



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 15, 2023

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

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

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Office Phone: 320-256-4207

Email: stmarys@stmarysofmelrose.com

Website: www.oneinfaith.org

Facebook: Church of St. Mary, Melrose

Mailing Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352

Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:

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

Office Phone: 320-836-2143

Email: triparish@albanytel.com

Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org

Facebook: Tri Parish

Mailing Address: PO Box 155
Freeport, MN 56331

ACC Bulletin Announcement Deadline
Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements to:

bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆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.



Behold, the Lamb of God!

**John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”** John 1:29

Saint John the Baptist speaks these words about Jesus at the moment that he sees Jesus coming to him in the distance. John knew, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus was the “Lamb of God.” He knew, by this interior revelation, that Jesus would become the Sacrificial Lamb Who would lay down His life for the salvation of the world. Perhaps John did not know the details of how this would happen, but he didn’t need to. He was content knowing this sacred mission of the Messiah, and he was content knowing that Jesus was that Messiah.

Today, as we ponder John’s words, we are able to see them more clearly. Jesus is the One Who gave His life on the Cross for the remission of sins. He is the One Whom we now receive sacramentally in Holy Communion as the “Lamb of God.” It is His flesh and His blood, poured out for us, that we now consume with the deepest reverence and love.

At Mass, these are the final words spoken by the priest after the consecration and prior to Holy Communion. Every time we participate in the Holy Mass, we relive this moment in which John saw our Lord coming to Him.

As we begin this season of Ordinary Time, we are invited to come to know this Lamb of God more fully through His many teachings, miracles and actions done during His public ministry. In the Liturgy of the Word at every Mass, we are called to unpack these words of John, coming to understand the mystery of the life of Christ more fully. And through our participation in the reception of Holy Communion, we come to know Him Who is the Lamb of God in the most personal and intimate of ways, when we enter into holy union (Holy Communion) with Him.

Reflect, today, upon these very familiar words of Saint John the Baptist. As you do, begin by prayerfully pondering the knowledge that John might have had about Christ the first time he saw Him. Why did John say these words? How fully did he understand their meaning? Did he know that his words would be echoed throughout time? As you prayerfully ponder the interior knowledge that John might have had at that time, try also to reflect upon all that we now know about these holy words. Reflect especially upon the suffering and death of the Lamb of God and the way in which He has transmitted His Saving Sacrifice to us in Holy Communion. What a gift! What a mystery! What a joy! Behold the Lamb of God within your heart, mind and soul, and prayerfully seek to know Him more fully this day.

***Glorious Lamb of God, You have come and taken away the sins of the world
through the sacrifice of Your sacred life on the Cross. Please help me to
understand Who You are and all that You have done for me, especially every time
I come to behold You and receive You in Holy Communion.***

Jesus, I trust in You.

ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ JANUARY 16 - 22

St. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Florentino Montanez
 †Clemencia Chavez

Tu 7:30 am ††Doochie & Shawn Salzl
 †Jerry Sand

We 7:30 am †Jeffery Hinnenkamp
 Th 7:30 am †Katherine "Kitty" Gruber
 Fr **7:30 am** †Jim Petermeier
 Sa 5:00 pm †John Terhaar
 For the People

*Su 10:00 am ††Richard & Marie Wenning
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 Por la salud de Francisca
 Ortiz & Faustina Roblero

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am Lilah Job
 Fr 8:15 am †††Lawrence, Laura,
 LaVern, & Lori Scherping

Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Clara Thull
 Sa 4:00 pm †Sharon Gamradt

St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †LaVern "Vern" Scherping
 Su 10:00 am †Chad Toenyann

St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am Men's Society
 Su 10:00 am †Dec. & Liv. Members of
 St. Mary's Mission Society

St. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Matt Welle

Sa 4:00 pm †Marilyn Uphus

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am ††Sylvester & Ann Nietfeld
 Su 8:00 am †Alcuin Caspers



ADORATION

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
 Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich
 Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Sacred Heart - Freeport
No Adoration Wednesday, January 18
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

***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 ~

♦ **Thank you** to everyone who made donations for Christmas flowers 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.



One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...

