



# 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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 19, 2025**

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

**Melrose - Spring Hill -  
Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Website:** www.sacredheartfreeport.org

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**Mailing Address:** PO Box 155  
Freeport, MN 56331

**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.**

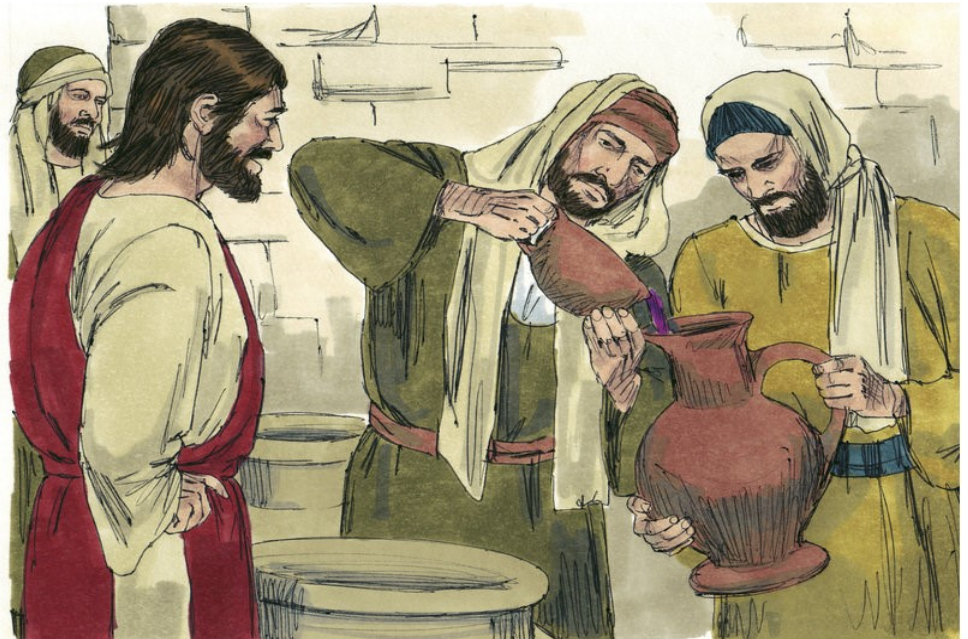
\*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

**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,**  
**Home Bound Communion**  
**Pastoral Visitation**  
**Joining/Leaving a Parish**

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.



## *The Book of Signs*

*Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. John 2:11*

John's Gospel is commonly divided into four sections: the Prologue, the Book of Signs, the Book of Glory and the Epilogue (which contains the resurrection appearance in Galilee). Today's Gospel comes from the beginning of the Book of Signs, which begins at Chapter 1:19 and continues through Chapter 12. In this section, the Apostle John presents us with seven "signs," which are seven miracles Jesus performed. Each sign has a deeper spiritual meaning that reveals Jesus' divinity and mission. In many ways, the entire Book of Signs prepares us for the Book of Glory in which Jesus' "hour" of glory is identified with Him taking up His glorious throne of the Cross, fulfilling His mission as the "Lamb of God" Who offers His life for the salvation of all, and pouring forth His grace and mercy from His wounded side.

The first of seven signs Jesus performs in John's Gospel is the changing of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana, which was done in superabundance! The six stone jars, filled to the brim with water, were transformed into as much as 180 gallons of the finest wine. The changing of water into wine was done at the request of Jesus' mother, who told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There is certainly much to ponder in this incredible miracle. One specific thing to consider, as we begin reading the first of these signs, is that Jesus uses His miracles to prepare His disciples for the "hour" of grace and glory that is to come. And though the hour of Jesus has already taken place in time, it's important to understand that each one of us needs to go through the process of preparing for that hour in our own lives. We must let Christ continuously prepare us for the hour of glory by which we receive Him and all the grace He won for us on the Cross. This preparation will take place in our lives, just as it was presented in John's Gospel. Jesus' seven signs, His miraculous actions, were performed to prepare His disciples to receive all that He bestowed on the

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 20 – 26**

**ADORATION**

**St. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Sergio Hernandez Chavez y Familia Hernandez Chavez

Tu 8:00 am **NO MASS**

We 8:00 am †Deceased/Living Members of the John R. Helsper Family  
 †Betty Goebel

