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ST. ANDREW—GREENWALD, ST. JOHN—MEIRE GROVE,
ST. MARY—MELROSE & ST. MICHAEL—SPRING HILL**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 22, 2019

**Church of St. Mary Parish Council Message...
Christmas Wish**

- The Parish Council wishes all of our parish family and loved ones a blessed, safe and happy Christmas Holiday. May the faith of Joseph open our hearts to God's love in preparation of our celebration of Christ's birth.
- As Joseph did, we must move forward with faith, commitment and good intention.
- 'The angel of the Lord appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream and said, "Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her, she will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save the people from their sins.".....When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had commanded him and took his wife into his home. ' Mathew 1:18-24 (from The Gospel of the fourth Sunday of Advent).

**Christmas carols & Nativity PresentationAll Are Invited
Tuesday, December 24.**

3:30 pm Music and Readings - St. Mary, Melrose at MG
3:25 pm Music begin - St. Michael, Sprig Hill
3:30 pm Carols begin & 3:45 pm Nativity Presentation Sacred Heart - Freeport
7:30 pm Carols begin & 7:45 pm Nativity Presentation - Immaculate Conception - New Munich
8:15 pm Music begin - St. John - Meire Grove
December 25, 8:30 am Carols begin, & 8:45 am Nativity Presentation St. Rose of Lima, St. Rose

ACC HOLIDAY/HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

All St. Marys Christmas Masses will be Celebrated at St. John's in Meire Grove

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24.

4:00 pm St. Mary -Melrose - **MG**
4:00 pm St. Michael - Spring Hill
4:00 pm Sacred Heart -Freeport
6:30 pm Spanish Mass - St. Mary- Melrose - **MG**
8:00 pm Immaculate Conception - New Munich
9:00 pm St. Johns - Meire Grove

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25.

8:00 am St. Mary- Melrose - **MG**
8:00 am Sacred Heart - Freeport
9:00 am St. Andrew - Greenwald
9:00 am St. St Rose of Lima- St. Rose
10:00 am Immaculate Conception - New Munich

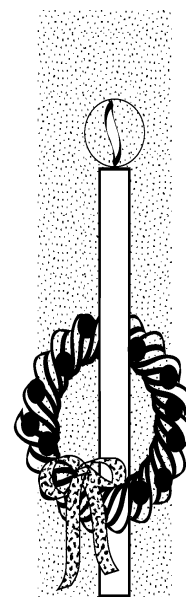
New Years Eve - Tuesday, December 31.

(Solemnity of Mary) Mass Schedule:

5:00 pm St. Mary - Melrose - **Gym**
8:00 pm Immaculate Conception - New Munich
8:00 pm St. Michael - Spring Hill

New Years Day - Wednesday, January 1.

8:00 pm Sacred Heart - Freeport
8:00 am St. Andrew - Greenwald
9:00 am St. John - Meire Grove



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ACC MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTION ~ DECEMBER 23-29, 2019

St. Mary - Melrose

Monday, 6:30 pm No Misa en Español **SMS**
Tuesday, 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass - MG
Wednesday, 8:00 am Christmas Day Mass - MG
Thursday, 7:30 am †Gene Toenies **Pine Villa**
Friday, 7:30 am †Tony Klaphake **Pine Villa**
Saturday, 5:00 pm ††Norb & Mary Jane Schneider **SMS**
Sunday, 9:30 am †Rose Van Beck **Pine Villa**
Sunday, 10:00 am †Don Hinnenkamp **SMS**
Sunday, 12:30 pm Misa en Español **SMS**
††Susana Negrete y Maria Ambriz

St. Andrew - Greenwald

Wednesday, 9:00 am †Matt Welle
Thursday, 8:00 am †Ray Wenker
Sunday, 10:00 am †Gary Winter

