



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date**. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & 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.



Instruments of the Good Shepherd

Jesus said: *"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep."*

John 10:11-13

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the

Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ.

Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." As a result of this man's healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus' healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, "I do believe, Lord." Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God's flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were "thieves and robbers" who came to "steal and slaughter and destroy." Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice "might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they "work for pay" and have "no concern for the sheep." Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the "pay" that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God's grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.

Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ APRIL 22 - 28

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Froylan Hernandez
†Juvenal Hernandez
†Rafaela Hernandez
Tu 8:00 am †Lydia Schulzetenberg
We 8:00 am †Dorine Sunderman
Th 8:00 am †Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
*Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass
†Bill Massmann
†Jean Hellermann
For the People
*Sa 5:00 pm †Mary Elfering
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Javier Acevedo

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am SH School Mass
†Ed Harren
We 7:00 pm Faith Formation Families
Fr 8:15 am †Betty Hennen
Su 8:00 am Sacred Heart Christian Women

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Florence "Flossie" Hoppe
Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Claude Toenyan
Su 10:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Gary Rush
Su 10:00 am †Donnie Feldewerd

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJSA School Mass
†Deceased Relatives of
David & Marilyn Welle
Sa 4:00 pm †Armella Eveslage

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am ††Henry & Marie Kampsen
Su 8:00 am †Deceased/Living Members
of St. John's Catholic
United Financial

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



*Mass will be livestreamed. Visit: oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

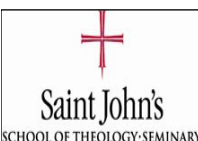
•Sacrament of First Eucharist We invite you all to help celebrate the sacrament of First Eucharist with our St. Mary's School and Faith Formation families at weekend Masses on Sunday, April 28 (10:00 am) and Sunday, May 5 (10:00 am). We know that those Masses are always a little bit longer, but we appreciate everyone who is there to support and celebrate these young people as they enter more deeply into the Body of Christ that is our church community!

Wednesday Evening Adoration at Sacred Heart Parish has concluded for the school year. Watch for details to come in the fall.

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser will be held on the weekend of April 27 and 28 in all seven of the parishes in the One In Faith ACC. All proceeds from this fundraiser helps to support local Special Olympics, WACOSA and Camphill Village. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this project.

Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo holds retreats throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com.

•Women's Silent Retreat - April 23-25 (Midweek)



From Lord's Supper to Adoration: The History of the Earliest Christian Eucharist

Charles Bobertz, Ph.D. Jesus gathered with his disciples to celebrate a ritual meal that marked the dawn of the Messianic Age. The earliest Christians continued this ritual meal, the Lord's Supper, in their house churches, now with the bread enacting the continuing presence of the resurrected Christ in their midst. How did the earliest Christians understand this "real presence" of Jesus Christ 1300 years before the doctrine of transubstantiation? Our journey will take us from Lord's Supper to present day Eucharistic Adoration. Friday, April 26, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Emmaus Hall, St. John's University. There is no fee, but you are asked to register at www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, by calling 320-363-3560, or email: theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Parish News:

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

•Tri-Parish Directory We are looking to have a "Directory Team" composed of individuals from all 3 parishes to head up and work as a team to put together a new Tri-Parish Directory. If interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.

One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunities...

•St. Mary's School Teaching Position: St. Mary's School is actively searching for exceptional, licensed teachers to join our amazing staff for the 2024-2025 school year. We're looking for a full-time 6th grade teacher and a part-time media teacher. Do you know someone who's graduating this spring or wants to change careers? Please spread the word! If interested, please email anelson@smsmn.org with your resume and references.

•Sacred Heart School Multiple Positions: Sacred Heart School in Freeport is seeking faith filled, energetic and caring candidates to fill a full time Elementary position and Early Childhood teachers for our new toddler room for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must be able to demonstrate teacher qualifications as defined by MN State Licensing and Human Services, and be willing to work with a dedicated, motivated and well experienced team. Interested persons should send a cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and references to: Sacred Heart School, Attn: Kristie Harren, PO Box 39, Freeport, MN 56331 or kharren@shsfreepport.org or call 320-290-1426. Join our team today! Positions are open until filled, so seize the opportunity and apply now.

