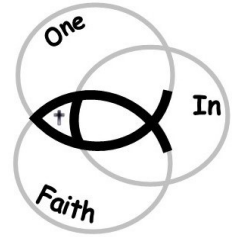


ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of



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



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

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Carol Winter: Administrative Assistant,
GR/MG/SH



St. Cloud Diocese Website
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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 ~ JANUARY 25-31, 2021

ST. MARY - Melrose

Monday, 6:30 pm Misa en Español
Angélica Hernández Becerra
Tuesday, 7:30 am For a Special Intention
Wednesday, 7:30 am †Charlie Gebeke
Thursday, 7:30 am †Ann M. Roehrl
Friday, 8:30 am †Rick Klaphake/All School
Saturday, 5:00 pm †Mildred Gans/ For the People
*Sunday, 10:00 am ††Omer & Clara Sieben
Sunday, 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Lorenzo Salinas

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Wednesday, 8:15 am †Verla Herzog
Friday, 8:15 am †Agnes Job
Sunday, 8:00 am Paige Wiechman

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Thursday, 8:15 am †Viola Olmscheid
Saturday, 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tuesday, 8:15 am †Alice McKenney
Sunday, 10:00 am †Dennis Ritter

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tuesday, 8:00 am †Marlene Lieser
Sunday, 10:00 am †Chris Welle

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Thursday, 8:00 am †Teresa Lieser
Saturday, 4:00 pm †Robbie Uphoff

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

Wednesday, 8:00 am †Ernie Meyer
Sunday, 8:00 am Special Intention

"For I know the plans
I have for you,"
declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a
future."



-Jeremiah 29:11
BibleVerseImages.com

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

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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)
Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE; Melrose, MN 56352

Weekly Stewardship	
Total	\$7,385.62
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,612.00
Loose.....	519.21
New Church (actual funds).....	1,008.41
Christmas.....	1,100.00
Improvement Fund.....	70.00
St. Cloud Catholic Magazine.....	17.00
Solemnity.....	17.00
Initial Offering.....	22.00
Nativity Set.....	20.00
Rectory Fund.....	0.00
St. Mary's School Endowment	\$0.00

Rectory Fund Collected to Date..... **\$40,000.00**

Died in the hope of Resurrection:

Jeffrey "Jeff" Henry Middendorf, 63
 Maurice "Max" Wenker, 94

St. Mary's will be livestreaming the 10:00 am Mass every Sunday.

Finance Council meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 5:30 pm.

Parish Council meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 pm.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsor this week: Central Minnesota Credit Union

01-17	\$25	Kyle & Ashley Herges - Mitchell
01-18	\$25	Joey Lieser - Sauk Centre
01-19	\$25	Rita Woeste - Melrose
01-20	\$25	Lenore Schmitz - Melrose
01-21	\$25	Anna Mae Denne - Akeley
01-22	\$25	Eric & Jocie Meyer - St. Joseph
01-23	\$25	Josh Thieschafer - Melrose



Thank You to all who remembered loved ones this Christmas including Joe and Christine Stadtherr.

We will be having an ushers meeting on Monday, February 1 at 7:00 pm at the new church. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Mary Gebeke 320-256-3716.

Thank you!! We did it! Our ongoing pledges and monies donated equal slightly greater than our goal of 2.4 million dollars. This is a great accomplishment for our Church family. The campaign continues until April/May of this year. There still are pledges that need to be completed before that time, and those pledges will be needed to complete our goal. Thank you and God bless you.
 ~Capital Campaign Committee

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART - FREEPORT (FR)
Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE; Freeport, MN 56331 Church Basement 320-836-2191

Weekly Stewardship		Other Donations	
Adult Envelopes.....	\$2,945.00	Votive.....	\$111.00
Plate.....	535.00	School Support.....	20.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,480.00	Building/Maintenance.....	25.00
Amount Needed for Budget**.....	\$5,399.00	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit).....	(1,919.00)		
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(6,574.11)		

Parish Events	
We	01/27 10:00 am Bible Study
Th	01/28 8:00 am Church Use
Fr	01/29 9:00 am Adoration

Welcome to our Parish:

- We welcome Ryan & Kelsey Tschida and their children, Natalie and Isabelle, to our parish.
- We welcome Michael & Samantha Viere and their children, Chloe, Alexis, Chase, and Mac, to our parish.

