

## 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**January 22, 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.

## A New Era of



From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17

In Matthew's Gospel, from which we read today, we hear the first words spoken by our Lord as He begins His public ministry: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Up until this point, Matthew's Gospel presented us with Jesus' genealogy, His birth, the story of the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, Jesus' baptism, the preaching of Saint John the Baptist, and Jesus' forty days in the desert. Now, after these introductory stories of Jesus' life, we enter into His public ministry.

Recall that John had just been imprisoned, thus concluding his public ministry. Therefore, the time for the preaching and ministry of the Son of God had arrived. And though Jesus continues the theme of repentance started by John, Jesus takes John's words further. Jesus adds something that John could not: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Since we are still at the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time, it's important to understand this transition from the Old Testament prophets, of which John was the last, to the New Testament preaching of our Lord. The difference is that all that had been prophesied and pointed to in the Old Testament had now arrived. Saint Jerome, in commenting upon this passage, says that as the Old Testament Law ceased, the Gospel commenced. And, of course, the fulfillment of this new era of the Gospel was only a few short years away when our Lord would offer up His life for the salvation of many.

As Jesus begins His preaching, His words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by His new proclamation about the Kingdom.

One helpful insight we can take from these first words of Jesus' public ministry is that this is the best way to share the Gospel with those who do not yet follow Christ. Oftentimes, when we see someone living in serious sin, we want to judge and condemn. But usually what they need the most is hope—hope that there is something much greater that comes from repentance. Certainly we need to speak against sin. But one of the most effective ways to do so is by initially offering the

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SJSA School Mass

†Cyril Schwieters

†Francis Uphus

†Lydia Zenzen

†Joe Schneider

Catholic Schools Week Mass

#### ACC Mass Times and Intentions ~ January 23 - 29

St. Mary - Melrose			
Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español	
	_	†Javier Acevedo	
		†Jose Hernandez	
		†Elfida Ambriz	
Tu	7:30 am	†Joyce Duerr	
We	7:30 am	†Norma Westendorf	
Th	7:30 am	†John Terhaar	
Fr	8:30 am	St. Mary's School Mass	
		†Jim Curto	
Sa	5:00 pm	†Jeffrey Hinnenkamp	
	_	For the People	
*Su	10:00 am	Catholic Schools Week Mass	
		†Deceased Members of the	
		Ed Keller Family	
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español	
	•	†Paula Margarita Salgado	

†Lorenzo Salinas

#### SACRED HEART - Freeport 8:15 am Special Intention We Fr 8:15 am †Rich Boeckermann Su 8:00 am ††Larry & Theresa Ehlert

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich			
Th	8:15 am	†Donald "Don" Gaebel Anniv.	
Sa	4:00 pm	†Viola Olmscheid	
St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa			

Tu 8:15 am †Steve Tschida Su 10:00 am For the People St. Michael - Spring Hill

8:00 am †Joe Seifermann Tu 8:00 am †Chris Welle

ADORATION

St. Andrew - Greenwald

St. John - Meire Grove 8:00 am

8:00 am

4:00 pm

10:00 am

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Su

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 Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm 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 ~

◆Mass time change for the weekend of January 29 St. Michael and St. John will be switching Mass times due to Catholic Schools Week. St. Michael will have the 8:00 am Mass and St. John will have the 10:00 am Mass.



#### 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.

**You Are Invited** to participate in a Small Christian Community. We will be using the book Restore - A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation by Sr. Miraim James Heidland, SOLT. Group will meet Monday nights from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. Meetings will be on February 20, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10. To register text or call Amy Hoeschen at 320-290-5088. Space is limited to 10 so register early.

Go and Make Disciples Students in grade 11 - age 25 are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We will meet in the Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport on Wednesday, February 8. A light meal will be served, and we will and discuss different topics on the Catholic Faith. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

BREADtalks Be a part of something life-changing The Eucharistic Revival initiative is hosting a series of "BREAD Talks" in the diocese's five regional deaneries, each at a different brewery. At each of the events, modeled after the popular Ted Talks, local speakers will share brief testimonies — their "eucharistic love stories." Following their sharing, a main speaker will give a longer talk, about 20-30 minutes, on a eucharistic theme. These are in-person-only events. Come join us for these free, faith-filled gatherings!

