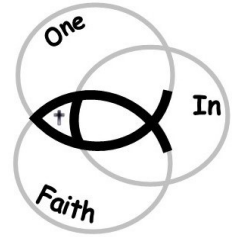


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**St. Mary - Melrose, Sacred Heart - Freeport
Immaculate Conception - New Munich
St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa, St. Michael - Spring Hill
St. Andrew - Greenwald, St. John - Meire Grove**



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

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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Adult Sacramental Preparation

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Carol Winter: Administrative Assistant,
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New Parishioners

Please contact the respective parish office to register.

Leaving Our Parish?

If you are leaving our parishes, please call the respective parish office so we can update our census.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements to:
bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

By appointment only. Call the respective parish office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call Deacon Ernie **before setting a date**. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism

St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John: Call Deacon Ernie.

Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima: Call Freeport Office.

RCIA

Call Deacon Ernie if you are interested in the RCIA program.

Deacon Ernest Kociemba 320-248-5124
Email: kociemba@meltel.net

ACC MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTION ~ JANUARY 11 - 17, 2021

ST. MARY - Melrose

Monday, 6:30 pm Misa en Español
Tuesday, 7:30 am †Ernest Meyer
Wednesday, 7:30 am ††Sylvester &
Alvina Woeste
Thursday, 7:30 am †Ralph Drontle
Friday, 8:30 am †Adolph Wensmann/
All School
Saturday, 5:00 pm Liv./Dec. St. Bernard/
St. Elizabeth Members
Sunday, 10:00 am †Jeanette Mayers/
For the People
Sunday, 12:30 pm Misa en Español
††Clemencia & Jesús Chávez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Wednesday, 8:15 am †Dwayne Elfering
Friday, 8:15 am †Tony Welle
Sunday, 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Thursday, 8:15 am †Elmer Wolbeck
Saturday, 4:00 pm †Dennis Thielen Anniversary

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tuesday, 8:15 am †Virgil Boecker
Sunday, 10:00 am †Mary Jo Blommel

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tuesday, 8:00 am †Gladys Weisbrich
Sunday, 10:00 am †Jim (Schultz) Stalboerger

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Thursday, 8:00 am ††Tony & Mark Kulzer
Saturday, 4:00 pm †Shirley Uphoff

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

Wednesday, 8:00 am †Ernie Meyer
Sunday, 8:00 am †Angie Meyer



Adoration at Sacred Heart - Freeport on
Fridays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)
 Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE; Melrose, MN 56352

Weekly Stewardship

Total.....	\$26,376.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	6,192.00
Loose.....	355.00
Child Envelopes.....	5.00
New Church (actual funds).....	6,538.00
Thanksgiving.....	100.00
Christmas.....	1,755.00
St. Cloud Catholic Magazine.....	71.00
Rectory Fund.....	10,000.00
Solemnity.....	652.00
Initial Offering.....	127.00
Support a Child.....	81.00
Choir Fund.....	500.00
St. Mary's School Endowment.....	\$25.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsor this week: Melrose Main Street Repair Inc. & Kraemer Lumber Co. Inc.



- 01-01 \$25 Jonathan Ruoff - Melrose
- 01-02 \$25 Marlene Wessel - Melrose
- 01-03 \$25 Vern Klasen - Melrose
- 01-04 \$25 Joe Prodinsky - Sartell
- 01-05 \$25 Carol & Butch Klaphake - Melrose
- 01-06 \$25 Adam Walz - Melrose
- 01-07 \$25 Joe Rueter - Sauk Centre
- 01-08 \$25 Autumn Helmin - Melrose
- 01-09 \$25 Jerry & Julie Gerads - Melrose



Endowment Committee will have a Zoom meeting on January 12 at 6:00 pm.

St. Mary's will be livestreaming the 10:00 am Mass every Sunday.

Thank You for your generosity. We have \$9,352.93 left to reach our goal of \$2,400,000.00. This is a great accomplishment. Continue to watch the changes in our campaign thermometer. Have a blessed New Year and thank you again.

