



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

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 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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Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Email: stmarys@stmarysofmelrose.com

Website: www.oneinfaith.org

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Mailing Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
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Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Mailing Address: PO Box 155
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 St. Andrew
- ◆ Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆ 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.



A Manifestation to the World

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender, and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

*Lord, I love You and pray that I will be open to Your guiding hand in my life.
May I always be attentive to the countless ways that You call to me each and every day. And may I always respond to You with all my heart.*

Jesus, I trust in You.

mycatholic.life

ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 9 - 15

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 Tu 7:30 am **NO MASS**
 We 7:30 am **NO MASS**
 Th 7:30 am **NO MASS**
 Fr 8:30 am **SMS School Mass**
 †Colleen Butte
 Sa 5:00 pm †Robert Weber
 For the People
 *Su 10:00 am †Ralph Mueller
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Laureano Delgado
 †Josefa Morelos

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Patricia "Pat" Schleper
 Fr 8:15 am †Cary Hollenkamp
 Su 8:00 am †Dwayne Elfering

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Kimberly "Kim" Fuechtmann
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Geri Wensmann
 Su 10:00 am †Deceased Members
 of the Janke Family

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Sylvester Welle
 Su 10:00 am †Hortense Walz

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Matt Welle
 Sa 4:00 pm †Kimberly Fuechtmann

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am ††Sylvester & Ann Nietfeld
 Su 8:00 am †Alcuin Caspers




ADORATION


St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
No Adoration Tuesday, January 9
Immaculate Conception - New Munich
No Adoration Thursday, January 11
Sacred Heart - Freeport
No Adoration Wednesday, January 10
 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

Prayer Requests for the Sick If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please email bulletin@catholic-centered.org or call one of the parish offices. 

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.

 **Updating Contact Information** It has become a trend to move away from landlines to cell phones. Please notify the respective parish office to add new cell phone numbers, new addresses, and any other information that has changed. If you are receiving contribution envelopes and do not wish to, or have not been receiving them and want to, please contact the respective parish office.

Go Make Disciples Students in grade 11 - college are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We will meet in the Sacred Heart church basement in Freeport on Wednesday, January 11. We will have snacks and discuss different topics on the Catholic Faith. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

Natural Family Planning Instruction for January
 A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre: Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 pm. For additional sites, information, or to register, visit www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp or contact Sheila Reineke sreineke@gw.stcdio.org at 320-252-4721 ext. 308.

The Sacred Heart School Dinner/Auction Fundraiser (this year named Wine & Dine) will be held on Saturday, January 28 at the Freeport Community Center. Dinner will be served from 4:30 - 8:00 pm, Cash Raffle Drawing will be at 7:30 pm, and the Live Auction will begin at 8:00 pm. There will also be an online Silent Auction the week prior to the event (January 21 - 28). The \$100 Cash Raffle and Dinner tickets will be sold after all the Masses in the Tri-Parish during the month of January. We are still accepting auction items. If you have an item or experience you would like to donate, call the school office at 320-836-2591.


One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...
 ♦**Part-Time Director of Music** We have an immediate opening for a part-time Director of Music at St. Mary's Church of Melrose. Send resume to: HR@stmarysofmelrose.com or St. Mary's Church, Attn: HR; 755 Kraft Drive SE, Melrose, MN 56352.



Parish News:
 ~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~

- Men's Group** is on holiday break, and the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30 am at Sacred Heart Church, Freeport.
- Blessed Epiphany Chalk** Please remember the chalk from Epiphany is blessed. After using the chalk, please either return to the church, the Tri-Parish Office, or bury in the ground.

Rural Catholic Singles Group: Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for single people ages 19-59 who are looking for support and socializing with other singles. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 pm at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The Saturday, January 14 meeting topic is "New Year Resolutions." Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow after. Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

 **Vespers For Life** – This event will be held Sunday, January 15 at St. Francis Xavier, 219 2nd St. N, Sartell. Rosary at 3:30 pm and Vespers at 4:00 pm with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding. The service includes music, prayer, Scripture, and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud.

