



# 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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**November 24, 2024**

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

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Bulletin Announcements**

**Deadline:** Tuesday before 9:00 am

**Email information to:** bulletin@catholic-centered.org

**Confession Times**

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

**Marriage**

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date.**

\*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

**Baptism & RCIA**

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA 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.



*May Thy  
Kingdom  
Come!*

Jesus answered, *“My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.”* John 18:36

Today, on the final Sunday of our Church year, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday begins Advent. On this day we profess the profound truth that our Lord is King! He is the King of all things. He is King of the Universe. And He is King of Heaven and all spiritual realities. However, in the Gospel passage quoted above, Jesus responds to Pilate who was questioning Him about whether or not He was the King of the Jews. Jesus is clear that He is a King, but that His Kingdom does not belong to this world. So where is His Kingdom?

We can look at Jesus' statement from two points of view. First of all, if Jesus would have claimed that He were an earthly king, one with civil authority, then Pilate would have judged Him to be guilty of trying to overthrow the Roman authority. This would be unlawful and would be punishable by death. In that case, Jesus could have been found legally guilty of violating civil law.

But Jesus was purely innocent. He was morally perfect in every way, and that included His obedience to all legitimate civil law. But Jesus was a King. He was The King of all Kings! Therefore, so as to exercise His Kingship, He declared that His Kingdom was not of this world. In other words, it was not a Kingdom that was in competition with the Roman authorities or any other civil authority. To that, Pilate did not know how to respond.

Today and always, God desires that His glorious Kingdom reign in every way. God begins by reigning in our souls. He invites us to invite Him to enter in and take control of our lives. He desires to be the ruler of every passion, desire, thought and action that is ours. When this happens, His Kingdom is firmly established within us.

It also needs to be pointed out that Jesus wants His Kingdom to grow. First, it must grow in the minds and wills of all people. But from there, He wants every person to then work to conform every part of our society to the governance of Him as King. This means that as the hearts of civil leaders are converted, they will be called to enact laws that fully support and build up God's Kingdom on earth. It means that business leaders, as they convert, are called to govern their businesses in accord with the will of God so that their businesses contribute to the establishment of God's Kingdom here and now. It means that as the leaders of our schools, sports programs, social programs

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Esperanza Mireles Ambriz
Tu 8:00 am †Duane Lieser
We 8:00 am †Arthur Hinnenkamp
\*Th 9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass
Butch & Marge Haider 60th
Wedding Anniversary
Th 11:00 am Misa en Español
†Refugio Juarez
Fr 8:30 am †Arthur Roehrl
Sa 5:00 pm †Randy Pieper
\*SU 10:00 am †Larry Thostenson
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
Familia Hernandez Delgado

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am NO MASS
Th 8:00 am Thanksgiving Mass
†Betty Hennen Anniversary
Fr 8:15 am †David Soenneker
Su 8:00 am †Joyce Eveslage

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass
†Marie Kampen Anniversary
Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Jim Nykodym
We 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass
Herman Wiechman
Su 10:00 am †Harvey & †Rose Mary Rohe

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Bob Terres
Su 10:00 am †Bob Terres

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 9:00 am Thanksgiving Mass
†Otto Thelen
Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Lucille Imdieke
Su 8:00 am †Joseph Younk



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

NO Adoration Friday, November 29

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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

- Votive Candles As of January 1, the suggested donation for votive candles will increase to \$4 per candle.
•Text Notifications Fr. Mitchell or church staff may send an occasional text to tell everyone about Mass changes, send reminders or details about upcoming events, or share a quick announcement. If you would like to sign up for texts from the church, please visit eva.us/oneinfaith to sign up. You can also contact the parish office if you'd like help getting registered.

Bulletin Deadline Change and Office Closures

The Parish Offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The office in Freeport will also close at noon on Wednesday, November 27. With this closure, the bulletin will need to be printed early. All notices must be to the bulletin editor by 9:00 am Monday, November 25. If possible, please send your announcements by Friday, November 22.

Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story is the story of Servant of God Michelle Duppong, 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. The film, directed by Danny Anderson, tells the story of Michelle's beautiful and faith-filled life, especially during her diagnosis, treatment, and death. There is interest in having this movie brought to Main Street Theatre in Sauk Centre, however, before they can request the movie and set a date, there would need to be at least 60 people committed to attend the movie. If you are interested in having the opportunity to see this movie, please contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport to sign up.

