



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

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1, 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
Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Mailing Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352

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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Facebook: Tri Parish

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.



The Mother of Jesus is the
Mother of God

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:19

Today, January 1, we complete our octave celebration of Christmas Day. It's an often overlooked liturgical fact that we celebrate Christmas Day for eight straight days. We do this also with Easter Day, which concludes with the great celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

On this, the eighth day of the Octave of Christmas, we turn our focus to the unique and beautiful fact that God chose to enter our world through a human mother. Mary is called the "Mother of God" for the simple fact that her Son is God. She was not the mother of her Son's flesh alone, nor the mother only of His human nature. This is because the Person of Jesus, the Son of God, is one Person. And that one Person took on flesh within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Though becoming the Mother of God was a pure gift from Heaven and not something that Mother Mary merited on her own, there was one particular quality that she had that made her uniquely qualified to fulfill this role. That quality was her immaculate nature.

First, Mother Mary was preserved from all sin when she was conceived within the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This special grace was a grace that was imparted to her from the future life, death, and resurrection of her Son. It was the grace of salvation, but God chose to take that gift of grace and transcend time to impart it to her at the moment of her conception, thus making her the perfect and pure instrument necessary to bring forth God into the world.

Second, Mother Mary remained faithful to this gift of grace throughout her life, never choosing to sin, never wavering, never turning from God. She remained immaculate throughout her life. Interestingly, it is this choice of hers, to forever remain obedient to the will of God in every way, that makes her more fully the Mother of God than the simple act of bearing Him within her womb. Her act of perfect unity with the will of God throughout her life makes her, also, the perfect mother of divine grace and mercy and perpetually the spiritual Mother of God, continually and perfectly bringing Him into our world.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 2 - 8

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 Tu 7:30 am †Charles Gebeke
 We 7:30 am †Alfred Buschmann
 Th 7:30 am †††Jerry, Sandy, & Margaret Sand
 ††Doochie & Shawn Salzl
 Fr 8:30 am **SMS School Mass**
 ††Al & Lavonne Nelson
 Sa 5:00 pm ††Richard & Rose Van Beck
 †Dale Van Beck
 For the People
 *Su 10:00 am ††Doochie & Shawn Salzl
 †Jerry Sand
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Angelica Hernandez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Thomas "Tom" Borgerding
 Fr 8:15 am †Burke Engelmeyer
 Sa **8:00 am** †Edmund "Ed" Harren
 Su 8:00 am ††Robert & Theresa Goebel
 †LuVern Goebel

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Lois Schaefer
 Sa 4:00 pm †Patricia "Pat" Schleper

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Edward Kociemba
 Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am Men's Society
 Su 10:00 am Marilyn Gruber (Thanksgiving)

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Francis Uphus
 Sa 4:00 pm †Jim Haskamp

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Norb Gramke
 Su 8:00 am †Herman Klaphake



ADORATION

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
 Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich
 Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Sacred Heart - Freeport
 No Adoration Wednesday, January 4
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

***Mass will be livestreamed.**

Visit oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

♦**Priest Mailing Address** Fr. Marv and Fr. Newton receive their mail at St. Mary's Church. The mailing address for them is 755 Kraft Drive SE, Melrose, MN 56352.

♦**Keeping Parishioners Safe** In an effort to keep all of our parishioners safe, daily Mass will be canceled when the Melrose School District closes due to inclement weather. The parish office hours could also be affected so it's best to call before venturing out.



Office Closures The Freeport and Melrose Parish Offices will be closed Monday, January 2 for the New Year holiday.

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.



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.

♦**Christmas Flower Memorials** Thank you to everyone who made donations for Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one. Much beauty was added to the churches this Christmas season. A list of those remembered by the donors can be found in the back of the churches. **Additional memorials were received** after the listing was printed for St. Rose of Lima in memory of ††Bob & Bernice Kluempke, †Hermie Kluempke, ††Al & Esther Beuning, ††Jim & Flossy Primus.

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

Praise & Worship is canceled for Wednesday, January 4 at Sacred Heart. Please join for our next Praise & Worship on Wednesday, February 1.

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.



Journey to Eternity... Whether you use a paper map or a GPS app, do you know where you are going? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 3-5, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

House Blessings Call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan.


