



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor
Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Parochial Vicar

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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 & OCIA

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the OCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick,
Homebound 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.



Beatitudes and Woes

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.” Luke 6:24-26

Luke 6:20-49 offers us a shortened version of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew’s Gospel. Luke’s version of this sermon takes place on a plain, “a stretch of level ground.” The teachings in the two Gospels are very similar, despite their difference in length. Luke’s teaching on the Beatitudes adds the “woe to you’s” quoted above, which are not found in Matthew’s version.

The early Church Father Saint Bede comments that Saint Luke’s version of the “woes” are meant for those who are “uninstructed hearers” because they “must first be brought by terrors to good works.” He goes on to say that the first part of the Beatitudes, the “blessings,” are meant for the “perfect” because they “need but be invited by rewards” rather than fear of punishment. The fact that Saint Luke includes a teaching for both the sinner and the saint should lead us to the conclusion that we can benefit from both approaches in our spiritual lives.

When your spiritual life is strong and you are consistently avoiding serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect regularly upon the blessings found in the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of drawing you into greater perfection as the desire for the reward of holiness becomes the object of your hope.

ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ FEBRUARY 17 - 23 ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Belester Vazquez Sobreyra
Tu 8:00 am †Deceased/Living Members of the John R. Helsper Family
We 8:00 am †Arlene Pflipsen
Th 8:00 am †Betty Goebel
*Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass
†Rich Boeckermann
†Brady Rademacher
Sa 5:00 pm †Richard & †Dolores Hiltner
*SU 10:00 am †Albert Brixius
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
Familia Rodriguez Martinez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Lori Zierden Anniversary
Sa 4:00 pm †Lois Rieland

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Leo Eveslage
Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Deceased Members of Catholic United Financial
Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJSA School Mass
†Leona Bertram
Sa 4:00 pm †Luella Marthaler
†Joan Marthaler-Gerads

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Joanne Butkowski
Su 8:00 am †Sherry Rausch



St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

First Tuesday of the month
7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

First Thursday of the month
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 - 1:00 pm

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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS



BIG BUCK BINGO A fundraiser for the Freeport Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund will be held on Saturday, February 22 at the Freeport Community Center. Doors open at 12:00 pm with Bingo starting at 1:30 pm. Bingo packets are \$70. \$7,000 in total prizes, 10 games: \$500 each and Final Game: \$2,000. Free will offering meal of roast beef, chips, pickle, and cookie, and cash bar available. Come and support the Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund.

Dive Deeper into Your Faith with Fr. Dan (Formerly Theology on Tap) Join us on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm at the St. Rose of Lima Church basement. Fr. Dan will be giving a small presentation on the topic of Confession. Following that presentation, he will have an open Q & A. Any questions are welcome; they do not need to relate to the topic previously discussed. Snacks, water, and coffee will be available. All are welcome and invited to attend.

BINGO Please join the Tri-Parish Confirmation Class on Sunday, February 23 at Sacred Heart Church Basement for Bingo. Free lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 pm with a purchase of a card. Bingo will start promptly at 1:00 pm. Cash prizes. \$10 per card for 20 games plus 2 black-out games. No checks or credit cards please. All proceeds will be given to Alec Beuning.



Go and Make Disciples Anyone in grade 11 through adult 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 Rosary and Sacramentals. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, February 26. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.



Catholic United Financial Schools Raffle Sacred Heart School will again be participating in the annual Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle. From now until March 2, students and their families will be selling \$10 raffle tickets. The best part? 100 percent of every dollar raised stays with Sacred Heart School, helping us reach our fundraising goals. This year's Grand Prize is a 2025 Chevy Trax SUV or \$20,000 in cash. Other prizes include a \$5,000 Dream Vacation, a Mall of America Weekend Package, gift cards, and more.