Holiday Décor Do you need a centerpiece or mini tree for your table, or a beautiful poinsettia? The Tri-Parish Youth Group has some available for purchase as part of their annual fundraiser. Contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to purchase. This is a great way to support the Tri-Parish Youth Group and enjoy beautiful holiday décor.



Parish News:

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

- Calling All TECites: The Tri-Parish Office is compiling a listing of parishioners who have attended TEC retreats in the past. Please contact the parish office to be added to the list.

Go and Make Disciples Anyone in grade 11 through adult are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. We will share a meal and discuss the Rosary and Sacramentals. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, December 4. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.



Committed Adorers: We are looking for some individuals or couples to be committed adorers for the Wednesday Evening Praise and Worship Adoration Nights at Sacred Heart. The dates are December 4, 2024; January 8, 2025; February 12, 2025; March 19, 2025; and April 9, 2025 from 5:30-8:30 pm. If you are able to commit to 30 minutes or more one month, a few months, or several months, that would be great. Please contact Amy at 320-836-2143 to sign up.

End-of-Year Giving: Stock, IRA's and QCD's Gifts of stock are always appreciated, and there are significant tax benefits available to those who give appreciated stock held longer than a year. Those who choose to donate stock are generally entitled to a tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the stock at the time the gift is made, not just the original cost. Additionally, donors do not incur any capital gains tax when stock is given away rather than sold. Please consider a stock gift when donating to your church, Sacred Heart School, St. Mary's School, or St. John's St. Andrew's School. When making a charitable rollover through IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD), we always recommend that you seek professional advice in these matters. If you have any questions about this type of contribution, please contact the parish office in Melrose and Freeport with questions.



**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,381.32
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,008.69
Plate/Loose.....	213.00
Votive.....	75.01
Thanksgiving.....	25.00
Christmas Flowers.....	25.00
Building/Maintenance .....	34.62

**Parish Events**

Tu 11/26 6:30 pm	CUF Christmas Party
Tu 11/26 7:10 pm	K of C Mtg. - SR
We 11/27 4:30 pm	Marion Consecration Mini Session
Sa 11/30 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Sa 11/30 5:00 pm	CUF Calendar Raffle/Mtg.

**God's Housekeepers** for the month of December: Shirley Worms, Judy Uphoff, Mary Jane Revermann, Megan Gaebel, Lynn Van Drehle, & Annette Roering. 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.

**Feast of Immaculate Conception Social:**

There will be a social in the Gathering Space after the Immaculate Conception Mass on Monday, December 9. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our Patronal Feast Day. **Servers Requested:** Chairs: Dan & Bette Frieler, Co-Chairs: Aloys & Janet Fuechtmann, Servers: Art & Kay Funk, Bruce & Jan Funk, Jeff & Tami Funk. All servers please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.



**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,639.96
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,778.85
Plate/Loose.....	440.11
Votive.....	201.00
Thanksgiving.....	220.00

**Parish Events**

Tu 11/26 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Tu 11/26 7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 11/27 4:30 pm	Marion Consecration Mini Session-NM
Th 11/28 11:00 am	Private Event
Fr 11/29 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 12/01 11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Mtg.

**St. Rose Christian Women Meeting**

Monday, December 2 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. Appetizers, \$15 gift exchange, and free will offering for serving wine for Cura Melrose residents. All members are invited and anyone who is considering joining the Christian Women! We are also looking for a Vice President for the 2025-2026 year!

**Prayer Requests...**

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

**For the Sick:** Dorothy Schneider, Joan Schlicht, John Niehaus, Joyce Hauser, Laura Beuning, Lori Austing, Petra Oevermann, Sandy Welle, 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

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,455.55
Regular Adult Offering.....	410.00
Children's Envelopes.....	8.00
Plate/Loose .....	32.55
Votives.....	10.00
Fuel Fund.....	925.00
All Saints.....	70.00

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Sunday, December 1 - 10:00 am**

- (S) Gabby & Celia Schoenberg
- (L) Gary P. Lieser
- (U) Nick Waldorf & Bob Welle
- (EM) (B) Jeanette Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
- (HK: Nov. 24 – Dec. 7) Sharon Schulzetenberg, Mary Ann Spanier, & Mary Stalboerger

**St. Michael's Men's Society Breakfast**

Sunday, November 24 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Serving sausage, eggs, potatoes, and breads. There will also be a bake sale.

**Annual Meeting and Christmas Party**

for Catholic United Financial Council #126 of Spring Hill will be held on Sunday, December 1 in the church basement. Membership meeting at 12:30 pm, kids games at 1:00 pm and Santa will come at 2:30 pm. There will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome to join us.

