



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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

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

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Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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.



KINDNESS TOWARD ALL

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:35-36

It is certainly difficult to be "kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." But doing so is exactly what our Lord commanded us to do. And His command is not a command in the sense of being a burden. On the contrary, it's a command that frees us from the ingratitude and wickedness we encounter.

Oftentimes, when we encounter ingratitude from another, or any other form of wickedness, we tend to react in kind. Our fallen human nature lures us into cruelty when faced with cruelty. We criticize, condemn, attack and get angry. But Jesus is very clear that this is not how the "Most High" acts toward the wicked. And it is not how He acts toward us. In the end, the wicked who fail to repent will endure the consequences of their rejection of God's mercy. But until that final judgment, hope of conversion must always be present. And for that reason, we must never give up on another, no matter how difficult. Kindness shown to everyone, in every circumstance, goes to the heart of the mission we have received as children of God.

Think about the person in your life who seems unworthy of your kindness and generosity. Why are they undeserving? Are they truly undeserving? The truth, according to our Lord's teaching, is that these are not questions we should even ask ourselves. Instead, we must fully commit ourselves to loving everyone who appears to be our enemy, and do good to them and to everyone whom we encounter. Though this is difficult, it won't be if we understand the goodness that God has shown to us.

God has shone us perfect goodness, not because He expected anything back, but simply because He has willed to love us. If we want to be children of God the Most High, then we must reciprocate the love given to us. That's the nature of God's love. It cannot be contained. It cannot be selfishly received without also allowing it to pour forth from our lives. When we understand this, we will understand the reason Jesus instructed us to be "kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." It is simply because this is how God has treated us.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 2

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
†Encarnacion Luis de la Cruz

Tu 8:00 am †Leona Bertram

We 8:00 am †Virginia Tise

Th 8:00 am †Leo & Gracie Eveslage

*Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
†Bernadette Arceneau

Sa 5:00 pm †Jerome Butkowski

*Su 10:00 am †Elmer & †Anna Hellermann

Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
†Juan Orozco Ambriz

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
†Cyrilla Michael

Fr 8:15 am †Valeria Mareck

Sa 8:00 am **First Saturday Mass**
†Donna Mae Scholz

Su 8:00 am †LuVern Scherping

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Paul Heinen

Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Marilyn Nathe

Su 10:00 am †Gene Bueckers

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Christ Wander

Su 10:00 am †Vernon Welle

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
†Vivian Bertram

Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Aloysius "Al" Luetmer

Su 8:00 am †Joanne Butkowski

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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule can be found on page 3.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

**NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)**

Informational Meeting Monday, March 3 at 7:30 pm at the Freeport Parish Office. NCYC is in Indianapolis, November 19-23, 2025. Students from our ACC in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend. Students and parents that would like to learn more about NCYC are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will talk about what NCYC is and answer any questions that there may be. We will also look at fundraising options to help offset the cost of NCYC. If you are not able to attend the meeting and are interested in attending NCYC, please reach out to Katie at 320-333-9871.

Wilderness Within Lenten Study All are invited to join in a Lenten study group of the book Wilderness Within. We will meet in the Freeport church basement Sundays at 1:00 pm beginning Sunday, March 2 through the end of Lent. If you are interested, please contact Jessica Goebel jessica.goebel@gw.studio.org or call 952-847-0520 by Wednesday, February 26 so that we can get books ordered. Cost is \$14 per person to cover book cost.

Lenten Enrichment Materials and Lent Brochures which include schedules for Ash Wednesday, Easter Triduum, confessions, and more are available in the churches. Feel free to take anything that will help you on your faith journey this Lent.



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.

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.

Parish News:

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

• **Jubilee Passports** are available in the churches. Pilgrims are encouraged to visit various holy sites and churches throughout the Jubilee Year.

**Catholic United Financial Catholic 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.

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.



Thank You to all of the people who came out to give the precious gift of life on Tuesday, February 11. The American Red Cross blood drive at the Freeport Community Center had a great turn out with 71 units of blood collected. Thanks to the two new donors. This is an awesome amount and helps to save hundreds of lives. A great HUGE thank you goes out to my workers who volunteer their time year after year. See you Tuesday, August 12.