Our Sincere Thanks from the St. Joseph Society to the Maurice Blommel Estate for the donation of \$1,000. It will be put to good use in our Society's parish projects.

Candlemas...The Presentation of the Lord is on February 2. Candles will be blessed during the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 31 for use in your homes.

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats The Feast of St. Blaise is on February 3. Due to the pandemic, individual throats will not be blessed, rather there will be a communal blessing of the assembly at the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 31.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH (NM)
Physical Address: 650 Main Street; New Munich, MN 56356 Church Basement 320-837-5217

Weekly Stewardship		Other Donations	
Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,749.00	Building/Maintenance.....	\$75.00
Plate.....	152.00	Steeple Repair.....	100.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,901.00		
Amount Needed for Budget**.....	\$3,404.00	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit).....	(1,503.00)		
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(15,648.65)		

Parish Events	
We	01/27 10:00 am Bible Study - FR



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – NEW MUNICH (NM) (CONTINUED)

Thank You to the Catholic Order of Foresters for their generous donation of \$500 towards the steeple repair fund.

Candlemas...The Presentation of the Lord is on February 2. Candles will be blessed during the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 30 for use in your homes.

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats The Feast of St. Blaise is on February 3. Due to the pandemic, individual throats will not be blessed, rather there will be a communal blessing of the assembly at the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 30.

Steeple/Roof Repair Fundraiser Immaculate Conception Church's steeple needs a major repair. The estimate to repair is \$50,000. So far \$27,205 has been raised towards this fund. There is still a ways to go. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this needy cause.



Attention Sewers The New Munich Christian Women are making neck pillows and catheter bags for the St. Cloud V.A. Hospital. We are looking for any parishioners that would like to help by donating materials, sewing, or both. Patterns are available. Many types of materials are used: cotton, cotton/polyester, any type of soft materials. We are collecting batting and materials now through February 15. A collection box is located in the church basement. Please consider donating batting or helping with sewing or stuffing pillows in February by contacting Jean Hopfer at 320-837-5239. Thank you in advance for your time, talent, and gifts!

January Church Cleaners Juliana Boecker, Lisa Maus, Joyce Schulzetenberg, Jackie Massmann. Please contact each other to arrange times to do the cleaning. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

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.....	\$775.00	Building Project	
Plate.....	147.00	Total Due + Interest.....	\$14,062.52
Total Weekly Contributions	\$922.00		
Amount Needed for Budget**...	\$1,995.00	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit)...	(1,073.00)		
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$18,146.12		

Parish Events

We 01/27 10:00 am Bible Study - FR
Fr 01/29 7:30 pm Rosary



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St. Blaise Blessing of Throats The Feast of St. Blaise is on February 3. Due to the pandemic, individual throats will not be blessed, rather there will be a communal blessing of the assembly at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 31.

Festival 2020 Update:

- We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone that supported the festival in one way or another to help make it a successful year! The net total was \$31,558.98. Copies of the festival report may be found in the gathering area. The 2020 festival committee: Jacob and Kim Wiechman, Scott Wiechman, Sara Arvig, and Chris and Lisa Atkinson.
- 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.

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.....	\$878.84
Regular Adult Offering.....	310.00
Children.....	1.00
Votives.....	72.84
Fuel Fund.....	245.00
Christmas.....	250.00

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, January 31 - 10:00 am

(L) Pete LeClairrel
(U) Melvin Kalthoff & Jim Klassen
(RL) Kathleen Meyer
(CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
(HK-Jan. 24-31) Jamie Terres, Jane Terres, & Maggie Terres
****Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.****

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.

St. Michael's Parish is looking for a custodian. Please contact a Parish Council member or Tony Gruenes if you are interested.



CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Total	\$1,040.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	810.00
Plate/Loose.....	30.00
Christmas.....	200.00

Liturgical Ministries - Saturday, January 30 - 4:00 pm

(L) Kathy Gilk
 (U) Peter Keller & Herman Lensing
 (HK-Jan.) *Kari Kasper, Cassandra Kettner, Deb Keller, Doris Kraemer, Ronnie Inderrieden, and Bridget Kasper
****Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.****

