



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 of Easter

April 23, 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
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Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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 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.



Understanding Dispels Doubt

“But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.” Luke 24:21–23

The day on which our Lord rose from the dead, some of the women who had accompanied Him went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body and found the tomb empty. An angel spoke to them of Jesus’ Resurrection and then these women went to tell the disciples what they saw. The reaction of the disciples is recorded this way: “but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them.”

Later that day, two of those doubting disciples were traveling on foot to the town of Emmaus. As they traveled, they were “conversing and debating” about what had happened to Jesus and also about what these women reported to them. It is clear from their words that they were quite confused and discouraged about what was happening. They encountered our Lord in His public ministry. They had listened to His powerful teachings. They witnessed His miracles. They had hoped that He was the Messiah. But then they saw Him arrested, humiliated, beaten, crucified, and killed. Jesus’ death took a serious toll on them and made them question their faith in Him. And even after they heard that He had risen, they couldn’t bring themselves to believe. Thus, they traveled the road to Emmaus—discouraged, confused, and doubting.

As these disciples walked along, our Lord appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him in His resurrected form. They expressed their confusion to Him and Jesus finally said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” After Jesus went on and explained the Scriptures to them, they were hungry for more. They asked this stranger to stay with them and He did. That evening, Jesus broke bread with them, and in that sacramental act, they recognized Him before He vanished from their eyes.

We must see ourselves in these disciples. There are many things in life that can lead us to discouragement. When we strive to follow God’s will but find that things have not turned out how we expected, there is a temptation to doubt. Why is that? What is the cause of doubt? More than anything else, doubts and discouragement come from our failure to understand the perfect plan of God for our lives.

If these disciples had understood, from the beginning, all that Jesus explained to them on the road to Emmaus, they would not have despaired. They would not have lost hope. So also with us, when we begin to lose hope in our lives, it is primarily because we have failed to understand the divine plan for our lives correctly. We

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ APRIL 24 - 30

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Marty Martinez
 Tu 7:30 am †Kevin Olmscheid
 We 7:30 am ††Al & Jen Seanger
 Th 7:30 am †LeRoy Terhaar
 *Fr 8:30 am **St. Mary's School Mass**
 †Sharon Gamradt
 Sa 5:00 pm †Arnold Scholz
 For the People
 *Su 10:00 am †Rosie Breth
 †Paul Spaeth
 †Jerry Isaacson
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 Por la salud de Belester
 Vazques Sabreyra

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am ††Alcuin & Loretta Renneker
 Fr 8:15 am †Dec./Liv. Members of
 Clarence Hiltner Family
 Su 8:00 am ††Edward & Agnes Job

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Alfred "Al" Schaefer Anniv.
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Gilbert Klaphake
 Su 10:00 am †Clara Wolbeck

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Sylvester Welle
 Su 10:00 am †Marilyn Klaphake

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 ††John & Dorine Schwagel
 Sa 4:00 pm ††Edward & LaVerne Winter

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Ruth Gramke
 Su 8:00 am †Ralph Muellner



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
 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 Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. Much beauty was added to the churches this Easter season. A list of those remembered by the donors can be found in the back of the churches.

♦**Special Collection** The Diocese has requested that we have a special collection next weekend, April 29 & 30, for Catholic Home Missions.

♦**Summer Office Hours** at St. Mary's from Memorial Day through Labor Day will be Monday through Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am - Noon.

Parish News:

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

♦**St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus will have their Annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser** on the last weekend of April (29/30). 100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the local WACOSA and Special Olympics Organizations. Thank you in advance for helping to support these organizations.
 ~The Knights of Columbus

The Delight of His Heart with Melaine Myklebust -

Women ages 18 and older are invited to join us on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. We know we are daughters of God & Ambassadors of Christ, but what do these titles actually mean? We will discuss how to spot the differences between who we say we are and who He says we are. We will identify triggers that get in the way, including orphan mindset and servant mentality, and will rise into the anointing we received at our Baptism. There will be a light lunch served and a few door prizes. RSVP to Sara Van Beck at 320-241-3086 by April 24 to reserve your spot. This event is hosted by the Gather In Grace Women's Group.