♦ **Part-Time Director of Music** We have an immediate opening for a part-time Director of Music at St. Mary's Church of Melrose. Send resume to: HR@stmarysofmelrose.com or St. Mary's Church, Attn: HR; 755 Kraft Drive SE, Melrose, MN 56352.

Christmas Cards If you plan to throw away your Christmas cards, consider donating them to the Tri-Parish Youth Group. Each year the youth group makes Christmas cards using old Christmas cards. You can drop them off at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.

50th MCCL March for Life will take place on Sunday, January 22, at 2:00 pm at the State Capitol in St. Paul. It will be followed by a brief program on the Capitol steps. Please make plans to join us for this 1st post-Roe MCCL March for Life. The Sauk Centre Chapter of MCCL is sponsoring a bus to the State Capitol for this March & Rally. The bus will leave from the east end of the WalMart parking lot at 11:00 am and will also stop to pick people up at St. Mary's Church in Melrose at 11:20 am and Charlie's Café in Freeport at 11:45 am. Please dress warm and bring a bag lunch. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call or text Mary Reuter at 320-250-9904. The Diocese of St. Cloud is also coordinating buses to St. Paul for the March for Life from different locations. These buses leave at 9:00 am to include Mass at The Cathedral of St. Paul. For more information or to reserve a seat on a bus from St. Cloud, please visit www.stcldio.org/March4Life-bus.



32nd Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction for SJSA will be February 3rd & 4th, at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$35 and will be available soon. There will be an online auction again this year along with a live auction on Saturday, February 4. If you would like to donate to the auction, contact one of the people listed below. **Auction Chairs and Co-Chairs:** Steve and Katie Hellickson 320-491-2849, Adam and Jenny Kalthoff 320-290-1489, Dustin and Asha Gregory 320-333-6277, Michael and Jacquelyn Schoenberg 320-267-8616

Parish News:

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

- ♦ **Men's Group** is on holiday break, and the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30 am at Sacred Heart Church, Freeport.
- ♦ **Blessed Epiphany Chalk** Please remember the chalk from Epiphany is blessed. After using the chalk, please either return to the church, the Tri-Parish Office, or bury in the ground.
- ♦ **Youth Leadership Team** We are looking to add more people to the Youth Leadership Team and are seeking out students in grades 9-12 to serve on our core team. This is a leadership program for high school students interested in serving, leading, and supporting their peers as they develop a deeper experience of Jesus Christ and the Catholic church. Applications to join the Youth Leadership Team are available on our website, sacredheartfreeport.org, under the faith formation tab. I want to invite you to prayerfully consider joining our team. If you have any questions, please call Chrystal at the parish office.
- ♦ **Keep Christ in Christmas Winners** St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus would like to thank all students that participated in the Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest. All participants received an Oak Station ice cream certificate along with a cash prize for the top 3 posters in each age group. Awesome job everyone!

	<u>Ages 5 - 7</u>	<u>Ages 8 - 10</u>	<u>Ages 11 - 14</u>
1st \$25	Elise Van Beck	Kamden Fiedler	Elliot Notch
2nd \$15	Savanna Boeckermann	Logan Scherping	Mallory Neu
3rd \$10	Madilyn Engelmeyer	Adeline Welle	Whitney Pundsack

The Sacred Heart School Dinner/Auction Fundraiser

(this year named Wine & Dine) will be held on Saturday, January 28 at the Freeport Community Center. Dinner will be served from 4:30 - 8:00 pm, Cash Raffle Drawing will be at 7:30 pm, and the Live Auction will begin at 8:00 pm. There will also be an online Silent Auction the week prior to the event (January 21 - 28). The \$100 Cash Raffle and Dinner tickets will be sold after all the Masses in the Tri-Parish during the month of January. We are still accepting auction items. If you have an item or experience you would like to donate, call the school office at 320-836-2591.

House Blessings Call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan.