Th 8:00 am †Richard & †Marie Winning

Fr 8:30 am †Collette & †Henry Von Wahlde

Sa 5:00 pm **SMS Catholic Schools Week Mass**  
 †Ronald Thieschafer

\*Su 10:00 am **Misa en Español**  
 †Aniversario Luctuoso de Belester Vazquez Sobreyra

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am †Deceased Members of the Boecker & Pohlmann Families

Sa 4:00 pm For the People

**St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa**

Tu 8:15 am †Carla Wolbeck

Su 10:00 am †Eddie & †Millie Kociemba

**St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 8:00 am Spring Hill Men's Society

Sa 4:00 pm †Chris Welle

**St. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**  
 †Ralph Inderrieden

Su 10:00 am **SJSA Catholic Schools Week Mass**  
 For the People

**St. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †Aloysius "Al" Luetmer

Su 8:00 am †Lucille Imdieke

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**  
 †Lori Scherping

Fr 8:15 am †Christopher "Chris" Welle

Su 8:00 am †Ed & †Bernice Scherping



**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](http://oneinfaith.org) for the YouTube link.

**ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parish News:**

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

•**Children's Envelopes** are available in the parish office. If you would like your child/ren to have them, please contact the office and we will assign them.

•**Confirmation Prayer Trees** have been placed in the parishes of St. Michael's, St. Andrew's, St. John's and St. Mary's. Each dove on the tree has the name of a Confirmation candidate. We invite you to take a dove or two home with you and pray for the candidates, that they may be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives! Confirmation will take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 4 at St. Mary's in Melrose. Everyone – especially anyone from our 7 ACC parishes – is welcome to join us in celebrating this sacrament with our young people!

•**Thank You** to everyone who made donations for Christmas Flowers and Environment in memory of a loved one. Much beauty was added to the churches this Christmas season. A list of those remembered by the donors can be found in the back of the churches.

•**Thank You** to Freeport State Bank for the generous monetary donations given to each of the four parishes for Christmas. We sincerely appreciate it!



**Vespers/March for Life...Vespers:** Sunday, January 19, at Church of St. Anthony, 2405 1st St N, St Cloud, MN 56303. Rosary at 3:30 pm and Vespers at 4:00 pm. Bishop Patrick Neary will preside. The service includes music, prayer, scripture and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist pregnancy resource centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud. **March:** Wednesday, January 22, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul, MN. The Sauk Centre MCCL will be sponsoring a bus to the Capitol in St. Paul. Please see the "MCCL Bus to the Capitol" notice on page 7 for more information on busing to this event. The Diocese of Saint Cloud is also coordinating a bus to St. Paul. A free-will offering will be accepted to help with the transportation cost. Bus will depart at 7:45 am from St. Mary's Cathedral. Registration is required. Deadline to register for the bus is Wednesday, January 15. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.stcdio.org/march4life2025> or call 320-258-7615.

**Parish News:**

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

•**February Ministry Schedule** was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish.

**Radiating Joy Coming to Sacred Heart** Come join us while we stream the documentary Radiating Joy Sunday, February 2 at 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart Freeport in the church basement. Radiating Joy is the story of Michelle Duppong, a Servant of God who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by His love. Michelle was a native of North Dakota and a FOCUS missionary for whom a Cause of Beatification and Canonization has been initiated. It tells the story of her beautiful and faith-filled life, especially during her diagnosis, treatment, and death. There will be popcorn and punch available. Feel free to bring your own snacks. The event is free and open to anyone



**A Heartfelt Thank You** to all who participated in the Christmas "Baby Jesus Shower" which restocked our shelves with diapers, toys, blankets, baby clothes and car seats. We are so grateful. Thank you very much for your past and continued support! *Options for Women*

**Catholic Men's Conference** Saturday, February 22, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at St. John's University in Collegeville; Bishop Patrick Neary will celebrate Mass at 4:00 pm. Keynote speaker: Father Scott Traynor, JCL, a priest in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is the Vicar for Lay and Clergy Formation. Various Workshops will be available, including topics for young men ages 15 and up. Cost: \$40 or \$35/each for groups of 5, includes morning refreshments and lunch. Cost for young men ages 15 – 22: \$10, scholarships available for the first 50 registrants. Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 Registration Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CMC>. If you have any questions please contact Janet by calling 320-258-7616 or email at [janet.dusek@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:janet.dusek@gw.stcdio.org) or visit <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-catholic-mens-conference/> for more information. Confessors are also needed (lunch provided) please contact Janet Dusek.