•Accountant Position: One in Faith (4 - Parishes) has an opening for an accountant. This is a full-time benefits-eligible position in the Melrose office. This position will work closely with the parish administrator and the pastor. The ideal candidate would have an accounting degree or equivalent experience and be comfortable using accounting software and Excel. The primary responsibility would be to oversee financial data and compliance by maintaining accurate books on accounts payable and receivable, payroll, and daily financial entries and reconciliations. There would be daily accounting tasks such as monthly financial reporting, general ledger entries, record payments and adjustments, and provide reports as needed. To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com or call 320-256-4207 with questions.

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$6,377.82
Regular Adult Offering	4,383.00
Plate/Loose	712.01
Designated Funds	1,282.81

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

04-14	\$25	Jeff & Kim Schlicht - Jordan
04-15	\$25	Jill Walz - Melrose
04-16	\$25	Jessica Clear - Melrose
04-17	\$25	Veronica Hellermann - Melrose
04-18	\$25	Jeff Eggert - Melrose
04-19	\$25	Elmer & Virginia Meyer - Melrose
04-20	\$25	Brandon Arnzen - Grey Eagle



Baptized in Christ... Victoria Rose Cervantes



Niche Columbarium A 96 niche columbarium has been installed in St. Mary's cemetery. An informational insert is in this week's bulletin. Please contact the parish office with any questions or to purchase a niche.

Christian Women Meeting... St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 23, in the conference room at church.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

◆ **Melrose Area Museum's Sponsored Presentation** by two men from Germany scheduled for June 1 in Melrose has been canceled due to one of the presenters passing away.

April 24, Wednesday

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

April 25, Thursday

◆ **Annual St. Joseph's Society Chili/Chicken Soup Supper.** Serving 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Immaculate Conception Church Basement, New Munich. Tickets: Adults \$10, Children 5-12 \$5, Under 5 free

April 27, Saturday

◆ **Breakfast & Bibles** at Sportsman's Den in Lake Henry from 9:00-10:30am. Men and women are welcome to join us for a morning of spiritual growth and personal reflection. Our guest speaker is Adam Saltmarsh. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at <https://youflourish.co/breakfast-and-bibles-paynesville/> or at the door. Please reach out to Grace Lange at 320-333-8412 with any questions.

April 28, Sunday

◆ **52nd Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper** Sponsored by Holy Name Society, Christian Mothers & Women, & St. Anthony Parish. St. Anthony, MN off of State Hwy. 238. Serving from 3:00 - 8:30 pm. All you can eat! Adults \$11.50 in advance, at the door \$12. Children 6-12 \$6, 0-5 free. Children's tickets only sold at the door.

May 1, Wednesday

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

◆ **Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

May 1-3, Wednesday-Friday

◆ **Festival of the Arts** Local artists will have their art on display at the school libraries, Freeport State Bank and the Melrose City Center. There will be a quilt display and workshop in the Senior Activity Center. Check melroseareaartscouncil.org for more information.

May 3, Friday

◆ **Holy Family School's Annual Color Run and 5K** beginning at Seven Dolores Church in Albany. Registration is 5:30-6:00 pm and the run is 6:00-7:00 pm along the Wobegon Trail. Participants may choose to run the Color Run (1 mile) or continue farther along the trail to run a 5K. Cost is \$20 for preschool through 5th grade and \$25 for sixth grade through adult. **Cost includes a t-shirt if registered before April 24.** Funds raised benefit Holy Family School in Albany. Registration forms are available on the school website at <https://www.holyfamilyalbany.org>. For more information call Holy Family School at 320-845-2011.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,509.08
Plate.....	354.55
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,863.63

Other Donations

Votive	\$166.75
School Support	10.00
Easter Envelopes.....	75.00

Parish Events

Su	04/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Tu	04/23	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
We	04/24	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Mass & Fellowship
Fr	04/26	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/26	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	04/26	3:00 pm	Youth Music Ministry Practice
Su	04/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Community Garden If you are interested in reserving rows in the community garden, please call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143. Each row is spaced 5 feet apart and will be assigned on a first call basis.



Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the 2 votive candles by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

Your Parish Needs Your Help!! Sacred Heart is looking for a couple or a few individuals to step forward to help chair the summer festival on Sunday, July 21. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this call to help the parish. Please contact Matt Herdering 320-250-3441 or Chris Klaphake 320-250-6229.