CHURCH OF ST. MARY

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

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

Total	\$12,589.16
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,217.00
Loose	1,149.16
Matching Funds.....	4,400.00
Christmas.....	2,345.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	205.00
Designated Funds.....	273.00
Phase II Building	\$47,211.85
Phase II Matching Funds	\$144,343.25
Rectory	\$79,779.65
Total: Phase II/Rectory	\$271,334.75

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

01-08	\$25	Pam & Kris Pundsack - Freeport
01-09	\$25	Neil & Annette Schneider - St. Cloud
01-10	\$25	Alyssa Rahn - Melrose
01-11	\$50	Ron & Mary Lou Bussmann - Grey Eagle
01-12	\$25	Mike Mueller - Melrose
01-13	\$25	Heather Olmscheid - Melrose
01-14	\$25	Mary Niehaus - Melrose



Died in the Hope of Resurrection... †Jane Klein, 81

Weekly Contribution Envelopes for the new year are still on their way. Please use a regular envelope **labeled with your name** until they arrive.

NO Christian Women's Meeting in January. St. Mary's Christian Women will meet February 21 at 6:00 pm in the church conference room.

Parish Leadership will meet Thursday, January 19, at 6:30 pm.

Finance Council will meet Thursday, January 19, at 5:30 pm.



Thank You to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the Christmas Environment. All your hard work created a great worship space for the Christmas season.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

January 15, Sunday

◆“500” Card Party at Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport. Start time is 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served. All are welcome to join.

January 18, Wednesday

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

January 19, Thursday

◆Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

January 20, Friday

◆Melrose American Legion will have a Fish Fry. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

January 25, Wednesday

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

January 28, Saturday

◆Sacred Heart School Wine & Dine Fundraiser catered by Freeport's D'Lish. See One in Faith ACC News for more information.

January 29, Sunday

◆Greenwald Lions Pancake Breakfast at the Greenwald Pub. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2,982.46
Plate	443.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,425.46
Other Donations	
Votive.....	\$234.00
Christmas Envelopes	520.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	75.00
Building/Maintenance.....	10.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	90.00
School Support.....	10.00

Parish Events

Su	01/15	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace
Su	01/15	7:00 pm	“500” Card Party
We	01/18		NO Adoration
We	01/18	5:15 pm	First Confessions
We	01/18	7:00 pm	Faith Formation
Fr	01/20	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	01/20	9:00 am	Adoration

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...”

(Isaiah 49:5)

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God’s plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don’t let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Heb 5:1-10	Mk 2:18-22
Tu	Saint Anthony, Abbot Heb 6:10-20	Mk 2:23-28
We	Heb 7:1-3,15-17	Mk 3:1-6
Th	Heb 7:25-8:6	Mk 3:7-12
Fr	Heb 8:6-13	Mk 3:13-19
Sa	Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Heb 9:2-3,11-14	Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3	1 Cor 1:10-13,17
	Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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 ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,106.96
Plate.....	198.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,304.96

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$367.50
Christmas Envelopes.....	25.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,421.54
Plate.....	218.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,639.54

Other Donations

Christmas Envelopes.....	\$300.00
Religious Retirement.....	50.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,859.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	905.00
Children.....	3.75
Plate/Loose	16.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	135.00
Fuel Fund.....	50.00
Christmas.....	1,730.00
Easter Flowers.....	20.00

Parish Events

Su	01/15	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace - FR
Tu	01/17	7:30 pm	COF Meeting
We	01/18	5:15 pm	First Confessions - FR
We	01/18	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
Th	01/19	7:00 am	Adoration
Sa	01/20	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Su	01/15	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace - FR
Tu	01/17	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu	01/17	9:00 am	Quilting
We	01/18	5:15 pm	First Confessions- FR
We	01/18	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
Fr	01/20	7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa	01/21	11:00 am	Family Christmas Party

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 22 - 10:00 am
 (S) Sam Orbeck & Jack Orbeck
 (L) Katherine Orbeck
 (U) Peter Wuertz & Randy Barten
 (EM) Kathy Welle
 (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
 (RL) Kathy Welle
 (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
 (HK - Jan. 22 - Feb. 4) Jenn Tschida, Renee Van Drehle, & Dani Welle

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Colter Jerome Schmiesing**, the son of Jordan & Jenna Schmiesing, to our parish. Colter Jerome was baptized on Sunday, January 8.