The SJSA 30th Annual Steak and Wine will include an online auction and dinner options at the Greenwald Pub. Online auction will be available on 32auctions.com/SJSA2021 from Feb. 8th - 14th. Pick up auction items at the Greenwald Pub on Sun., Feb. 14 from 5 - 9:00 p.m. Dinner options will be available at the Greenwald Pub on the following dates: February 11, 12, 13, and 14 from 4:30-9:00 p.m. Dine in, take-out, and curbside pick-up available. Ticket cost is \$20, valid for one meal on any of the four nights. Choose from steak, walleye, or chicken cordon bleu (with rice). All options come with baked potato, salad bar, and water (other beverage extra). Tickets are for sale at the following locations: St. John's-St. Andrew's School, QPC in Meire Grove, Freeport State Bank of Greenwald, and the Greenwald Pub; or call Kurt and Heidi Meyer at 320-987-4896 or Steve and Kathy Gilk at 320-987-2873 for tickets. Meal tickets are also available each night of the meal at the Greenwald Pub. For auction information, please contact Kate Kelzer at 320-493-2606.

St. Andrew's Parish is looking for a volunteer to represent our parish on the ACC committee. Meetings are every 2 months and include 2 members from each of the 7 parishes in the cluster. If you are willing to serve on this committee, please contact Fr. Marv Enneking at: mgenneking@gmail.com.



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	\$1,858.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,240.00
Children.....	4.75
Plate/Loose.....	55.00
Votives.....	49.00
Fuel Fund.....	260.00
Stole Fee.....	250.00

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, January 31 - 8:00 am

(L) Doug Meyer
 (U) Daryl Zenzen, Chad Funk, & Gene Imdieke
 (HK-Jan.) *Kathy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, Kate Kelzer, & Amy Klaphake
****3 ushers needed to cover all doors - be sure to find a replacement if you won't be there.****
****Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.****

Died in the hope of Resurrection:

Donna Marie Hinnenkamp, 72

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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

♥ **Primera Reconciliación/Primera Comunión:**

- ♥ **Felicidades a los estudiantes** que recibieron su Primera Reconciliación el 23 de enero.
- ♥ **Próxima clase:** Sábado 6 de febrero a las 10:00 am St. Mary's School.

♥ **Grados 1, 3-8:**

- ♥ **Durante el mes de enero**, complete el recorrido por la iglesia de Santa María (M) y su paquete/asignación de nivel de grado para el mes.

- ♥ **Grado 9: Próxima clase:** 27 de enero a las 7:00 pm a través de Zoom para estudiantes y padres.

- ♥ **Grado 10: Siguiendo clase:** 27 de enero a las 7:00 pm viz Zoom para estudiantes y padres.

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

Tenemos Misa los domingos a las 12:30 pm y los lunes a las 6:30 pm.

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!

St. Mary's transmitirá en vivo la Misa de las 10:00 am todos los domingos.

Estoy aquí hoy para dar las gracias. Hemos alcanzado nuestra meta de compromiso de 2 millones 400 mil dólares. Se agradece enormemente su ayuda para alcanzar este objetivo. Las contribuciones de dinero y la venta de tamales nos ayudaron a alcanzar la meta. También se agradecieron enormemente las oraciones por el éxito de la campaña. Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.

Gracias a todos los que hicieron donaciones de flores navideñas en memoria de un ser querido. En la parte trasera de la iglesia se puede encontrar una lista de los nombres por los que donaron.

Si recibe un mensaje de correo electrónico del Padre Marv Enneking o del Padre Dan Walz solicitándole que responda a su correo electrónico, ignórela, es una estafa por correo electrónico. Ellos no enviarán correos electrónicos a nadie pidiendo donaciones o asistencia. Si recibe un correo electrónico, elimínalo. ¡Gracias!

Honrando el Día del Matrimonio Este evento se llevará a cabo el sábado 1 de mayo en la Catedral de Santa María en St. Cloud a la 1:00 pm para las parejas que celebran sus 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 o más de 60 aniversarios. Llame a su parroquia respectiva si desea inscribirse para este evento.

Central Minnesota Koinonia en Español, les invita a una noche de Adoración y Alabanza, dirigida por el Padre Omar Guanchez, Sábado 20 de Febrero en la Iglesia de Santa María en Melrose de 6:30-9:00 pm. Para inscribirse o apartar un lugar, favor de llamar a Blanca. 320-256-4207.

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

Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners

01-17	\$25	Rachel Hamm - Freeport
01-18	\$25	Mary Dingmann - St. Martin
01-19	\$25	Maria Klaphake - St. Martin
01-20	\$25	Joe Jensen - Sauk Centre
01-21	\$25	Jonathan Needham - Dilworth
01-22	\$25	Dylan Klaphake - Belgrade
01-23	\$25	Matthew Rademacher - Freeport

♥ **Monday, January 25 - No School** for students. It will be an inservice day for the teachers. Child Care will be available at ECC.