Adoration at the State Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference on Friday, May 5 anytime from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room in the Minnesota State Capitol. For more information, visit https://www.mncatholic.org/first_friday_adoration.

West Central Deanery Gathering/Meeting... All Catholic Women are invited to attend the gathering of the newly formed West Central Deanery. Join us Wednesday, April 26 for Mass at 6:00 pm followed by a light supper (\$6) and meeting. We'll get you up to date on the changes since the merger of the deaneries. The event will be held at St. Rose of Lima Church in St. Rosa. (Physical address: 28905 County Road 17, Freeport, MN 56331). Please contact Marilyn Bergmann 320-836-2880 or 320-429-0716, or bergmann@albanytel.com for reservations. For more information contact Jean Hopfer, 320-837-5239 or Arleen Roelike, 320-282-9941.

The Men's Group at Sacred Heart Parish has concluded. Join us again in the fall.

Limited Space Available: Join Fr. Dan and LaVerne's Travel this June as they travel to Milwaukee on a Pilgrimage Tour. You will visit Holy Hill, Basilica of St. Josaphat, St. Joan of Arc Chapel, Rudolph Grotto and Gardens, and the Mitchell Park Domes. June 20-22, cost is \$439 per person double occupancy. Call LaVerne's Travel for more details and questions: 320-237-4856 or 320-237-4855.



Vacation Bible School June 5-9 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Send your children, ages 4 through entering grade 5, for an out of this world good time! This summer's theme is Stellar. Children will be "Shining Jesus' Light." Stellar is filled with Bible stories, music, games, and other fun ways to learn that God is with you every day, no matter what. Registration forms are available on the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima bulletin boards, as well as on the Tri-Parish website. Deadline to sign up is Friday, May 12. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School June 5-9 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Students entering grade 6 through adults are invited to prayerfully consider joining us for an amazing start to your summer! Registration forms are available on the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima bulletin boards, as well as on the Tri-Parish website. Deadline to sign up is Friday, May 12. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆	
Total.....	\$14,601.16
Regular Adult Offering.....	9,443.00
Easter Loose	1,002.00
Easter.....	2,950.00
Phase 2.....	50.00
Designated Funds.....	1,156.16
Phase II Building	\$47,606.85
Rectory.....	\$79,779.65
Phase II Matching Funds.....	\$144,963.25
Total: Phase II/Rectory.....	\$272,349.75

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle		
04-16	\$25	Ralph Van Beck - Melrose
04-17	\$25	Krista Thull - Maple Grove
04-18	\$25	Laura Meyer - Melrose
04-19	\$25	Pete Tylutki - Melrose
04-20	\$25	Greg Nathe - Shakopee
04-21	\$25	Sharon Kluempke - Melrose
04-22	\$25	Donna Theiler - Melrose



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to everyone and there were many of you who helped with the liturgies during the Easter Triduum. Part of the word Liturgies means "work done on the behalf of the people." I am thankful for the cooperative help that took place to make our celebrations meaningful. Easter Blessings.

~Lisa Brixius, Director of Liturgy



to the candidates and voters for the election. We are pleased to announce that Deb Klaphake and Sarah Wiechman were selected for the open Parish Leadership positions and Pat Christenson and Jacob Primus were selected for the Board of Education. They will begin their terms in July.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
 Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2191

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆	
Adult Envelopes.....	\$5,786.77
Plate.....	408.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$6,194.77
Other Donations	
Votive.....	\$103.00
Easter Envelopes.....	560.00
Building/Maintenance.....	100.00

Parish Events			
Tu	04/25	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We	04/26	6:00 pm	West Central Deanery Gathering - SR
We	04/26	6:30 pm	Youth Pizza & Games
Th	04/27	6:00 pm	Gather in Grace Meeting
Fr	04/28	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/28	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	04/30	9:00 am	Christian Women Breakfast & Meeting