Parish News:

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

- March Ministry Schedule was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish.
•Jubilee Passports are available in the churches. Pilgrims are encouraged to visit various holy sites and churches throughout the Jubilee Year.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Voices of Hope:

This is Commitment Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Appeal! Through your generosity, diocesan programs continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota thanks to the dedicated service of our pastors, parish and diocesan staff, and volunteers who continue to do the work of Christ. Please keep them thriving by making a gift with your offering today in your parish collection or at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



"The Secret of the Holy Face" Lenten Retreat Lent will be here before you know it. Make a resolution to attend "The Secret of the Holy Face" Lenten Retreat at St. Michael's Parish in Buckman, MN on Saturday, March 8. Speakers: Cathy Maloney-Hills, OSF and Fr. Robert Altier. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. \$20 by Friday, February 28; \$25 at the door. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. See www.stcloudccw.org for more information.

Loved the Wedding. Invite Me to the Marriage.

Love, God. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones — where married couples can focus just on each other. The next available Weekends are April 5-6 in Brainerd, MN and April 25-27 in Crookston, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.



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


Total.....	\$5,934.00
Regular Adult Offering	4,088.00
Plate/Loose	764.00
Designated Funds	1,082.00

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Total.....	\$6,512.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	5,337.85
Plate.....	433.00
Votive.....	112.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	325.00
School Support.....	150.00
Building/Maintenance	155.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

02-09	\$25	Kathy Kettler - Sauk Centre
02-10	\$25	St. Mary's Church
02-11	\$25	Joe & Amy Prodinsky - Sartell
02-12	\$25	Troy & Jennifer Tomford - Grey Eagle
02-13	\$25	Doris Olmscheid - Melrose
02-14	\$25	Leo & Pat Bloch - Richmond
02-15	\$25	Jess Roering - Lino Lakes



Parish Events

Mo	02/17	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	02/19	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	02/19	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	02/21	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	02/21	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	02/21	6:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sa	02/22	12:30 pm	Wedding Photos
Sa	02/22	2:00 pm	Dierkhising/Overman Wedding
Su	02/23	12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo

**One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools
 Dinner & Auction Fundraiser**



◆23rd St. Mary's Annual Auction 4 Education is on Saturday, March 1 at the Legion. Food is served with free will offering from 5:00 - 8:00 pm; turkey and pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, and cupcakes. Disco for Dollars raffle drawing is at 7:00 pm. Classroom projects will be on the live auction at 8:15 pm. Auction items are available for viewing starting Sunday, February 16. Bidding opens on Sunday, February 23. All items will be available to view and pick up at the Legion. Entertainment at 5:30 pm includes a game of Family Feud. Music by Rueben Nathe and Brady Van Drehle throughout the night. Dress in your best 70's attire. Please join us for an evening to celebrate and support St. Mary's School! Visit our auction website for details.

<https://one.bidpal.net/smsmelrose/welcome>

Join us for a great meal and lots of fun.
 All are welcome!



Sponsor a Votive Candle...The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles for the month of March: 1 on the St. Joseph Altar and 1 military remembrance candle by the votive stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

*With God
 All things are Possible*

Beatitudes and Woes cont'd from page 1



When your spiritual life is weaker and you are regularly struggling with more serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect upon the woes of the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of deterring you from the cycle of sin you struggle with, on account of the fear of the consequences of those sins.

In the end, the Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts are detached from the desires identified in this sermon so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual and moral life and first consider whether you are blessed to be living a life that more imitates the saints or whether you more often reflect the serious struggles of the sinner. From there, try to choose which form of teaching you need the most. Do you need to ponder the rewards of seeking even greater beatitude in life so as to grow deeper in holiness? Or do you need Jesus' clear condemnations to help you break free from the cycle of sin with which you are struggling? Humbly identify that which is most helpful to you right now in your spiritual life and allow this full sermon of Jesus to help you on your journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord of holiness, I do desire to follow You and become truly holy. Please free me from my sin so that I am able to avoid the consequences of those sins. Please help me to also desire the heights of holiness so that I will receive the great rewards that You promised to the saints in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

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 Church Basement 320-836-2537

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 Church Basement 320-987-3405