**St. Mary's Mission Christmas Party**

will be Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 pm in the church basement. There will be a potluck lunch and \$5 gift exchange. New members are always welcome.



**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

**November 24, Sunday**

◆ **St. Michael's Men's Society Breakfast** at St. Michael's, Spring Hill. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Sausage, eggs, potatoes, and breads. There will also be a bake sale.

◆ **Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast** at Church of Saint Anthony of Padua in St. Anthony, MN 6 miles North of Albany. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. All you can eat old fashioned ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, applesauce, breakfast breads, rolls, coffee, and milk. Tickets: Adults \$12, Children ages 4-10 \$6 and ages 3 and under are free.

◆ **Turkey Bingo & Cash Raffle** at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville. Chicken Queso Bowl, Sloppy Joe's, Chips, and baked goods sold a la carte from 12:00 pm until gone. Bingo from 1:30 - 4:30 pm. Raffle drawing at 4:30 pm. Raffle Tickets \$25 each. Only 850 tickets sold. Grand Prize \$5,000.

**November 27, Wednesday**

◆ **Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

**November 29, Friday**

◆ **Johnny Holm Band** from 9:00 pm to 12:30 am at the Freeport Community Center. This event is sponsored by Friends of Sacred Heart Catholic School for the benefit of Sacred Heart School, Freeport. Tickets are \$20 at the door, or advance sale tickets are \$15 and can be purchases at Sacred Heart School, Freeport State Bank or Magnifi Financial.

**November 29, Friday - December 13, Friday**

◆ **Melrose Area Arts Council Online Art Auction Fundraiser.** In person viewing starts November 19 at 312 Main Street E. Melrose.

**December 4, Wednesday**

◆ **Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.  
◆ **Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$1,356.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	1,095.00
Plate/Loose .....	199.00
Votives .....	52.00
Thanksgiving.....	10.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Thanksgiving Mass**  
**Thursday, November 28 - 9:00 am**

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk  
 (L) Linda Heinze  
 (U) David Welle & Chuck Winter  
 (GB) Paul & Kathy Buermann  
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter  
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Herman Lensing

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, November 30 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Leo Kasper & Claire Kasper  
 (L) Cassandra Kettner  
 (U) Dale Winter & Ron Winter  
 (GB) Mathew & Bridget Kasper  
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - December) \*Wanda Ahrens, Angie Barten, Ann Barten, & Clarine Beier

**Calendar Raffle Winners:** Catholic United Financial #324 Calendar Raffle Winners are listed below:

- 11/17 \$50 Jason Barten
- 11/18 \$25 Fred & Doris Kraemer
- 11/19 \$25 Roger & Deb Imdieke
- 11/20 \$25 Chad Middendorf
- 11/21 \$25 Rose Lensing
- 11/22 \$25 Autumn Klaphake
- 11/23 \$50 Rita Frieler



**EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)**  
 St. Andrew's now has the option for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)! If you are interested in signing up to handle your contributions to the church in this way, please pick up a form at the church, check the parish website ([oneinfaith.org/standrews](http://oneinfaith.org/standrews)), or stop in the parish office. The first transaction is scheduled for January 15, 2025. Please have signed forms to the office before Friday, January 10.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$2,164.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,339.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose .....	140.00
Votives.....	40.00
Fuel Fund.....	645.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, December 1 - 8:00 am**

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer  
 (L) Doug Meyer  
 (U) Kurt Meyer & Marvin Meyer  
 (GB) Mike & Julie Wehlage  
 (EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen  
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood  
 (HK - December) \*Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, Virginia Nathe, & Geri Primus

**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.

**One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs**

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money! A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.

**\*Gift cards are great gift ideas!**

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

**¡Celebración de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe!** El Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria está realizando los preparativos para la más importante y significativa celebración de nuestra comunidad. Por lo que estamos aceptando donaciones para llevar a cabo esta celebración. Si ustedes gustan apoyar, los invitamos a que tomen un sobre especial y lo depositen en las colectas dominicales.



**¡Trajes típicos!** Está totalmente permitido usar los trajes típicos originarios de nuestros países de origen o comunidades indígenas para la Festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Los invitamos a que hagamos de esta festividad una celebración llena de colores, cultura y sobre todo de Fe.