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

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

Total.....	\$43,584.35
Regular Adult Offering.....	5,674.00
Christmas Loose.....	1,892.35
Matching Funds.....	9,650.00
Christmas.....	24,660.00
Designated Funds.....	1,708.00
St. Mary's School Endowment Deposits December 2022..	\$6,770.00
Phase II Building	\$47,211.85
Phase II Matching Funds.....	\$139,433.25
Rectory.....	\$79,779.65
Total: Phase II/Rectory.....	\$266,424.75

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

12-25	\$350	Liz Middendorf - Melrose
12-26	\$25	Kyle & Amber Lieser - Sauk Centre
12-27	\$25	Amber Fraasch - Milbank, SD
12-28	\$50	Elmer & Virginia Meyer - Melrose
12-29	\$25	Chris Bruflat - Sauk Centre
12-30	\$25	Chris Theiler & Nikki Zenk - Belgrade
12-31	\$1,000	Maci Soenneker - Grey Eagle



CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
 Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2191

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$8,323.46
Plate	1,251.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$9,574.46
Other Donations	
Thanksgiving Envelopes.....	\$75.00
Christmas Envelopes	18,585.00
Religious Retirement.....	20.00
Building/Maintenance	20.00
School Support	1,880.00
High Altar	250.00

Parish Events

We	01/04	NO Adoration
We	01/04 5:15 pm	First Confession
Fr	01/06 7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	01/06 9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	01/06 2:30 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Sa	01/07 8:00 am	First Saturday Mass

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Elmer Hellermann, 91

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

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.

Thank you to Freeport State Bank for their generous gift of \$1,000 to Sacred Heart Parish. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

(Luke 2:19)

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.



The Mother of Jesus is the Mother of God con.'t from front page

Reflect, today, upon these most solemn mysteries of our faith. This eighth day of the Octave of Christmas is a solemn celebration, a celebration worthy of our pondering. The Scripture above reveals not only how our blessed Mother approached this mystery but also how we are to approach it. She "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Ponder these mysteries, also, in your own heart and allow the grace of this holy celebration to fill you with joy and gratitude.

Dearest Mother Mary, you were graced with a grace beyond any other. You were preserved from all sin and remained perfectly obedient to the will of God throughout your life. As a result, you became the perfect instrument of the Savior of the World by becoming His mother, the Mother of God. Pray for me that I may ponder this great mystery of our faith this day and ever more deeply rejoice in the incomprehensible beauty of your motherly soul. Mother Mary, the Mother of God, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,085.96
Plate.....	516.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,601.96

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$175.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes..	25.00
Christmas Flowers	5.00
Religious Retirement.....	20.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	10,134.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00

Parish Events

We 01/04	5:15 pm	First Confessions - FR
Th 01/05	7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 01/07	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Sa 01/07	5:00 pm	Cash Raffle Drawing
Su 01/08	1:30 pm	Baptism

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	\$576.54
Plate.....	90.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$666.54

Other Donations

Christmas Flowers	\$65.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	13,315.00

Parish Events

Tu 01/03	7:00 am	Adoration
We 01/04	5:15 pm	First Confessions - FR
Fr 01/06	7:30 pm	Rosary

Thank you to Freeport State Bank for their generous gift of \$1,000 to St. Rose of Lima Parish. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Food for Thought 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	\$15,641.25
Regular Adult Offering	204.00
Children.....	63.00
Plate/Loose	544.25
Cemetery.....	50.00
Fuel Fund.....	755.00
Religious Retirement.....	10.00
Christmas.....	12,820.00
Maintenance.....	1,195.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 8 - 10:00 am

(S) Celia Schoenberg
 (L) Ralph Klassen
 (U) Chico Welle & Ron Welle
 (EM) Karen Rademacher
 (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Chico Welle & Steve Welle
 (HK - December 25 - January 7) Rhonda Sunderman, Bre Terres and Brenda Terres

Mailing Address for the Church of St. Michael is 755 Kraft Drive SE, Melrose, MN 56352.

Catholic United Financial 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.

Swing Set Being Offered For Sale St. Michael's Parish Leadership Council has decided to have the swing set from the school grounds removed and are offering it for sale to parishioners. Sealed bids can be submitted to Pat Bertram or Duane Moscho. The purchaser will be responsible for removal of the swing set.