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,070.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,085.69
Plate.....	343.00
Votive.....	407.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	200.00
Building/Maintenance.....	34.62

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Total.....	\$2,483.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,948.85
Plate.....	225.00
Votive.....	50.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	250.00
School Support.....	10.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$548.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	346.00
Plate/Loose.....	42.00
Fuel Fund.....	60.00
Maintenance Fund.....	100.00


Parish Events


Tu 02/18	9:00 am	Quilting
We 02/19	9:00 am	Quilting
We 02/19	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 02/19	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Th 02/20	9:00 am	Quilting
Th 02/20	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 02/22	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 02/23	12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo - FR

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We 02/19	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Fr 02/21	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 02/23	12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo - FR

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, February 23 - 10:00 am
 (S) Kenny Niehoff
 (L) Pete LeClaire
 (U) Peter Wuertz & Randy Barten
 (EM) (B) Stan Heinen
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
 (HK: February 16 – March 1) Tia Welle, Jennifer Wilson, & Samantha Welle

 **Quilting...** The New Munich Christian Women are sewing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week until we have sewed 4 quilts. We welcome any new sewers. If you do not sew, we would appreciate volunteers to bring lunch. Call Julie Boecker at 320-250-0088 and let her know.

 **Sponsor a Votive Candle** The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles for the month of March: 1 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Stand and 1 on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

Rosary Rally Please join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 22, at St. Michael's Church.

Bake Sale St. Anne's Christian Women will hold a bake sale in conjunction with the New Munich Lion's Breakfast on Sunday, March 2. Parish members with the last names beginning with A-M are asked to bring baked items to the church basement Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. If you choose not to bake you are asked to donate \$10. Thank you for your support.

Pathways 4 Youth During the month of February, St. Rose Christian Women are doing a donation drive for the Pathways 4 Youth Program. This is a resource center for youth ages 16 - 24 experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the St. Cloud area. They offer a safe, secure, non judgmental space and services to meet individuals' needs and to support their growth. They also assist youth with area resources and building connections within the community. There will be a tote for greatest need donations in the Gathering Area. Please reference the list on the tote for their needs. For any monetary donations, please send to St. Rose Christian Women, c/o Sarah Herdering 41404 Co Rd 167, Melrose, MN 56352. Thank you!

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the earth.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.


Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men reproach you, and persecute you, and speaking falsely, say all manner of evil against you, for My sake.

The Jubilee Prayer

 Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Quilting... Come join us in St. Rose. The quilters will be quilting on Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Lunch is provided, everyone is welcome.

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!**

ONE-IN-FAITH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



ST. MARY - MELROSE, ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL, ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD, ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE

Who has helped you in your faith journey?



Georgia Anderson

Parents: Lindsay Anderson & Robert Anderson

Becky Feldewerd - I have known Becky ever since I was little and she has helped bring God to me by always being there for me and caring about me. Becky is a very welcoming and kind person. She is



Zachary Feldewerd

Parents: Angela Feldewerd & Michael Feldewerd

Angela Feldewerd - My mom has helped me with my faith and religion. She has helped me with prayers to get through tough times, like



Isaac Bauer

Parents: Mindy Bauer & Kevin Bauer

Mindy Bauer - My mom has brought me to church and has taught me to be kind to others.



Raelyn Frieler

Parents: Courtney Frieler & Travis Frieler

Claudette Hinnekamp - My grandma has shown me the love of God through her actions. Her happiness has motivated me to grow in my faith.



Raymond Cervantes Cardona

Parents: Raul Cervantes & Adriana Cardona

Rubi Pesqueda - My aunt is always reminding me to go to church every Sunday and also on Monday.



Rylie Frieler

Parents: Kari Frieler & Nick Frieler

Kari Frieler - My mom has told me that God will always be there and I can pray to God whenever I need Him.



Matthew Dehmer

Parents: Sara Dehmer & Eric Dehmer

Eric Dehmer - My dad because he takes me to church every week.



Luke Funk

Parents: Janice Funk & Chad Funk

Kay Funk and Tillie Wehlage - My grandmas have influenced me to go to church and pray.