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 Church Basement 320-836-2191

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

Total.....	\$10,633.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	8,892.00
Plate/Loose .....	874.00
Designated Funds .....	867.00

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Total.....	\$10,310.60
Regular Adult Offering.....	7,179.85
Plate.....	273.50
Votive.....	237.25
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	25.00
Christmas Envelopes .....	2,500.00
Building/Maintenance .....	75.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes .....	20.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**



01-12	\$25	Ted Goerdt - Melrose
01-13	\$25	Dustin & Jenna Frieler - Greenwald
01-14	\$25	St. Mary's Church
01-15	\$25	Sheri Rademacher - Melrose
01-16	\$25	Pete Terres, Jr. - Melrose
01-17	\$25	Mark Morton & Linda Bierschbach - Melrose
01-18	\$25	Trevor Wensman - Melrose

**Baptized in Christ...** Jackson Neal Gaebel

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle Committee** would like to thank everyone who supported the church by buying calendar raffle tickets. A total of 1,483 tickets were sold, \$12,000 in prizes will be distributed throughout the year, and the church profited over \$16,000! Watch for information on how we plan to commemorate the 30th Annual Calendar Raffle next year!

**Thank You** to the Calendar Raffle committee for all of the time they put in to make this annual fundraiser so successful.

**Parish Leadership** will meet Thursday, January 23, at 6:30 pm. Finance Council will meet at 5:00 pm.

**Needed...** Additional Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, and Altar Servers are needed for St. Mary's 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Masses. Training will be provided and scheduling is flexible. Please call Sarah Woeste in the office at 320-256-9516.

**One In Faith ACC Catholic Schools Dinner & Auction Fundraisers**



◆**SHS 30th Annual Wine & Dine** Dinner and Auction will be held on Saturday, January 25. The silent auction begins Friday, January 17 and will close at 3:00 pm Saturday, January 25. There will also be a live auction the night of the event. You can view items and bid on the silent auction items at <https://www.32auctions.com/wineanddine2025>. The fundraiser will also include a \$100 cash raffle with a top prize of \$20,000. Dinner and Raffle tickets are available from all SHS families as well as at the school and parish office.



◆**34th Annual Steak & Wine Dinner & Auction** to support St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School will be Saturday, February 8, at The Greenwald Pub. Tickets cost \$35 and are now available at the school, Meire Grove Gas & Grocery, Freeport State Bank in Greenwald, as well as the night of the event at the Pub. Online auction takes place the week leading up to the event, with the live auction taking place on Saturday night. Donny Brang will be playing live music during supper. More info to come!



◆**23rd St. Mary's Annual Auction 4 Education** will be held on Saturday, March 1, at the American Legion in Melrose. Doors open at 5:00 pm. The night will start with a game of Family Feud. How well do you know the students at SMS? A free-will offering meal will be served from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Disco for Dollar \$100 Raffle tickets can be purchased after Masses and are available at St. Mary's School & Parish Office, All Stars Sports Bar & Grill, Double "R" Bar & Grill, Freeport State Bank - Melrose, Hennen Lumber, Kraemer Lumber, Magnifi Financial - Melrose, Melrose Bowl, St. Rosa Lumber. Winners will be drawn on March 1 at the Legion. We will again use our online platform to bid for silent auction items, while the classroom projects will be auctioned live in person at the Legion. Please come dressed in your best Disco attire. Visit our auction website for more details. <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>

Join us at each of these fundraisers for a great meal and lots of fun.

**Parish Events**

Su	01/19	9:00 am	Catholic Schools Week Social
We	01/22	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	01/22	6:00 pm	Confirmation Interviews
We	01/22	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fr	01/24	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	01/24	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	01/26	9:00 am	Baptism



**Sponsor a Votive Candle** The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles: 1 on the St. Joseph Altar and 1 military remembrance candle by the votive stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

**Thank You** to the Freeport Lions for their generous donation of \$10,000 to Sacred Heart School Capital Improvements.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**January 19, Sunday**

◆**Melrose Lions Breakfast** at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

**January 20, Monday**

◆**Red Cross Blood Drive** hosted by Health & Wellness Team of the St. Stephen Catholic Church from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Call 800-Red-Cross or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: St. Stephen Catholic to schedule an appointment.

