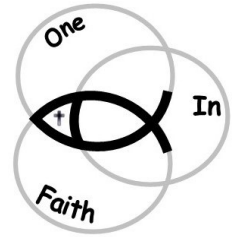


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St. Mary - Melrose, Sacred Heart - Freeport
 Immaculate Conception - New Munich
 St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa, St. Michael - Spring Hill
 St. Andrew - Greenwald, St. John - Meire Grove



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

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Carol Winter: Administrative Assistant,
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St. Cloud Diocese Website

www.stclouddiocese.org

Freeport Office:

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

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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No Adoration

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Friday, December 24

Advent Confession Times and Locations:

Please see page 6.

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

◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart

◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception

◆Or by appointment. 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 ~ DECEMBER 20-26

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
 †Ignacio Ramirez y
 †Jacoba Vargas
 Tu 7:30 am †Sharon Meyer
 We 7:30 am †Ray Ostendorf
 Th 7:30 am NO MASS
 Fr 8:30 am NO MASS
 Sa 5:00 pm NO MASS
 *Su 10:00 am †Lucille Mae Moore
 †Donald Hinnenkamp
 Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
 ††Mariano y Jose Rodriguez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am ††Lawrence & Laura Scherping
 Fr 8:15 am NO MASS
 Su 8:00 am †Ken Roske

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Elmer & Tony Wolbeck
 Sa 4:00 pm NO MASS
 Su 9:00 am †Troy Niebergall

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am Living/Deceased Christian
 Women Members
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Gary Rush
 Su 10:00 am †Ann Loehr

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am ††Gary & Clarence Winter
 Sa 4:00 pm NO MASS

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Sylvester Nietfeld
 Su 8:00 am †Raphael Imdieke

** Sunday Obligation Masses will only be held on Sunday, December 26.

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

Christmas Mass Times, Intentions, & Locations: Please see page 7.

Solemnity of Mary Mass Times & Locations: Please see page 7.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)

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

Weekly Contributions

Total.....	\$12,100.27
Regular Adult Offering.....	6,439.00
Loose.....	1,090.37
Votive Candles.....	110.90
Support a Child.....	15.00
Phase II.....	425.00
Thanksgiving (All).....	40.00
Immaculate Conception.....	538.00
Christmas.....	655.00
Christmas Flowers.....	260.00
Religious Retirement.....	903.00
Rectory Fund.....	75.00
Giving Tree.....	924.00
Guadalupe.....	625.00
St. Mary's School Endowment.....	\$0.00
Rectory Fund Collected to Date.....	\$46,450.00
Phase II Building	\$14,256.85

Baptized in Christ... Knox Allen Fischer

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsor this week:

Melrose Main Street Repair Inc. & Kraemer Lumber Inc.

12-12	\$25	Don Moore - Melrose
12-13	\$25	Ann Marie Primus - Melrose
12-14	\$25	Dennis Doetkott - Melrose
12-15	\$25	Jim & Deb Welz - Melrose
12-16	\$25	Charlene A. Rien - Sauk Centre
12-17	\$25	Jennifer Seviour - Melrose
12-18	\$25	Irene Nathe - Melrose



Raffle Calendar Please make this another successful event. Additional calendars are available at the parish office, Freeport State Bank – Melrose Branch, CMCU Branch, and Martinez Market.

Do You Enjoy Taking Notes... St. Mary's is looking for someone to take minutes at Parish Council meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month and submit to the parish office. Call the Melrose Office if interested.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART - FREEPORT (FR)

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆**Weekly Stewardship**◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,186.31
Plate.....	353.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,539.31

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$211.00
Thanksgiving.....	400.00
Christmas Flowers.....	315.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes.....	513.00
Immaculate Conception Plate.....	132.29
Religious Retirement.....	65.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	520.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	8.00
School Support.....	90.00

Parish Events

Su	12/19	9:00 am	Baptism
Su	12/19	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party
Tu	12/21	6:00 pm	NO Bible Study
Tu	12/21	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We	12/22	7:45 am	Individual Confession
We	12/22	9:15 am	Individual Confession
We	12/22	10:00 am	NO Bible Study
Th	12/23	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fr	12/24	7:45 am	NO Individual Confessions
Fr	12/24	9:00 am	NO Adoration

May She Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Lorraine Hammond**, who passed away Sunday, November 28.