- •Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 pm @ Sunken Ship Brewing, Princeton
- •Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 pm @ Back Shed Brewing, Waite Park
- •Sunday, April 16 at 2:00 pm @ Thousand Lakes Brewing, Parkers Prairie
- •Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 pm @ Bad Habit Brewing Co., St. Joseph

#### **Parish News:**

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

- •NOTE DATE CHANGE Men's Group will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 31 at 5:30 am in Sacred Heart Church Basement.
- •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.

#### 32nd Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction for SJSA

will be February 3 & 4 at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$35 and are available at QPC Meire Grove, Freeport State Bank (Greenwald), Greenwald Pub, and SJSA. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. There will be an online auction that will run January 27 - February 2 at 32auctions.com/SJSA2023 as well as the live auction on Saturday, February 4. If you would still like to donate to the auction, please contact Steve and Katie Hellickson at 320-491-2849 or Jenny and Adam Kaltoff at 320-290-1489. Donny Brang will be playing on Saturday night from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Come and support SJSA and enjoy great food, music, and have some fun!

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.

#### CHURCH OF ST. MARY Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE Melrose, MN 56352

********* Weekly Offerings *****	*****
Total	\$9,263.00
Regular Adult Offering	5,184.00
Loose	394.00
Christmas	10.00
Solemnity of Mary	2,600.00
Designated Funds	1,075.00
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

01-15	\$25	Susan Myers - Melrose
01-16	\$25	Dave & Sue Ostendorf - Brooklyn Park
01-17	\$25	Luke Nathe - Jordan
01-18	\$25	Veronica Hellermann - Melrose
01-19	\$25	Terry Braegelmann - Melrose
01-20	\$25	Maria Salinas - Sauk Centre
01-21	\$25	Arthur Terwey - Melrose



#### Baptized in Christ... Arizona Virginia Klaphake

**No Christian Women's meeting in January.** St. Mary's Christian Women will meet Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm in the church conference room.

**Snow Removal Employment Opportunity** The Church of St. Mary is looking for someone to do snow removal for the remainder of the season. Snow needs to be removed early and often to keep everyone safe at the school, rectory, and church. We have equipment. Please contact Pam at 320-256-9503 or <a href="mailto:pam@stmarysofmelrose.com">pam@stmarysofmelrose.com</a> if interested.

**St. Mary's Spirituality Group** invites you to join them as they explore the St. Cloud Diocese's Synod Responses. We meet at 10:00 am on Tuesdays in the conference room at church.

#### The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 9:15, 24-28 Mk 3:22-30

Tu Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35

We The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Mk 16:15-18

Th Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5 Mk 4:21-25

**Fr** Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34

Sa Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

#### CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

****** Weekly Offerings *********		
Adult Envelopes	\$3,168.46	
Plate	364.56	
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	\$3,533.02	
Other Donations		
Votive	\$85.70	
Building/Maintenance	250.00	

#### **Parish Events**

We	01/25		Choir Practice SHS Mini Courses Adoration
We	01/25	6:00 pm	Grade 2 Faith Formation
We	01/25	7:00 pm	Faith Formation
Fr	01/27	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	01/27	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	0129	10:30 am	Baptism

*Welcome to our Parish...* We would like to welcome the following to our parish.

- •Roger, Jr. & Anne Blenker
- •Ryan & Joan Scherping & their daughter, Anna
- Andrew Scherping
- •Samuel Scherping
- •Noah Scherping



#### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

#### 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.

#### February 1, Wednesday

- Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ◆Feet First Clinic at the Senior Center in Freeport. New appointments please call 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

#### February 4, Saturday

◆32nd Annual Steak & Wine Dinner and Auction for SJSA at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$35. Online & Live Auctions. See One in Faith ACC News for more information.

#### February 8, Wednesday

- Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ◆Jeff Cavins will speak 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm at St. Andrew, Elk River 566 4th St NW, Elk River, MN 55330. This event is free for those that wish to attend. Topic for this meeting is "Dealing with Addictions."

#### CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

<b>♦♦♦♦♦</b> Weekly Offering	****
Adult Envelopes	\$1,692.96
Plate	204.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	\$1,896.96
Other Donations	
Building/Maintenance	\$187.50
Christmas Envelopes	125.00
Votive	19.00

#### Parish Events

180.00

Votive.....

Solemnity of Mary.....

Ιu	01/24	/:00 pm Christian Women Mtg.
We	01/25	6:00 pm Grade 2 FF - FR
We	01/25	7:00 pm Faith Formation - FR
Th	01/26	7:00 am Adoration
Th	01/26	7:00 pm Choir Practice
		3:30 pm Individual Confessions

St. Ann's Christian Women of Immaculate Conception meeting date is Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. We welcome all members.

#### Church Expansion with Handicap **Accessibility Update:**

The parish intention is to go forward with the expansion. At this time, roughly \$531,000 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.

#### "He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."

(Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

#### CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

<b>****</b> Weekly Offering <b>****</b>		
Adult Envelopes	\$1,536.54	
Plate	201.00	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,737.54	
Other Donations		
Christmas Envelopes	\$200.00	
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00	
School Support	20.00	
Solemnity of Mary	50.00	

#### Parish Events

Tu	01/24	7:00 am	Adoration Quilting - Group 6 Grade 2 FF - FR Faith Formation - FR Rosary
Tu	01/24	9:00 am	Quilting - Group 6
We	01/25	6:00 pm	Grade 2 FF - FR
We	01/25	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
Fr	01/27	7:30 pm	Rosary

Building/Maintenance.....

Volunteer Help Needed The St. Rose of Lima Parish Festival Committee is looking for a third couple to assist with planning and helping with this year's festival. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Mark and Bev Wiechman at 320-836-2918 or Adam and Jackie Wiechmann at 320-293-0423 320-250-0401.

**Quilting** Group 6 will quilt on January 24. All are invited to come quilt. Lunch is provided.

The St. Rose Christian Women are doing a Thought 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 the month of January. Thank you in advance



#### CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

<b>♦♦♦♦♦</b> Weekly Offering <b>♦♦♦♦♦</b>		
Total	\$1,612.35	
Regular Adult Offering	651.00	
Children	18.35	
Plate/Loose	78.00	
Fuel Fund	115.00	
Christmas	750.00	

#### **Liturgical Ministries** Sunday, January 29 - 8:00 am

(S) Landon Schmidt

(L) Pete LeClaire

10.00

(U) Pat Bertram & Randy Bertram

(EM) Conrad Gruber

(Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd

(RL) Marilyn Gruber

(CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer

(HK - Jan. 22 - Feb. 4) Jenn Tschida, Renee Van Drehle, & Dani Welle



#### A New Era of

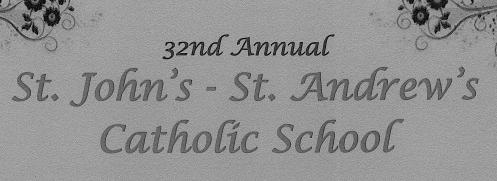


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listener hope of something much better than the sin with which they strugglespecifically, the hope of the Kingdom of

Reflect, today, upon the newness of the ministry of Jesus, the newness of the first proclamation of the Gospel. As you do, try to imagine the holy curiosity that many would have had as they first listened to Jesus preach. Soon He would follow up His preaching with many signs and wonders that would confirm His message. But at first, Jesus simply instilled a hope in His hearers. As you ponder this, think about those in your life who also need this initial sense of hope and holy curiosity about the Gospel and pray that God will inspire you and use you to be an instrument of this merciful message.

Lord, as You began Your public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven, You instilled hope and a holy curiosity in the minds and hearts of Your first hearers. Please continue this good work and use me as You will to be an instrument of this hope in those I encounter every day. Jesus, I trust in You.