♥ **Wednesday, January 26 - School Liturgy** will be planned by Sr. Janine and the 6th grade class.

♥ **Friday, January 29 - Meat Raffle** - at Pooch's Corner Pub starting at 6:00 pm. Sponsored by the Freeport Lions for the benefit of Sacred Heart School.

Learn. Laugh. Believe. Succeed.



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

♦ **Coborn's Coupon Book** St. Mary's School will be starting a Coborn's Coupon Book Fundraiser on January 27. Each coupon book has \$100 worth of in-store coupons. The school purchases them from Coborn's for \$5.00 each and families sell them for \$20.00. That's \$15.00 profit for the school! For the purchaser, the first three coupons alone pay for the book: \$10 off a \$100 purchase of groceries and two coupons for \$5 off \$50 worth of groceries. The coupons are good through July 31. Our goal is to sell a minimum of 750 books

through the month of February. You can get a book from any St. Mary's School family, call the school office and pick it up, or at the Parish Office starting January 27.

- ♦ **St. Mary's will not be selling** CUF raffle tickets this year as stated in an earlier bulletin. Sorry for the confusion. We appreciate your support of this fundraiser in the past. Maybe consider purchasing a Coborn's Coupon Book this year.
- ♦ **St. Mary's School endowment** is at \$1,367,319. SMS received \$70,000 from the endowment fund for the 2020-21 school year.
- ♦ **Halos to Freeport State Bank** for the Christmas gift of \$1,500.
- ♦ **First Reconciliation** 2nd grade students will be receiving their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's Church for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers.
- ♦ **Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated January 25 through January 31. Each day will be celebrated with special events.
- ♦ **Parents with Prospective** Little Saints (3-5 year olds) for the 2021 - 2022 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 and wish to consider St. Mary's School for your child, please call to schedule a visit or to receive registration materials.



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

- * **Catholic United Financial School Raffle** tickets will be sold from through February 28. Tickets are \$5 a piece and all proceeds go directly to SJSA. There are many fabulous prizes, including the grand prize of \$20,000 or a 2021 Ford EcoSport. If you'd like to purchase a raffle ticket, contact the school office at 320-987-3133 or an SJSA parent.
- * **Catholic Schools Week** SJSA will celebrate Catholic Schools Week February 1 - 5 with a variety of activities. The school Mass will be held on Thursday, February 4. For their service project, the children will have a "Penny War" to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Minnesota. If you are interested in donating, contact the school office at 320-987-3133.
- * **Scrip** SJSA has a variety of local and national gift cards available for purchase. Contact the school office at 320-987-3133 to purchase Scrip.
- * **No School at SJSA** and the Melrose District on Monday, January 25. This is a teacher workshop day. SJSA teachers will complete report cards and review math curriculum.
- * **The SJSA 30th Annual Steak and Wine** will include an online auction and dinner options at the Greenwald Pub. Online auction will be available on 32auctions.com/SJSA2021 from February 8 - 14. Pick up auction items at the Greenwald Pub on Sunday, February 14 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. Dinner options will be available at the Greenwald Pub on the following dates: February 11, 12, 13, and 14 from 4:30-9:00 p.m. Dine in, take-out, and curbside pick-up available. Ticket cost is \$20, valid for one meal on any of the four nights. Choose from steak, walleye, or chicken cordon bleu (with rice). All options come with baked potato, salad bar, and water (other beverage extra). Tickets are for sale at the following locations: St. John's-St. Andrew's School, QPC in Meire Grove, Freeport State Bank of Greenwald, and the Greenwald Pub; or call Kurt and Heidi Meyer at 320-987-4896 or Steve and Kathy Gilk at 320-987-2873 for tickets. Meal tickets are also available each night of the meal at the Greenwald Pub. For auction information, please contact Kate Kelzer at 320-493-2606.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:13

FAITH FORMATION / YOUTH MINISTRY

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa

- **Grades 1-6 - Next Class:** Wednesday, January 27 - Home Lesson.
- **Grades 7-9 - Next Class:** Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm.
- **Grade 10 - Confirmation Student and Parent Interviews** - Wednesday, January 27. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.