St. John - Meire Grove

Tuesday, 9:00 pm ††Sam Schneider & Amy Granby
Sunday, 8:00 am †Raphael Imdieke

St. Michael - Spring Hill

Tuesday, 4:00 pm †Werner Gruber
Sunday, 10:00 am †Dan Schwieters

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Tuesday, 4:00 pm †Lawrence & Laura Scherping
Wednesday, 8:00 am †Lori Scherping
Friday, 8:15 am †Richard Hoeschen
Sunday, 8:00 am ††Hilda & Joseph Overman

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

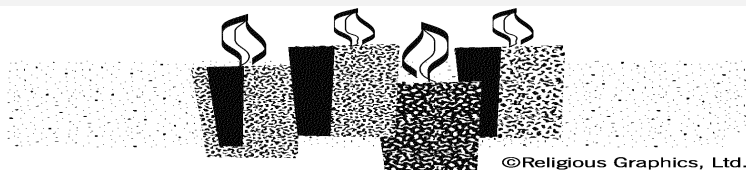
Tuesday, 8:00 pm †Alvinus "All" Thull
Wednesday, 10:00 am For the People
Thursday, 8:15 am L/D CUF Members
Saturday, 4:00 pm ††Joe & Terri Loecken

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Wednesday, 9:00 am †Jeannette Kerfeld
Saturday, 8:00 pm For the People

Sacrament of Penance

Sunday, December 22 at 7:30 pm. Spring Hill
Monday, December 23 at 5:30 pm. St. Mary's School.
Monday, December 23 at 7:30 pm. Greenwald



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CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE

Baptized in Christ

Charlotte Amy Hinnenkamp

Banns of Marriage III

Erin Meyer & Mitchell Cannon

Died in the Hope of Resurrection

Edna Worms, 88.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsors this week: *Cornerstone & Kraemer Lumber Co. Inc.*

- 12/15 John & Rose Waldorf, Elrosa—\$25
- 12/16 Barb Hinnenkamp, Melrose—\$25
- 12/17 Brian Bussmann, Grey Eagle—\$25
- 12/18 Lynn Pundsack, Melrose—\$25
- 12/19 Lyle & Ellie Olmscheid, Melrose—\$25
- 12/20 Karen Altendahl, Melrose—\$25
- 12/21 Ted & Joyce Westendorf, Melrose—\$25

The Melrose Knights of Columbus led by Steven Mages will sing for the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, December 29th. Practice will be at 9:30 A.M.

Children's Church Offering Envelopes are available for children who wish to use them. Please sign your name and number on the envelope box on the sign out sheet provided.

Raffle Calendars - Please help us make this another successful event. Additional calendars are available at the parish office, Freeport State Bank, Melrose branch and CMCU /Melrose branch.

There are still spots open on the back of the bulletin. If interested please call Sheryl at the Melrose parish office, 256-4207. \$225 buys the you the spot for the year.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

***One in Faith ~ Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
Amy Hoeschen & Chrystal Sand 320-836-2143***

Grade 1, 3-8—Next class—Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 OR 7:30 PM. Class topic: The Sacrament of Eucharist/Mass

First Rec./First Communion— Next Class is Wednesday, January 8 from 6:00-7:15 PM.

Grade 9—Next Class—Wednesday January 15 at 7:00 PM—SMS music room

Grade 10—Next Class—Wednesday February 5 at 6:30 PM—“Teaching” Mass at St. John’s, Meire Grove

Grade 11— Next Class—Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 PM

Middle School Youth Rally: Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 8:30am-4:30 pm. The Middle School Rally for grades 6, 7, and 8 will be held once again at Saint John's Prep School and Saint John's University. Current trends and data in the life of our youth reveal that there are many challenges to being an active Catholic Teen in today's world. Several leaders in our Diocese have been working to redesign our Middle School Rally to assist parishes in their young disciple making. Our rally will include a keynote speaker, prayer, workshops, recreational activities, great food, Mass and lots of fun. Cost is \$25. Deadline to register is January 8, 2020. Registration forms are available on the website and the entryway of the parish office in Melrose.