- Winners for the January 7, 2023 Winter Cash Raffle:**
- \$10,000** Mike Elfering & Jimmy Stommes
 - \$2,500** Aloys & Lorene Feldewerd
 - \$1,500** Bob Dickhaus
 - \$1,000** Kevin & Mariah Klaphake
 - \$500** Steve Uphoff
 - \$500** Chuck Uphoff
 - \$500** Tom Neal
 - \$250** Mary Ann Pflipsen
 - \$250** Dan Schleicher
 - \$250** Steve & Pam Klaphake
 - \$250** Duane Maus
 - \$250** Monica Rieland
 - \$250** Chad Funk
 - \$250** Bettie Frieler
 - \$250** Brian Worms
 - \$100** Jeff Rieland
 - \$100** John Funk
 - \$100** Doris Rieland
 - \$100** Tatum Holdvogt
 - \$100** Steve Lemn
 - \$100** Deb Uphoff
 - \$100** Steve Wiechman
 - \$100** Terri Hoppe
 - \$100** Tim Thielen
 - \$100** Linda Mastery



Food for Thought

The St. Rose Christian Women are doing a cash fund drive during the month of January for "Food For Thought." This is a program to provide food for local students whom teachers have identified that are coming to school on Mondays without having adequate access to food over the weekends. All donations will be matched up to \$500 by the St. Rose Christian Women. Please make your check donations to: St. Rose Christian Women with a notation in memo "Food For Thought." C/O Carrie Kerfeld, Treasurer, 30257 Co. Rd. 17, Melrose, MN 56352. Carrie will also be available in the church gathering space at all 10:00 am Sunday Masses for donations during the month of January. Thank you in advance for your donation!



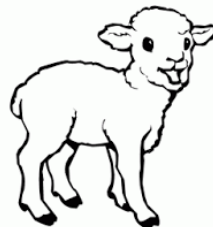
Catholic United Financial Fellowship... Please join St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Council #126 for coffee and rolls in the church basement on today, January 15 after the 10:00 am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Many Thanks to the many volunteers who have helped this Christmas season in many ways. From clearing the snow from the parking lot to decorating and contributing generously to the church and showing hospitality to everyone. There are many other unmentioned ways people have brought out the Spirit of Christmas to our Church Community.



Summer Cash Raffle 2023 We are looking for a few chair couples for this event. Contact Amy at the Tri-Parish Office if you have any questions or are interested in chairing. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Please prayerfully consider taking this on. Many hands make for light work.

Church Expansion with Handicap Accessibility Update:
 The parish intention is to go forward with the expansion. At this time, roughly \$490,000 has been pledged or is in hand. The parish financial committee still needs to meet with the diocese finance council for final approval. The date of this meeting is undetermined at this time.



Public Rosary
 will be prayed weekly.

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.
All are invited and welcome!

- Tuesday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English in the gathering space in the St. Rose of Lima Church.

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

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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,550.00
Regular Adult Offering	845.00
Plate/Loose	50.00
Votives.....	45.00
Christmas.....	175.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	410.00
Memorial.....	25.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,011.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	970.00
Children	1.25
Plate/Loose	165.00
Votives	40.00
Christmas.....	600.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	200.00
Christmas Crib Money.....	35.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, January 21 - 4:00 pm

(S) Matthew Dehmer & Zachary Rieland
 (L) Peter Van Beck
 (U) Gary Bertram & Jason Barten
 (GB) Jason & Angie Barten
 (EM) Clarine Beier
 (HK - January) *Amy Stueve, Sheri Thull,
 Linda Trisko, Lee Uphoff, Joni Van Beck,
 & Kay Van Beck

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 22 - 8:00 am

(S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer
 (L) Kurt Meyer
 (U) Daryl Zenzen & Chad Funk
 (GB) Anthony & Sheri Luetmer
 (EM) Dan Meyer & Char Meyer
 (HK - January) *Linda Schneider, Joy
 Silbernack, Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen,
 Ann Brang, & Janice Funk

Formación en la fe: Información de contacto:
Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

•**Grados 1, 3-6:** Miércoles por la noche, 18 de enero, 6:00-7:00 pm Clase. Estudiantes y padres. ¡Aprenderemos acerca de algunos santos nuevos esta semana!