Melrose Rectory Fund With the guidance of an anonymous donor, we have started a fund for the Melrose Rectory Building - thank you for the generous donation of \$30,000. It is so very much appreciated!

Anyone interested in becoming an officer or helping out with the St. Bernard/St. Elizabeth Society of Melrose, please contact Leonard Hinnenkamp at 320-256-3538.

Parish Council Message For now, our beautiful church will be open when the parish office is open, locked when the office is closed. When the season changes, we hope to increase the open hours of the church, even when the parish office may be closed. The Parish Council is exploring options for the security of our church. Some parishes utilize reliable volunteers to lock and unlock their church. Would that work for St. Mary's on the days the parish office is closed? Please prayerfully consider if you might be available for this important ministry in service to our parish. Contact Craig Maus with questions or sign up. Thank you.

St. Mary's Christian Women are raising funds to replace the Nativity Scene behind Finken Water Care. If you would like to donate to this project, please place your check in an envelope marked St. Mary's Church, and in the memo notate Christian Women Nativity Set. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART - FREEPORT (FR)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,956.00	Other Donations	
Christmas Envelopes.....	3,310.00	Votive.....	\$146.00
Plate.....	527.00	Central MN Catholic Magazine..	50.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$8,793.00	Epiphany Supplies.....	149.00
Amount Needed for Budget**...	\$5,399.00	Building/Maintenance.....	1,480.00
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit)...	3,394.00		
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(5,573.86)	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	

Parish Events

- We 01/13 10:00 am Bible Study
- Fr 01/15 9:00 am Adoration



Blessed Epiphany Chalk Please remember the chalk from Epiphany is blessed. After using the chalk, please either return to the church, the Tri-Parish Office, or bury in the ground.

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 church this Christmas season. A list of those remembered by the donors can be found in the back of the church.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH (NM)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,191.00	Other Donations	
Thanksgiving Envelopes.....	100.00	Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	4,170.00	Religious Retirement.....	20.00
Plate.....	229.00	Steeple Repair.....	880.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$7,690.00	Building/Maintenance.....	190.00
Amount Needed for Budget**.....	\$3,404.00	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit).....	4,286.00		
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(12,133.65)		

Parish Events

We 01/13 10:00 am Bible Study - FR



Blessed Epiphany Chalk Please remember the chalk from Epiphany is blessed. After using the chalk, please either return to the church, the Tri-Parish Office, or bury in the ground.

Christian Women Meeting Quarterly meeting of St. Ann's Christian Women of New Munich scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm in the Church Basement will be rescheduled for a later date due to COVID restrictions. Any questions, please contact Jackie Massmann via phone or text at 320-290-5187.

January Church Cleaners Juliana Boecker, Lisa Maus, Joyce Schulzetenberg, Jackie Massmann. Please contact each other to arrange times to do the cleaning. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

Steeple/Roof Repair Fundraiser Immaculate Conception Church's steeple needs a major repair. The estimate to repair is \$50,000. So far \$26,975 has been raised towards this fund. There is still a ways to go. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this needy cause.



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Catholic United Financial Calendar Raffle Winners



12-21	\$40	Gene Blommel
12-22	\$40	Richard Holdvogt
12-23	\$40	Roger & Sharon Meyer
12-24	\$40	Janet Elfering
12-25	\$200	Tracy Frieler
12-26	\$40	Janet Fuechtmann
12-27	\$100	Steve Mages
12-28	\$40	Chrystal Sand
12-29	\$40	Marv Thielen
12-30	\$40	Richard Holdvogt
12-31	\$40	Tami Funk

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA (SR)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,945.00	Building Project	
Christmas Envelopes.....	1,355.00	Total Due + Interest.....	\$14,062.52
Christmas Plate.....	1,197.00		
Total Weekly Contributions	\$7,497.00		
Amount Needed for Budget**.....	\$1,995.00	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit).....	5,502.00		
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$14,968.12		