Eddie Dickhaus

Parents: Kris Dickhaus & Robert Dickhaus

Sue Pundsack - She always treated me like I was worth a million dollars. So I treated her like she was family and she taught me the importance of God in my life throughout my 1-6 grades at St. Mary's School.

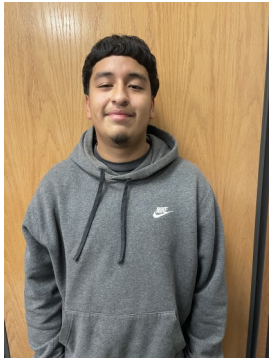


Jesenia Galicia

Parents: Clara Mejia & Victor Galicia

Clara Mejia - My mom has always played a huge role in my journey. She attends Mass every Sunday, and is also in the choir. She encourages me to attend church and to take my little brother. When I was little she'd talk about the readings

Who has helped you in your faith journey?



Jorge Garcia

Parent: Yenny Garcia Reyes

When my grandma comes from Mexico I try to bring her to church twice a week. She's the one who influenced me to come to church.



Savannah Honkomp

Parents: Darla Honkomp & Jason Honkomp

Cindy Salzi - My godmother is someone who has been a big influence in my life. Cindy is always someone I can count on to guide me to be the best version of myself. She supports me through everything and is always down to go out for Chinese with me, where we share lots of laughs and catch up.



Maddie Heidgerken

Parents: Tina Heidgerken & Mark Heidgerken

Mason Heidgerken - My brother has helped in my faith journey by showing me how God carries me through tough times and is always there for me when I need someone.



Logan Kelzer

Parents: Kate Kelzer & Nick Kelzer

Bev VanHavermaet - My grandma has been a role model to me by going to Mass and loving me and others as God does. She has been a great influence by showing me what God is like.



Elizabeth (Lizzy) Hellermann

Parents: Trisha Hoppe & Matthew Hellermann

Andrew Halliday - He has encouraged me to start going to church more. He is also the person who has talked to me about God other than in religion class or church. He always celebrates my accomplishments.



Krista Klasen

Parents: Angie Klasen & Kurt Klasen

Joyce Heng - She has raised me and my family into religion. She also will have us pray before a meal.



Gretta Hellermann

Parents: Candice Hellermann & Jason Hellermann

Ruthie Utsch - My grandma has been a great influence to me on my faith journey. My Grandma and I have been through a lot of tough times together and she has taught me to stay strong in my faith and to trust God's plan.



Maddison Kraemer

Parents: Trisha Kraemer & Jason Kraemer

Gina Eggert - My aunt is a great role model and helps direct me in the right direction.



Carina Hernandez Godinez

Parent: Lucila Godinez

Lucila Godinez - My mom has taught me to become closer to God. She has helped me to pray every night and to have faith in God.



Adan Lara Ambriz

Parent: Elena Ambriz Botello

Elena Ambriz - My mom tells me the good and the bad about what I do. She tells me about God, and how He is present in my life by gifting me with the work I put into everything I do, and how God knows the big plan for my life.

Who has helped you in your faith journey?



Alejandro (Alex) Martinez

Parents: Maria Montanez & Miguel Angel Martinez

Maria Montanez - My mom has introduced me to my faith journey since I was young, by bringing me to



Jack Orbeck

Parents: Kim Orbeck & Kevin Orbeck

Dennis Orbeck - My uncle shows me the way by being an active member of our parish.



Linsey Matinez Vasquez

Parent: Hortensia Vazquez Ramirez

Israel Martinez - He has taught me to pray and everything I know about God including that He is always with us no matter what.



Samuel Orbeck

Parents: Kim Orbeck and Kevin Orbeck

Luke Laing - He is a good example of a young adult practicing his Catholic faith.



Jackson Mayers

Parents: Steph Mayers & Shawn Mayers

Jeff Lieser - He has helped me grow closer to God on and off the field and has shared his faith with everyone around him.