Thank You:

- To the Catholic Order of Foresters for their matching grant fundraiser towards the Building Maintenance fund in the amount of \$2,650.17 and the high court donation of \$1,500.
- To Freeport State Bank for their generous gift of \$1,000 to Immaculate Conception Parish. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

2023 Calendars are available near the church entrances.

Catholic United Financial Calendar Raffle Winners:

12-26	\$40	Rich Gaebel
12-27	\$40	Aaron Worms
12-28	\$40	Jerry Schmiesing
12-29	\$40	Naomi Holdvogt
12-30	\$40	Tim Gaebel
12-31	\$40	Amanda Maus

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.



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	\$11,635.00
Regular Adult Offering	985.00
Children.....	2.00
Plate/Loose	198.00
Votives.....	10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	20.00
Christmas.....	8,930.00
Immaculate Conception	30.00
Fuel Fund.....	1,400.00
Maintenance.....	60.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$9,328.50
Catholic United Financial	100.00
Children	12.50
Plate/Loose	501.00
Votives	35.00
Maintenance.....	100.00
Christmas.....	8,440.00
Christmas Flowers.....	40.00
Religious Retirement.....	100.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, January 7 - 4:00 pm

(S) Gretta Kasper & Aubry Stepan
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) Dale Winter & Ron Winter
 (GB) Jon & Laurel Worms
 (EM) Mary Opatrny
 (HK - January) *Amy Stueve, Sheri Thull, Linda Trisko, Lee Uphoff, Joni Van Beck, & Kay Van Beck

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 8 - 8:00 am

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
 (L) Char Meyer
 (U) Ken Schneider & Marvin Schneider
 (GB) Jim & Kay Leukam
 (EM) Karl Meyer & Nick Kelzer
 (HK - January) *Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernick, Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, Ann Brang, & Janice Funk

Mailing Address for the Church of St. John is 755 Kraft Drive SE, Melrose, MN

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...
 †Daniel Schoenberg, 72

Mailing Address for the Church of St. Andrew is 755 Kraft Drive SE, Melrose, MN 56352.



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

•**Clase de Confirmación** - Miércoles por la noche, 4 de enero, 7:00-8:30 pm Clase. Estudiantes y mentor/patrocinador o padre. CENA disponible a partir de las 17:30 h. tanto para estudiantes como para adultos.

•**Clase de Primera Comunión** - Sábado, 7 de enero de 2023, 9:30-11:00 am, St. Mary's Church. Solo estudiantes.

•**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.



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)





Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph the Worker Council



December 2022
Calendar Raffle Winners

12-25	\$250	Ashley Olson
12-26	\$20	Dale Overman
12-27	\$40	Troy Frieler
12-28	\$60	Mike Ritter
12-29	\$20	June Scherping
12-30	\$40	Chris & Lisa Atkinson
12-31	\$100	Marlene Reller

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 4 - Home Lesson.
- ◆ **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 4 at 5:15 pm. First Confession. Please meet at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport.
- ◆ **Grade 7-9: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in classrooms. Bring your Bible, books, and pens.
- ◆ **Grade 10: Confirmation Student and Parent Interviews:** Wednesday, January 11. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ◆ **Confirmation Class** - Wednesday night, January 4, 7:00-8:30 pm Class. Students and mentor/sponsor or parent. Supper available starting at 5:30 p.m. for both students and adults.
- ◆ **First Communion Class** - Saturday, January 7, 9:30-11:00 am, St. Mary's Church. Students only.
- ◆ **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** - Saturday January, 14, 9:00 a.m., St. Mary's Church. Faith Formation students, St. Mary's School students, AND parents/families.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

01/01	\$150	Joel Barten - Alexandria
01/01	\$50	Paul Olmscheid - Richmond
01/02	\$25	Michelle Novotny - Ramsey
01/03	\$25	Kevin Opatz -
01/04	\$25	Kathy Dobmeier - St. Rose
01/05	\$25	Evan Grieve - Freeport
01/06	\$25	Donna Triebenbach - Long Prairie
01/07	\$25	Christopher Feldewerd - Sauk Rapids



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.

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- ◆ **Baking Night:** 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
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 Kathy Welle
SHS BOARD:
 Nick Shaw, Jamie Engelmeyer,
 Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho,
 Jenelle Herkenhoff and Julie Job

Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514
www.shsfreeport.org

- ◆ **Classes will resume** on Tuesday, January 3
- ◆ **The Freeport Lions will be at SHS** for Bingo with the Students on Tuesday, January 3.
- ◆ **2nd grade students at SHS** will be celebrating their First Confession on Wednesday, January 4.
- ◆ The evening performance of the **Sacred Heart School Christmas program was postponed and has been re-scheduled** for Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ **Birthday Dinner** for December and June birthdays will be on Thursday, January 5 (rescheduled from December.)