Parish Events

We 01/13 10:00 am Bible Study - FR
Fr 01/15 7:30 pm Rosary



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CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL (SH)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Total.....	\$5,598.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	565.00
Children.....	2.00
Plate/Loose.....	5.00
Votives.....	54.00
Fuel Fund.....	125.00
School Subsidy.....	30.00
Fall Fund.....	50.00
Christmas.....	3,660.00
Religious Retirement.....	20.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	337.00
Freeport State Bank.....	750.00

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, January 17 - 10:00 am

(L) Lisa Wuertz
(U) Conrad Gruber & Stan Heinen
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
(HK-Jan. 10-17) Rhonda Sundermann, Bre Terres, & Brenda Terres
Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.

St. Mary's Mission and St. Michael's Men's Society please put your dues in an envelope marked Mission Dues or Men's Society Dues in the collection basket. Thank you.

St. Michael's Parish is looking for a custodian. Please contact a Parish Council member or Tony Gruenes if you are interested.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Total.....	\$5,014.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,670.00
Plate/Loose.....	38.00
Votives.....	31.00
Christmas.....	2,375.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	150.00
Freeport State Bank.....	750.00

Liturgical Ministries - Saturday, January 16 - 4:00 pm

(L) Lauren Dehmer
 (U) Steve Gilk & Peter Heinze
 (HK-Jan.) *Kari Kasper, Cassandra Kettner, Deb Keller, Doris Kraemer, Ronnie Inderrieden, and Bridget Kasper
****Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.****

St. Andrew's Parish is looking for a volunteer to represent our parish on the ACC committee. Meetings are every 2 months and include 2 members from each of the 7 parishes in the cluster. If you are willing to serve on this committee, please contact Fr. Marv Enneking at: mgenneking@gmail.com.



SJSA 30th Steak and Wine - February 13 This year's Steak and Wine will look different from years past. Some details of the event are still being planned, but the auction will be online. We are looking for donations; if interested in donating, contact Kate Kelzer at kakelz86@gmail.com or call SJSA school at 987-3133. Quilt chances are also available for \$1.00 each from SJSA parents and at school. Check church bulletins, the school's website, and the SJSA Facebook page for future information about this event.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE (MG)

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

Weekly Stewardship

Total.....	\$3,243.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,724.00
Children.....	3.25
Plate/Loose.....	57.00
Votives.....	30.75
Cemetery Fund.....	10.00
Crib Donation.....	8.25
School Subsidy.....	35.00
Christmas.....	625.00
Freeport State Bank.....	750.00

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, January 17 - 8:00 am

(L) Jim Leukam
 (U) Dennis Schmiesing, Don Schneider, & Ken Schneider
 (HK-Jan.) *Kathy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, Kate Kelzer, & Amy Klaphake
****3 ushers needed to cover all doors - be sure to find a replacement if you won't be there.****
****Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.****

St. John's Parish is looking for a janitor, and if they have any questions to contact Tom Loxtercamp at 987-3233.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Formación de Fe (Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald, Spring Hill)

- ♥ **Primera Reconciliación/Primera Comunión:**
 - ♥ **Primera Reconciliación** - 23 de enero en la Iglesia de Santa María. Más información será enviada a casa a principios de enero.
- ♥ **Grados 1, 3-8:**
 - ♥ **Durante el mes de enero**, complete el recorrido por la iglesia de Santa María (M) y su paquete/asignación de nivel de grado para el mes.
- ♥ **Grado 9: Próxima clase:** 20 de enero a las 7:00 pm a través de Zoom para estudiantes y padres.
- ♥ **Grado 10: Siguiente clase:** 13 de enero a las 7:00 pm viz Zoom para estudiantes y padres.

Recordatorio Debido a las nuevas regulaciones del COVID-19, requerimos el uso de mascarara cuando atendamos a la Misa en la Iglesia.

Tenemos Misa los domingos a las 12:30 pm y los lunes a las 6:30 pm.

El rosario en español se rezara los jueves a las 6:30 pm. Después del rosario tendremos el Grupo de Oración, dirigido por el Señor Oscar Nolasco. ¡Todos son bien venidos!