"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD... AND I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP... AND THEY WILL HEED MY VOICE."

- John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,662.69
Plate	186.25
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,848.94


Other Donations

Building/Maintenance	\$204.62
Boiler.....	30.00

Parish Events


Su 04/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 04/23	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg. -FR
We 04/24	7:00 pm	FF Mass & Fellowship - FR
Th 04/25		St. Joseph Supper Prep.
Th 04/25	7:00 am	Adoration
Th 04/25	5:00 pm	St. Joseph Chili/Chicken Soup Supper
Fr 04/26	3:00 pm	Youth Music Ministry Practice - FR
Sa 04/27	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 04/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Chili/Chicken Soup Supper... The annual St. Joseph's Society Chili/Chicken Soup Supper will be held Thursday, April 25 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the church basement.



Expansion & Elevator Project... The interior part of this project is complete. The exterior will be addressed when the weather permits. Currently we are at \$881,000 in donations (of which \$200,000 is a loan from the New Munich Investors) plus \$70,500 in outstanding pledges. Expenses have come in at this point just over \$954,000 so a loan will need to be taken out from the diocese. Please prayerfully consider donating to this project that will serve many for generations to come.

Public Rosary...



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

- Tuesdays at 7:30 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA
 Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
 St. Rosa, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2537

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,896.92
Plate	432.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,328.92

Other Donations

School Support.....	\$200.00
Building/Maintenance	150.00

Parish Events

Su 04/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 04/23	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 04/23	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - FR
We 04/24	7:00 pm	FF Mass & Fellowship- FR
Th 04/25	8:00 am	Mission Rally
Fr 04/26	3:00 pm	Youth Music Ministry Practice - FR
Fr 04/26	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 04/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Jules Catherine Lehner**, the daughter of Francis & Callista Lehner, to our parish. Jules Catherine was baptized on Sunday, April 14.

One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

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

***Gift cards are great gift ideas!**






The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Acts 11:1-18	Jn 10:1-10
Tu	Acts 11:19-26	Jn 10:22-30
We	Acts 12:24—13:5a	Jn 12:44-50
Th	Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14	Mk 16:15-20
Fr	Acts 13:26-33	Jn 14:1-6
Sa	Acts 13:44-52	Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:26-31	1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,505.10
Regular Adult Offering.....	523.00
Children	15.00
Plate/Loose	107.10
Cemetery.....	300.00
Easter	560.00
Parish Raffle Deposit.....	\$9,800.00
Net Profit.....	\$6,167.30

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, April 28 - 10:00 am

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
 (L) Katherine Orbeck
 (U) Pat Bertram & Randy Bertram
 (EM) (B) Gary P. Lieser
 (EM) (C) Karen Rademacher & Darlene Schoenberg
 (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
 (HK: April 28-May 11) Lisa Feldewerd, Melissa Frieler, & Kathy Fuchs

Baptized in Christ...
 Wesley Phillip Bertram

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...
 †Robert Terres, 67

Thank You to everyone who helped make our spaghetti dinner fundraiser a big success!

Thank You to everyone who supported our parish cash raffle. The winners were:

\$1,000	Gary Meyer
\$500	Nate Meyer
\$500	Chris Lieser
\$250	Steve Welle
\$100	Kevin & Kim Orbeck
\$100	Kurt Welle
\$100	Pat Bertram
\$100	Kevin Klaphake
\$100	Tom Stalboerger
\$100	Ryan Barten
\$100	Hugo Wuertz
\$100	Lou Spanier
\$100	Mary Spanier
\$100	Maggie Terres

Tractor Blessing... There will be a tractor blessing at St. Michael's in Spring Hill immediately after Mass on Sunday, April 28. Anyone who wishes to participate is encouraged to drive their tractors to church for the 10:00 am Mass.



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

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

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


◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,607.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,415.00
Children.....	1.00
Plate/Loose	63.00
Votives.....	3.00
Funeral Memorial.....	25.00
Easter	100.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,682.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,115.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	210.00
Votives.....	57.00
Plaster Repair.....	1,000.00
Easter	300.00

Preparación Bautismal
 Una segunda preparación bautismal se llevará a cabo el día Sábado 4 de Mayo de 2024 a la 1:00 pm. Si usted está interesado en recibir esta preparación hable con El diácono Jesus Hernandez o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.



Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, April 27 - 4:00 pm

(S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
 (L) Isaiah Gilk
 (U) Roger Schoenberg & Mark Silbernick
 (GB) David & Marilyn Welle
 (EM) (B) Herman Lensing
 (EM) (C) Mary Opatrny & Clarine Beier
 (HK - May) *Kari Kasper, Deb Keller, Cassandra Kettner, Doris Kraemer, Angie Kulzer, & Julie Kulzer

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, April 28 - 8:00 am

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
 (L) Karen Meyer
 (U) Daryl Zenzen & Chad Funk
 (GB) Elmer & Virginia Meyer
 (EM) (B) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
 (EM) (C) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
 (HK - May) *Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke, Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, & Mary Kay Leukam

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!

Enriquecimiento Matrimonial El ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria de Melrose invita a todas las parejas de habla hispana (casadas y no casadas) a una noche especial para ayudar a enriquecer su vida conyugal con el amor de Cristo. El evento se llevará a cabo el día Sábado 27 de Abril de las 6:30 pm a las 10:00 pm. Para más información hable con el Diácono Jorge Carrillo o llame a la oficina de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm.

Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo o matrimonio, 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.



Big Thanks to all who contributed towards the success of our Spring Fundraiser... attendees, volunteers, donors. Proceeds from the Bake Sale, Bingo and Raffle were over \$13,000. Raffle winners are posted on all 3 church doors as well as online. Nice job everyone!

Formación en la fe:

- Información de contacto: Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com
- **Grados 9/10: Próxima clase:** Miércoles, 24 de abril, 7:15-8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María, estudiantes y algunos padres. ¡ÚLTIMA clase del año!
 - **Inscripción** para el próximo año para cualquier/todos los grados de 6:00 a 7:30 p.m.
 - **Familias de la Primera Comunión:** recuerden llegar a la iglesia 20 minutos antes de que comience la Misa en cualquiera de las Misas de fin de semana que hayan elegido para celebrar el sacramento.
 - **Los jóvenes de One In Faith en los grados 6-12** están invitados a unirse a nosotros para una Noche de Juegos Juveniles con el P. Doug y el P. Derek el sábado 27 de abril en Hellermann Acres. Comenzaremos con una misa en el granero de heno a las 5:00 pm, seguida de una comida y juegos en el granero de heno de la sala de juegos, que tiene billar, fútbol, ping pong y juegos de mesa disponibles. El evento finalizará a las 9:00 pm. ¡Nos encantaría que los jóvenes tomaran a un amigo y se unieran a nosotros para esta divertida noche! Las hojas de permiso estarán disponibles en la parte trasera de todas las iglesias y se pueden entregar la noche del evento.
 - **Kickball y comida al aire libre** el miércoles 8 de mayo de 6:30 a 8:00 pm en los terrenos de la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón. Únase a nosotros para jugar kickball, comer juntos y tener compañerismo. Los estudiantes de 6 a 12 grado son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros. Los formularios de permiso se encuentran en el sitio web de Tri-Parish: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el miércoles 1 de mayo.
 - **Bible & Breakfast** se reúne todos los miércoles (si hay escuela) en la sala ITV de Melrose High School a las 7:15 am. Todos los estudiantes de 7 a 12 grado están invitados.

¿Estás buscando un fin de semana perfecto? ¿Un fin de semana para acercarnos? ¿Quieres aprender una técnica de comunicación que permita a cada pareja explorar áreas importantes de su relación con un espíritu de amor y comprensión? Un fin de semana de Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es exactamente lo que estás buscando. Pueden escapar de las distracciones de la vida cotidiana y concentrarse en su matrimonio. El próximo fin de semana es del 27 al 28 de abril en Owatonna, MN. Para postularse visite <http://ncmarrangediscovery.org/faqs-es.php> o para más información comuníquese con Diego y Claudia González: 704-698-1010 o Claudiagg@ymail.com.



Los invitamos a todos a ayudar a celebrar el sacramento de la Primera Eucaristía

con nuestras familias de St. Mary's School y Faith Formation en las misas de fin de semana el domingo 28 de abril (10:00 am) y el domingo 5 de mayo (10:00 am). Sabemos que esas Misas siempre son un poco más largas, pero apreciamos a todos los que están allí para apoyar y celebrar a estos jóvenes a medida que entran más profundamente en el Cuerpo de Cristo que es nuestra comunidad eclesial.