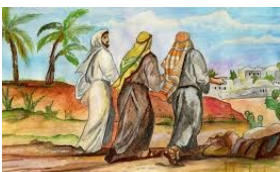
A Heartfelt THANK YOU from the family of Art Van Heel to Father Dan Walz and the staff at Sacred Heart Parish, as well as to all the volunteers who helped with the luncheon in various ways. Thanks to Yvonne Beste and Karen Heitzman for the beautiful music. Kudos also to family, friends, and parishioners for all your tremendous support. It was greatly appreciated.

Community Garden If you are interested in reserving rows in the community garden, please call the Freeport Office at 320-836-2143. Each row is spaced 5 feet apart and will be assigned on a first call basis.



North and South Entrance Remodel has begun. The elevator will be accessible during this time. Please note that some of the entrances will be closed from time to time until the project is complete.

Votive Candles Would you like to sponsor a specific votive candle for a month at a time? The parish is looking to have the following votive candles sponsored: 1 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar, 1 on the St. Joseph Altar, 2 by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print, 1 military remembrance candle by the votive stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The cost for a month is \$16.



Understanding Dispel Doubt con't.

have failed to see that God permits certain things for His glory. He permits certain hardships to deepen our faith and trust in Him. When we fail to see His permissive will in all things, we will become discouraged and confused.

Reflect, today, upon these two disciples. They had the incredible privilege of spending much time with our Lord during His public ministry, seeing His miracles and hearing His sermons. But when the Cross ensued, they doubted and despaired. Let these disciples witness to you and reveal to you any ways that you fall into similar temptations. Do you have perfect hope in God and His plan for your life? Or do you allow the various crosses you endure to confuse you and lead you to doubt? Allow our Lord to appear to you through prayer and reveal to you His perfect plan. Be open to the gift of understanding by trusting that the wisdom of God will dispel every temptation you have toward doubt, replacing it with trust and hope.

Lord of perfect wisdom, Your plan for my life is perfect and glorious beyond imagination. Too often, I fail to understand Your will and fall into confusion and doubt. Please open my mind to Your truth and help me to see everything from Your perspective so that I will always walk with hope and trust in You.
 Jesus, I trust in You.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,784.71
Plate.....	210.51
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,995.22

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$67.50
Easter Envelopes.....	390.00

Parish Events

Tu 04/25 7:00 pm	Christian Women Meeting
Tu 04/25 7:10 pm	K of C Meeting - SR
We 04/26 6:00 pm	West Central Deanery - SR
We 04/26 6:30 pm	Youth Pizza & Games - FR
Th 04/27 7:00 am	Adoration
Th 04/27 6:00 pm	Gather in Grace Mtg. - FR
Sa 04/29 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Update on Church Expansion with Handicap Accessibility: The project is estimated at \$1,000,000. At this time roughly \$666,000 has been pledged or in hand. We have also generously been given a loan from the New Munich Investors for \$200,000. The plan is to break ground this Spring, weather permitting.



St. Anne's Christian Women will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. We welcome all members.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

- 04/16 \$40 Duane Weisbrich - Grey Eagle
- 04/17 \$25 Joan Ellering - Melrose
- 04/18 \$25 Caroline Linz - St. Joseph
- 04/19 \$25 Mary Ann Wilwerding - Freeport
- 04/20 \$25 Matt Schmidt - Melrose
- 04/21 \$25 Paige Jandro - Melrose
- 04/22 \$25 Angela Arceneau - Albany

Prayer Requests...