"Pero bendito es aquel que confía en el Señor, cuya confianza está en él. Serán como un árbol plantado por el agua que envía sus raíces por el arroyo. No teme cuando llega el calor; sus hojas son siempre verdes. No tiene preocupaciones en un año de sequía y nunca deja de dar sus frutos." Jeremías 17:7-8

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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



**Sacred Heart School
 Calendar Raffle Winners**

01-03	\$25	Scott Wiechman - Grey Eagle
01-04	\$25	Lisa Kohout - Grey Eagle
01-05	\$25	Wendy Atkinson - Freeport
01-06	\$25	Julie Bauer - Freeport
01-07	\$25	Fr. Dan Walz - Freeport
01-08	\$25	Brian Sand - Clearwater
01-09	\$25	Dan Beste - Freeport

- ♥ **Wednesday, January 13 - School Liturgy** will be planned by Mrs. Berg and the 2nd grade class.
- ♥ **Parish and School staff continue their study** "I'm Glad You Asked," a book of 60 common questions about the Bible. Some of the questions Father Dan will be discussing in his homily this week, Wednesday, January 13, are: Why don't we follow all the laws Moses gave the Israelites? Why is there so much violence against women in the Book of Judges? What's Fear of the Lord and why should I want it? Did a whale really swallow the prophet Jonah?
- ♥ **Thursday, January 14 - School Board** will meet at 7:30 pm.



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

- ♦ **Catholic United Financial School Raffle kickoff** is January 11 and goes through March 1. Tickets are only \$5. Every dollar we raise stays with St. Mary's School. Tickets can be purchased starting on January 11 at St. Mary's School Office and St. Mary's Parish Center.
- ♦ **Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated from January 25 through January 31. The Catholic Schools Mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 29 at the regular school Mass at 8:30 am instead of on Sunday.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD: Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Jeron Nathe, Bridget Kasper, Kathy Gilk, Amy Frieler, Kristi Zimmer
 Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

- * **Arvig School Partnership Program** - SJSA received a check for \$519 from the Arvig School Partnership Program. If you are an Arvig internet customer, Arvig will donate \$1 each month to the school of your choice at no additional cost to you. Thank you to those who have designated SJSA.
- * **Custodian Needed** - SJSA is in need of a custodian for 10 hours a week. The hours are after 3:30 pm on school days. Please call the school at 320-987-3133 if you are interested.
- * **SJSA 30th Steak and Wine - February 13** This year's Steak and Wine will look different from years past. Some details of the event are still being planned, but the auction will be online. We are looking for donations; if interested in donating, contact Kate Kelzer at kakelz86@gmail.com or call SJSA school at 987-3133. Quilt chances are also available for \$1.00 each from SJSA parents and at school. Check church bulletins, the school's website, and the SJSA Facebook page for future information about this event.

FAITH FORMATION / YOUTH MINISTRY

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa

- **Grades 1-6 - Next Class:** Wednesday, January 13 - Home Lesson.
- **Grades 7-9 - Classes Suspended** in person until February 2021. Please watch your email for updates.



Melrose, Spring Hill, Meire Grove, Greenwald

- ♥ **First Reconciliation/First Communion:**
 - ♥ **First Reconciliation** - January 23 at St. Mary's Church. More information will be sent home in early January.
- ♥ **Grades 1, 3-8:**
 - ♥ **During the month of January**, complete the St. Mary (M) church tour and your grade level packet/assignment for the month.
- ♥ **Grade 9: Next Class:** January 20 at 7:00 pm via Zoom for students and parents.
- ♥ **Grade 10: Next Class:** January 13 at 7:00 pm via Zoom for students and parents.



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Livestream Mass St. Mary's of Melrose will be livestreaming their 10:00 am Mass every Sunday. Visit the Church of St. Mary, Melrose Facebook page for more information.

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. There are still spots open on the back of the bulletin. If you are interested in advertising or have questions, please contact Amy Hoeschen at 320-836-2143.