## Steak & Wine Dinner & Auction

At the Greenwald Pub

#### Dinner:

Friday & Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. each night

### **Saturday Entertainment:**

Live music provided by Donny Brang 5:00-7:30

Live auction begins at 8:30pm

#### Menu Includes:

Steak, Walleye Fillet, or Chicken Cordon Bleu (with rice)
All served with salad bar & baked potato
Dine in, take-out, or curbside pick-up available

#### Tickets:

\$35 per person (ticket valid for one meal either night)
Available at: St. John's - St Andrew's School\* QPC, Meire Grove\*
Freeport State Bank, Greenwald\* Greenwald Pub

#### Online Auction:

6:00pm Friday, January 27th — 8:00pm Thursday, February 2nd 32auctions.com/SJSA2023



#### CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

#### **♦♦♦♦♦** Weekly Offering **♦♦♦♦♦**

Total	\$2,402.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,200.00
Plate/Loose	67.00
Votives	15.00
Christmas	975.00
School Rent	125.00
St. Cloud Visitor	20.00

#### Liturgical Ministries Saturday, January 28 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Dominic Finken & Savannah Finken
- (L) Isaiah Gilk
- (U) Jeff Ahrens & Dan Boecker
- (GB) Jeff & Wanda Ahrens
- (EM) Dustin Gregory
- (HK January) \*Amy Stueve, Sheri Thull, Linda Trisko, Lee Uphoff, Joni Van Beck, & Kay Van Beck



#### CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

#### **♦♦♦♦♦** Weekly Offering **♦♦♦♦♦**

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Total	. \$3,012.25
Regular Adult Offering	1,370.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	104.00
Votives	48.00
Fuel Fund	240.00
Christmas	750.00
Donation	. 500.00

#### Liturgical Ministries Sunday, January 29 - 10:00 am

- (S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
- (L) Rita Meyer
- (U) Gene Imdieke & Herb Imdieke
- (GB) Gary & Irene Marthaler
- (EM) Jim Leukam & Karl Meyer
- **(HK January)** \*Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernick, Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, Ann Brang, & Janice Funk

**Save the Date:** Bake Sale, Bingo, and Raffle. On Sunday, April 16 in the church basement.

#### HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- •Grados 7/8, 9/10 y Clase de Confirmación Miércoles 25 de enero por la noche, 7:15 8:30 pm. Clase. Ambiente seguro. Grados 7-10: estudiantes y algunos padres; Confirmación: estudiantes y mentor / patrocinador / padre. Si no desea que su hijo participe en el currículo de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis de St. Cloud, complete el formulario de Declaración de declinación que se encuentra en el sitio web de One in Faith (www.oneinfaith.org/family-faith-formation).
- •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 bien venidos!

Habrá 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.

## 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)







#### Prayer Requests...

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



#### For the Sick:

Thomas Stangler, Jr., Joan Schlicht, Jon Tufte

#### **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

#### 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 25 Home Lesson.
- •Grade 2: Next Class: Wednesday, January 25 Classroom
- Lesson. Please meet at Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
- •Grade 7-10: Next Class: Wednesday, January 25 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 7/8, 9/10, and Confirmation Class - Wednesday night, January 25, 7:15 - 8:30 pm. Class. Safe Environment. Grades 7-10: students and some parents; Confirmation: students and mentor/sponsor/parent. If you don't want your child to participate in the Safe Environment curriculum of the Diocese of St. Cloud, please fill out the Declination Statement form found on the One in Faith website (www.oneinfaith.org/family-faith-formation).

### **Sacred Heart School**

**Calendar Raffle Winners** 

01/15 \$25 Rick Goebel - Freeport

01/16 \$25 Nicholas Servatius - St. Cloud

01/17 \$25 Dick Christenson - Melrose

01/18 \$25 Carrie Morgan - Tehachapi, CA

01/19 \$25 Kevin Wensmann - Melrose

01/20 \$25 Kevin Soenneker - Sauk Centre

01/21 \$25 Tina Meyer - Albany



#### 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 <a href="mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org">csand@catholic-centered.org</a> 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:**

Contact Information: <a href="mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org">csand@catholic-centered.org</a> or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ▼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