•**Los jóvenes en los grados 7-12** están invitados a pasar el rato en St. Mary's School el domingo 22 de enero de 6:30 a 8:00 p. m. ¡Tendremos tiempo de gimnasio abierto, juegos, tiempo de adoración y oración, junto con refrigerios!

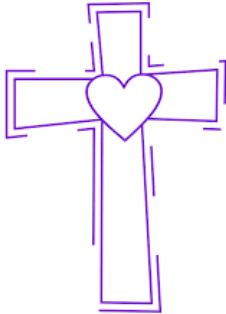



Rosario y Oración con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los últimos tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Habrà Adoración al Santísimo cada Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.

Clínica de Salud Gratis. Cada tercer jueves del mes en el Centro Hispano de Waite Park, de 2 a 5:30 pm se atiende con cita o sin cita. 106 7th Ave North, Waite Park, 56387. Llame hoy para programar una cita. 320-492-2220.

Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo omatrimonio, favor de hablar con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús Hernández. O llama a la oficina 320-256-4207.




I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind. John 9:39

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 make great gifts!**

- ◆ Loot for Learning (Sacred Heart School, Freeport- 320-836-2591)
 - ◆ SMS\$4Kids (St. Mary's School, Melrose- 320-256-4257)
 - ◆ Scrip (St. John's/St. Andrew's School, Greenwald- 320-987-3133)

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION:

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

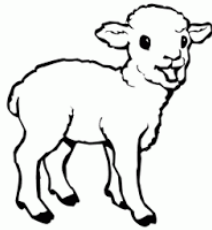
Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- ◆ **Grade 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 18 - Home Lesson.
- ◆ **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 18 - First Confession. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time. Please meet at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport.
- ◆ **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in classrooms. Bring your Bible, books, and pens.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ◆ **Grades 1, 3-6:** Wednesday night, January 18, 6:00-7:00 pm Class. Students and parents. We'll learn about a few new saints this week!



Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick:

Walter Beuning, Thomas Stangler, Jr., Joan Schlicht, Jon Tuft

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

- ◆ Sacred Heart - Jennie Hiltner 836-2528
- ◆ Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink 837-5321
- ◆ St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren 333-8461
- ◆ St. Mary's 256-3878



YOUTH MINISTRY:

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

◆ **Middle School Lock-In** for Grades 6-8: Saturday - Sunday, January 28-29 starting with 7:00 pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell and ending at 6:00 am 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 - \$35 prior to January 19 and \$45 January 20-26. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of our three parishes. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143 with questions.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

◆ **Youth in grade 7-12** are invited to hang out at St. Mary's School on Sunday, January 22, 6:30-8:00 pm. We will have open gym time, games, worship and prayer time, along with snacks!

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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- ◆ **Bible and Breakfast** Presented by Chrystal Sand Tri-Parish Faith Formation Coordinator. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center, Tuesdays (February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4) from 7:00 - 8:00 am. To register contact Chrystal at csand@catholic-centered.org.
- ◆ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 24-26 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 over 48 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 - \$175. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, February 7 with a \$90 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of all 7 parishes. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143 with questions.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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◆ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, January 18 will be planned by Mrs. Berg and the 2nd grade students.

◆ **Third quarter of the school year** ends on Thursday, January 19.

◆ **Birthday Dinner** for students having January and July birthdays will be on Thursday, January 19.

◆ **No School** Friday, January 20.



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◆ **Catholic Schools Week:** Catholic Schools Week will begin with Family Fun Night in the gym on Friday, January 27, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Mass on Sunday, January 29, at 10:00 am will be a Children's Mass. All are welcome to this celebration. Special guests alumni. After Mass, join us for breakfast at the St. Mary's School gym from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. This breakfast is sponsored by the parents of St. Mary's School.



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◆ **This past week, SJSA received a check** for \$521 from the Arvig Internet School Partnership Program. Thank you to everyone who has designated SJSA to receive these funds. The school partnership program gives Arvig customers the option to donate \$1 from their internet payment each month at no extra cost to them to a school of their choice in the Arvig service area. If you have not signed up and are interested, go to arvig.com for more information. Thank you!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS CONTINUED



♥**On Sunday, January 22**, Sacred Heart School will Kickoff their celebration of Catholic Schools Week by celebrating with the Tri-Parish at the 8:00 am Mass in Freeport. Alumnae of recent years have received an invitation to join us for the Mass. All are invited to join us for Rolls/Beverages in the church basement after Mass. Sacred Heart School will be open for tours if anyone wishes to see all the new and exciting things happening over there.