Melrose, Spring Hill, Meire Grove, Greenwald

- ♥ **First Reconciliation/First Communion:**
 - ♥ **Congratulations** to those students who received their First Reconciliation on January 23.
 - ♥ **Next Class:** Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 am St. Mary's School.
- ♥ **Grades 1, 3-8:**
 - ♥ **During the month of January**, complete the St. Mary (M) church tour and your grade level packet/assignment for the month.
- ♥ **Grade 9: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm via Zoom for students and parents.
- ♥ **Grade 10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm via Zoom for students and parents.



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Bulletin Advertisements Thank you to all who have chosen to advertise on the back of our One in Faith Area Catholic Community bulletin for the upcoming year! It is greatly appreciated, and we hope it is beneficial to your business as well. There are still spots open on the back of the bulletin. If you are interested in advertising or have questions, please contact Amy Hoeschen at 320-836-2143.

Bible Study meets each Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Fr. Dan will lead you in studying the Gospel of Mark. Bring a Bible, pen, and notebook. Childcare is available. Contact the Freeport Office by noon on Tuesday if you are in need of childcare.



House Blessings This is an opportunity for families to invite Fr. Dan into their homes for a special blessing of their home and, if they would choose, to share in conversation, a meal, and/or dessert. Opportunities for a house blessing are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the Freeport Office if you are interested.



St. John's St. Andrew's School Steak and Wine February 8-14. See SJSA news for details.

The St. Mary's School 19th Annual Auction4Education will consist of a cash raffle and a virtual auction held on March 6 with a theme of "Fishing in the Dark." Please contact a SMS parent or the school to purchase a "Catch-N-Cash" \$100 raffle ticket to win a grand prize of \$20,000! We will also be hosting a virtual live auction; see our site for more details or to make a donation:

<http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.

Coborn's Coupon Book St. Mary's School will be starting a Coborn's Coupon Book Fundraiser on January 27. Each coupon book has \$100 worth of in-store coupons. The school purchases them from Coborn's for \$5.00 each, and families sell them for \$20.00. That's \$15.00 profit for the school! For the purchaser, the first three coupons alone pay for the book: \$10 off a \$100 purchase of groceries and two coupons for \$5 off \$50 worth of groceries. The coupons are good through July 31, 2021. Our goal is to sell a minimum of 750 books through the month of February. You can get a book from any St. Mary's School family, call the school office and pick it up, or at the Melrose Parish Office starting Wednesday, January 27.



Piano for Sale - Looking for a piano? Immaculate Conception updated their piano and has their previous piano up for sale. One of the speakers is out, but the piano is still in great condition for someone who is learning to play or practice. If you are interested, please contact Amy at the Freeport office, 320-836-2143.



Loot for Learning Do you have a child or grandchild who loves to shop at Old Navy, Justice, Express, or even Cabella's, and their birthday is coming up? Many gift cards are available through our Loot for Learning program and can be ordered at Décor and More or Sacred Heart School and picked up within a couple of weeks.

The great part is that many of these large retailers have committed to donating 10-14% back to Sacred Heart School. A \$50 gift card to Old Navy will give Sacred Heart School a donation of \$7! What a great win for you, your child or grandchild, AND Sacred Heart School!

SMSS4Kids 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.



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 in the gathering area of the church in St. Rosa.

Face Coverings With regard to public liturgies, the Governor's executive order **requires** that people coming to Mass wear a face covering upon entering the church, during Mass, and when exiting the building. The order grants some exemptions from the mandate, including children ages 5 and under and people who are unable to wear or tolerate a face covering due to medical or mental health conditions or other reasons (Minnesota Department of Health Stay Safe MN Guidance for Gatherings: Faith-based Communities, Places of Worship, and Ceremonies July 28, 2020).

Natural Family Planning Instruction will be by personal appointment following COVID precautions or virtual by Zoom or Google Meetings. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre: Monday, February 15 at 6:30 pm. 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.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED)

40 Days for Life St. Cloud Lenten Campaign February 17 to March 28. Daily Prayer Vigil held from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday - Friday on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. For more information, contact Judy Haag judy4life@meltel.net or call 320-453-7592. We welcome/encourage parish or student or family groups any hours that work for them. Call Judy for help lining up something for your group out on the site or "just come & pray."



Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs for income qualifying customers. Please contact your local EAP service provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call us at 888-931-3411. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2021 to be processed for benefits for the 2020-2021 program year. You can find more information online at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at <https://mn.gov/commerce/>.