~Janet Butkowski

"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.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$11,176.00
Regular Adult Offering	9,240.00
Plate/Loose	1,104.00
Designated Funds	832.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

02-16	\$25	Rachel Geertsema, Clearwater
02-17	\$25	Adam & Ashley Meyer, Melrose
02-18	\$25	John & Pat Kraemer, Melrose
02-19	\$25	St. Mary's Church
02-20	\$25	Alice Klasen, Melrose
02-21	\$50	St. Mary's Church
02-22	\$25	Gail Schlicht, Melrose



KINDNESS TOWARD ALL

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Reflect, today, upon the unlimited love God has for you. It is beyond what you could ever comprehend. Reflect, also, upon the great benefit there is in opening yourself to God's perfect love, kindness, generosity and mercy. The benefit is that you are able to be filled with that which you receive. And as you receive this love of God, it necessarily overflows into the lives of everyone you encounter, the good and the wicked. Everyone must always be offered this love. Do not hesitate, for God does not hesitate with you.

Most merciful Lord, You bestow Your abundant goodness upon all people, the good and bad alike. You never cease offering Your love and mercy. May I always be counted among those who fully open themselves to Your grace, and may I always offer this same depth of love to all. Jesus, I trust in You.

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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!

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$4,241.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,511.85
Plate.....	414.00
Votive.....	66.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	100.00
School Support.....	125.00
Building/Maintenance	25.00

Parish Events

Su	02/23	9:15 am	Baptism
Su	02/23	10:00 am	Bingo Set-Up
Su	02/23	12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo Fundraiser
Tu	02/25	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
We	02/26	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	02/26	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
We	02/26	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples
Fr	02/28	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	02/28	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	03/01	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass
Su	03/02	1:00 pm	Lenten Study



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. Other candles are also available to be sponsored in future months. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

Prayer Requests...

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

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

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny	320-248-8830
Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	320-837-5321
St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	320-333-8461
St. Michael - Sharon Schulzetenberg	320-248-7702
St. Mary's	320-256-3878



Ash Wednesday Liturgy Schedule

Wednesday, March 5

A Day of Fast and Abstinence

8:00 am	St. Andrew, Greenwald - SJSA School Mass
8:15 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport - SH School Mass
8:30 am	St. Mary, Melrose - SM School Mass *Livestreamed
12:00 pm	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
5:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose - Bilingual Mass
7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,042.27
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,478.77
Plate.....	376.00
School Support.....	50.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	100.00
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50

Parish Events

Su 02/23 12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo Fundraiser - FR
Tu 02/25 9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 02/25 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg - FR
We 02/26 9:00 am	Quilting
We 02/26 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 02/26 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 02/26 7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Th 02/27 9:00 am	Quilting
Sa 03/01	NM Lion's Breakfast Set-Up
Sa 03/01 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 03/02 8:30 am	New Munich Lion's Breakfast
Su 03/02 1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR

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.

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.

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,521.23
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,904.23
Plate.....	265.00
Votive.....	327.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00

Parish Events

Su 02/23 12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo Fundraiser - FR
Tu 02/25 9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 02/25 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg-FR
We 02/26 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 02/26 7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We 02/26 7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Fr 02/28 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 03/02 11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Quarterly Meeting
Su 03/02 1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR

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

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!

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

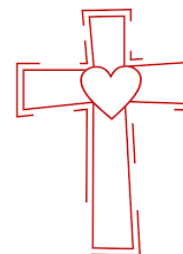
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Total	\$607.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	317.00
Children	7.00
Plate/Loose	73.00
Catholic Magazine	20.00
Fuel Fund.....	170.00
Maintenance Fund.....	20.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, March 2 - 10:00 am**

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
(L) Gary P. Lieser
(U) Pat Bertram & Randy Bertram
(EM) (B) Jeanette Kalthoff
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) Kathy Welle
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire
(HK: February 16 – March 1) Tia Welle, Jennifer Wilson, & Samantha Welle

Thank You to Ralph & Cindy Schoenberg and Rick & Brenda Terres for donating two new stoves for our church kitchen. Their generosity is greatly appreciated!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Year 3 – Year of Mission Pillar 3 – Eucharistic Life

The Third Pillar of the National Eucharistic Revival is Eucharistic Life, encouraging missionary disciples to be strengthened and renewed in their Christian identity through the Eucharistic, realizing that, as we love Christ more, our lives are configured to His. Below are some ways the faithful are invited to experience this pillar.