**January 25, Saturday**

◆**Sacred Heart School Wine & Dine** at the Freeport Community Center beginning at 4:30 pm. See more information at left.

**January 26, Sunday**

◆**St. Mary's School Catholic Schools Week Breakfast** in St. Mary's School Gym. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, and more. Tickets sold in advance and at the door; to-go options available. Adults (13 years old and up) \$10. Children (6-12 years old) \$5. Children (5 and under) Free.

◆**Snowmobile Blessing** Roving Hillbillies Snowmobile Club 56th Annual Snowmobile Blessing at St. Rose Lions/JC Park. Fun, Food, Drinks & Meat Raffle start at 12:00 pm, Blessing of the snowmobiles at 2:00 pm, Grand Raffle Drawing held at 4:00 pm. Need not be present to win.

**January 28, Tuesday**

◆**Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults** Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together 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 [ssnd.org/events/1-28-25/](https://ssnd.org/events/1-28-25/).

**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
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 New Munich, MN 56356  
 Church Basement 320-837-5217

**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**  
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 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.....	\$2,269.31
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,727.69
Plate.....	232.00
Building/Maintenance.....	94.62
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes.....	215.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,554.60
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,558.85
Plate.....	295.75
Christmas Envelopes.....	700.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,123.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	699.00
Children .....	4.00
Plate/Loose .....	50.00
Fuel Fund.....	100.00
Christmas.....	250.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	20.00

**Parish Events**

Su 01/19	9:00 am	Catholic Schools Week Social - FR
Tu 01/21	6:30 pm	Catholic Order of Foresters Mtg.
We 01/22	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 01/22	6:00 pm	Confirmation Interviews - FR
Sa 01/25	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

**Parish Events**

Su 01/19	9:00 am	Catholic Schools Week Social - FR
Su 01/19	9:00 am	Family Gathering
Tu 01/21	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 01/21	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 01/22	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 01/22	6:00 pm	Confirmation Interviews - FR
Fr 01/24	7:30 pm	Rosary

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Mass Time Change Due to Catholic Schools Week**  
**Saturday, January 25 - 4:00 pm**  
 (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt  
 (L) Pete LeClaire  
 (U) Rick Terres & Robert Van Drehle  
 (EM) (B) Kathy Welle  
 (EM) (C) Adam Kalthoff & Conrad Gruber  
 (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd  
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber  
 (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer  
 (HK: January 19 - February 1)  
 Dani Welle, Deanna Welle, & Diane Welle

**Elevator and Expansion Update:** The overall cost of the project came in at \$1,119,314.31. The parish took out a loan of \$150,000 from the Diocese of St. Cloud and an additional loan from the New Munich Investors for \$200,000. The loan through the diocese is currently down to \$40,000 thanks to all those who have made pledges and donations. The parish is looking for individuals who would be interested in covering one or multiple loan payments (roughly \$1,400). Once the loan at the diocese is paid in full, then the New Munich Investors loan will need to be paid in monthly installments. Please contact Amy at the office if you are interested in committing to a loan payment(s) or if you would like to donate to the project.

**Baptized in Christ...** We welcome **William James Hays**, the son of William & Brianna Hays, to our parish. William James was baptized on Sunday, January 12.

**Sponsor a Votive Candle** The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles during 2025: 1 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Stand and 2 on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.

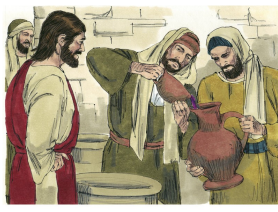
**Quilting...** Come join us in St. Rose. The quilters will be quilting on Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Lunch is provided, everyone is welcome.

**Coffee and Rolls** St. Michael's Catholic United Financial is sponsoring Coffee and Rolls after the 10:00 am Mass today, Sunday, January 19 in the church basement. Everyone is invited, please join us!

**Rosary Rally** Please join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 25, at St. Michael's Church.

**Mass Time Switch** Please note the January 26 weekend Mass times will switch. The 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 25 will be at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill and the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday is at St. Andrew's in Greenwald.