El suicidio asistido por un médico les dice a las personas que son una carga

En Oregon, los datos revelan que las personas solicitan medicamentos letales, no tanto para aliviar el dolor, sino porque no pueden hacer las mismas actividades que realizaban antes, no pueden controlar las funciones corporales, sienten que han perdido su dignidad o se consideran una carga. Los medicamentos letales no son la respuesta. Todo ser humano merece cuidado afectuoso y compasivo, afirmación de su dignidad y saber que no es ni será una carga. Dígales “no” a los legisladores de su Estado: NO al suicidio asistido. Visite mncatholic.org/pas

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grade K-10:** Mass, 2024-2025 Faith Formation Registration, and Family Fellowship Night, Wednesday, April 24, Sacred Heart Church. We will begin with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by registration and fellowship. VBS registration will also be available this evening.
- **Grade 1, 3 - 6: Next Lesson:** Wednesday, April 24 - Home Lesson

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 9/10: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 24, 7:15-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church, students and some parents. LAST class of the year!
- **Registration** for next year for any/all grades from 6:00-7:30 pm!
- **First Communion Families**, please remember to arrive at church a full 20 minutes before Mass begins at whichever of the weekend Masses you have chosen to celebrate the sacrament.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- **One In Faith Youth in Grades 6-12** are invited to join us for a Youth Game Night with Fr. Doug and Fr. Derek on Saturday, April 27, at Hellermann Acres. We will start with a Mass in the hay barn at 5:00 pm, followed by a meal and games in the game room haybarn, which has pool, foosball, ping pong and board games available. The event will end at 9:00 pm. We would love for the youth to grab a friend and join us for this fun evening! Permission slips will be available in the back of all churches and can be turned in on the night of the event.
- **Kickball & Cookout** Wednesday, May 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Grounds. Join us for kickball, a meal together, and fellowship. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 1.
- **Bible & Breakfast** meets each Wednesday (if there's school) in the Melrose High School ITV Room at 7:15 am. All students grades 7-12 are invited.

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Go and Make Disciples Grade 11 though young adults are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. We will have a meal and discuss the Catholic Mass. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, May 1. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

Nominations Open for the 2024 Humanae Vitae Award

July 25 will mark the 56th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Presentation at 7:00 pm Thursday, July 25, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, with Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae Vitae. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). For more information visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/humanae-vitae-award-nominations-2023/>. Send, fax, or email nominations before May 1, 2024, to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305 7th Ave. N., Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: 320-258-7658 email: omf@gw.stcdio.org. For more information, contact Sheila Reineke, 320-252-4721 ext. 308 or sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org.

Pro-Life Billboard Update We are supporting three billboards, two on I-94, our newest being by the smiley water tower in Freeport and the other one by the Melrose American Legion. The third billboard is on Hwy. 23 leaving St. Cloud toward I-94. Reminder, we are always looking for help at our Pro-Life Across America Fried Bread Stand at the Stearns Count Fair (July 31 - August 4 this year)! Contact JoAnn Hartung at 320-224-9600 if you are interested in helping.

Bishop's Annual Appeal The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

St. Cloud Mission Office Spring Mission Rally will be hosted by the St. Loretta's Mission Group of St. Rosa on Thursday, April 25 beginning with registration at 8:00 am and Mass with Bishop Patrick Neary at 8:30 am. Lunch will be provided. Contact the Mission Office to register 320-251-1100.



Catholic Century Farm Awards and Rural Business Award Social Concerns

is now taking applications for the Catholic Century Farm Awards. We are also accepting nominations for the Catholic Rural Business Award. If your family, neighbors or members of your ACC have been working the same land for 100 years or more, or if you know of a Catholic business owner in the diocese who lives out their faith in how they run their business, please visit the Rural Life section of the Social Concerns website for more information: <https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/social-concerns>. You may also contact JoAnn.Braegelmann@ccstcloud.org or Luke.Preussler@ccstcloud.org with questions. Recipients of both awards will be honored at the Rural Life Celebration Mass with Bishop Neary, beginning at 1:30 pm Sunday, August 18, at the Nate and Samantha Middendorf farm in Long Prairie.

