



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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 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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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.



Fully Trained

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Luke 6:39-40

Are you "fully trained?" What does it mean to be fully trained? Jesus makes it clear that those who are fully trained will be like their teacher. Of course, we must become like our Lord, who is the one and only Teacher. So are you like Him in every way?

Being fully trained as a Christian is different than being fully trained in an occupation. For example, a doctor is fully trained when all the necessary lessons are learned and the practical aspects of medicine are put into practice. That is why that person becomes a doctor, just like the doctors who were their teachers. But the Christian life is not something we master by learning many teachings of the faith so that, by our expertise, we can then put them into practice using our natural talents. For a Christian to be fully trained, it is necessary that the Divine Physician fully possess them, live within them, and act through them. Thus, Christian training is the practice of allowing God to become one with you so that it is God Who acts in and through you.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 3 - 9

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Esperanza Mireles
 Tu 8:00 am †Caroline Pohlmann
 *We 8:30 am **Ash Wednesday Mass**
SM School Mass
 †Marie & †Richard Winning
 We 6:30 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass (Bilingual)**
 †Odaliz Orozco Acevedo
 Th 8:00 am †Eymard & †Lucille Orth
 Fr 8:30 am †Erma Kettler
 Sa 5:00 pm †Donald Meyer
 *Su 10:00 am †Bernie Arceneau
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Daniel Montanez Martinez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **Ash Wednesday Mass**
SH School Mass
 †Everett & †Beverly Scherping
 Fr 8:15 am †Deceased/Living Members of the
 Thomes, Gaebel, & Kuhlmann Families
 Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

We 7:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 †Deceased/Living Members of
 the Catholic Order of Foresters
 Th 8:15 am †Flossie Hoppe
 Sa 4:00 pm †Chuck Nathe

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Jim Matchinsky
 We 12:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 †Elmer Gangl
 Su 10:00 am †Carla Wolbeck

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Bob Terres
 We 7:30 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 †Angeline Welle
 Su 10:00 am †Jerome Terres

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

We 8:00 am **Ash Wednesday Mass**
SJSA School Mass
 †Dan Schoenberg
 Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Cyril & †Olivia Schwieters
 Sa 4:00 pm †Allie Roering

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 5:30 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 †John Nathe
 Su 8:00 am For the People

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



Stations of the Cross

Times and Locations
 can be found on page 4

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Times and Locations
 can be found on page 3

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

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.

One in Faith Area Catholic Community Dinner Theater

The One in Faith Area Catholic Community is planning a dinner theatre for the last weekend of April, 2025, and actors are needed. However, the evening will no longer be the production 'A Man for All Seasons,' but shall instead be a variety show with comedic sketches, music and more. Auditions for sketches are now at Saint Mary's Church on Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4. Musical acts and other talents are also welcome to contact us and audition for this variety show. To sign up for your 10-15 minute time slot, and receive a sample sketch to perform for the audition, please stop by the Saint Mary's parish office.

BINGO Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on March 23 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch includes hot turkey sandwich, chips, pickle and cookie. Beverages are available for sale. Variety of games such as Good Neighbor Bingo and Blackout. There will also be a quilt raffle. Fun for the entire family. Sorry, no checks, cash only. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Society of Melrose.



Remember to Change Your Clocks Next weekend marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward an hour.

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.
- **Ash Wednesday Collection** will be taken at all three parishes during Mass. The money will be given to the food shelf. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Spring Quarter Craze Freeport Christian Women are excited to announce our Spring Quarter Craze will be on Monday, March 24 at the Freeport Community Center. Please stay tuned to the bulletin or our Facebook page for information on when tickets will go on sale. We look forward to fun evening!

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.

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.



Your Vocation as a Grandparent! All are invited to a light supper and conversation; we hope to exchange ideas on how we share our faith with our grandchildren. RSVP appreciated but not required; you can sign up in the gathering space at St. Mary's or call the St. Mary's parish office. Everyone in our 7-parish One-In-Faith ACC is invited! Saturday, March 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, St. Mary, Melrose.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

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

Total.....	\$7,230.41
Regular Adult Offering	5,280.00
Plate/Loose	938.91
Designated Funds	1,011.50

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



02-23	\$25	Kevin Costello - Grey Eagle
02-24	\$25	Matt & Jamie Judes - Melrose
02-25	\$25	St. Mary's School
02-26	\$25	Isaac Thompson - Melrose
02-27	\$25	Kristen Dierkhising - Summerville, SC
02-28	\$25	Gerald & Melanie Wensmann - Melrose
03-01	\$25	Bob Dickhaus - Melrose

St. Mary's Mission Society meeting on Wednesday, March 12 at St. Mary's Church at 8:45 am. All are welcome!



