don't let that be your story! Let Holy Moments reveal what the real you can do. Sign up for daily reflections at: https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html.



Parish News:

~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~

•Youth Leadership Team We are looking to add more people to the Youth Leadership Team and are seeking out students in grades 9-12 to serve on our core team. This is a leadership program for high school students interested in serving, leading, and supporting their peers as they develop a deeper experience of Jesus Christ and the Catholic church. Applications to join the Youth Leadership Team are available on our website sacredheartfreeport.org, under the faith formation tab. I want to invite you to prayerfully consider joining our team. If you have any questions, please call Chrystal at the parish office.

Lenten Enrichment Materials are available in the back of the churches. Feel free to take anything that will help you on your faith journey this Lent.

Lent Brochures filled with faith enrichment opportunities in our Area Catholic Community, including schedules for Easter Triduum, and confessions, are available in the back of the church.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: This is Announcement Weekend for the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with envelopes that will be provided at Mass or bring the envelope many of you will receive in the mail this week. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

Catholic United Raffle for Catholic Schools

We are heading into the last weeks of this raffle. Just \$5 per raffle ticket gets you a chance to win a 2023 Chevy Trax for \$20,000 cash, plus many other prizes. Tickets are available from any SHS family or the school office. SHS families will also be selling after Masses in the Tri-Parish the

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

weekend of February 25 - 26. All money raised from the sale of tickets stays at Sacred Heart School.

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

******** Weekly Offerings *****	· * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Total	\$8,957.28
Regular Adult Offering	6,179.00
Loose	1,263.00
Phase 2	150.00
Designated Funds	1,365.28
Phase II Building	\$47,511.85
Phase II Matching Funds	\$144,543.25
Rectory	\$79,779.65
Total: Phase II/Rectory	\$271,834.75

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle 02-19 \$25 Melvin Primus - Melrose \$25 02-20 Naomi Klaphake - Freeport 02 - 21\$25 Elmer & Virginia Meyer - Melrose 02 - 22\$50 Kristen Benoit - St. Augusta 02-23 \$25 Josh Mayes - El Cajon, CA 02-24 \$25 Scott Rademacher - Sauk Centre

Alvina Gerads - Melrose

Nominate Now!

\$25

02-25

Leadership Team Nominations This year we have 2 positions opening up on our St. Mary's Leadership Team. We will have the election on April 15/16,

which is the weekend between Easter and the start of First Communion Liturgies. Please begin to think about who might be a good person to nominate for our Leadership Team. Parishioners with the most nominations will be invited to be on the ballot. Nominations will be collected on March 4/5 and on March 11/12. Start thinking! Thank you.

St. Mary's Mission Society will meet on Wednesday March 8 at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 am. All are welcome!

temperance must always be part of our lives. When we experience the joys and blessings of life (the forty days), we must certainly celebrate them. But we must always do so with a certain self-denial, in that we must never allow the passing things of this world to become the primary satisfaction we seek. Saint John of the Cross teaches that we can even become overly attached to spiritual consolations. Conversely, when we experience the crosses of life (the forty nights), we must also practice a certain self-denial, in that we must not allow the difficulties we endure to discourage us or to distract us from seeking out and fulfilling the will of God. Fasting, meaning our acquisition of the virtue of temperance, must lead us always through the ups and downs of life, helping us to keep our eyes on the truths God has revealed to us and rejecting the lies of the devil.

Reflect, today, upon the importance of embracing the virtue of temperance with courage throughout life. Throughout life's many ups and downs, joys and sorrows, blessings and crosses, we must allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit, confronting every circumstance with courage and self-control. Reflect upon any ways that you struggle with the crosses you endure or excessively cling to the consolations of life. Seek to embrace the road of virtue this Lent in imitation of Jesus' forty days and nights in the desert.

My temperate and courageous Lord, You confronted all temptation with courage and strength. You fasted throughout the forty days and forty nights so as to teach us how to navigate the ups and downs of life. Please give me the virtues of temperance and courage, and bestow the Holy Spirit upon me so that I may follow You into the desert of my own life. 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 ********		
Adult Envelopes	\$3,691.77	
Plate	378.00	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,069.77	
Other Donations Votive	\$203.00 175.00	
Central MN Catholic Magazine	1/5.00	

			Parish Events
Sı	u 02/26	10:00 am	Service Project Setup
Sı	u 02/26	12:00 pm	Bingo Service Project
T	u 02/28	5:30 am	Men's Group
T	u 02/28	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg NM
W	e 03/01	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
W	e 03/01	5:30 pm	Adoration
W	e 03/01	6:00 pm	Grade 2 Faith Formation
W	e 03/01	7:00 pm	Faith Formation
T	h 03/02	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Revival Meeting
Fı	03/03	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fı	03/03	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fı	03/03	9:00 am	Adoration
Fı	03/03	2:30 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Sa	a = 03/04	11:00 am	Baptism
St	u 03/05	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace
Sı	u 03/05	7:00 pm	Catholic United Financial Meeting

Baptized in Christ...