Looking Ahead: Mark Your Calendars/Save the Date: The Dinner/Auction fundraiser for Sacred Heart School will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, this year tagged - *Sacred Heart School Wine & Dine*. Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks. Wine & Dine Cash Raffle tickets are currently being sold - check in with any SHS family or call the school office at 320-836-2591. Tickets are \$100 with top prize being \$20,000. An order form was included on the flyer in the December 25 bulletin.



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- ◆ **Happy New Year** from the students and staff at St. Mary's School. We hope you have many moments this year filled with love and that each day is an occasion to cherish in the new year.
- ◆ **Thank You** to all the businesses and individual people who donated money to St. Mary's School during this holiday season. We are thankful for your continued support for education and the students at St. Mary's School. We are fortunate to have a community that is committed to education.
- ◆ **Mark your calendar:** March 4, 2023 - Auction for Education, "Luau for Learning."



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- ◆ **Happy New Year** from everyone at SJSA!
- ◆ **School Resumes** Tuesday, January 3.
- ◆ **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.
- Auction Chairs and Co-Chairs:**
 - ◆ Steve and Katie Hellickson 320-491-2849
 - ◆ Adam and Jenny Kalthoff 320-290-1489
 - ◆ Dustin and Asha Gregory 320-333-6277
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ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)



“Shepherd Me, O God” Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo are held 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.

- Men’s Silent Retreat January 13-15 (Weekend)
- Men’s Silent Retreat January 20-22 (Weekend)
- Women’s Silent Retreat January 27-29 (Weekend)

Jeff Cavins is Returning to St. Andrew in Elk River

Jeff is recognized both nationally and internationally as an exciting public speaker and bible teacher. He communicates the Catholic faith at a level that everyone can understand, taking theological truths and expressing them in a practical way. He is the creator and founder of the Great Adventure Bible Study series, The Bible Timeline: the Story of Salvation published by Ascension Press, and he produced the Bible in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. You are invited to join us and bring a friend. January 4: Dealing with Addictions from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in the Worship Space at St. Andrew Catholic Church 566 - 4th Street NW, Elk River, MN 55330.

Retrouvaille Weekend

This event will be held in the Twin Cities area February 3-5. Retrouvaille Marriage Help: Thinking about separation or divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. Contact TCRRegistration@tcr-mn.org with questions. Find out more information and register at <http://www.helpourmarriage.org>.

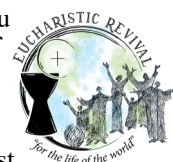
Blessings To All Of You In This New Year.

Thank you for supporting diocesan ministries through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal in 2022 and helping us to achieve our goal of \$1,400,000! As of December 22, the Appeal raised \$1,431,985 in gifts and pledges from 7,893 households. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Learn more at <https://stcdio.org/communications-and-development/development/bishops-annual-appeal/>.

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! The first event is at The Main Gate in Little Falls on Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 pm. “Hidden in Plain View: Saints Who Mined the Mysteries of the Eucharist” with Father Scott Pogatchnik and special guests. Watch the bulletin for other upcoming events.

Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Fridays Novena

Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Fridays Novena an evening of Mass, adoration and reconciliation at 6:30 pm on Friday, January 6, at Assumption Church in Eden Valley. This is the first in a series of nine events at various locations around the diocese on the first Friday of each month. Join us for one or all nine! Stay tuned to www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival for future locations!



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



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

January 4, Wednesday

- ♦Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ♦Feet First Clinic at the Senior Center in Freeport. New appointments please call 320-836-2450. Free will offering.
- ♦Jeff Cavins will speak 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm at St. Andrew, Elk River 566 4th St NW, Elk River, MN 55330. This event is free for those that wish to attend. Topic for this meeting is “Wisdom for Daily Living.”

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.



The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28
Tu		1 Jn 2:29-3:6	Jn 1:29-34
We	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	1 Jn 3:7-10	Jn 1:35-42
Th	Saint John Neumann, Bishop	1 Jn 3:11-21	Jn 1:43-51
Fr		1 Jn 5:5-13	Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23,31-34,36,38
Sa		1 Jn 5:14-21	Jn 2:1-11
	Next Sunday - The Epiphany of the Lord	Is 60:1-6	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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