Fellowship: There will be refreshments served after all Masses this next weekend, March 8-9 at St. Mary's. Please plan to come and stay awhile!

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

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.

◆ **Sausage and Ham Supper** Sponsored by the Spring Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club, and St. Michael's Parish. Serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm in the Spring Hill church basement. Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$3 and 5 and under free.

◆ **St. Margaret Church - Lake Henry Parish Breakfast** Serving from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Adults \$10, children 6-10 \$5, and under 5 free. Sausage, eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, etc.

◆ **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.

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

◆ **Fish Fry** at St. Nicholas Church of Belle River 9473 County Road 3 NE Carlos, MN. Serving from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Gluten free fish and meal option available.

March 9, Sunday

◆ **Freeport Lions Breakfast** serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Sacred Heart church basement. Pancakes, sausage, potatoes, eggs, assorted toppings, and beverages. Adults \$10, children 5-10 \$5, under 5 free. 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.....	\$5,462.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,319.85
Plate.....	587.15
Votive.....	320.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	50.00
School Support.....	120.00
Easter	10.00
Easter Flowers	40.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Holy Land	10.00

Parish Events

Su	03/02	9:00 am	Baptism
Su	03/02	1:00 pm	Lenten Study
Tu	03/04	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fr	03/07	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	03/07	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	03/07	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	03/07	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sa	03/08		Freeport Lion's Breakfast Set-Up
Su	03/09	8:30 am	Freeport Lion's Breakfast
Su	03/09	1:00 pm	Lenten Study
Mo	03/10	6:30 pm	Youth Group Movie Night



Weddings... Congratulations to **Christopher & Chantel (Dierkhising) Overman** who were married at Sacred Heart on Saturday, February 22. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Everly Kate Kalthoff**, the daughter of Ben & Kate Kalthoff, to our parish. Everly Kate was baptized on Sunday, February 23.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Communal Celebration with Individual Confession

- ◆ Wednesday, April 2—4:30 & 7:00 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- ◆ Friday, April 4—7:00 pm—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- ◆ Sunday, April 6—7:00 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*

Individual Confession

- ◆ **Fridays** of Lent—7:45 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- ◆ **Saturdays** of Lent—3:30 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- ◆ **Saturdays** of Lent—3:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- ◆ **Saturdays** of Lent—4:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- ◆ Saturday, April 5 before/after First Saturday Mass—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- ◆ Friday, April 11—5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- ◆ Friday, April 11—7:30 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*
- ◆ Monday, April 14—5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- ◆ Monday, April 14—7:30 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
- ◆ Or by appointment; Call Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,511.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,923.77
Plate.....	342.00
Votive.....	133.65
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	50.00
Building/Maintenance.....	62.50

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,233.23
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,719.23
Plate.....	170.00
Votive.....	319.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	25.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$1,442.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	954.00
Plate/Loose.....	65.00
Votives.....	128.00
Fuel Fund.....	185.00
Maintenance Fund.....	110.00

Parish Events

Su 03/02	8:30 am	New Munich Lion's Breakfast
Su 03/02	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR
Tu 03/04	9:00 am	Quilting
We 03/05	9:00 am	Quilting
Th 03/06	7:00 am	Adoration
Th 03/06	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th 03/06	9:00 am	Quilting
Sa 03/08	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 03/09	1:00 pm	Lenten Study
Mo 03/10	6:30 pm	Youth Group Movie Night - FR

Parish Events

Su 03/02	11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Quarterly Meeting
Su 03/02	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR
Tu 03/04	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 03/04	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 03/04	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fr 03/07	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 03/09	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR
Mo 03/10	6:30 pm	Youth Group Movie Night -FR

Liturgical Ministries

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5 - 7:30 pm

- (S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
- (L) Lisa Wuertz
- (U) Robert Bertram & Tyler Bertram
- (EM) (B) Melvin Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, March 9 - 10:00 am

- (S) Kenny Niehoff
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Conrad Gruber & Stan Heinen
- (EM) (B) Allen Lieser
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
- (HK: March 2-12) Lisa Wuertz, Brenda Athmann, & Cheryl Athmann



Weddings... Congratulations to **Kole & Hallie (Feldewerd) Barten** who were married at Immaculate Conception on Saturday, February 1. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.



Weddings... Congratulations to **Russ & Lori (Ehlert) Herdering** who were married at St. Rose of Lima on Friday, February 7. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

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.