50th MCCL March for Life will take place on Sunday, January 22, at 2:00 pm at the State Capitol in St. Paul. It will be followed by a brief program on the Capitol steps. Please make plans to join us for this 1st post-Roe MCCL March for Life. The Sauk Centre Chapter of MCCL is sponsoring a bus to the State Capitol for this March & Rally. The bus will leave from the east end of the WalMart parking lot at 11:00 am and will also stop to pick people up at St. Mary's Church in Melrose at 11:20 am and Charlie's Café in Freeport at 11:45 am. Please dress warm and bring a bag lunch. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call or text Mary Reuter at 320-250-9903. The Diocese of St. Cloud is also coordinating buses to St. Paul for the March for Life from different locations. These buses leave at 9:00 am to include Mass at The Cathedral of St. Paul. For more information or to reserve a seat on a bus from St. Cloud, please visit www.stcdio.org/March4Life-bus.

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

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

Total	\$23,869.35
Regular Adult Offering.....	17,735.00
Christmas Loose.....	1,092.00
Matching Funds.....	510.00
Christmas.....	2,920.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	1,101.00
Designated Funds.....	511.35
Phase II Building	\$47,211.85
Phase II Matching Funds	\$139,943.25
Rectory	\$79,779.65
Total: Phase II/Rectory	\$266,934.75

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

01-01	\$25	Helen Jacobs - Melrose
01-02	\$25	Andrew Klaphake - Melrose
01-03	\$25	Gail Schlicht - Melrose
01-04	\$25	Laura Nathe - Melrose
01-05	\$25	Don Moore - Melrose
01-06	\$25	Glenn & Vicki Hinnenkamp - Melrose
01-07	\$25	Dave Berscheit - Melrose



St. Mary's Mission Society Meeting on Wednesday, January 11 at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 am. All are welcome!

Social Time There will be refreshments served after all the Masses this next weekend, January 14-15 at St. Mary's. SMS gift cards will also be available after the 10:00 Mass. Please plan to come and stay awhile!!

It Is Not Too Late! Please turn in your stewardship commitment card or complete one online at www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of Church of St. Mary. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

(Matthew 2:11)

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day.

In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.



CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,663.46
Plate	326.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,989.46
Other Donations	
Votive.....	\$460.80
Christmas Envelopes	7,110.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	50.00
Building/Maintenance.....	50.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	1,959.00

Parish Events

Tu	01/10	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	01/11		NO Adoration
We	01/11	6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation
We	01/11	7:00 pm	School Referendum Meeting - NM
We	01/11	7:00 pm	Go Make Disciples
Fr	01/13	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	01/13	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	01/14	10:00 am	Youth Baking Event
Su	01/15	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace
Su	01/15	7:00 pm	“500” Card Party



Sacred Heart is looking for a few couples or individuals to step forward to chair the summer festival on Sunday, July 16. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this call to help our parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to volunteer 320-836-2143.

May She Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Margaret Scherer**, who passed away Tuesday, December 27. Her funeral was celebrated here on Saturday, December 31.



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$645.96
Plate.....	1,202.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,847.96

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$97.50
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	1,819.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	1,600.00

Parish Events


Su 01/08	1:30 pm	Baptism
Tu 01/10	1:00 pm	Christmas Décor Take-down
We 01/11	6:00 pm	Elem. FF - FR
We 01/11	7:00 pm	School Referendum Mtg.
We 01/11	7:00 pm	Go Make Disciples - FR
Th 01/12		NO Adoration
Sa 01/14	10:00 am	Youth Baking Event - FR
Sa 01/14	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 01/15	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace - FR

Christmas Take-down will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to help.

2023 Calendars are available near the church entrances.

Church Expansion with Handicap Accessibility Update: The parish intention is to go forward with the expansion. At this time, roughly \$490,000 has been pledged or is in hand. The parish financial committee still needs to meet with the diocese finance council for final approval. The date of this meeting is undetermined at this time.