Century Farm Awards Catholic Charities Social Concerns is now taking applications for the diocese's third annual Catholic Century Farm Awards. Especially during this challenging year, our farmers have endured hardships and called upon their faith to help them persevere, and we want to honor them for that! If your family or members of your parish have been farming the same land for 100 years or more, please visit the following link for requirements and application form: https://ccstcloud.formstack.com/formscatholic_century_farm_award. Recipients will be honored at the annual Rural Life Celebration (pending pandemic regulations) or a special awards Mass with Bishop in August.

Catholic Men's Conference This year our annual Men's Conference will still occur, but we will hold it virtually on Saturday, February 27 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The format for the conference will have a different style because it will be online. We will have different men briefly present the Gospels from the six Sundays in Lent. Each of their presentations will last about 15-20 minutes and then reflection questions will be provided for prayer and contemplation after each presentation. Bishop Kettler will welcome us and open in prayer, and he will also conclude the morning and close our conference with prayer. The conference will have the feel of a small retreat, and the goal is for the participants to have a better understanding of the Lenten Sunday Gospels.

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

January 29, Friday
 ♦Meat Raffle sponsored by the Freeport Lions with proceeds to Sacred Heart School will be held at Pooch's Corner Pub at 7:30 pm.

January 29-31, Friday-Sunday
 ♦Women's Silent Weekend Retreat "A Listening Heart" will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. Join us for a peaceful, prayerful and affordable retreat experience. Please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com for online registration or more information.

February 2, Tuesday
 ♦Freeport Lions Club is sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Freeport Community Center from 1:00 - 7:00 pm. Give the precious gift of life. Masks will be required. Temperatures will be checked. Appointments are needed. We are always in need of people with type "O" blood. Schedule your appointment online at redcross.org or call Janet Butkowski at 320-836-2837 or 320-282-2904.

February 3, Wednesday
 ♦Feet First Clinic will be at the Freeport Senior Center at 9:00 am. Please call 320-836-2450 to book a time slot. Masks required.

February 16-18, Tuesday-Thursday
 ♦Women's Lenten Midweek Silent Retreat "A Listening Heart" will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. Join us for a peaceful, prayerful and affordable retreat experience. Please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com for online registration or more information.

Theology Day What Mass Means: How Sacrifice and Real Presence Are Life-Changing We tend to think of "sacrifice" and "real presence" as doctrines to believe in - perhaps with some vague awareness of complicated medieval terms such as "transubstantiation." But the logic of the liturgies of the various Christian traditions, and the whole point of the Vatican II renewal, is that our liturgical sharing in Christ's dying and rising is meant to transform us individually and communally. The implications are huge! Webinar presentation Thursday, January 28 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.



Retrouaille As a peer ministry of couples helping other couples who are living in hurting marriages, the Retrouaille program focuses on teaching couples communications skills that can help them work on their differences. For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

The National Catholic Youth Choir is accepting applications for our summer camp and tour this June with all the safety precautions in mind. Camp dates: June 19-27 at Saint John's University. For more information, contact CatholicYouthChoir.org or ncyc@csbsju.edu or call 320-363-3154.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The 2021 Appeal launches in February.

- **Announcement Weekend is February 6-7:** You will receive bulletin inserts highlighting diocesan ministries and be asked to consider a gift to support these ministries on Commitment Weekend.
- **Commitment Weekend is February 13-14:** This is your opportunity to support diocesan ministries with a 2021 gift to the appeal. You may bring the envelope you receive in the mail or use a response envelope that will be provided at Mass. Both will be gratefully received in the offertory.

Marriage Encounter 2020 has been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Commit to 2021 being the year you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship! Register for the February 13 - 14 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651-454-3238.



The Scriptures This Week

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22	Mk 16:15-18
Tu	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5	Mk 3:31-35
We	Heb 10:11-18	Mk 4:1-20
Th	Heb 10:19-25	Mk 4:21-25
Fr	Heb 10:32-39	Mk 4:26-34
Sa	Heb 11:1-2,8-19	Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday—		
	Dt 18:15-20	1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Prayer Requests...

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



May They Rest in Peace:

†Jeffrey "Jeff" Henry Middendorf, †Maurice "Max" Wenker, †Donna Marie Hinnenkamp

For the Sick:

Janice Derichs, Leonard Fricze, LeRoy Wolbeck, Walter & Laura Beuning, Alma Schulte

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