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

God's Housekeepers for the month of March: *Bettie Frieler, Jean Hopfer, Sharon Salzer, Jenna Thull, Shelly Hoppe, and Cathy Sand. 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.

Update on Expansion Numbers: Currently, there is a total of \$225,000 in loans out on the project that came in at \$1,119,314.31. The loan with the Diocese is at \$25,000 and the New Munich Investors is at \$200,000. The parish is looking for individuals who would be interested in making a monthly loan payment or donations towards this great expansion to the church. Please contact Amy at the office if you have any questions or would like to contribute to this project. Thank you to all who have made donations.

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.



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



March 6-9

Thursday 3-6	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Friday 3-7	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
Friday 3-7	2:00 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald (Led by SJSA Students)
Friday 3-7	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)
Friday 3-7	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart, Freeport
Saturday 3-8	4:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose

Sunday March 30th - Join us in the St. John's Church basement for fun, food and fellowship!

St. John's Parish | Meire Grove, MN

Raffle

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 30, 2025**

Bake Sale, Lunch 11:00 a.m. | Bingo 12:00 p.m.
Drawing 1:00 p.m.
St. John's Church Basement, Meire Grove, MN

**11:00 am - Doors open
for bake sale & lunch**

Grand Prize: \$2,000 Cash

Second Prize: \$1,000 Cash

Donated by: Central Lakes Mutual Ins. Co., Magnifi Financial, Arvig,
Greenwald Ins. Agency, Greenwald Farm Center, Millwood Electric,
Hardwood Handyman - Tim Meyer, Cory Schneider Auto Collision,
Anonymous and Nathe Dairy

**12:00 noon - Bingo starts
20 games for \$15
includes a Hot Sandwich
lunch**

3rd - 28th Prizes Donated by:

- 3. Thull Repair.....\$400 Cash
- 4. Rahn's Oil & Propane.....\$300 Cash
- 5. Mid-MN Excavating - Vince Hinnenkamp.....\$150 Cash
- 6. Freeport State Bank.....\$150 Cash
- 7. Meire Grove Athletic Club.....\$100 Cash
- 8. Patton Schad Funeral Services.....\$100 Cash
- 9. Central MN Realty - Matt Imdieke.....\$50 Cash
- 10. Midwest Machinery Co.....\$50 Gift Card
- 11. Greenwald Pub.....\$50 Gift Cert.
- 12. Greenwald Pub.....\$50 Gift Cert.
- 13. Worms Lumber & Ready Mix.....\$50 Cash
- 14. Leedstone.....\$50 Cash
- 15. The Star Post - Melrose Beacon.....One Year Subscription
- 16. Meire Grove Gas & Grocery.....\$25 Gift Card
- 17. Meire Grove Gas & Grocery.....\$25 Gift Card
- 18. Meire Grove Gas & Grocery.....\$25 Gift Card
- 19. Woody's Bar & Grill.....\$25 Gift Card
- 20. Woody's Bar & Grill.....\$25 Gift Card
- 21. Woody's Bar & Grill.....\$25 Gift Card
- 22. Woody's Bar & Grill.....\$25 Gift Card
- 23. Melrose Bowl.....\$25 Gift Cert.
- 24. Melrose Bowl.....\$25 Gift Cert.
- 25. Kraemer Lumber - True Value.....\$25 Gift Cert.
- 26. Kraemer Lumber - True Value.....\$25 Gift Cert.
- 27. Belgrade Co-op.....\$25 Gift Card
- 28. Melrose Implement.....\$20 Cash

**1:00 pm - Raffle Drawing
\$2000.00 Grand Prize
\$1000.00 2nd Prize
& 26 more prizes!**

Need not be present to win. **\$20/Ticket**
Lic. #X-03349-25-001 | Ticket #<<ticket number>>

Clip and return to St Mary's Parish Office 755 Kraft Drive SE Melrose, MN 56352 by March 24, 2025

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of tickets wanted: _____ x \$20.00 = _____ (amount enclosed)

Make checks payable to: St John the Baptist Church

Tickets also available at: Meire Grove Gas & Grocery & the Parish Office in Melrose

ONE IN FAITH ACC VARIETY SHOW AUDITIONS

APRIL VARIETY SHOW

The One in Faith ACC is hosting a dinner theatre /variety show at the Freeport Community Center the last weekend of April, 2025.

The skits are chosen, but actors are needed and other performers are welcome.