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



For the Sick:

Dorine Sunderman, Laura Hoppe, Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Shari Salina, Rachael Zink, Rita Huls, Joan Schlicht, Thomas Stangler, Jr., 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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,071.54
Plate.....	315.35
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,386.89

Other Donations

School Support.....	\$80.00
Votive.....	192.00
Easter Envelopes.....	145.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	25.00
Rice Bowl.....	22.79
Catholic Home Missions.....	100.00

Parish Events

Tu 04/25 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 04/25 7:10 pm	K of C Meeting
We 04/26 6:00 pm	West Central Deanery
We 04/26 6:30 pm	Youth Pizza & Games - FR
Th 04/26 6:00 pm	Gather in Grace - FR
Fr 04/27 7:30 pm	Rosary

Votive Candles Would you like to sponsor a specific votive candle for a month at a time? The parish is looking to have the following votive candles sponsored: 4 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Stand, 4 on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The cost for a month is \$16.



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 or 320-250-0401.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$6,345.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	301.00
Children.....	4.75
Plate/Loose	50.00
Votives.....	20.00
Easter.....	2,380.00
Holy Land.....	230.00
Fuel Fund.....	360.00
Spaghetti Dinner (CUF).....	3,000.00

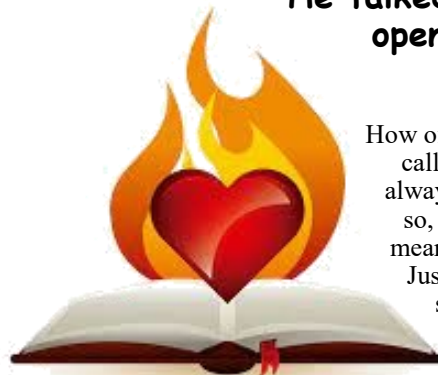
Liturgical Ministries Sunday, April 30 - 10:00 am

- (S) Sam Orbeck or Jack Orbeck
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Adam Kalthoff & Melvin Kalthoff
- (EM) Jeanette Kalthoff
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Dennis Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
- (HK - May 1-13) Melissa Frieler, Kathy Fuchs, and Sandra Gruber



"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?"

Luke 24:32



How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to the other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,376.00
Regular Adult Offering	540.00
Plate/Loose	15.00
Votives.....	21.00
Holy Land.....	20.00
Easter.....	2,775.00
Fuel Fund.....	5.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, April 29 - 4:00 pm

(S) Matthew Dehmer & Gretta Kasper
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) Bob Worms & Jon Worms
 (GB) Alan & Sandy Niehoff
 (EM) Dustin Gregory
 (HK - May) *Amy Frieler, Sara Dehmer, Rita Eveslage, Amber Fleischhacker, Betty Frieler, and Linda Frieler

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,868.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,185.00
Children	1.25
Plate/Loose	121.00
Votives.....	36.00
Holy Land.....	25.00
Easter.....	1,500.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, April 30 - 8:00 am

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
 (L) Rita Meyer
 (U) Dean Meyer & Doug Meyer
 (GB) Matt & Joy Silbernick
 (EM) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
 (HK - May) *Brenda Nathe, Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, and Virginia Meyer

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- **Grados 1, 3-6** - ÚLTIMA clase Miércoles, 26 de abril, 6:00-7:00 pm, Iglesia de Santa María.
- **Grados 9/10** - ÚLTIMA clase Miércoles, 26 de abril, 7:15-8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María.
- **Noche de inscripción para el próximo año** Miércoles 26 de abril, 6:00-8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. ¡Padres por favor registren a sus hijos para el próximo año!
- **MUCHAS GRACIAS** a todos los alumnos de 7/8 grado que ayudaron en Bingo en Meire Grove el domingo pasado
- **Pizza Making & Games for Grades 9-12** Miércoles, 26 de abril de 6:30-8:30 pm en el sótano de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón. Únase a nosotros mientras hacemos pizzas caseras y jugamos juegos de cartas y juegos de mesa. Los formularios de permiso están en los tableros de anuncios de Tri-Parish y en el sitio web de Tri-Parish: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el miércoles 12 de abril.
- **Kickball & Cookout** Miércoles, 31 de mayo de 6:30-8:30 pm en Sacred Heart Parish Grounds. Únase a nosotros para kickball, una comida juntos y compañerismo. Los formularios de permiso están en los tableros de anuncios de Tri-Parish y en el sitio web de Tri-Parish: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el miércoles 17 de mayo.
- **MN Twins y Feed My Starving Children Trip** serán Jueves, 22 de junio. Empacaremos comida por la mañana y nos dirigiremos a Target Field para un juego de los Minnesota Twins contra los Boston Red Sox. La recogida será en Freeport a las 7:00 am y regresará alrededor de las 5:00 pm. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en los tableros de anuncios de Tri-Parish y en el sitio web de Tri-Parish: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 22 de mayo.
- **Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC para información juvenil.**