God's Housekeepers for January

 Diane Boeckers, Char Mayers, Sheila Humbert, and Barbara Moll. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

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	\$591.54
Plate.....	264.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$855.54


Other Donations

Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	\$610.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	400.00
Religious Retirement.....	2.00
Building/Maintenance.....	50.00

Parish Events

Tu 01/10		NO Adoration
Tu 01/10	9:00 am	Quilting - Group 3
We 01/11	6:00 pm	Elem. FF - FR
We 01/11	7:00 pm	School Referendum Meeting - NM
We 01/11	7:00 pm	Go Make Disciples - FR
Fr 01/13	7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 01/14	10:00 am	Youth Baking Event - FR
Su 01/15	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace - FR

 The St. Rose Christian Women are doing a cash fund drive during the month of January for "Food For Thought." This is a program to provide food for local students whom teachers have identified that are coming to school on Mondays without having adequate access to food over the weekends. All donations will be matched up to \$500 by the St. Rose Christian Women. Please make your check donations to: St. Rose Christian Women with a notation in memo "Food For Thought." C/O Carrie Kerfeld, Treasurer, 30257 Co. Rd. 17, Melrose, MN 56352. Carrie will also be available in the church gathering space at all 10:00 am Sunday Masses for donations during the month of January 2023. Thank you in advance for your donation!

 **Quilting** will start with Group 3 on January 10. All are invited to come quilt. Lunch is provided.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,420.50
Children.....	11.75
Plate/Loose	151.00
Votives.....	131.75
Solemnity of Mary.....	458.00
School Support.....	15.00
Maintenance.....	100.00
Fuel Fund.....	100.00
Christmas.....	1,450.00
Crib Money.....	3.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 15 - 10:00 am
 (S) Gabby Schoenberg
 (L) Lisa Wuertz
 (U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz
 (EM) Darlene Schoenberg
 (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
 (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
 (CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire
 (HK - January 8 - 12) Jamie Terres, Jane Terres, and Maggie Terres


 **Fellowship...** Please join St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Council #126 for coffee and rolls in the church basement on Sunday, January 15 after the 10:00 am Mass. Everyone is welcome.



Public Rosary
 will be prayed weekly.

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

- Tuesday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday 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.



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,560.00
Regular Adult Offering	10.00
Plate/Loose	65.00
Christmas Flowers.....	5.00
Christmas.....	925.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	410.00
Fuel Fund.....	5.00
Maintenance.....	30.00
Funeral.....	100.00
School Support.....	5.00
Religious Retirement.....	5.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,992.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	100.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	55.00
Votives	87.00
School Support.....	95.00
Christmas.....	2,950.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	700.00
Christmas Crib Money.....	5.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, January 14 - 4:00 pm

(S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms
 (L) Herman Lensing
 (U) Bob Worms & Jon Worms
 (GB) Scott & Kristen Young
 (EM) Kris Winter
 (HK - January) *Amy Stueve, Sheri Thull, Linda Trisko, Lee Uphoff, Joni Van Beck, & Kay Van Beck

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 15 - 8:00 am

(S) Austin Kelzer & Isaac Zenzen
 (L) Doug Meyer
 (U) Matt Silbernack & Mike Wehlage
 (GB) Viola Leukam Family
 (EM) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (HK - January) *Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernack, Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, Ann Brang, & Janice Funk

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

- Clase de Confirmación** - Miércoles por la noche, 11 de enero, 7:00-8:30 pm Clase. Estudiantes y mentor/patrocinador o padre. Tema de la noche: Santos y elección de un nombre de Confirmación. CENA disponible a partir de las 5:30 pm tanto para estudiantes como para adultos.
- Estudiantes de Confirmación** - Rito de Llamada en todas las Misas de fin de semana del 14/15 de enero. Asista a cualquier Misa parroquial y levántese cuando los Padres le pidan que proclame su compromiso de ser Confirmado.
- Sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación** - Sábado 14, 9:00 am, Iglesia St. Mary's. Estudiantes de formación en la fe, estudiantes de St. Mary's School Y padres/familias. Refrescos a seguir.
- Los jóvenes en los grados 7-12** están invitados a pasar el rato en St. Mary's School el domingo 22 de enero de 6:30 a 8:00 p. m. ¡Tendremos tiempo de gimnasio abierto, juegos, tiempo de adoración y oración, junto con refrigerios!



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!