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Cross. We must not only prayerfully reflect upon these signs as recorded by John throughout the year, we must also look for the many personal signs that our Lord gives to each one of us.

Just as the participants at the Wedding of Cana were left in amazement at the miracle of Jesus, so we must allow ourselves to become continuously amazed at His action in our lives. The seven signs that are recorded in Scripture, as well as the effect of our spiritual pondering of them, must become beacons of light that prepare us to come to know our Lord more fully and to receive the grace won by His Cross of glory.

Reflect, today, upon this, the first of Jesus' signs. Try to meditate upon this story as a way of preparing yourself to receive His grace more fully in your life. Think of the superabundance of the miracle and ponder the fact that it points to the superabundance of grace God wants to give you. Reflect, also, upon the fact that it took place by the intercession of Jesus' dear mother. She also will anticipate your needs and pray for you with her motherly heart. Ponder the beautiful meaning and symbolism in this passage so that you will more fully share in God's abundant glory.

*My glorious Lord, Your entire earthly life was a preparation for the hour in which You gave Your life as a sacrifice on the Cross for the remission of sins. Please continuously prepare me to receive You more fully and to open my heart to You and all that You have bestowed upon me through Your perfect sacrifice of love. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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**Prayer Requests...**  
 Please call the parish office to be added to this list.

**Banns of Matrimony:**  
 I Lori Ehlert♥Russ Herdering, 2 - 7 SR  
 II Hallie Feldewerd♥Kole Barten, 2 - 1 NM

**For the Sick:** Beatrice Massmann, Dorothy Schneider, Sandy Welle, Tony Niehaus, Vivian Weber

**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

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,835.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	1,680.00
Plate/Loose .....	147.00
Votives .....	8.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Mass Time Change Due to**  
**Catholic Schools Week**  
**Sunday, January 26 - 10:00 am**

(S) Noah Dehmer & Luke Worms  
 (L) SJSA Students  
 (U) Arnold Nietfeld & Daniel Nietfeld  
 (GB) SJSA Students  
 (EM) (B) Clarine Beier  
 (EM) (C) Herman Lensing & Mary Opatrny  
 (HK - January) \*Lisa Bertram, Sheryl Braun, Kate Buermann, & Sara Dehmer

**Thank You** to the Greenwald Rec Club for the donation to help defray the costs of fuel.

**Mass Time Switch** Please note the January 26 weekend Mass times will switch. The 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 25 will be at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill and the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday is at St. Andrew's in Greenwald.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,669.66
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,220.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose .....	314.00
Votives.....	65.41
Solemnity of Mary.....	15.00
School Subsidy.....	55.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, January 26 - 8:00 am**

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe  
 (L) Karen Meyer  
 (U) Tom Loxtercamp & Dean Meyer  
 (GB) Elmer & Virginia Meyer  
 (EM) Karl Meyer, Sue Meyer, Abby Zenzen, & Daryl Zenzen  
 (HK - January) \*Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernick, Julie Wehlage, & Abby Zenzen



**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

**Grupo de oración:** invitamos a todas las personas de habla hispana a nuestras asambleas de oración que se llevan a cabo los últimos tres jueves del mes. En nuestras asambleas rezamos el santo rosario, jubilosos alabamos a Dios y escuchamos la Palabra de Dios.

**Adoración eucarística:** Los invitamos a la adoración eucarística en español que se lleva a cabo cada primer jueves del mes en nuestra parroquia. a las

**Confesiones individuales:** si usted desea recibir el sacramento de la reconciliación tiene la oportunidad de hacerlo el 1 y 3 jueves del mes durante la adoración eucarística y la asamblea de oración. Los Sacerdotes hablan español.