Parish Ministries There are many opportunities for parish members to serve their parish community. Contact the parish office to find out how you can help or to sign up.

Bible Study meets each Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Fr. Dan will lead you in studying the Gospel of Mark. Bring a Bible, pen, and notebook. Childcare is available. Contact the Freeport Office by noon on Tuesday if you are in need of childcare.

House Blessings This is an opportunity for families to invite Fr. Dan into their homes for a special blessing of their home and, if they would choose, to share in conversation, a meal, and/or dessert. Opportunities for a house blessing are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the Freeport Office if you are interested.

Prayer Requests for the Sick If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please email bulletin@catholic-centered.org or call one of the parish offices.

Sacred Heart School - 26th Annual Prime & Wine - Saturday, January 23

****Cash Raffle with Grand Prize of \$20,000 and 25 additional cash prizes totaling \$12,000. Tickets are available from all school families or at the school office.

****Online Auction featuring some of the family favorites and experiences will take place on Saturday, January 23. Watch for more details.

****Since many people enjoyed the tradition of the fine dining experience that the Prime & Wine offered, Pooch's Corner Pub, Charlie's Cafe, and Pioneer Inn have partnered with us to offer outstanding meal options on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Prime & Wine Week. Meal options are Roast Beef Dinner, Steak & Shrimp, or BBQ Ribs. Tickets are \$20 (50% of proceeds to SHS) and need to be purchased in advance from the school office 320-836-2591 or any SHS family by this coming Thursday, January 14.



The St. Mary's School 19th Annual Auction4Education

will consist of a cash raffle and a virtual auction held on March 6 with a theme of "Fishing in the Dark." Please contact a SMS parent or the school to purchase a "Catch-N-Cash" \$100 raffle ticket to win a grand prize of \$20,000! We will also be hosting a virtual live auction; see our site for more details or to make a donation: <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.

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 office.

SMSS4Kids We have a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase. We will be selling scrip after Masses the first weekend of every month. These work great for gifts but also to do your everyday shopping. If you have questions, call the school office at 320-256-4257. We appreciate your support.

SMS
\$4KIDS

Piano for Sale - Looking for a piano? Immaculate Conception updated their piano and has their previous piano up for sale. One of the speakers is out, but the piano is still in great condition for someone who is learning to play or practice. If you are interested, please contact Amy at the Freeport office, 320-836-2143.

Loot for Learning is always available at Décor and More in Freeport or Sacred Heart School so you can stock up on the gift cards you will use this month. Gas cards such as Cenex and Sinclair as well as Coborn's/CashWise, Teal's Market, Fleet Farm, Walmart/Sam's Club, Uptown Hair Studio, MelBelle's Hair Gallery, Scheels, Charlie's, True North Marketplace, and more can be purchased on the spot. What a great way to support Sacred Heart School without it costing you any more than you would have spent anyway! Make your purchases mean more with the Loot for Learning program!



Public Rosary will be prayed weekly. We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for. All are invited and welcome!

- Wednesday at 1:00 pm 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 area of the church in St. Rosa.

Face Coverings With regard to public liturgies, the Governor's executive order **requires** that people coming to Mass wear a face covering upon entering the church, during Mass, and when exiting the building. The order grants some exemptions from the mandate, including children ages 5 and under and people who are unable to wear or tolerate a face covering due to medical or mental health conditions or other reasons (Minnesota Department of Health Stay Safe MN Guidance for Gatherings: Faith-based Communities, Places of Worship, and Ceremonies July 28, 2020).



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



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

Vespers For Life On Sunday, January 17 at the Church of St. Anthony, 2405 1st St N, St. Cloud. Rosary at 3:30 pm and Vespers at 4:00 pm Bishop Donald Kettler will preside at the Vespers service. The service includes music, prayer, scripture, and reflection for the over 61 million 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. <http://stcloudiocese.com/event/vespers-for-life-2021/>.