- •We welcome **Mia Marie Meyer**, the daughter of Ryan Meyer & Anna Meehl, to our parish. Mia Marie was baptized on Sunday, February 19.
- •We welcome **Everett Alcuin Walter**, the son of Nathan & Kelsey Walter, to our parish. Everett Alcuin was baptized on Sunday, February 19.



Weddings... Congratulations to Matthew & Nicole (Roering) Stassen who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, February 18. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

*Welcome to our Parish...*We would like to welcome Bernadette Walz to our parish.

Sacred Heart Catholic United Financial PVT #101 will

hold a quarterly meeting on Sunday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. Business meeting will



be followed by door prizes, card playing, and lunch. All members are invited to attend.

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'"

Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is a time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

**** Weekly Offering ****		
Adult Envelopes	\$1,859.46	
Plate	194.00	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,053.46	
Other Donations		
Building/Maintenance	\$37.50	
Votive	181.00	
Central MN Catholic Magazine	75.00	

Parish Events

Su	02/26	12:00 pm	Bingo Service Project - FR
Tu	02/28	5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
Tu	02/28	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu	02/28	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
We	03/01	9:00 am	Quilting
We	03/01	6:00 pm	Grade 2 FF - FR
We	03/01	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
Th	03/02	7:00 am	Adoration
Th	03/02	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th	03/02	9:00 am	Quilting
Th	03/02	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Th	03/02	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Revival Mtg FR
Sa	03/04	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su	03/05	8:30 am	Lion's Breakfast
Su	03/05	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace - FR



Bake Sale St. Anne's Christian Women will hold a bake sale in conjunction with the New Munich Lion's Breakfast on Sunday, March 5.

Parish members with the last names beginning with N-Z are asked to bring baked items to the church basement Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. If you choose not to bake you are asked to donate \$5.00. Thank you for your support.

Church Expansion with Handicap Accessibility Update: At this time, roughly \$580,000 has been pledged or is in hand for the project. The project is estimated at \$1,000,000.



Quilting... We have begun quilting and will sew Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning at 9:00 am in the church basement until the 4 quilts

are done. If you do not sew, we would appreciate volunteers to bring us lunch. Call Julie Boecker at 320-250-0088 for any details.

Summer Cash Raffle 2023 We are looking for a few chair couples for this event. Contact Amy at the Tri-Parish Office if you have any questions or are interested in chairing. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Please prayerfully consider taking this on. Many hands make for light work.

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 \$1,701.54 Plate 445.25 Total Weekly Contributions \$2,146.79 Other Donations 25.00 Central MN Catholic Magazine 25.00 Votives 167.00

Parish Events

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Su	02/26	11:00 am	CUF Meeting
Su	02/26	12:00 pm	Bingo Service Project - FR
Tu	02/28	5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
Tu	02/28	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu	02/28	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu	02/28	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu	02/28	7:10 pm	K of C Meeting - NM
We	03/01	6:00 pm	Grade 2 FF - FR
We	03/01	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
We	03/01	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Th	03/02	7:00 pm	Eucharistic Revival Mtg FR
Fr	03/03	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su	03/05	11:00 am	CUF Member Breakfast
Su	03/05	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace - FR

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Myles Jeffrey Sprenger**, the son of Jason & Kallista Sprenger, to our parish. Myles Jeffrey was baptized on Sunday, February 19.

St. Rose of Lima Jubilee Looking for stories and photos of Boundary Water Canoe Area camping trips with Father Roger. If you have any pictures or stories you would like to share, email them to SRJubilee@catholiccentered.org. Thank you!