**¡Festival de Familias Diocesana:**  
 ¡No se lo pierda! Las inscripciones se están completando rápidamente. ¡Únase a cientos de otras personas para celebrar el papel de la familia y disfrutar de actividades diseñadas específicamente para usted! Conozca a otras familias de toda la diócesis y crezca en la fe como familia. ¡El costo es solo \$25 para su familia! Para obtener más información y registrarse, visite: <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-festival-of-families/>

**"TO EACH INDIVIDUAL THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN FOR SOME BENEFIT."**  
 (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

**The Scriptures This Week**  
 Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

- Mo Weekday** (Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr)  
 Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22
- Tu Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr** (Memorial)  
 Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28
- We Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
 Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Mk 3:1-6
- Th Weekday** (Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin)  
 Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12
- Fr Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Memorial)  
 Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19
- Sa The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle** (Feast)  
 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18
- Next Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27  
 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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El Rosario por la vida comienza a las 3:30 p. m. seguido de un servicio de oración de Vísperas a las 4:00 p. m. incluyendo música, oración, escrituras y reflexión por los millones de niños abortados desde 1973. El obispo Patrick Neary presidirá. Se aceptan donaciones monetarias a Mother Mary's Fund para ayudar a los centros de apoyo de embarazos en la Diócesis de Saint Cloud.

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**22 DE ENERO**  
 CATEDRAL DE SAN PABLO, ST. PAUL, MN

La Diócesis de San Cloud, está coordinando un autobús a St Paul. Se aceptarán donaciones para ayudar con el costo del autobús. Vístense abrigadamente y traigan su almuerzo. Para inscribirse visiten <https://www.stcdio.org/march4life2020> ó lláme al 320-258-7615. El plazo de inscripción finaliza el 15 de enero.

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## FAITH FORMATION

### Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org)

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 22 Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the parish office.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 10: Confirmation Student and Parent Interviews:** Wednesday, January 22. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.

### Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 22 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.
- **Grades 9-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 22 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.

### Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

01/12	\$25	Zachary & Colleen Wiechman - Freeport
01/13	\$25	Nicholas Klehr - South Haven
01/14	\$25	Brooke Schleicher & Logan Arceneau - St. Martin
01/15	\$25	Eric & Dana Kerfeld - Freeport
01/16	\$25	Mary Monroe - Melrose
01/17	\$25	Jeremy & Emily Smith - Melrose
01/18	\$25	Denise Gerads - Upsala

## The Jubilee Prayer



*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.*

*Amen.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

[youthministry@catholic-centered.org](mailto:youthministry@catholic-centered.org) or [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

♥ **Open Gym NEW DATE:** One in Faith ACC students grades 6 - 12 are invited to join the Tri-Parish Youth Group on Monday, January 20 for an open gym night from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym. Deadline is Saturday, January 18. Contact Alyssa for more information, 320-429-0770 or [youthministry@catholic-centered.org](mailto:youthministry@catholic-centered.org). Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website: [www.sacredheartfreeport.org](http://www.sacredheartfreeport.org).

♥ **Skiing at Andes Tower Hills** sponsored by the Tri-Parish Youth Group, Sunday, February 9 from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. This event is open to One in Faith youth grades 6 - 12. We will have a fun filled afternoon skiing. Deadline to register is Wednesday, January 29. Contact Alyssa for more information, 320-429-0770 or [youthministry@catholic-centered.org](mailto:youthministry@catholic-centered.org). Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website: [www.sacredheartfreeport.org](http://www.sacredheartfreeport.org).

♥ **Middle School Lock-In for Grades 6-8:** Saturday - Sunday, January 25-26 starting at 8:00 pm at the St. Cloud YMCA. This lock-in will have Mass, great food, swimming, dodgeball, gaga ball, prayer opportunities, wallyball, a silent disco, game shows, and so much more. Come together with other youth in our diocese, make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat great food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$66 after January 16. Deadline to register is Wednesday, January 22. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at 320-836-2143 or [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org), or Pam Pundsack at 320-256-9503 or [pam@stmarysofmelrose.org](mailto:pam@stmarysofmelrose.org) with questions.

♥ **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 - \$200. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 5 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org) or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at [pam@stmarysofmelrose.org](mailto:pam@stmarysofmelrose.org) or 320-256-9503 with questions.

♥ **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](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org), or Pam Pundsack at 320-256-9503 or [pam@stmarysofmelrose.org](mailto: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.