March For Life Due to current health concerns, the Diocese of St. Cloud will not be coordinating buses to St. Paul. On Friday, January 22 the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is hosting a March for Life Youth & Family Conference from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Details can be found at <https://www.archspm.org/march-for-life-youth-family-conference/>.


ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED)

Natural Family Planning Instruction will be by personal appointment following COVID precautions or virtual by Zoom or Google Meetings. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre: Monday, January 18 and February 15 at 6:30 pm.



For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction.

Theology Day What Mass Means: How Sacrifice and Real Presence Are Life-Changing We tend to think of “sacrifice” and “real presence” as doctrines to believe in – perhaps with some vague awareness of complicated medieval terms such as “transubstantiation.” But the logic of the liturgies of the various Christian traditions, and the whole point of the Vatican II renewal, is that our liturgical sharing in Christ’s dying and rising is meant to transform us individually and communally. The implications are huge! Friday, January 22, Webinar presentation from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

 **Retrouvaille** As a peer ministry of couples helping other couples who are living in hurting marriages, the Retrouvaille program focuses on teaching couples communications skills that can help them work on their differences. For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Honoring Marriage Day This event will be held on Saturday, May 1 at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in St. Cloud at 1:00 pm for couples celebrating their 5, 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60 plus anniversaries. Call your respective parish if you wish to sign up for this event.

9 Days for Life Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com.

Rural Life Initiative Conversations of Hope Series The diocese is invited to join us for the Rural Life Initiative’s monthly virtual sessions, Conversations of Hope: Sharing Community Concerns and Resources. Participants will pray and share together in a community conversation around pressing issues in our communities; community leaders will also be part of the conversation to answer questions and share ideas for how to address these community concerns. Join us the second Thursday of every month at Noon. Our next session, on Thursday, January 14, will focus on Elder Community Members and Isolation Challenges. To join in this or any upcoming Conversation of Hope, email Kateri Mancini at Kateri.Mancini@ccstcloud.org or register online (for one session or the whole series) at <https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/social-concerns>.



The Scriptures This Week

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Heb 1:1-6	Mk 1:14-20
Tu	Heb 2:5-12	Mk 1:21-28
We	Heb 2:14-18	Mk 1:29-39
Th	Heb 3:7-14	Mk 1:40-45
Fr	Heb 4:1-5,11	Mk 2:1-12
Sa	Heb 4:12-16	Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday—		
	1 Sm 3:3b-10,19	1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42

Prayer Requests...

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



Banns of Matrimony:

III Beth Drager♥Brian Kluempke, 1-16 M

For the Sick:

Leanard Frieze, LeRoy Wolbeck, Cindy Fleischhacker, Walter & Laura Beuning, Alma Schulte

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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- ♦Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink.....837-5321
- ♦St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren.....333-8461
- ♦St. Mary’s 256-3746

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

January 15-17, Friday-Sunday

♦Men’s Silent Weekend Retreat “A Listening Heart” will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. Join us for a peaceful, prayerful and affordable retreat experience. Please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com for online registration or more information.

January 22-24, Friday-Sunday

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January 21, Thursday

♦Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:30 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 and bingo played.

January 29-31, Friday-Sunday

♦Women’s Silent Weekend Retreat “A Listening Heart” will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. Join us for a peaceful, prayerful and affordable retreat experience. Please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com for online registration or more information.

February 2, Tuesday

♦Freeport Lions Club is sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Freeport Community Center from 1:00 - 7:00 pm. Give the precious gift of life. Masks will be required. Temperatures will be checked. Appointments are needed. We are always in need of people with type “O” blood. Schedule your appointment online at redcross.org or call Janet Butkowski at 320-836-2837 or 320-282-2904.

February 3, Wednesday

♦Feet First Clinic will be at the Freeport Senior center at 9:00 am. Please call 320-836-2450 to book a time slot. Masks required.

February 16-18, Tuesday-Thursday

♦Women’s Lenten Midweek Silent Retreat “A Listening Heart” will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. Join us for a peaceful, prayerful and affordable retreat experience. Please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com for online registration or more information.

February 18, Thursday

♦Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:30 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 and bingo played.

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