James Rieland

Parents: Shari Rieland & Matt Rieland

Meghan Brown - My grandma has been a large part of my faith journey my whole life. She has helped demonstrate how God is present in my life by being a great role model and leading by example. Through ups and downs she has prayed with me, supported me and reminded me God is



Tyler Nathe

Parents: Brenda Nathe & Jeron Nathe

Virginia Nathe - My grandma always encourages me to do what is best. She always tells me how important it is to have God in my life.



Maxwell Sakry

Parents: Jean Sakry & Ben Sakry

Marvin Notch - He always seems to implement faith into everything he does and tries as much as possible to remind me to pray and remember that God is with me.



Annie Olberding

Parents: Kim Olberding & Paul Olberding

Claire Seanger - She has always helped me to connect/stay connected to my faith and has helped me to understand and open up to all of the blessings of Catholicism.



Kallie Schleper

Parents: Ann Schleper & Dale Schleper

Shania Chase - She is someone I look up to for many reasons. She is very strong in her faith and always finds the positives in every situation. Shania is someone that I know I can always count on no matter the situation.

Who has helped you in your faith journey?



Egan Schmoll

Parents: Courtney Hellermann & Matt Hellermann

Mark Sobotka - My grandpa has helped me learn the word of God by going through the Bible scriptures with me.



Stacy Timp

Parents: Marta Fernandez & Joel Timp

Jazmine Sanchez - When I was a young kid, Jazmine would babysit me practically every night. I remember always praying the rosary and going to Mass with her a lot. I think it



Gabriella Schoenberg

Parents: Cassie Schoenberg & Grant Schoenberg

Lauren Kulzer - She has been in my life for over 10 years. She taught me so many things that reminded me of God. I see God's love through her because of how much she cared for us.



Ava Wensmann

Parents: Melanie Wensmann & Gerald Wensmann

Alanna Wensmann - When Alanna went to college she started going to church every Sunday including when she came home on weekends. I started going with her and she taught me a lot of things I didn't know and helped me realize that I like religion more



Claire Seanger

Parents: Jason Seanger & Elisha Seanger

Gene Enneking - He has influenced my faith by helping out at Mass. When Gene serves the church by ushering at Mass he is serving the Lord too, which encourages me to serve the Lord and others, and be adamant in my faith around others.



Bailey Wiechmann

Parents: Shari Wiechmann & Ross Wiechmann

Shari Wiechmann - My mom has helped me with my faith so incredibly much. During hard times she always turns to God and teaches me to do the same! Prayer is always her answer, which is now always my answer in tough times as well.



Carson Thieler

Parents: Julie Thieler & Joe Thieler

Margie Imdieke - While I was attending St. Mary's School she would always go to the Friday Masses so I would be able to sit by her and pray. I would pray the rosary with her when I went over to her house, so she



Carsyn Worms

Parents: Brianna Worms & Carl Worms

Brianna Worms - My mom has kept me in line and kept me going forward in my faith journey.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
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◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,429.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,005.00
Plate/Loose	327.00
Votives	12.00
Catholic Magazine.....	85.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, February 22 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) David Welle & Chuck Winter
 (GB) Robert & Judy Wehlage
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
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¡Preparación prebautismal! Si usted desea tomar la preparación prebautismal hable con el Diacono Jesus Hernandez después de misa o llame a la oficina de lunes a viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en español.

¡Retiro parroquial de cuaresma! La iglesia de Santa María estará ofreciendo un retiro en español de cuaresma el próximo sábado 29 de marzo de 8:00 am a 4:00 pm. El retiro tendrá un costo de \$25 dólares por persona para más información hable con el Diácono Jorge carrillo después de misa o hable a la oficina parroquial.

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Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!

02/09	\$25	Keith & Roxanne Pundsack - Freeport
02/10	\$25	Paula Squillace - Dultuh
02/11	\$25	Amber Ehrlichmann - Avon
02/12	\$25	Mav Roering - Osakis
02/13	\$25	MaryAnn Harren - Freeport
02/14	\$40	Geri Ettl - Freeport
02/15	\$25	Dave Armstrong - Sauk Centre

Public Rosary...