Christmas Music will be sung 30 minutes prior to the Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Masses.



Weddings... Congratulations to Kyle & Brooke (Scherping) Wiechmann who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, December 11. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

Choir Practice Thursday, December 23 at 6:00 pm.

Limestone Repair and Maintenance The limestone and exterior of the church needs upkeep. This spring we hope to begin this project. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this much needed restoration of our 100+ year old church, maintaining what our forefathers gave us for generations to come.

2022 Calendars are available in the back of the church.



Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your
word.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH (NM)


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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Stewardship** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,637.85
Plate.....	152.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,789.85

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$67.50
Immaculate Conception Envelopes.....	676.00
Immaculate Conception Plate.....	47.00
Religious Retirement.....	55.00
Christmas Flowers.....	275.00
Christmas.....	20.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	20.00

 **Weddings...** Congratulations to **Kyle & Brooke (Scherping) Wiechmann** who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, December 11. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

Christmas Carols will be sung before the Christmas Eve Mass at 6:30 pm. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ and begin our Christmas season!

Parish Events

Mo 12/20	6:30 pm	Christmas Decorating
Tu 12/21	6:00 pm	NO Bible Study - FR
Tu 12/21	7:10 pm	Knight of Columbus Meeting - SR
We 12/22	10:00 am	NO Bible Study - FR
We 12/22	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 12/25	3:30 pm	NO Individual Confessions

Christmas Decorating will be on Monday, December 20 beginning at 6:30 pm. Help would be appreciated, and all are welcome.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Sophia Kay Mayers**, the daughter of Eric & Calli Mayers, to our parish. Sophia Kay was baptized on Saturday, December 11.



Baby Shower for Jesus The Christian Women of Immaculate Conception will be sponsoring a "Shower for Baby Jesus" during the month of December. There will be a bassinet in the front of the church throughout the Christmas season. Please donate new or like-new items for ages 1 through 4, which will be taken to Options for Women in Sauk Centre after Christmas. Thank you. May you all have a very blessed Christmas.

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.....	\$4,222.69
Plate.....	148.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,370.69

Other Donations

Votives.....	\$162.00
Christmas Flowers.....	60.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes.....	75.00
Immaculate Conception Plate.....	104.00
Religious Retirement.....	145.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	200.00

Christmas Music will be played and sung 30 minutes prior to the Christmas Morning Mass.

Parish Events

Tu 12/21	7:45 am	Individual Confession
Tu 12/21	8:45 am	Individual Confession
Tu 12/21	6:00 pm	NO Bible Study - FR
Tu 12/21	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
We 12/22	10:00 pm	NO Bible Study - FR
We 12/22	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fr 12/24	7:30 pm	NO Rosary
Sa 12/25		Family Event

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Landon John Hellermann**, the son of Andrew & Jackie Hellermann, to our parish. Landon John was baptized on Sunday, December 12.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL (SH)

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

Weekly Contributions

Total.....	\$712.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	364.00
Children.....	1.00
Plate/Loose.....	52.00
Votives.....	102.50
Fuel Fund.....	65.00
Christmas Flowers.....	25.00
Immaculate Conception.....	100.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	3.00



Christmas Flowers or Monetary Offering... If anyone prefers to make a monetary offering for Christmas flowers, place your donation in the envelope. If using a check, mark on it Christmas Flowers. These funds will be used to purchase Christmas flowers for you, in honor of your loved one or ones. If you purchase the flowers yourself, place them in the back of the church. Please have your money or flowers in **before** December 22 in honor of your loved one or ones. Thank you!