World Day of Pray for Vocation "There is no salvation through anyone else." Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org.

Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is a three-day retreat weekend. The experience of TEC brings alive the heart of our Christian Faith – that being the life of Jesus, his death, and his resurrection. But it's not just about who Jesus was or what Jesus did. A TEC retreat makes that experience real and relevant for each person. In that sense, the retreat is a "lived experience" – deeply personal yet very much part of a larger loving community. TEC has influenced the lives of over 41,000 youth, young adults, and adults in Central Minnesota and beyond. You are invited to check out a TEC weekend and encounter Christ in perhaps a new and most profound way. For information, retreat dates, and registration, go to CMTEC.org.



All are Created in the Image of God and called to be part of His family. Are you seeking to be part of His family? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

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♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, April 24 will be planned by Mrs. Berg and the 2nd grade students.

♥**Toddler Registration is Still Open** and we just have a few spots left. If you are looking for care for your toddler ages 16 - 33 months, please call or stop in at the Sacred Heart School office 320-836-2591.

♥**We are Taking Registrations** for the 2024/2025 school year for grades 1 - 6. Please stop in or contact the school office if you would like a registration form for your child.

♥**We Celebrated Our Wonderful Volunteers** on Wednesday, April 17 at Mass and with a social in the church basement. We are blessed to have many people volunteer at SHS and we thank them for all their time and talents.

♥**Congratulations** to the SHS students who placed in the "What Freedom Means To Me" essay contest.

♥**Thank you** to everyone that attended the SHS Designer Purse Bingo event last weekend! We had a great time and thank you for supporting Sacred Heart School.

♥**Save for SHS** We do still take Teal's Grocery Receipts and Loaves for Learning Labels from Country Hearth Village and Pan-O-Gold Bread. We turn these items in for redemption and receive 1% of the Teal's Grocery Receipt totals and 5 cents for each bread label. You can give them to any Sacred Heart family, drop them off at the parish or school office or even put them in the collection basket in an envelope marked SHS. Thank you in advance for helping support SHS.

♥**SHS Employment Opportunities**—See the ACC section of this bulletin.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- SHS Move-up Day will take place on Wednesday, May 15.
- SHS Spring Fling is on Friday, May 17. All are welcome.



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are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd's heart.

Reflect, today, upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Laying our lives down is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look only at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other must become our only goal. Reflect upon how well you do this, and pray that the Good Shepherd will use you to shepherd those in your life who need it the most.

Divine Shepherd, You came to lay down Your life for us all so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. Like the blind man You cured, I profess my belief in You and worship You. Help me to receive and imitate Your love so that I will lay my life down for others, leading them to You, their holy Shepherd. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

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♦**There Will Be A Gathering** in Church after the school Mass on Friday, May 10 to celebrate Ms. Pundsack's retirement. All are welcome.

♦**The Sixth Grade Will Host A Festival Of Nations** in St. Mary's School Gym on Friday, May 5. Community members are welcome to visit the festival from 10:15 - 11:00 am and 1:00 - 2:15 pm. All are welcome.

♦**2nd Graders will Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion** on April 28 and May 5. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of becoming Disciples of Christ.

♦**There are Still Openings** for prospective 2024-2025 Little Saints. This program is for 3 and 4 year olds (preschool program) and 4 and 5 year olds (prekindergarten program). If interested call 320-256-4257 or email anelson@smsmn.org.

♦**SMS Employment Opportunity**—See the ACC section of this bulletin.

♦**Congratulations To Our Second Graders** Hunter Christinsen, Andrew Gilk, Willow Gregory, Clara Kasper, and Connor Roelike who celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion today, Sunday, April 21. Please remember these children in your prayers as they take this step in their faith journey.

♦**SJSA's Last Harry's Pizza Sale** for the school year begins Friday, April 26 - Thursday, May 9. Pizza pick-up is Saturday, April 18 from 9:00-10:00 am in the school basement. This is your last chance to stock up on pizzas for the summer!

♦**Preschool** There are open spots in our preschool for children ages 3-5 years for the 2024-25 school year. SJSA offers a three day a week program from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm. If you are interested, please call the school at 320-987-3133 for more information.



Prayer Requests...

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

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| 04/16 | \$25 | Grant Theiler - Melrose |
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