AUDITIONS ON MARCH 3RD & 4TH

Auditions are 5:30 -7:30 PM at Saint Mary's, Melrose. Other audition dates and times available by appt.

Sample scripts available
Walk ins welcome.

Sign up at the St. Mary's
parish office -
320.256.4207

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,031.00
Regular Adult Offering	670.00
Plate/Loose	45.00
Votives	76.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00
Fuel Fund	100.00
Catholic Magazine.....	40.00

Liturgical Ministries
Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 5 - 8:00 am

(S) SJSA Students
 (L) SJSA Students
 (U) Volunteers Needed
 (GB) SJSA Students
 (EM) (B) Volunteers Needed
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, March 8 - 4:00 pm

(S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
 (L) Isaiah Gilk
 (U) Bob Worms & John Worms
 (GB) Dale & Kris Winter
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - March) *Linda Heinze, Deb Imdieke, Carol Inderrieden, & Ronnie Inderrieden

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,569.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,213.00
Plate/Loose	180.00
Votives.....	56.00
Maintenance Fund	95.00
School Support	25.00

Liturgical Ministries
Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 5 - 5:30 pm

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
 (L) Rita Meyer
 (U) Dennis Schmiesing & Don Schneider
 (GB) Denis & Emily Schneider
 (EM) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, March 9 - 8:00 am

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
 (L) Karen Meyer
 (U) Ken Schneider & Marvin Schneider
 (GB) Don & Cindy Schneider
 (EM) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
 (HK - March) *Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphak, 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. Las pláticas de preparación bautismal se llevarán a cabo el próximo sábado 22 de marzo a las 12:00 pm en la iglesia.

Retiro de cuaresma: La parroquia de Santa María estará ofreciendo un retiro cuaresmal de un día el sábado 29 de marzo de 2025 de 8:00 am a 4:00 pm. El retiro tendrá un costo de 25 dólares por persona. Si desea más información hable con el diácono Jorge Carrillo después de misa o hable a la oficina parroquial.

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://nemariagediscovery.org/faqs-es.php> o para más información pónganse en contacto con Diego y Claudia Gonzalez: 704-698-1010 o Claudiagg@ymail.com.



“Can a blind person guide a blind person?”

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 (Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin)
 Sir 17:20-24 Mk 10:17-27

Tu Weekday (Saint Casimir)
 Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31

We Ash Wednesday
 J1 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Th Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Fr Friday after Ash Wednesday (Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs)
 Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

Sa Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Saint John of God, Religious)
 Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday - First Sunday of Lent
 Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 12. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the parish office.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.

Service Project:

- **Casino Night at the Tree of Life** Wednesday, March 12, from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Tree of Life Assisted Living in New Munich. Contact Chrystal if you are interested in attending.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **ALL Faith Formation Students** are invited to stop by the church either before or after school (7:30-8:00 am or 2:50-3:15 pm) on Fat Tuesday, March 4, for a doughnut.
- **Ash Wednesday, March 5:** Please see the bulletin for Mass schedule in various parishes. Some 9 and 10 graders are helping with liturgical ministries at the 6:30 pm St. Mary's Mass (See the Sign-up Genius form to remind yourself of the ministry you chose).
- **First Communion: Next Class:** Wednesday March 5 at 6:30 pm (Ash Wednesday). Students and their families will go to the Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:30 pm in Melrose together. After the distribution of ashes, students will be dismissed to the gathering space, for a short lesson about Lent. Parents can pick up their child in the gathering space at the end of Mass.
- **Next Regular First Communion Class:** Saturday, March 8 from 9:00 - 10:30 am at St. Mary's Church. Students only.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

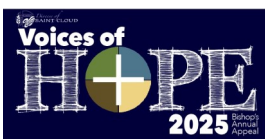
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- **Movie Night** Monday, March 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Freeport Church Basement. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join the youth group as they gather to watch *Miracles From Heaven*. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 5. Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org.
- **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.

ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

Need Some Direction In Your Life? We invite you to join us as "companions" to encounter Jesus on the road to Calvary in this live production. Experience Holy Week in a new light. Performances are: April 9 at 7:00 pm, April 11 at 7:30 pm, April 12 at 7:30 pm and Palm Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church (44055 Hwy 238, Freeport).



Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: Thank you so much to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries in 2025 through the Appeal. As of February 24, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2025 has raised total cash and pledges of \$232,187 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (15.48%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 1,507 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcadio.org/annualappeal.

House Blessing... If you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan call the Tri-Parish Office, Freeport (320-836-2143).