Ceremony of Carols beginning at 6:55 pm on Friday, December 24.

Liturgical Ministries Friday, December 24 - 7:30 pm

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| (S) Shantel Gruber & Paige Gruber | (L) Katherine Orbeck |
| (U) Conrad Gruber & Stan Heinen | (EU) (B) Gary P. Lieser |
| (Sacristan) Kathy Welle | (RL) Marilyn Gruber |
| (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle | |

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, December 26 - 10:00 am

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|---|-------------------|
| (S) Sam Orbeck & Jack Orbeck | (L) Pete LeClaire |
| (U) Dan Hemmesch & Adam Kalthoff | |
| (EU) (B) Karen Rademacher | |
| (Sacristan) Sharon & John Schulzetenberg | |
| (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes | |
| (CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire | |
| (HK - Dec. 12-19) Lou Spanier, Mary Ann Spanier, & Mary Stalboerger | |

Thank you The Eagles Healing Nest, Sauk Centre, would like to say Thank You to the St. Michael's Church for donating them some hay.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)

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

Weekly Contributions

Total.....	\$2,074.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	585.00
Plate/Loose.....	169.00
Votives.....	25.00
Immaculate Conception.....	95.00
School Subsidy.....	1,000.00
Christmas Flowers.....	155.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	45.00

Parish Office The parish office in Greenwald will be open on Monday, December 20 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm this week due to the early bulletin deadline for Christmas. Please get your bulletin announcements to Carol before 7:00 pm.

St. Andrew's Parish has purchased a new electric piano/organ for on the choir. If you'd like to donate toward the organ, please put it in an envelope and mark it Electric Piano/Organ. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Donations... If anyone would like to donate toward Christmas Flowers this year, please place your donation in an envelope and mark "flowers." These funds are used to purchase Poinsettias for the church. Every donation is appreciated. Thank You!



Liturgical Ministries Friday, December 24 - 7:30 pm

(S) Dominic Finken & Savannah Finken (L) Peter Van Beck
 (U) Peter Heinze & Al Inderrieden (GB) Dale & Kris Winter
 (EU) (B) Herman Lensing

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, December 25 - 9:00 am

(S) Logan Frieler & Megan Frieler (L) Isaiah Gilk
 (U) Herb Inderrieden & Pat Keller (GB) Phil & Rosie Meyer
 (EU) (B) Kris Winter
 (HK-December) *Rose Lensing, Mariann Lucken, Julie Kulzer, Angie Kulzer, Doris Kraemer & Cassandra Kettner

The 31st Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction for SJSA will be February 11 & 12, 2022 at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$30 and will be available soon. Watch future announcements for more information. Live auction will be Saturday, February 12. Online auction with fewer items will run from February 3-10. If you would like to donate to the auction, contact one of the people listed below. The poster deadline is January 4. Steve and Katie Hellickson, auction chairs (320) 491-2849, Adam and Jenny Kalthoff, auction co-chairs (320) 290-1489, Dustin and Asha Gregory, auction co-chairs (320) 333-6277.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE (MG)

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

Weekly Contributions

Total.....	\$2,809.27
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,505.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose.....	208.00
Votives.....	56.02
Immaculate Conception.....	550.00
Thanksgiving.....	250.00
Christmas Flowers.....	60.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	180.00

Died in the hope of Resurrection... †Aloys "Red" Meyer, 92

Christmas Flower Donations... If anyone would like to donate toward Christmas Flowers this year, please place your donation in an envelope and mark "flowers." These funds are used to purchase Poinsettias for the church. Every donation is appreciated. Thank You!

Christmas Carols The choir will begin singing Christmas carols at 3:30 pm on Christmas Eve.