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

Recordatorio de mayordomía ¡No es demasiado tarde! Por favor, entregue su tarjeta de compromiso o complete una en línea en www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys. Devolver su tarjeta es una parte importante de ser un miembro activo de la Iglesia de Santa María. Por favor, aprovecha esta oportunidad para discernir cómo Dios te está llamando a acercarte más a Él este año.

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.

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.



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 make great gifts!**

- ◆ Loot for Learning (Sacred Heart School, Freeport- 320-836-2591)
 - ◆ SMS\$4Kids (St. Mary's School, Melrose- 320-256-4257)
 - ◆ Scrip (St. John's/St. Andrew's School, Greenwald- 320-987-3133)



La Epifanía del Señor



FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION:

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- ◆ **Grade 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00 pm—Classroom Lesson. Please meet at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport
- ◆ **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00 pm—Classroom Lesson. Please meet at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
- ◆ **Grade 10: Confirmation Student and Parent Interviews:** Wednesday, January 11. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.
- ◆ **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 18 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, January 11, 7:00-8:30 pm class. Students and mentor/sponsor or parent. Topic of the night: Saints and choosing a Confirmation name. Supper available starting at 5:30 pm for both students and adults.
- ◆ **Confirmation Students** - Rite of Calling at all January 14/15 weekend Masses. Attend any parish Mass and stand up when Fathers asks you to proclaim your commitment to being Confirmed.
- ◆ **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** - Saturday, January 14, 9:00 am, St. Mary's Church. Faith Formation students, St. Mary's School students, AND parents/families. Refreshments to follow.

Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick:

Walter Beuning, Thomas Stangler, Jr., Joan Schlicht, Jon Tuft

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
- ◆ St. Mary's 256-3878



YOUTH MINISTRY:

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- ***Middle School Lock-In** for Grades 6-8: Saturday - Sunday, January 28-29 starting with 7:00 pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell and ending at 6:00 am at the St. Cloud YMCA. This lock-in will have Mass, great food, swimming, dodgeball, gaga ball, prayer opportunities, wallyball, a silent disco, game shows, and so much more. Come together with other youth in our diocese, make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat great food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$35 prior to January 19 and \$45 January 20-26. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of our three parishes. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143 with questions.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ◆ **Youth in grade 7-12** are invited to hang out at St. Mary's School on Sunday, January 22, 6:30-8:00 pm. We will have open gym time, games, worship and prayer time, along with snacks!

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ◆ **Baking Day:** Saturday, January 14, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church basement. We will make hot chocolate bombs and bake and frost sugar cookies. Permission forms are on the bulletin boards in the Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rose parishes. Deadline to sign up is January 11.
- ◆ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 24-26 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for over 48 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$175. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, February 7 with a \$90 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of all 7 parishes. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143 with questions.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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

Nick Shaw, Jamie Engelmeyer,
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- ◆ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, January 11 will be planned by Mr. Kuechle and the 3rd grade students.

- ◆ **Sacred Heart School Board** will meet on Thursday, January 12 at 7:30 pm.

- ◆ **Looking Ahead:** Third quarter of the school year ends on Thursday, January 19. Friday, January 20 will be an in-service day for staff. There will be no school for students that day.



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- ◆ **Mark your calendar:** March 4, 2023 - Auction for Education, "Luau for Learning." The "Hula for Moola" cash raffle is a \$100 raffle ticket and the grand prize is \$20,000! The winners will be drawn on March 4 at 7pm at the Legion. Raffle tickets are available this weekend after all Masses. Tickets are also available for sale now at St. Mary's School & Parish Office, All Stars Sports Bar & Grill, Freeport State Bank- Melrose, Kraemer Lumber, Magnifi Financial -



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- ◆ **Stearns Electric will be visiting SJSA** on Thursday, January 12 to give a presentation to the 3rd and 4th graders on electricity.

- ◆ **32nd Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction for SJSA** will be February 3rd & 4th, at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$35 and will be available soon. There will be an online auction again this year along with a live auction on Saturday, February 4. If you would like to donate to the auction, contact one of the people listed below.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS CONTINUED



♥**Attention ALL Sacred Heart School Alumni** You are invited to attend the SHS Catholic School Mass on Sunday, January 22 at 8:00 am in Freeport. We will also have a social after Mass in the church basement, and the school will be open for tours if anyone would like to see the updates that have been done over the years. Our Alumni are very important to us and we would love to see you!