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!

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

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.

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.

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...
 †Asha Gregory, 34

Music at St. Andrew's:
 Do you sing or play an instrument?
 Are you at least 10 yrs old? Please contact Larry Sass (new Music Director) at Music@stmarysofmelrose.com or 320-256-9507.

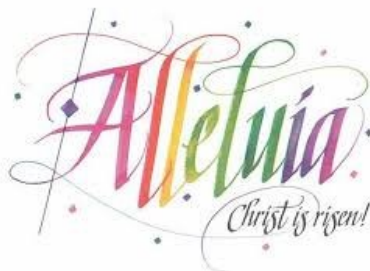


Thank You to everyone who made nominations for the St. John's Leadership Council. The following parishioners have accepted nomination to be on the ballot: Karen Meyer and Marvin Meyer. The election will be held next Sunday, April 30, at the 8:00 am Mass at St. John's in Meire Grove.

BIG THANKS to all who made our Spring Fundraiser a huge success. The net profit was almost \$14,000; the breakdown is as follows: Raffle \$11,376, Bingo \$1,461, Bake Sale \$1,020, Free Will Offering for Lunch \$331, and Root Beer Floats \$102. Raffle winners are posted on the One In Faith website as well as the church doors.

Upcoming Events:

- **Baccalaureate Mass** Sunday, May 14, 8:00 am. We will celebrate our 6 graduating 2023 Seniors from Meire Grove and Greenwald including: Austin Kelzer, Kayla Meyer, Kaylee Nathe, Lauren Dehmer, and Dominic Finken. All are invited downstairs after Mass for breakfast.
- **Corpus Christi Mass and Procession** Sunday, June 11 at 8:00 am.



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.



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information:

csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Faith Formation Registration:** If you missed registration night, please look for your registration packet in the mail. Please turn in all registration forms and fees for 2023/2024 by Friday, May 12 to avoid an increase in costs. You can drop them off at the Parish Office in Freeport or mail to PO Box 155, Freeport.
- **Grade 1-11:** Classes concluded on Wednesday, April 19. A big THANK YOU to our catechists: Anna Neu, Jorja Canfield, Max Welle, Abigail Welle, Camryn Roering, Carrie Goebel, Gabrielle Goebel, Jessica Goebel, Carrie Roering, Richard Sand, Spencer and Angela Van Beck, Andy Welle, Joe Notch, and Amy Hoeschen. Thank you also to all the parents and students for a great year! We look forward to meeting again in the fall for classes.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♦ **Grades 1, 3-6** - LAST class Wednesday, April 26, 6:00-7:00 pm, St. Mary's Church.
- ♦ **Grades 9/10** - LAST class Wednesday, April 26, 7:15-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church.
- ♦ **Registration Night** for next year Wednesday, April 26, 6:00-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church. Parents please register your children for next year!
- ♦ **BIG THANKS** to all 7/8 graders that helped at Bingo in Meire Grove last Sunday.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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- ♥ **Pizza Making & Games for Grades 9-12** Wednesday, April 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church Basement. If you have not signed up and would like to join us, contact Chrystal at 320-836-2143.
- ♥ **Kickball & Cookout** Wednesday, May 31 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Grounds. Join us for kickball, a meal together, and fellowship. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 17.
- ♥ **MN Twins and Feed My Starving Children Trip** will be on Thursday, June 22. We will package food in the morning and head to Target Field for a Minnesota Twins game vs. Boston Red Sox. Pick up will be in Freeport at 7:00 am and return around 5:00 pm. Sign up forms are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline for sign up is May 22.
- ♥ **Valleyfair and Feed My Starving Children Trip** will be on Monday, July 10. We head to Valleyfair for the morning and will package food in the afternoon. Pick up will be in Freeport at 8:15 am and return around 8:15 pm. Sign up forms are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline for sign up is June 23.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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- ♥ **Midquarter Reports** will be sent home on Monday, April 24.
- ♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, April 26 will be planned by Mrs. Benson and the 5th grade students.
- ♥ **Birthday Dinner** for April birthdays will be on Thursday, April 27.
- ♥ **At the All School Mass** this past Wednesday, we gave special honor, thanks, and appreciation to Mrs. Amanda Maus who will complete her 20th year of teaching at Sacred Heart School this spring. She has touched the lives of so many children and has been an AMAZING educator, staff member, and co-worker to many. Thank you, Mrs. Maus.



