



Order of Christian Initiation:

This year our ACC is blessed with having individuals who are pursuing the Catholic faith! Amanda Fuechtmann, Makenzie Herzog, Joran Carlson, Aiden Hopfer, Natasha

Crowe, Linnea Ingold, Karen Ramirez, Carlos Montanez, Dulce Ramirez, Jorge Alvarez, and Carlos Aguilar are respectfully asking for prayers on this journey. To say the least...these individuals are excited and enthused about learning the Catholic faith. Please encourage, support and pray for them during their journey through this life-changing experience.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima

Sunday, April 6—10:00 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*



EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (April 17) *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

- 6:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Bilingual Mass) *livestreamed**
- 7:00 pm Sacred Heart, Freeport
- 7:30 pm St. Andrew, Greenwald**

Good Friday (April 18) *The Passion of the Lord*

- 12:00 pm St. Mary, Melrose *livestreamed
- 12:15 pm Sacred Heart, Freeport
- 1:00 pm St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
- 1:30 pm St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
- 3:00 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich
- 3:00 pm St. Michael, Spring Hill
- 6:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Liturgy)

Holy Saturday (April 19) *Easter Vigil*

- 8:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Bilingual Mass) *livestreamed**
- 8:30 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich **
- 8:30 pm St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove**

Easter Sunday (April 20) *Resurrection of the Lord*

- 8:00 am Sacred Heart, Freeport
- 8:00 am St. Andrew, Greenwald
- 9:00 am Immaculate Conception, New Munich
- 10:00 am St. Mary, Melrose *livestreamed
- 10:00 am St. Michael, Spring Hill
- 10:00 am St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
- 12:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Mass)

**Incense may be used during Mass

LENT

2025



PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish amphibians, reptiles, and shellfish are permitted. As are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste. **During Lent** abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere.

The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th Birthday (i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk).

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

Aside from these minimum penitential requirements, Catholics are encouraged to impose some personal penance on themselves at other times. This is left to the individual.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

(Wednesday, March 5)

A day of fast and abstinence.

- 8:00 am St. Andrew, Greenwald—SJS Mass
- 8:15 am Sacred Heart, Freeport
- 8:30 am St. Mary, Melrose—SMS Mass *livestreamed
- 12:00 pm St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
- 5:30 pm St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
- 6:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Bilingual Mass)
- 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich
- 7:30 pm St. Michael, Spring Hill





STATIONS of the CROSS

Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima

- Tuesdays of Lent after 8:15 am Mass—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
- Wednesdays of Lent after 8:15 am Mass—*Sacred Heart, Freeport* except Wednesday, April 9 (First Communion Remembrance Mass)
- Thursdays of Lent after 8:15 am Mass—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- Fridays of Lent after 8:15 am Mass—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Fridays of Lent—7:00 pm as follows:
 - March 7—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
 - March 14—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
 - March 21—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
 - April 11—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
- Wednesdays of Lent—7:00 pm as follows:
 - March 26—*Sacred Heart, Freeport led by 10th grade Faith Formation students*
 - April 9—*Shadow Stations—Sacred Heart School Gymnasium, Freeport*
 - April 16—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich led by the Tri-Parish Youth*

St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John the Baptist

- Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26, April 9—7:15pm—with Faith Formation Families
- Wednesdays of Lent—7:30 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*
- Wednesdays of Lent—7:30 pm as follows:
 - March 12—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
 - March 19—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
 - March 26—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
 - April 2—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
- Friday, March 7 & 21, April 4—2:00 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald* (led by SJSA)
- Fridays of Lent—6:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)*
- Saturdays of Lent—4:00 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*

SHADOW STATIONS

Presented by the 6th Grade Class from Sacred Heart School
 Wednesday, April 9—7:00 pm—Sacred Heart School Gymnasium
 Thursday, April 10—1:30 pm—Sacred Heart School Gymnasium

LIVING STATIONS

Presented by St. Mary's School
 Wednesday, April 9—1:00 pm—St. Mary, Melrose

EASTER PROGRAM

Presented by SJSA School
 Tuesday, April 15—1:00 pm & 7:00 pm—St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove



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 and 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



ACC LENT ENRICHMENT

Each church in the ACC will have an assortment of books available to help you on your faith journey this Lent.

Your Vocation as a Grandparent! Saturday, March 15—6:00-7:00 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
 A light supper will be served. Exchanging of ideas with each other on how to share our faith and values 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. All are welcome!

ACC LENT SERVICE PROJECTS

One in Faith Faith Formation is collecting for the Food Shelf at St. Mary's Church.

Sacred Heart School and the Tri-Parish Faith Formation will be collecting money, school supplies, basic toiletries and little toys for Stoves for Guatemala.

St. Mary's School is collecting coins for Simply Love-Global Orphanage, Local Food Shelf, Fr. Schwieters/Fr. Ohmann, and Food for Thought.

SJSA School will be making "Day Brightener" cards and sending them to the area nursing homes and to community members.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John the Baptist—March 15/16 following the weekend Masses.

CHRISM MASS FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. CLOUD

Thursday, April 10, 7:00 pm—*Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud*
 This solemn liturgy takes place once a year at the Cathedral, during which Bishop Neary will consecrate the Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the holy Chrism) used in parishes of our diocese throughout the coming year.