Pathways 4 Youth: During the season of Lent, St. Rose Christian Women will again do a donation drive for Pathways 4 Youth which is a resource center for youth ages 16 -24 experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the St. Cloud area. When a youth arrives, whether they seek immediate needs like a warm blanket, clean clothes, and/or a shower, or in pursuit of long-term goals like housing and jobs; they all leave knowing this community is willing to help along their life's journey. They are in need of granola bars, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, pop-tarts, chili, beef jerky, and/or shelf stable microwave meals. New clothing needs (sizes S,M,L,) sweatpants, sport bras and boxer briefs. (size S,M,L,XL) women's underwear, towels, washcloths, hygiene items. Cash is always welcome. Please make check donations to St. Rose Christian Women with a notation in memo "Pathways 4 Youth." There is a tote in the gathering space for donations, and Carrie will be available at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass for cash donations, or you may send to Carrie Kerfeld, Treasurer, 30257 Co Rd 17, Melrose, MN 56352. Thank you in advance for your donation.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering ♦♦♦♦	
Total	\$1,455.75
Regular Adult Offering	947.00
Children	17.50
Plate/Loose	90.00
Votives	186.25
Fuel Fund	175.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	40.00

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, March 5 - 10:00 am

(S) Gabby Schoenberg & Celia Schoenberg

(L) Gary P. Lieser

(U) Mark Schoenberg & Bob Terres

(EM) Allen Lieser

(Sacristan) John & Sharon Shulzetenberg

(RL) Kathy Welle

(CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff

(HK - March 5 - 18) Terri Winter, Lisa Wuertz, & Mary Wuertz

Sausage & Ham Supper in the Spring



Hill church basement from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Sunday, March 5. Please support this event sponsored by the Spring

Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club, & St. Michael's Parish. Community members are encouraged to please bring a pan of bars.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

Look for more information about these and other events in

March 1, Wednesday

- Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ◆Feet First Clinic at the Senior Center in Freeport. New appointments please call 320-836-2450. Free will offering.
- ◆Jeff Cavins will speak 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm at St. Andrew, Elk River 566 4th St NW, Elk River, MN 55330. This event is free for those that wish to attend. Topic for this meeting is "The Destructive Nature of Shame."

March 4, Saturday

♦ St. Mary's Catholic School's 21st Annual Auction 4 Education at the Melrose American Legion.

March 8, Wednesday

• Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

March 12, Sunday

◆Freeport Lions Breakfast at Sacred Heart Church basement. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Serving Swany White Pancakes with assorted toppings, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, and beverages. Adults \$10, Children age 5-12 \$4 and children under age 5 are free. Proceeds go towards Freeport Lions Club Community Projects.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering **♦♦♦♦**

Total	\$1,567.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,485.00
Plate/Loose	33.00
Votives	9.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	40.00

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, March 4 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms
- (L) Herman Lensing
- (U) Matt Kasper & Pat Keller
- (GB) Steve & Kathy Gilk
- (EM) Dustin Gregory
- (HK March) *Kris Winter, Carol Winter, Donna Worms, Laurel Worms, Kristen Young, & Wanda Ahrens

Praver Requests...



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

For the Sick:

Shari Salina, Rachael Zink, Rita Huls, Joan Schlicht, Thomas Stangler, Jr., Jon Tufte

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

Sacred Heart - Jennie Hiltner	836-2528
•Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	837-5321
◆St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	333-8461

256-3878 ◆St. Mary's

Lenten Prayer for Marriage

Please join us in praying every day of Lent for all marriages and especially for troubled marriages.

God, We ask that your divine protection be on our marriages. May no plan of the enemy of our soul succeed in tearing apart what you have put together. Quiet every evil thought, voice, plot, or temptation that is working to destroy the holy union of our marriages.

Amen.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be daily.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

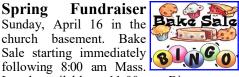
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Total	\$2,048.68
Regular Adult Offering	1,595.00
Children	3.25
Plate/Loose	80.00
Votives	78.43
Fuel Fund	220.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	60.00
St. John's Cookbook	12.00

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, March 5 - 8:00 am

- (S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
- (L) Doug Meyer
- (U) Tim Meyer & Jeron Nathe
- (GB) Martha Meyer Family
- (EM) Dan Meyer & Char Meyer
- (HK March) *Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, & Char Meyer

Spring Fundraiser Sunday, April 16 in the Bake Sale church basement. Bake



Lunch available at 11:00 am. Bingo starts at noon. 20 games for \$10; lunch included. Prizes include hams, turkeys, and cash. Parish Raffle Drawing after game 10; \$20/ticket. Grand prize \$2,000.



HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- •Clase de confirmación Miércoles, 1 de marzo, 7:00-8:30 pm - Iglesia de Santa María - Estaciones de la Cruz y PRÁCTICA REQUERIDA para la Liturgia de Confirmación para el estudiante Y patrocinador. Cena disponible tanto para estudiantes como para adultos a partir de las 5:30 pm.
- •Retiro Castaway para los grados 9-12: viernes domingo, 24-26 de marzo en el Castaway Club en Detroit Lakes, MN. Este retiro es un fin de semana lleno de oración poderosa, obras de teatro divertidas, oradores inspiradores, música increíble, una misa increíble y muchas oportunidades para el crecimiento de la fe. Reúnase con más de 300 personas y haga nuevos amigos, tómese el tiempo para relajarse, reír, comer comida fantástica y renovar su espíritu mientras fortalece su relación con Dios. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en los tablones de anuncios de las 7 parroquias. Póngase en contacto con Chrystal Sand en csand@catholic-centered.org o 320-836-2143 si tiene preguntas.
- •Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC para información juvenil.

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

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

Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo omatrimonio, favor de hablar con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús Hernández, O llama a la oficina 320-256-4207.

Clínica de Salud Gratis. Cada tercer jueves del mes en el Centro Hispano de Waite Park, de 2 a 5:30 pm se atiende con cita o sin cita. 106 7th Ave North, Waite Park, 56387. Llame hoy para programar una cita. 320-492-2220.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 27 - March 5

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2-28	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
3-01	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
3-01	7:00 pm	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
3-01	7:15 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
	_	(Led by Faith Formation Students)
3-01	7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
3-01	7:30 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald
3-02	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
3-03	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
3-03	2:00 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald
	-	(Led by SJSA Students)
3-03	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)
	3-01 3-01 3-01 3-01 3-01 3-02 3-03 3-03	3-01 9:00 am 3-01 7:00 pm 3-01 7:15 pm 3-01 7:30 pm 3-01 7:30 pm 3-02 8:45 am 3-03 9:00 am 3-03 2:00 pm

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- •Grade 1, 3-6: Next Class: Wednesday, March 1 Home Lesson.
- •Grade 2: Next Class: Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00 pm - Classroom Lesson. Please meet at Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
 - First Communion Retreat: Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church Basement.
 - First Communion Mass: Sunday, March 26 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart in Freeport.
- •Grade 7-10: Next Class: Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in classrooms. Bring your Bible, books, and pens.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

◆ Confirmation Class - Wednesday, March 1, 7:00-8:30 pm - St. Mary's Church - Stations of the Cross & REQUIRED PRACTICE for Confirmation Liturgy for student AND sponsor. Supper available for both students and adults starting at 5:30 pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- ▼Movie Night Sunday, March 12 from 6:00-8:15 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to join us as we watch *The Passion of the Christ*. This movie is a 2004 American epic biblical drama film produced, directed, and co-written by Mel Gibson. The movie primarily covers the final 12 hours before Jesus Christ's death, known as "the Passion." The movie is R rated due to sequences of graphic violence. Parent permission is needed to watch this movie. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 1. Permission forms are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org.
- **◆Game Night for Grades 6-8:** Wednesday, March 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm. There will be a variety of card and board games available to play. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 1. Permission forms are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org.
- **◆Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday Sunday, March 24-26 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of all 7 parishes. Contact Chrystal Sand at <u>csand@catholic-centered.org</u> or 320-836-2143 with questions.
- **♦A Call to Service** ACTS is a 5-day service-learning retreat for youth who have finished grades 6, 7, or 8. The diocese is planning this retreat for August 8 12. The retreat includes: daily prayer, daily service experiences, large group activities, small group learning, Mass, reconciliation, and much more. Our home site will be at the Central Minnesota TEC Center near Little Falls. The cost is \$175, and there is limited space. Deadline to sign up is May 1, but sign up early. Brochures are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards.
- ▶NCYC The Diocese of Saint Cloud will be bringing a group to Indianapolis, Indiana November 15 19 for NCYC 2023: Fully Alive. 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 \$840. Deadline to register is April 18. Brochures are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kathy Welle SHS BOARD:

Nick Shaw, Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho, Jenelle Herkenhoff and Julie Job

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- **◆School Liturgy** on Wednesday, March 1 will be planned by Mrs. Benson and the 5th grade students.
- ♦ Sacred Heart School students will help lead the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays and Fridays after 8:15 am Mass during Lent.
- ♦SHS Book Exchange will take place this week. Students may bring books to exchange for books that other students have brought to school for the exchange.
- ▶ Looking Ahead: There will be a Parent Information meeting for Prospective families of children who will be 3-5 years old by September 1, 2023, and are interested in learning about our ECC and Kindergarten programs at Sacred Heart School. The ECC meeting will be at 6:30 pm, followed by the Kindergarten meeting at 7:00 pm. Registration materials will be available. Call the school office at 320-836-2591 for more information.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking
PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Naomi Klaphake