- Commit anew to the veneration of the Blessed Mother and the saints, especially those who exemplify Eucharistic living.
- Pursue ongoing formation in the faith, particularly in small group settings.
- Embrace the communal dimension of the Christian life by deeper engagement in your parish and other Catholic institutions.
- Become an ambassador of reconciliation and healing to others, extending the divine mercy that you have received.
- Unite personal sufferings to the suffering of Christ to participate in his ongoing plan of redemption for the world.
- Become a footwasher: Enter into Christ's act of self-oblation in the Eucharist, continuing his work in concrete practices of love for your neighbor.
- Accompany those on the margins and peripheries of life, including existential peripheries, taking the opportunity to show to each of these people the presence of a compassionate God who wants to express himself to them and to act through your deeds, words, and even just your presence.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,645.00
Regular Adult Offering	2,120.00
Plate/Loose	335.00
School Subsidy	100.00
Fuel Fund	50.00
Catholic Magazine.....	40.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, March 1 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Leo Kasper & Claire Kasper
(L) Herman Lensing
(U) Dale Winter & Ron Winter
(GB) David & Marilyn Welle
(EM) (B) Herman Lensing
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(HK - March) *Linda Heinze, Deb Imdieke,
Carol Inderrieden, & Ronnie Inderrieden

Baptized in Christ...

Jack Duane Arceneau

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,930.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,454.00
Children.....	.25
Plate/Loose	108.00
Votives.....	78.00
Fuel Fund.....	250.00
Catholic Magazine.....	40.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, March 2 - 8:00 am**

(S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer
(L) Kurt Meyer
(U) John Primus & Ray Primus
(GB) John & GERALYN Primus
(EM) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
(HK - March) *Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake,
Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa
Loxtercamp, & Sheri Luetmer



Fellowship... St. John's Catholic United Financial invites you to join them for coffee and rolls after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 2 in the church basement.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

¡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 de cuaresma! la iglesia de santa maria te invita a un pequeño retiro de cuaresma en español el próximo sábado 29 de marzo de 8:00am a 4:00pm. si está interesado o interesada habla con el diácono Jorge Carrillo después de misa.

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

¿Están buscando un fin de semana perfecto? ¿Un fin de semana para acercarse más? ¿Quieren aprender una técnica de comunicación que le permita a cada pareja explorar áreas importantes de su relación en un espíritu de amor y comprensión? Un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es exactamente lo que buscan. Se pueden escapar de las distracciones de la vida cotidiana y concentrarse en su matrimonio. Los próximos fines de semana disponibles son el 5 y 6 de abril en Brainerd, MN y el 25 al 27 de abril en Crookston, MN. Para aplicar visite <http://ncmarriagecovery.org/faqs-es.php> o para más información pónganse en contacto con Diego y Claudia Gonzalez: 704-698-1010 o Claudiagg@ymail.com.

¡Preparación matrimonial! Si usted está planeando recibir el sacramento del matrimonio, le pedimos que hable con el diácono Jorge Carrillo para que le indique los pasos a seguir en el proceso de preparación.

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!****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	
	Sir 1:1-10	Mk 9:14-29
Tu	Weekday	
	Sir 2:1-11	Mk 9:30-37
We	Weekday	
	Sir 4:11-19	Mk 9:38-40
Th	Weekday (Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church)	
	Sir 5:1-8	Mk 9:41-50
Fr	Weekday	
	Sir 6:5-17	Mk 10:1-12
Sa	Weekday (BVM)	
	Sir 17:1-15	Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Sir 27:4-7	1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 pm. Classroom Lesson. Meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the parish office.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 26 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 7-8: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 26 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.
- **Confirmation:** Student and family conversations with Fr. Mitchell continue. Please see Sign-Up Genius schedule to remind yourself of your date and time.

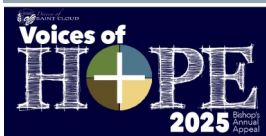
YOUTH MINISTRY

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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Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: If you have yet to see our 2025 Video, please take a moment to learn more about ministries that bring hope and help build the kingdom of God

right here in Central Minnesota. You can use your smartphone or visit <https://youtu.be/50pwVJkNx18>.