Stewardship Church of St. Mary

Total	\$44,176.70
Regular Adult Offering	7,784.00
Loose.....	904.34
Child Envelopes	3.00
New Church (actual funds)	33,944.36
Support a Child	1100
Thanksgiving.....	50.00
Christmas	485
Religious retirement.....	90.00
Immaculate Conception	905.00
St. Mary's Endowment	\$85.00



St. Mary's School News

St. Mary's Staff and Students would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Halos to St. Bernard's & St. Elizabeth's Societies for the donation of \$4,208 and the Matching Grant of \$1,000 from Catholic United Financial received from the proceeds of the breakfast that was held in September. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. This goes towards our operating budget.

Save the date for St. Mary's Catholic Schools Week Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 at the Melrose American Legion. All are welcome!

Save a marriage. Are you or someone you know, living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts Jan. 24, 2020 @ Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, MN. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website www.helpourmarriage.org for more information. Preregistration is required. Space is limited.

For all One in Faith Community....

Honoring Marriage Day will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud on May 2, for couples celebrating, 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage in 2020. Couples fitting this criterion please call Blanca or Jean to register at the parish office at 320-256-4207.

The Church of Saint Mary in Melrose, MN is seeking to hire a full-time Director of Liturgy and Music, to begin as soon as possible. The ideal candidate has skill, experience, and passion for collaborative leadership in a vibrant and diverse Catholic faith community. Liturgical opportunities for leadership include coordinating liturgical ministries, meeting with couples and families for wedding and funeral preparations, and collaborating with staff and volunteers in the planning and preparation of liturgies for solemnities, feasts, sacraments, and services throughout the liturgical year. Musical opportunities for leadership include maintaining music resources, directing the Parish Choir, Youth Choir, and Children's Choir, and service leadership as needed. Master's degree in field of theology, liturgical studies, and/or sacred music preferred, as well as prior experience in professional parish ministry. Submit cover letter and resume to the parish office: 402 2nd St. SE, Melrose, MN 56352. stmarys@stmarysofmelrose.com-320-256-4207. This position is open until filled – thank you!!

**Parish Office will be closed December 24 and 25.
Merry Christmas!**

**CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
GREENWALD**

Stewardship Church of St. Andrew

Total	\$1,372.00
Reg. Adult Offering	895.00
Children	5.00
Plate/Loose	6.00
Votives	16.00
Cemetery Fund.....	100.00
Christmas Flowers	105.00
Fuel Fund.....	30.00
Immaculate Conception	115.00
Lawn Mower.....	100.00

Liturgical Ministries – CHRISTMAS, December 25, 9:00 a.m. – (S) Evan Young, Taylor Young (L) Linda Wenker (U) Jim Braun, Paul Buermann (GB) Arnold & Alma Niefeld (EM) (B) Kris Winter (W) Ronnie Inderrieden, Herman Lensing

Liturgical Ministries – Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m. – (S) Lauren Kulzer, Karlyann Boecker (L) Linda Heinze (U) Jason Barten, David Bertram (GB) Dave & Doris Nathe (EM) (B) Rita Mehr

School Support Award to be giving out at Steak and Wine. This is open to anyone who you feel is deserving of this award. Please send nominations to the school or call Kathy Gilk at 320-987-2873.

Steak & Wine, February 15, 2020 at the Greenwald Pub – serving from 5:00 -8:00 pm, steak, walleye or grilled chicken breast. Live music by Donny Brang from 5:00-7:30 pm, Live auction starting at 8:30 pm, Dinner tickets are \$25.00 each – available at QPC, the Greenwald Pub, Freeport State Bank (Greenwald location) or by calling the school office at 987-3133. If anyone is interested in donation an auction item, please contact Andrea Borgerding at 320-260-8118.

The 2020 donation envelopes are located in the back of church. Please take them with you, if there is not a box for you and you'd like a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office.

The Greenwald office will be open on Monday December, 23, from 5-7pm instead of Tuesday. Thank You.