## 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.

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- ♥ **Catholic School's Week Celebrations** will kick off on Sunday, January 19 with Mass at 8:00 am in Freeport and we will have theme days, fun activities, the ski trip, etc. all week to celebrate. All are invited after Mass for a social in the church basement. There will also be an open house at Sacred Heart School until 10:00 am for anyone that would like to take a look at the school, classrooms, etc.
- ♥ **SHS Wine and Dine** event is coming up Saturday, January 25! Cash raffle tickets and dinner tickets are in circulation. Please reach out to a SHS family or contact the office if you would like a ticket.
- ♥ **Full-time Openings** available for our Toddler Care Program! Please contact the school office for more information.
- ♥ **Thank You** to an anonymous donor that donated \$50,000 to our endowment fund. We are so thankful for the continued support and generosity to SHS. Please see the annual report for more information on what an endowment fund is and how it works.
- ♥ **The SHS Annual Report is Available** in the back of church as well as on our Facebook page. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the school office at 320-836-2591.
- ♥ **Sacred Heart School Wine & Dine Fundraiser** information can be found on page 3.

- ♦ **Congratulations to Addy Frieler**, who represented St. Mary's School in the Melrose District Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 14.
- ♦ **Catholic Schools Week** will begin with Family Fun Night in the gym on Thursday, January 23, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm for all SMS families. We will celebrate Catholic Schools at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 26. Breakfast is also served from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the school gym. All are welcome! Tickets are available from SMS parents or the school office.
- ♦ **Registration for Preschool-6th Grade** will begin in February for current SMS families and March for those families not currently enrolled at SMS. If you are new to the community or just considering sending your child to St. Mary's School, please call to schedule a visit or to receive the new registration materials in March. 320-256-4257.
- ♦ **End of the 2nd Quarter** is Thursday, January 23, No school for students on Friday, January 24.
- ♦ **St. Mary's School's Auction 4 Education** information can be found on page 3.

- ♦ **Congratulations to Wyatt Roelike** who represented St. John's - St. Andrew's at the Melrose School District Area Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 14.
- ♦ **End of the Second Quarter** is Thursday, January 23. There is no school at SJSA Friday, January 24.
- ♦ **SJSA Catholic Schools Week Service Project** SJSA students will be collecting pennies for Fr. Danny Ohmann's Charity "The Watatulu Education Fund" in Africa where Fr. Danny served as a missionary. If you would like to donate, please drop off or send your donation to the school.
- ♦ **Catholic Schools Week Mass** SJSA will kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 26 with an all-school Mass at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. **Please note** this is a weekend Mass time switch. The 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 25 will be at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill and the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday is at St. Andrew's.
- ♦ **34th Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction** information can be found on page 3.

## ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2



**Diocesan Festival of Families** Don't miss out! Registration is filling fast. Join hundreds of others to celebrate the role of family and enjoy activities specifically designed for you! Sunday,

February 2 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Get to know other families from around the diocese and grow in faith as a family. The cost is only \$25 for your family! For more information and to register go to: <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-festival-of-families/>

**Theology Day... 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. Friday, January 24, presentation from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Colledgeville. Synchronous. Free event. Registration is required: [www.theologyday.com](http://www.theologyday.com), 320-363-3560, or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).

**MCCL Bus to the Capitol** Sauk Centre MCCL will be sponsoring a bus to the Capitol in St. Paul for the March For Life on Wednesday, January 22. This bus will leave from Wal-Mart in Sauk Centre at 9:00 am and should arrive at St. Mary's Church Parking Lot by 9:15 am. To reserve a seat on the bus please call 320-250-9904. Please dress warm and bring a bag lunch.

A "Perfect Marriage" is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other! In this month of love, plan to attend the February 15-16. Marriage Encounter and begin to create the marriage of your dreams. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center. Register at: [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org).



**Winter Retreat 2025** The Rue and Monastic Life in Art, January 24-26. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to explore the timeless wisdom of the rule of Saint Benedict through the lens of art and personal reflection. Brother Simon-HOA, A Monk of Saint John's Abbey for 30 years, will share his insights on Benedictine values, humility, hospitality, conversation, and prayer and work as expressed in his video art and his monastic journey. Begins with supper at 5:30 pm on Friday and concludes Sunday after a morning conference and an optional 10:30 am Mass. Cost: Single occupancy room: \$250. Double occupancy room: \$435. Suite: \$475. All rates include meals. To register, contact our spiritual life office at 320-363-2573 or email us at [spiritalife@osb.org](mailto:spiritalife@osb.org) or visit our website to register online [www.abbeyguesthouse.org](http://www.abbeyguesthouse.org).

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