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

- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Tuesdays at 7:00 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.



The Scriptures This Week
 Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Weekend (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)	Gn 4:1-15, 25	Mk 8:11-13
Tu	Weekday	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10	Mk 8:14-21
We	Weekday	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22	Mk 8:22-26
Th	Weekday	Gn 9:1-13	Mk 8:27-33
Fr	Weekday (Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)	Gn 11:1-9	Mk 8:34—9:1
Sa	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (Feast)	1 Pt 5:1-4	Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23	1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

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

Banns of Matrimony:
 III Chantel Dierkhising♥Christopher Overman, 2 - 22 FR

For the Sick: Shirley Laing, Lori Austing, Sandy Welle, Beatrice Massmann, Dorothy Schneider, Tony Niehaus

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Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	320-837-5321
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St. Mary's	320-256-3878

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- ♥**Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 19. Home Lesson.
- ♥**Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the parish office.
- ♥**Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.

Service Project:

- ♥**Casino Night at the Tree of Life** Wednesday, March 12, from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Tree of Life Assisted Living in New Munich. Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 26. Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♥**Grades 9-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 19 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.
- ♥**First Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, February 22 from 9:00 - 10:30 am at St. Mary's Church. Students only.
- ♥**Confirmation:** Student and family conversations with Fr. Mitchell continue. Please see Sign-Up Genius schedule to remind yourself of your date and time.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- ♥**NCYC** The Diocese of Saint Cloud will be bringing a group to Indianapolis, Indiana November 19 - 23 for NCYC 2025: I Am | Yo Soy. NCYC is a time for high school youth from around the nation to gather and celebrate being Catholic through prayer, Mass, and activities. The cost to attend is \$940. Deadline to register is April 15. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at 320-836-2143 or csand@catholic-centered.org, or Pam Pundsack at 320-256-9503 or pam@stmarysofmelrose.org with questions.
- ♥**Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.
- ♥**Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 28-30 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 52 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 is \$220. A \$100 non-refundable deposit must accompany the registration form. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Space is limited so contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 ASAP if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions.

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- ♥**No School** on Monday, February 17.
- ♥**Open House** We will have a Preschool and Kindergarten Parent open house on Tuesday, February 18. The Preschool meeting is at 6:00 pm and the Kindergarten meeting is at 6:30 pm. Registration will take place at a later date, this is just an informational meeting.
- ♥**6th Grade Class** will be going to their annual Long Lake trip February 19-21.
- ♥**BIG BUCK Bingo** will take place on Saturday, February 22 at the Freeport Community Center. Doors will open at noon. This is a fundraiser for the Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund.
- ♥**Catholic United Financial Raffle Tickets** Sacred Heart Families will be selling Catholic United Financial raffle tickets after Masses in the Tri-Parish during the month of February. For just \$10, you have a chance at winning \$20,000 cash or a 2025 Chevy Trax SUV. We appreciate your support.
- ♥**Full-time Openings** available for our Toddler Care Program! Please contact the school office for more information.
- ♦**St. Mary's 6th Graders** will join students from Sacred Heart for a three day environmental learning experience at Long Lake Conservation Camp near Aitkin, MN. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you for supporting this opportunity for the children by dropping off your aluminum cans. We use these funds to pay for the bus.
- ♦**If you haven't purchased your "Disco for Dollars" ticket**, there's still time. Or maybe you've purchased one and still want another one. Think about going in with a couple of friends on the next ticket. The winners will be chosen on Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion. Visit our auction website for more details <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.
- ♦**Attend our Winter Open House** for preschool through 6th grade on Monday, March 10, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm and discover the benefits of Catholic education. Please RSVP by emailing anelson@smsmn.org or calling 320-256-4257.
- ♦**Parents with prospective Little Saints** (3-5 year olds) for the 2025 - 2026 school year are asked to call 320-256-4257. Registration for new students in Preschool - sixth grade will begin in March. If you are new to the community or just considering sending your child to St. Mary's School, please call to schedule a visit or to receive the new registration materials in March.
- ♦**St. Mary's School's Auction 4 Education** information can be found on page 3.
- ♦**Congratulations** to our second grade students Willow Bueckers, Ryan Hellickson, Lukas Kalthoff, Oliver Kasper, Luca Kelzer, Grace Meyer, Jameson Schoenberg, and Taya Zimmer who will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this week.
- ♦**No School** at SJSJ Monday, February 17.
- ♦**SJSJ School Board** meets on Tuesday, February 18 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