St. John's-St. Andrew's School News

There will be no school at SJSA December 23rd - January 1st. School resumes Thursday, January 2nd.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff and students at St. John's - St. Andrew's!

St. John's - St. Andrew's School Board is accepting nominations for the St. John's - St. Andrew's Supporter Award. The award recognizes someone who supports SJSA as well as their community. The award will be presented at the Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction on Saturday, February 15th, 2020. Please email your nominations to Mary Miller at sjsama-rym@gmail.com Nominations are due by January 15th.

Box Tops - Please continue to clip Box Tops! General Mills will continue to honor them until they are expired. Big G is fading out clipping and is using a receipt scanner in the Box Top app. If you haven't downloaded the app, please do!

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN
MEIRE GROVE**

Stewardship—Church of St. John

Total	\$4,147.50
Reg. Adult Offering	945.00
Plate/Loose	155.00
Votives.....	22.50
Fuel Fund.....	210.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
Thanksgiving	50.00
Christmas Flowers	145.00
Donation	2,500.00
Christmas	100.00

Liturgical Ministries – CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, 9:00 p.m. – (S) Logan Kelzer, Austin Kelzer (L) Char Meyer (U) Tom Loxtercamp, Dean Meyer (GB) Elmer & Virginia Meyer (EM) (B) Nick Kelzer, John Nathe (W) Jim Leukam, Dan Meyer

Liturgical Ministries – Sunday, December 29, 8:00 a.m. – (S) Luke Funk, Brooke Meyer (L) Karen Meyer (U) Jerry Imdieke, Richard Imdieke (GB) Dan & Char Meyer (EM) (B) Daryl Zenzen, Abby Zenzen

The St. John's Choir will begin singing on Christmas eve at 8:15 p.m., come and enjoy the singing before Mass.

Please join us for a night of fun during the holidays....**BINGO!** Sunday night, December 29th, in the Meire Grove Church basement. Doors open at 6 pm. Bingo starts at 7pm. 20 games for \$10.00. Lunch included. Root beer floats available for an additional charge. At 8 pm we will do our Raffle drawings. Grand Prize = \$2000.00. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket (\$20.00 each), please contact any St. John's parishioner.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL
SPRING HILL**

Stewardship Church of St. Michael

Total	\$1,778.00
Reg. Adult Offering	458.00
Children	2.00
Plate/Loose.....	40.00
Votives	116.00
Fuel Fund	122.00
Maintenance Fund.....	20.00
School Demolition	920.00
Shingling Fund.....	100.00

Liturgical Ministries – CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, 4:00 p.m. – (S) Jack Orbeck, Sam Orbeck (L) Gary P. Lieser (U) Jeff Lieser, Roger Meyer (EM) (B) Ruth Heinen (W) Karen Rademacher, Darlene Schoenberg (RL) Kathleen Meyer (CC) Mark Schoenberg, Rick Terres

Liturgical Ministries – Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m. – (S) Brandon Stalboeger, Devin Orbeck (L) Ralph Klassen (U) Melvin Kalthoff, Jim Klassen (EM) (B) Allen Lieser (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes (CC) Peter Wuertz, Roger Meyer (HK) Terri Winter, Lisa Wuertz, Mary Wuertz

The St. Michael's Choir will begin singing at 3:25 p.m. for the Christmas Eve Mass. Come early to enjoy the music.

Anyone that is interested in donating a poinsettia for Christmas in memory of a loved one to be placed on our altars with the crib, please try to have it at the church by Sunday, December 22nd. Just set them in the baby room. There will be enclosure cards and holders on a card table in the baby room which you can use to mark you flowers.

**** If anyone is interested in helping with the ministries at Mass on Sundays,** you can contact the parish office on Tuesday evenings from 5 pm – 7 pm or contact Fr. Marv. **Please give this some consideration!!**

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YOU ARE INVITED

Jan. 8: Blood Drive, Melrose Community from 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm. At the American Legion, Melrose.

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