**¡Posadas!** Este año celebraremos de una forma diferente la preparación para la Navidad. Nuestra comunidad celebra las posadas de una forma muy tradicional y este año queremos realizarlas algo parecido a lo que estamos acostumbrados. Si tu deseas recibir una posada en tu hogar habla con cualquier miembro del Consejo hispano para anotarte en la lista o llama a la oficina parroquial de lunes a viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Prayers, Mass, and Celebration**  
**Saturday, December 7**  
**St. Mary's, Melrose**

**Morning:**  
 5:30 am Rosary (Spanish)  
 6:00 am Songs to Mary (Spanish)  
 7:00 am Hot Chocolate & Breads served

**Evening:**  
 6:00 pm Bilingual Mass  
 7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Play, Ethnic Food, & Fellowship

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE NOVENA WILL START ON NOVEMBER 29**

## 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, November 27. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 pm. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 1-12: Winter Family Fellowship Night** Wednesday, December 11 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Families are strongly encouraged to join us for a fun night of activities, snacks, and fellowship. This is in place of class. **All students are expected to attend.** We will be making tie fleece blankets and collecting donations for the Eagle's Healing Nest.

### Service Project:

- **Christmas Caroling** Saturday, December 7 from 1:30 - 5:00 pm. We will meet in Immaculate Conception church basement. We will sing carols for the residents at local care facilities. We will end the evening with Mass in New Munich.

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

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

- **No Class this week because of Thanksgiving.**
- **All Classes: Advent Reconciliation Liturgies:** Wednesday, December 4, 4:00 OR 6:30 pm (attend whichever is more convenient for your family), St. Mary's Church.
- **First Reconciliation/Communion Class:** We are asking parents and students to come to one of the Wednesday night parish reconciliation liturgies (you can choose whichever time is more convenient for you - 4:00 or 6:30 pm) on Wednesday, December 4. For the first part of the liturgy (about 20 minutes), we will sit together as a class, so that students can see what a reconciliation liturgy looks like. Then when the other parishioners start going to individual confession, we will leave the liturgy and go to the gathering space. In the gathering space, we will take about 20 minutes to explain to students and parents a little bit more about what your First Reconciliation liturgy in January will look like.

## 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)

- ♥ **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 - \$56 prior to January 1 and \$66 after January 1. 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.
- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School ITV Room 203. 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

### Advent Enrichment Materials and Advent Brochures



with confessions opportunities, Advent Service Projects, Mass times, and more are available in the back of the churches. Feel free to take them to enhance your Advent. Additional Advent programs can be found online, including Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever with Matthew Kelly and Ascension

Press' Face to Face with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Visit their websites to sign up or for more information.

**24 Hour Adoration: Meditate on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist:** Consider taking an hour from your schedule to adore and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. The Tri-Parish invites all the faithful for a special opportunity to kick off the Advent season to grow in relationship with Jesus through His real presence in the Eucharist. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, December 6 after the 8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport and extend through the night until the First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am on December 7. Volunteers are needed around the clock, particularly after 2:00 pm on Friday. Sign-up sheets are available at Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima. We cannot leave our Lord alone.

**The Johnny Holm Band** will be at the Freeport Community Center on Friday, November 29 (Thanksgiving Weekend). Doors will open at 8:30 pm. Music from 9:00 pm -12:00 am. Advance Sale tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Freeport State Bank, Magnifi, or the Sacred Heart School office. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20. This Johnny Holm event is sponsored by friends of Sacred Heart Catholic School for the benefit of Sacred Heart School.

### Eagle's Healing Nest Donation Drive

The Tri-Parish Faith Formation will be collecting items to help the Eagle's Healing Nest provide for the needs of our many veterans. How can you help? You can donate items such as cleaning supplies, toiletries, bed sheet sets, paper plates, paper towels, winter gloves, general art supplies, or a monetary donation. Please drop off items in designated boxes in the back of the Tri-Parish churches in Freeport, New Munich and St. Rosa, in the weekend collection with the envelope marked Eagle's Healing Nest, or at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport no later than Tuesday, December 10.



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♥Thank You:

- **Freeport State Bank** who treated ALL the students and staff to a pizza party on Tuesday. We are so thankful for your generosity and support of SHS!
- **Bishop Patrick Neary** for coming to celebrate Mass and visit with all the classrooms at Sacred Heart School. It was an honor to have you spend some time at Sacred Heart School!
- **New Munich Lions and Knights of Columbus** for donations to our new toddler playground equipment, fencing, etc. We appreciate your donation and support!
- ♥ **Our Preschool Students** are collecting food for their "Stuff the Turkey" campaign. Their food drive will go until Tuesday, November 26.
- ♥ **No School** Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving break.
- ♥ **Join us for The Johnny Holm Band** on Friday, November 29. This is a fun night out and "fun" fundraiser for Sacred Heart School. Thank you to the "Friends of Sacred Heart" for always organizing a great event! Advance tickets are available at SHS for \$15 (\$20 at the door)
- ♥ Sacred Heart School will be kicking off their **Advent Service Project** soon. We will be collecting items for Options for Women in Sauk Centre, MN.