Is the Light of Christ in You? Are you looking for that light? How can you bring the light of Christ to someone else if you don't have it within yourself? Central Minnesota Koinonia is sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next weekend is scheduled for March 21-23, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.



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

Ancient Christian Practices to Sustain Community

Understanding differences matters when creating structures that people can step into and be a part of. It is all too easy for a person to feel squeezed out of a community. We cannot be indifferent to the wear and tear that exhaustion and uncaring brings to community life. Belonging is important. When we understand the differences between ourselves and others, we can better empathize with their experiences, challenges, and perspectives. Empathy is a bridge between the emotional and the cognitive—our heads and hearts—that shoulders the fruit of the spirit—kindness, peace, joy, self-control, and love. Our ancient Christian practices matter. When fully engaged, we cannot let the hard moments of life go unattended, unthought out. Time given over to spiritual practices and engaging differences both benefits the individual and grounds one for engagement in life together. Thursday, March 6, presentation from 6:30 - 9:00 pm, Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria. Free event. Registration is required: www.theologyday.com, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.



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- ♥SHS Registration for the 25/26 school year PreK - 6th grade will open on Monday, March 3.
- ♥SHS Celebrated the end of the One School One Book project The War with Grandpa, with watching the movie on Friday.
- ♥SHS will kick off their Lenten project next week on Tuesday, March 4. They will be collecting money, school supplies, basic toiletries and toys for Stoves for Guatemala.

- ♦During Lent, families at SMS will be collecting dollars and coins to give to four different organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Newton, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International. If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, drop your coins off at the parish office or school.
- ♦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.

- ♦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.
- ♦Registration is Now Open for grades preschool - 6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested in joining us at SJSA, please call the school at 320-987-3133 to schedule a visit.
- ♦Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:45 am - 2:30 pm.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

02/23	\$25	Dean Poepping - Melrose
02/24	\$25	Hannah Welle - Freeport
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02/26	\$25	Dave & Kathy Welle - Freeport
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02/28	\$25	Norb & LouAnn Jost - Richmond
03/01	\$25	Sarah Moscho - Freeport

- ♦SJSA Catholic School offers small class sizes that allow our teachers and staff to build meaningful relationships with our students and promote genuine growth. We offer a faith-filled environment along with academic excellence. If you are considering sending your children to a Catholic school, please check out SJSA at www.sjsaschool.org or call 320-987-3133 to arrange a visit. Scholarships are available.
- ♦Parent - Teacher Conferences are Thursday, March 13 from 2:30 - 7:00 pm.
- ♦No School Friday, March 14.
- ♦SJSA received a check for \$177.85 for aluminum can recycling. The recycling trailer is in the south parking lot of St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Thank you for recycling with SJSA.
- ♦Congratulations to Jane Welle for receiving the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence Halo Award for the month of February for her volunteer work in grades three and four. Jane was nominated by Mary Miller.



Fully Trained cont'd from page 1

This form of "training" first takes on the goal of freeing us from spiritual blindness. We must see Christ and come to know Him. Again, this is not a matter of simply learning various truths about God in an intellectual way. It's a matter of coming to know the Truth Himself. We must see and know the Person Who is Christ Jesus. This is true sight. Blindness, however, can always set in again when we take the eyes of our soul off the Savior.

Seeing Christ, however, is not enough. Seeing must be followed by doing. That is why our Lord goes on to say in today's Gospel that "every tree is known by its own fruit" and that a "good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." Seeing Christ Himself, within your soul, will produce that "store of goodness," and this will make you more "fully trained." Only then can you produce good fruit, for it will be Christ Himself producing the good fruit in and through you.

So back to our original question: "Are you fully trained?" Do you daily keep your eyes on a Person, Jesus Himself? And if so, do You allow Him to act in your life and, through you, in the lives of others? If you cannot answer these questions with a confident "Yes," then you might have more blindness in the spiritual life than you realize.

Reflect, today, upon your mission to become a fully trained soldier of Christ. God wants to use you, to live within you, and to act through you. He wants you to be like Him in every way. This is only possible when you admit the blindness with which you struggle, turn your eyes to Him, and allow Him to become one with you. Start by turning to Him as He dwells within you. Search for Him, seek Him, and love Him. If you keep your eyes upon Him, He will carefully take care of the rest, leading you to a fully trained and fruitful life.

My divine Teacher, I turn to You, the Lord of all, and seek to fix my gaze upon You. As I see You, please remove my blindness and confusion. In place of these, give me wisdom so that I will always allow You to live in me and act through me, bearing an abundance of good fruit. Jesus, I trust in You.

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