Liturgical Ministries Friday, December 24 - 4:00 pm

(S) Luke Meyer & Luke Funk (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Marvin Meyer & Tim Meyer (GB) Jamie & Shannon Groetsch
 (EU) (B) Jim Leukam & Dan Meyer

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, December 26 - 8:00 am

(S) Kayla Meyer & Faith Meyer (L) Jim Leukam
 (U) Jeron Nathe & John Nathe
 (GB) Dennis & Kathy Illies
 (EU) (B) Karl Meyer & Char Meyer
 (HK-December) *Karen Meyer, Geri Meyer, Sue Meyer, Charlene Meyer, Irene Marthaler, & Sheri Luetmer

Team Leader/Raffle Committee Meeting... There will be a meeting of the Team Leaders of St. John's Society, Catholic United Financial and the Raffle Committee to discuss our fundraisers for 2022 in the church basement immediately after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Please plan to attend if you are an officer/team leader. There will be coffee and muffins served.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Uno en Fe ~ Formación de Fe y Ministerio Juvenil (Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald, Spring Hill)

- Descansó de Navidad:** 23 de Diciembre, 2021 - 2 Enero de 2022.
- Navidad** - 25 de Diciembre
- Solemnidad de María** - 1 de Enero

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

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.

Latino Economic, está ayudando a pagar facturas de utilidades a personas que no puedan pagar, la renta de su departamento, la renta de parqueadero de trailas, el agua, la luz, el gas o la basura. Si usted necesita ayuda para pagar alguno de estas facturas o biles, póngase en contacto con la señora Mayuli Bales. No se necesita tener un numero se seguro de trabajo o un número Itin 1-763-639-4368.



Rosario y Oración con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los siguientes tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. Dirigida por el Señor Oscar Nolasco. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz **PRINCIPAL:** Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kathy Welle
SHS BOARD: Amy Wilwerding, Emily Smith, Nick Shaw,
 Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho
 Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514 www.shsfreeport.org



**Sacred Heart School
 Calendar Raffle Winners**

12-12	\$25	Justin Boecker - Sauk Centre
12-13	\$25	Judy Merwin - Freeport
12-14	\$25	Sarah Toenyan - Freeport
12-15	\$25	Cathy Sparring - Richmond
12-16	\$25	Pam Pundsack - Freeport
12-17	\$25	Gary Harren - Freeport
12-18	\$25	LaVonne Hinnenkamp - Melrose

- ♥ **The Advent Outreach program at Sacred Heart School** focused on Elevate, formerly Birthline, of St. Cloud. During Advent students could donate Baby clothes and items or change to fill the baby bottles in each classroom for this cause. This past week a very nice delivery of clothes and miscellaneous items and a cash donation was delivered to Elevate in St. Cloud.
- ♥ **Tuesday, December 21 - Sacred Heart School Christmas Program**, “A Christmas Mystery,” will be presented at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the school gym.
- ♥ **Wednesday, December 22 - School Liturgy** will be planned by Mr. Kuechle and the 3rd grade students.
- ♥ **Christmas Break** begins on Thursday, December 23. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3.
- ♥ **Sacred Heart School Students and Staff** wish a Blessed and Merry Christmas to all.



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

- ♦ **Advent Project:** For Advent the students and staff at St. Mary’s will be collecting new socks for men and women, girls and boys, for all ages to be given to Melrose Food Shelf, Eagle’s Healing Nest, Place of Hope, and Anna Marie’s Alliance. Please feel free to drop off socks when you go to Mass on the weekend or leave them at the entrance of the school.
- ♦ **The Advent prayer service** for the 4th week of Advent will be held on Monday, December 20 at 2:15 pm in the gym.

All are welcome to join us.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD: Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Bridget Kasper, Amy Frieler, Kristin Zimmer, Kate Kelzer, Trista Roelike
 Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

- SJSA Students present **Christmas in Black & White: Discovering the Real Story of Christmas** on Tuesday, December 21 at 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. Refreshments will be served in the school basement after each program. All are welcome!
- **The SJSA Preschool Christmas** program will be Wednesday, December 22 at 1:45 pm in the school basement.
- **Christmas break** is December 23 - January 2. Classes resume Monday, January 3.
- **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** from the students and staff at SJSA.

FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa Faith Formation

- **Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 5 - Classroom Lesson. **Note Location Change:** Meet at Sacred Heart Parish Office.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00 pm. **Note Location Change:** Meet at Sacred Heart Parish Office.
- **Grades 7-9: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 12 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Meet in the body of the church. Bring your bible, notebook, and pen.
- **Grade 10: Confirmation Student and Parent Interviews:** Wednesday, January 5. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.



Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove Faith Formation

- ♦ **Christmas Break:** December 23, 2021 - January 2, 2022.
- ♦ **Christmas** - December 25
- ♦ **Solemnity of Mary** - January 1

Advent A Season of Hope and Anticipation



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

NOTICE

Bulletin Deadline Change and Office Closure All One In Faith Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 for Christmas. With this closure, all bulletin notices must be to the bulletin editor by 10:00 am Monday, December 20.

No Bible Study on Tuesday, December 21 and Wednesday, December 22. We will meet again the following week.

Prayer Requests for the Sick At the end of December. The prayer requests for the sick will be cleared out. If you would like to be added back to the prayer list, please email bulletin@catholic-centered.org or call one of the parish offices.



Sacred Heart School Raffle Calendars are moving fast - Be sure to get yours before they are sold out. The Calendars are just \$25, and you have a chance to win \$25 (or more on special days) each day of the year. (January 1 - December 31, 2022) The calendars are available from all Sacred Heart School families, Freeport State Bank in Freeport, Freeport office of the Central Minnesota Credit Union or the school and parish offices. They will also be sold after all Masses in the Tri-Parish each Sunday in December.



Christmas Mass Time Change Please note the time printed in the Advent Brochure for the Christmas Eve Masses at St. Michael, Spring Hill and St. Andrew, Greenwald has changed. The Masses will be celebrated on Friday, December 24 at 7:30 pm.

Sacred Heart School is seeking a long-term maternity substitute teacher beginning approximately March 1. A qualified individual must have a Minnesota teacher's license and be strong in his/her Catholic Faith as the position is for 2nd grade and involves preparation for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Contact Mrs. Kristie Harren: email at kharren@shsfreeport.org or call 320-836-2591.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of Advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are February 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and February 18-20, 2022 in Windom, MN. For more information, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.



Do you know God's plan for your marriage? Natural Family Planning is a reliable and trustworthy way to regulate fertility, is easy to learn, and can be a source of unity for couples. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Monday, December 20 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health - Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at 320-290-8751 or uphus.nfp@gmail.com. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Knights of Columbus December 2021 Calendar Raffle Winners

12-13	\$20	Sarah Toeynan
12-14	\$40	Fr. Dan Walz
12-15	\$60	Kevin Wiechman
12-16	\$20	Myrna Notch
12-17	\$40	John Funk
12-18	\$20	Christopher Blonigen
12-19	\$100	Noah Blonigen



You Are Invited to Attend a TEC Retreat Now until Christmas, sign up to participate in the January 15-17 or February 19-21 Central Minnesota Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreat and pay just \$30. The regular price is \$95 - so this is quite the deal. Sign up today at cmtec.org and pay the \$30 deposit. We will take care of the rest. TEC is a three-day retreat for youth (age 16+) and adults. Described as one of the most relevant and life-changing retreats around, TEC promises to inspire and surprise. This encounter retreat is perfect for those searching, those needing direction and a little peace, and those looking to deepen their relationship with God. Come find out what 41,000 others have already experienced. Visit www.cmtec.org today!



Stewardship as a Way of Life: "For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." Luke 1:44

When you hear the Scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lector or priest; rather, look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.



Bishop's Annual Appeal In this fourth week of Advent, please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stedio.org/annualappeal.