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JRLC Day on the Hill Interested in joining people from faith communities around the state to share their values with our elected officials? Join us for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Day on the Hill! It will be held on Thursday, February 27 at Central Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. We'll gather for fellowship, hear from speakers, learn about JRLC's policy priorities and get advocacy tips before heading up the hill to the Capitol for more programming in the Rotunda and visits with your lawmakers. The JRLC is made up of the Catholic Bishops of Minnesota, along with leaders from the Jewish, Muslim and Protestant faiths throughout Minnesota. Our advocacy efforts will focus on where all these traditions find common ground, this year largely speaking to women and children and anti-poverty needs in Minnesota. Don't miss this incredible day of interfaith advocacy to seek justice and better our state! Register at: www.jrlc.org/day_on_the_hill_2025 Request or offer a ride-share: <https://forms.office.com/r/xU2JTbdkz6> *A donation of \$50 to help with event costs is requested, but optional! After registering for the event on the JRLC website, you will be redirected to a donation page; if you are unable to donate, simply exit out of the donation page and your registration will still be recorded.



Stewardship as a Way of Life *"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."* (Luke 6:22) All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.



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First Friday Adoration at the Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference staff First Fridays (March 7) at the capitol January - May. Adoration available 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Governor's Dining Room (located in the lower level of the Minnesota State Capitol). Visit www.MNCatholic.org/events to RSVP. Questions call Minnesota Catholic Conference 651-227-8777. Free parking at MCC's office 525 Park Street, St. Paul.

Low Gluten Hosts are available for individuals that have a gluten intolerance. Please note, these hosts still contain gluten, less than 0.001% gluten, and are not completely gluten free. If you would like to have more information about the low gluten hosts, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport. When you are planning to have a low gluten host for Mass, it will be necessary to have the host within a pyx (the parish can provide a pyx) and placed upon the altar for consecration. You will need to let Father know that you are present prior to Mass, and that you will be in his Communion line.



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Are You Feeling Like Your Cross is Getting too Heavy to Carry? Are you in need of Simon of Cyrene to come to your aid? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program that is designed to help you carry your cross.

The next retreat is scheduled for March 21-23, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.



Online Evening Prayer Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together Tuesday, February 25 with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events



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 - February 21-23 (Weekend)

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

February 18, Tuesday

♦**Theology on Draft Series** 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at The Depot, 104 Broadway St. Alexandria, MN with Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC. Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to this evening to learn and share faith, fellowship, food and refreshments.

February 20, Thursday

♦**Freeport Senior Citizens meeting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

February 21, Friday

♦**"All You Can Eat" Fish Fry** at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 4:30 - 8:00 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is very much appreciated!

February 22, Saturday

♦**Big Buck Bingo** at the Freeport Community Center. Doors open at 12:00 pm with Bingo starting at 1:30 pm. Bingo packets are \$70. \$7,000 in total prizes, 10 games: \$500 each and Final Game: \$2,000. Free will offering meal of roast beef, chips, pickle, and cookie, and cash bar available. Come and support the Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund.

February 23, Sunday

♦**Bingo** Join the Tri-Parish Confirmation Class at Sacred Heart Church Basement for Bingo. Free lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 pm with a purchase of a card. Bingo will start promptly at 1:00 pm. Cash prizes. \$10 per card for 20 games plus 2 black-out games. No checks or credit cards please. All proceeds will be given to Alec Beuning.

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