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
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- ◆School Liturgy on Wednesday, January 25 will be planned by Ms. Blashack and the 1st grade students.
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week 2023 will be celebrated this week at Sacred Heart School. Special Events are planned for each day:
- \*Monday, January 23 Celebrating Families Students will complete a special project for their parents. AR store. Wear Sport/Hat Day.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Naomi Klaphake

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- Congratulations to Micah Wiechmann, who represented St. Mary's School in the Melrose District Spelling Bee on January 13.
- ◆Parents with prospective Little Saints (3-5 year olds) for the 2023 2024 school year are asked to call 320-256-4257. Registration for Preschool sixth grade will begin in March. 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.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking
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- •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!

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#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS CONTINUED



\*Tuesday, January 24 - Celebrating Students SHS students of the 2023 Graduating Class are invited to join us for lunch. Student Awards Day. Wear - Country/Western.

\*Wednesday, January 25 - Celebrate Vocations
Appreciation to Fr. Dan & Sr. Janine for
choosing and living their vocation as a priest
and sister. Mini Courses in the afternoon.
Wear - SHS Blue/School Spirit Day.

\*Thursday, January 26 - Celebrate Community
Special activities will be done to thank the
area business community. Grades 3-6 - Ski
Trip to Andes Tower Hills. PreK - Grade 2 Craft project, special treat, & movement
activity. Wear - Crazy Dress Day.

\*Friday, January 27 - Celebrate Faculty, Staff, & Volunteers Wear - Beach Day.

\*Saturday, January 28 - Catholic Schools Week at Sacred Heart School concludes with the celebration of Wine and Dine Dinner/Auction Fundraiser. All are welcome to join us. (More infor-



- ◆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.
- ◆St. Mary's School has \$1,311,883.07 in the school endowment fund as of December 31, 2022. Of this amount, \$860,708.25 is the principal, which is not to be spent. Please keep the endowment fund in mind if you are looking to donate in memory of someone or just want to make a donation.
- ◆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. <a href="http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose">http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose</a>.



•Steak and Wine Dinner & Auction is February 3rd and 4th at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$35 and are available at QPC Meire Grove, Freeport State Bank (Greenwald), Greenwald Pub, and SJSA. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. There will be an online auction will run January 27 - February 2 at 32auctions.com/ SJSA2023 as well as the live auction on Saturday, February 4. If you would still like to donate to the auction, please contact Steve and Katie Hellickson 320-491-2849 or Jenny and Adam Kaltoff at 320-290-1489. Donny Brang will be playing on Saturday night from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Come and support SJSA and enjoy great food, music, and have some fun!



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

**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.

Adoration at the State Capitol Our work as faithful citizens must be led by prayer – Ora et Labora. This is not just a practice for Benedictine monks, but all Catholics. So, the Minnesota Catholic Conference invites you to join our staff for Adoration at the Capitol. By bringing Christ to the Capitol, we can together pray for our elected officials at their place of work. Join us each first Friday of the month from January to May for any amount of time from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room located on the lower level of the Minnesota State Capitol. Note that in April, Adoration will take place on April 14 due to Good Friday. An RSVP is optional. For groups of more than 5 people, please email policyteam@mncatholic.org so that we can make accommodations. Visit <a href="https://www.mncatholic.org/first\_friday\_adoration">https://www.mncatholic.org/first\_friday\_adoration</a> for more information.

### 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.



## Sacred Heart School Wine & Dine Dinner/Auction Fundraiser

Saturday, January 28 at Freeport Community Center

Dinner will be served from 4:30 - 8:00 pm (Tickets - \$35, Choice of Chicken or Roast Beef)

\$100 Cash Raffle Drawing will be at 7:30 pm (Top Prize - \$20,000)

Tickets available at Sacred Heart School & Parish Office, Freeport State Bank and Magnfi Financial in Freeport, All Stars and St. Rosa Lumber in St. Rosa

Live Auction will begin at 8:00 pm.

Online Silent Auction the week prior to the event (January 21- 28). Check out the online auction at 32auctions.com/wineanddine2023

Call school office (836-2591) for ticket information.









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