Prayer for Our New Bishop... Bishop Donald Kettler turned 75 in November 2019, and according to tradition, submitted his request for retirement. A replacement bishop will be appointed by Pope Francis and may take some time. We pray for Bishop Kettler, for his replacement, and for all involved in the selection process.

Heavenly Father, You sent Jesus to shepherd Your people and the Holy Spirit to make Your people one. Look with favor upon those who will select our new bishop. Give them Your vision and let their judgment be clear. Speak Your will to them. We thank You for our past shepherds and the blessings they have been for the people of this diocese. Lord, send Your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of renewal in the Church, and unite our parishes, priests, and people in love, truth, and wisdom. Give him a true shepherd's heart like that of Jesus, that he may give strength to the weak, heal the broken hearted, console the lonely, bring back the wandering, and be a power against the evil of our day.

In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Sacrament of Confession

Individual Celebration:

Tuesday, December 21 - St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
-before and after 8:15 am Mass

Tuesday, December 21 - 7:30 pm - St. Michael, Spring Hill

Tuesday, December 21 - 7:30 pm - St. John, Meire Grove

Wednesday, December 22 - Sacred Heart, Freeport

-before and after 8:15 am Mass

Wednesday, December 22 - 7:30 pm - St. Mary, Melrose

Wednesday, December 22 - 7:30 pm - St. Andrew, Greenwald

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Christmas Mass Schedule

** Sunday Obligation Masses will only be held Sunday, December 26

(Vigil) Friday, December 24

- 4:00 pm *St. Mary, Melrose (English)*
For the People
- 4:00 pm *Sacred Heart, Freeport*
††Joe & Jean Schulzetenberg
- 4:00 pm *St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
†Alcuin Caspers
- 6:30 pm *St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)*
†Javier Mendoza Lisola
- 7:00 pm *Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
For the People
- 7:30 pm *St. Michael, Spring Hill*
†Werner Gruber
- 7:30 pm *St. Andrew, Greenwald*
†Matt Welle



Saturday, December 25

- 8:00 am *Sacred Heart, Freeport*
†Tony Welle
- 9:00 am *St. Mary, Melrose (English)*
†Rev. Ken Thielman
- 9:00 am *St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
†Joan Dobmeier
- 9:00 am *St. Andrew, Greenwald*
†Perry Meyer

The Scriptures This Week

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38
Tu	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a	Lk 1:39-45
We	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
Th	Mal 3:1-4,23-24	Lk 1:57-66
Fr	The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil) Is 62:1-5	Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Sa	The Nativity of the Lord (Day) Is 52:7-10	Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14
Next Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28	1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 Lk 2:41-52

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

St. Rosa Lions Club is sponsoring a donation point at RJ's Store in St. Rosa. All donations will go to needy families in this area. Everyone is welcome to donate to this Melrose Food Shelf Drive. Thank you all!

December 19, 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.

January 9, Sunday

◆Rod & Gun Club Breakfast at The Greenwald Pub, serving sausage, ham, eggs & potatoes from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Cost is \$9.

February 1, Tuesday

◆The Freeport Lions Club is sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Freeport Community Center from 1:00 - 7:00 pm.

February 11/12, Friday/Saturday

◆SJSA Annual Steak & Wine Dinner & Auction at The Greenwald Pub.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule

(Vigil) Friday, December 31

- 4:00 pm *Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- 4:00 pm *St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- 5:00 pm *St. Mary, Melrose (English)*
- 6:30 pm *St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)*

Saturday, January 1

- 8:00 am *Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- 9:00 am *St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
- 9:00 am *St. Michael, Spring Hill*
- 9:00 am *St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*

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 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.

Prayer Requests...

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



May They Rest in Peace: †Aloys "Red" Meyer, †Lorraine Hammond

For the Sick:

Ralph Muellner, Viola Berscheid, John Silbernagel, Rachael Zink, Brooklyn Kae, Nick Rothstein, Bernie Arceneau, Ron Bussmann

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- ◆St. Mary's256-3878

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