Phone: 320-256-4257 www.smsmelrosemn.org

- This will be the last weekend to get your "Hula for Moola" raffle tickets. Winners will be chosen at the auction on March 4 at 7:00 pm.
- During Lent, families at SMS will be collecting dollars and coins to give to four different organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Schwieters and Fr. Ohmann, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International (a nonprofit organization founded by Erin Cannon that supports an orphanage in Tanzania. Erin is an alumnus of St. Mary's School). If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, drop your coins off at the parish office or school.
- ◆Attend our Winter Open House for preschool through 6th grade on Monday, March 13, from 5:00 7:00 pm and discover the benefits of Catholic education.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kristen Pattinson SJSA BOARD: Janice Funk, Kurt

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- •Stations of the Cross SJSA third and fourth graders will lead Stations of the Cross Friday, March 3 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. All are welcome!
- Kindergarten Round Up SJSA Kindergarten Round-Up is Monday, March 27. Prospective kindergarteners will spend the day in kindergarten learning all about it from the current class and Ms. Schreifels. A healthy snack and hot lunch are included. There will be more info to come! If you have a child who will be five by August 1 and is ready for kindergarten, please consider checking us out! Call the school at 320-987-3133 to register.
- •SJSA is now taking registration for the 2023-2024 school year. We are always happy to welcome new families. Please call the school at 320-987-3133 for more information and with any questions.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS CONTINUED







Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

02/19 \$25 Kaitlyn Berg - Long Prairie 02/20 \$25 Paul Olmscheid - Richmond

02/21 \$25 Marlene Blommel - Freeport

02/22 \$40 Bonnie Bielejeski - Albany 02/22 \$50 Carol Herdering - Melrose

02/23 \$25 Deb Meyer - Grey Eagle

02/24 \$25 Gene Hartung - Melrose

02/25 \$25 John & Irma Heinen - Cold Spring

◆Parents with prospective Little Saints (3-5 year olds) for the 2023 - 2024 school year are asked to call 320-256-4257. Registration for Preschool - sixth grade will begin in March. If you are new to the community or just considering sending your child to St. Mary's School, please call to schedule a visit or to receive the new registration materials in March.

•SJSA students are collecting personal care items for the Melrose Area Food Shelf now through March 31. Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, bath soap, and hand soap. If you would like to donate, items can be dropped off at the school during normal school

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

Jeff Cavins is Returning to St. Andrew in Elk River You are invited to join us and bring a friend. March 1: The Destructive Nature of Shame from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in the Worship Space at St. Andrew Catholic Church, Elk River.



Thank you to all of the people who came out to give the precious gift of life on February 14. The American Red Cross blood drive at the Freeport Community Center had a great turn out with 59 units of blood collected, three over our goal. That is an

awesome amount. We also had two first time donors. These units of blood will help many people. A great HUGE thank you to my workers who volunteer their time year after year. See you August 15. ~Janet Butkowski

I Am The Vine And You Are The Branches. Are you staying connected to the vine? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 3-5, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Fridays Novena Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Fridays Novena – an evening of Mass, adoration, and reconciliation at 6:30 pm on Friday, March 3 at All Saints in Holdingford. Visit www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival for more information.



BREADtalks Be a part of something life-changing These in-person-only events are modeled after the popular Ted Talks. Local speakers will share their "eucharistic love stories" followed by a main speaker who will give a longer talk on a eucharistic theme. Come join us for these free, faith-filled gatherings! The next event is on Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 pm at Back Shed Brewing,

Natural Family Planning Instruction for March



A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre: Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 pm. For additional sites, information, or to register, visit www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp or contact Sheila Reineke at 320-252-4721 ext. 308.

House Blessings... Call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan.

Adoration at the State Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference each first Friday of the month through May (the April event will be on April 14) anytime from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room in the Minnesota State Capitol. For more information, visit https://www.mncatholic.org/first friday adoration.

Go and Make Disciples Students in grade 11 - age 25 are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We will meet in the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport on Wednesday, March 8. A light meal will be served, and we will and discuss different topics on the Catholic Faith. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

Public Rosary will be prayed weekly.

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.

All are invited and welcome!

- •Tuesdays at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- •Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- •Thursdays at 7:00 am 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 in the gathering space in the St. Rose of Lima Church.

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Mt 25:31-46 **Tu** Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15 We Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32 **Th** Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12 **Fr** Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26 **Sa** Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

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