Melrose, Melrose Bowl, and St. Rosa Lumber. The silent auction will be held via this website: <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>. It is now open to accept cash donations and auction item donations if you or someone you know would like to donate. Our meal will be a free-will offering meal again.

Auction Chairs and Co-Chairs:

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Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

01/08	\$25	Mark Hilsген - St. Joseph
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01/10	\$25	Bonnie Theiler - Melrose
01/11	\$25	Joan Ellering - Melrose
01/12	\$25	Pat Bechtold - St. Joseph
01/13	\$25	Kathie Halonen - Sioux Falls, SD
01/14	\$25	Dana Tschida - Baxter

- ♦**Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated from January 29 through February 4. The Catholic Schools Mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 29, at 10:00 am. We are excited to have our alumni celebrating Mass with us and joining us for breakfast.
- ♦**Arvig School Partnership Program** SMS received a check for \$1,183 from the Arvig School Partnership Program. If you are an Arvig internet customer, Arvig will donate \$1 each month to the school of your choice at no additional cost to you.
- ♦**We are searching for people very special to our school** - Our Alum! If you are alumni of St. Mary's School and would like to keep up to date on things happening at school, we would really appreciate your time to complete this contact form. <https://mailchi.mp/3596b1349d3c/sms>

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



Adoration at the State Capitol Our work as faithful citizens must be led by prayer – Ora et Labora. This is not just a practice for Benedictine monks, but all Catholics. So, the Minnesota Catholic Conference invites you to join our staff for Adoration at the Capitol. By bringing Christ to the Capitol, we can together pray for our elected officials at their place of work. Join us each first Friday of the month from January to May for any amount of time from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room located on the lower level of the Minnesota State Capitol. Note that in April, Adoration will take place on April 14 due to Good Friday. An RSVP is optional. For groups of more than 5 people, please email policyteam@mncatholic.org so that we can make accommodations. Visit https://www.mncatholic.org/first_friday_adoration for more information.

BREADtalks Be a part of something life-changing The Eucharistic Revival initiative is hosting a series of "BREAD Talks" in the diocese's five regional deaneries, each at a different brewery. At each of the events, modeled after the popular Ted Talks, local speakers will share brief testimonies — their "eucharistic love stories." Following their sharing, a main speaker will give a longer talk, about 20-30 minutes, on a eucharistic theme. These are in-person-only events. Come join us for these free, faith-filled gatherings!

- Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 pm @ Sunken Ship Brewing, Princeton
- Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 pm @ Back Shed Brewing, Waite Park
- Sunday, April 16 at 2:00 pm @ Thousand Lakes Brewing, Parkers Prairie
- Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 pm @ Bad Habit Brewing Co., St. Joseph

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	The Baptism of the Lord	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38	Mt 3:13-17
Tu		Heb 2:5-12	Mk 1:21-28
We		Heb 2:14-18	Mk 1:29-39
Th		Heb 3:7-14	Mk 1:40-45
Fr		Heb 4:1-5, 11	Mk 2:1-12
Sa		Heb 4:12-16	Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
		Is 49:3, 5-6	1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

January 8, Sunday

- ♦Church of St. Joseph Heritage Hall KC Council #7057 parish breakfast from 8:30 am to noon. Homemade breakfast includes: Pep's Pork sausage, St. Joseph Meat Market sausage, pancakes, hash browns, fruit, scrambled eggs, caramel & cinnamon rolls. \$10 Adults, \$4 ages 6-12. Credit cards accepted.
- ♦Green Grove Rod & Gun Club Breakfast will be from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Greenwald Pub. Serving sausage, ham, eggs, fried potatoes, and all the trimmings.

January 11, Wednesday

- ♦Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ♦The Melrose Area Senior Soup Luncheon will be held at the Melrose Area Senior Center from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. A representative from the School Board will be present to answer any questions regarding the upcoming school referendum. Free will offering. All are welcome!

January 15, Sunday

- ♦"500" Card Party at Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport. Start time is 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served. All are welcome to join.

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