Attention College Students Totus Tuus Leaders are needed for 2025. Leaders help with week-long summer Catholic retreats for youth across the diocese by providing lively skits, songs, and lessons in the Catholic faith. Training is provided. Brochures are available in the churches. More information is available at <https://stedio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/>, by calling 320-251-5001, or emailing vocations@gw.stedio.org.

Auditions for 'A Man for All Seasons' The One in Faith Area Catholic Community is planning a dinner theatre for the last weekend of April, and actors are needed. 'A Man for All Seasons' is the dramatic production of the life and martyrdom of Saint Thomas Moore, a story largely popularized by the 1966 film by the same name. Auditions for this production are at Saint Mary's Church on Tuesday, March 4 and Wednesday March 5. To sign up for your 10-15 minute time slot and receive a sample copy of the cast of characters and lines, please stop by the Saint Mary's parish office. There are 15 roles available: 2-4 female and 11-13 male. Hope to see you turn out and help bring the story of this intrepid saint to life.

Pilgrims of Hope Lenten Retreat Schedule at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. 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 Lenten Silent Midweek Retreat** - March 4-6 (Ash Wednesday)
- **Married Couples Lenten Retreat (Not Silent)** - March 7-9



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.



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 sund.org/events

JRLC Day on the Hill Join people from faith communities around the state 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/xU2JTbKz6> *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.

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♥**Thank You** to everyone that helped make our 30th Annual Wine and Dine a great success! We are close to having it all finalized but it looks like we will be at about \$119,000! That is amazing! We could not do it without all the parents, committee members, community members, teachers, staff, donors, etc. It takes everyone to do their part - selling tickets, working the event, getting donations, etc. Thank you all for your unwavering support to Sacred Heart School!

♥**The SHS 6th Grade class** enjoyed their annual Long Lake trip on February 19 - 21.

♥**We had a successful** Preschool and Kindergarten Parent open house on Tuesday, February 18.

♥**SHS Registration** for the 25/26 school year PreK - 6th grade will open on Monday, March 3.

♥**Thank You** to everyone who attended the BIG BUCK Bingo event on Saturday, February 22 at the Freeport Community Center. We appreciate your support as it was 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 320-836-2591.

♦**This will be the Last Weekend** to get your "Disco for Dollars" raffle tickets. Winners will be chosen at the auction on Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 pm. Visit our auction website for more details <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.

♦**Bidding on the Auction4Education** items opens on Sunday, February 23.

♦**Thank You** for supporting our Catholic School's Week breakfast in January. Our profit on the breakfast was \$7,018. We served 500 people.

♦**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.

♦**Registration for Preschool-6th Grade is open** for current SMS families and after March 10 for those families not currently enrolled at SMS. If you are new to the community or are considering sending your child to St. Mary's School, please call to schedule a visit or to receive the new registration materials 320-256-4257.

♦**St. Mary's School's Auction 4 Education** information can be found on page 3.

♦**SJSA students in K-6** will attend the 8:00 am Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, March 5.

♦**Stations of the Cross** SJSA students in grades five and six will lead Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 7 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's in Greenwald. All are welcome.

♦**Lent Service Project** SJSA students will be making and sending "Day Brightener" cards for nursing home residents and community members for their Lent Service Project.

♦**Mark your Calendars!** Kindergarten Round-Up is Monday, April 7. More information will be posted in the upcoming weeks.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

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.

March 2, Sunday

♦**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** hosted by the New Munich Lions. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at Immaculate Conception church basement in New Munich.

♦**Annual Quilt Bingo & Cash Raffle** at St. Joseph Parish of Morrill in the parish hall in Foley starting at 1:00 pm. \$12 per card for 20 games and 2 blackout games. 50/50 pot, bake sale, and snacks. Free lunch will be provided after bingo. Cash raffle tickets are selling now \$10 per ticket. Contact parish council member if you would like to purchase a ticket.

March 5, Wednesday

♦**Feet First Clinic** has been cancelled.

March 7, Friday

♦**Lenten Fish Fry** at St. Joseph's Parish of Morrill in the parish hall in Foley. Serving from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Adults: \$15. Children 6-10: \$8. Children 5 and under: free. Fried fish, haluski, mashed potatoes, mac n' cheese, vegetables, coleslaw, homemade bread, dessert, and beverages. Dine in or Take out. Please call 320-355-9401 for take out orders.



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02/18	\$25	Joe & Danielle Toenyan - Sauk Centre
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