♥Looking Ahead:

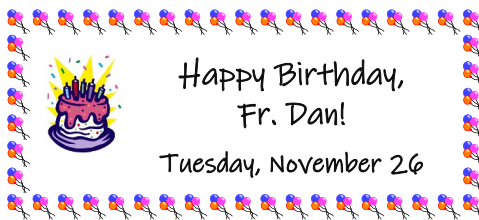
- **Santa Days** will be at Sacred Heart School Gym again on Friday, December 6! Stay tuned for more details. Come get your picture taken with Santa, enjoy some food, games, cookie decorating and more!
- **SHS Wine & Dine Fundraiser** will be January 25 at the Freeport Community Ctr.



**Sacred Heart School**  
 Calendar Raffle Winners!

11/17	\$25	Sage Sieben - Belgrade
11/18	\$25	Ron & Karen Greenslade - Stewartville
11/19	\$25	Gary Goebel - Paynesville
11/20	\$25	Brittany Fox - New Munich
11/21	\$25	Amy Orbeck - Melrose
11/22	\$25	Tressa Schmidt - St. Joseph
11/23	\$25	Mike Soenneker - Sauk Centre

- **No School** on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, November 27-29, Thanksgiving break. Wednesday, SMS staff will have a staff retreat presented by Fr. Sudlik from the Buffalo Retreat Center. SMS students and staff wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.
- **For Advent**, the students and staff at St. Mary's will collect new winter gloves, washcloths, Ziploc bags, paper plates, and paper towels for Eagle's Healing Nest. Please feel free to help us collect these items, which can be dropped off at the school entrance.
- St. Mary's School is holding an **SMSS\$4Kids Incentive Drive** to raise funds for acoustics in the gym. You can help by starting or continuing to use the scrip program for your daily shopping or upcoming holiday purchases. The amount earned from purchasing the scrip cards will go towards the acoustics.
- **Save The Date!** St. Mary's Christmas Program is at the Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, on Wednesday, December 11, at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Little Saints program is on Friday, December 13, at 10:00 am in the SMS gym.
- **St. Mary's School's Auction 4 Education** will be held on Saturday, March 1, at the Legion. The theme this year is Stayin' Alive in '25.



- **No School** at SJSA November 27 - 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- **SJSA/Greenwald Elevator Salt Sale** Thank you to all who supported the salt sale. SJSA made \$3,982.75. Thank you to John Dockendorf and the Greenwald Elevator for coordinating the fundraiser.
- **SJSA's Harry's Pizza and Cookie Dough Sale** now through Wednesday, December 4. If you are interested in ordering pizzas or cookie dough, please contact an SJSA family or call the school at 320-987-3133. Pick up for both items is Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 - 10:00 am.
- **SJSA Students will Celebrate Mass** for the Immaculate Conception at the 8:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's on Monday, December 9.
- **Advent Service Project:** "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35 Not everyone is privileged enough to have a place to call home. Being homeless can make it a struggle to fulfill basic needs. Catholic Charities of St. Cloud is collecting Blessing Bags for the homeless this Advent season. As an Advent service project, SJSA students are collecting personal care items December 2-13 to put together Blessing Bags. Personal care items can include: socks, gloves, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, personal size tissues, comb or brush, deodorant, washcloths, lip balm, and water bottles. Gift bags, Christmas cards and spiritual notes of encouragement are also welcome. If you would like to donate, please drop items off at SJSA during the school hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm). Thank you!

**Sacrament of Confession**

• **Communal Celebration with Individual Confession:**

Wednesday	December 4	4:00 - 5:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
		6:30 - 8:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
Sunday	December 8	7:00 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald
Wednesday	December 11	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart, Freeport



• **Individual Celebration:**

Fridays	7:45 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
Saturdays	3:30 - 3:50 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald
Saturdays	3:30 pm	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Saturdays	4:30 - 4:50 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
Sundays	12:00 - 12:20 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
Tuesday	December 17	St. Rose of Lima after 8:15 am Mass, St. Rosa
Thursday	December 19	Immaculate Conception after 8:15 am Mass, New Munich

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