♥**Attention ALL Sacred Heart School Alumni** You are invited to attend the SHS Catholic School Mass on Sunday, January 22 at 8:00 am in Freeport. We will also have a social after Mass in the church basement, and the school will be open for tours if anyone would like to see the updates that have been done over the years. Our Alumni are very important to us and we would love to see you!

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

01/08	\$25	Mark Hilsgen - St. Joseph
01/09	\$25	Annella Blonigen - St. Martin
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01/11	\$25	Joan Ellering - Melrose
01/12	\$25	Pat Bechtold - St. Joseph
01/13	\$25	Kathie Halonen - Sioux Falls, SD
01/14	\$25	Dana Tschida - Baxter



♦**St. Mary's students, grades 2-6**, had the opportunity to participate in a 4-day watercolor residency. The theme was Signs of the Seasons. Each seasonal painting took on a style from a famous painter or a unique watercolor technique presented by Carol Moore. The kindergartners and 1st graders received one day of painting instruction. This activity was made possible through a grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board, thanks to funds provided by the McKnight Foundation. The art will be displayed at our Catholic Schools Breakfast on January 29, in the school gym.

♦**The 2nd grade students received** their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 14. Please keep them in your prayers as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

♦**Mark your calendar:** March 4, Auction4Education at the Melrose Legion. We will be celebrating 21 years with a Hawaiian theme. "Hula for Moola" \$100 raffle tickets can be purchased after the Masses, school, church office, or local businesses. Visit our auction website for more details. <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.



♦**SJSA received a check for \$93** for aluminum can recycling. The SJSA can recycling trailer is in the south parking lot of St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Thank you for recycling with SJSA!

♦**SJSA received a check for \$169.90** from Box Tops for Education. Thank you for scanning your receipts for SJSA.

♦**Catholic Schools Week Service Project** SJSA students will be collecting pennies for a "Classroom Penny Challenge" January 30 - February 3. All proceeds will support the American Cancer Society. If you would like to support this project, please drop your pennies off at SJSA or send them with a student.

♦**Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off Mass** will be Sunday, January 29 at 10:00 am at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Please note that the Sunday 8:00 am Mass will be at St. Michael's in Spring Hill. This Mass time switch is only for Sunday, January 29. Thank you!

♦**32nd Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction for SJSA** will be February 3rd & 4th, at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$35 and will be available soon. There will be an online auction again this year along with a live auction on Saturday, February 4. If you would like to donate to the auction, contact one of the people listed below.

Auction Chairs and Co-Chairs:

- Steve and Katie Hellickson 320-491-2849
- Adam and Jenny Kalthoff 320-290-1489
- Dustin and Asha Gregory 320-333-6277
- Michael and Jacquelyn Schoenberg 320-267-8616

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)



Is the Bible your "basic instruction before leaving earth?" Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March

3-5, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Prayers for Life at St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday, January 22 is the day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Even though we experienced much progress in 2022 in our efforts to protect the unborn from the sin of abortion, please join us for an afternoon of prayer on Sunday, January 22, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, as we continue to ask our Lord for still greater protection for the most defenseless among us. Beginning at 3:00 pm, there will be an hour of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a short reflection on some "missionaries of life." Confessions will be offered, and the hour will end with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Natural Family Planning Instruction for January & February A First Instruction in the

Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre: Thursday, January 19 and Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 pm. For additional sites, information, or to register, visit www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp or contact Sheila Reineke sreineke@gw.stcdio.org at 320-252-4721 ext. 308.

"Shepherd Me, O God" Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo are held throughout the year. 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.

- Men's Silent Retreat January 20-22 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat January 27-29 (Weekend)

February Marriage Encounter The best gift a father can give his children is to love their mother! Bring the love in your marriage to a higher level during the month of love by attending the February 11-12 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at www.marriages.org.



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