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- ♦ **The sixth grade will host** a Festival of Nations in St. Mary's School Gym on Friday, May 5. Community members are welcome to visit the festival from 10:15 - 11:00 am and 1:00 - 2:15 pm. All are welcome.
- ♦ **Bishop Neary** will be at St. Mary's School on Friday, May 12, to celebrate with the school at 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.
- ♦ **Thank you** for the generous donations coming in for replacing all 16 heating units in the school. The total cost of the project is \$300,000. The Church and School will contribute \$75,000 each from their budgets and are looking to raise another \$150,000. We have raised \$2,020 so far.
- ♦ **2nd Graders will be receiving** the Sacrament of Holy Communion on April 22/23, April 30, and May 7. Please pray for them as they continue their journey to becoming Disciples of Christ.
- ♦ **There are Still Openings** for prospective 2023-2024 Little Saints and students Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested call 320-256-4257 or email anelson@smsmn.org.



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- ♦ **Congratulations to SJSA second graders** Aaron Hellickson, Olivia Kalthoff, Stella Schoenberg, and Lexi Worms who celebrate their First Holy Communion today, Sunday April 23. Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey.
- ♦ **School Board Opening** - Bridget Kasper's school board term will be up June 30. A parent from St. Andrew's Parish is needed to fill this position. This is a three year term beginning July 1. School Board meetings are the third Tuesday of each month (no meeting in July or December). If you are interested, please contact Mary Miller at 320-987-3133. Thank you!
- ♦ **Grandparent's Day and Mass with the Bishop** Our Grandparent's Day celebration is Thursday, May 4. We will celebrate Mass with Bishop Patrick and our grandparents followed by refreshments and bingo at the school.

Alleluia!

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

One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...



♦SMS is actively searching for some exceptional, licensed teachers to join our amazing staff for the 2023-2024 school year. Do you know someone who's graduating this spring or wants to make a change in their career path? Please spread the word! If interested, please email anelson@smsmn.org with your resume and references.

Young Adults ages 18-30, join us on Wednesday, May 3 & 24 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Freeport Parish Office. We will be watching and discussing an episode of the Chosen series. Contact Katie at 320-333-9871 or Alyssa at 320-429-0770 with questions or for more information.

2023 Humanae Vitae Award Nominations Open.

July 25 will mark the 55th Anniversary of Humanae vitae! In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae vitae Mass & Award Presentation on Thursday, July 27 at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud at 7:00 pm with Bishop Patrick Neary. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae vitae. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). For more information visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/humanae-vitae-award-nominations-2023/>. Send, fax, or e-mail nominations **before May 1** to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305 7th Avenue North Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: (320) 258-7658 e-mail: omf@gw.stcdio.org. If you have any questions, contact Sheila Reineke, sreineke@gw.stcdio.org or (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.

- 24-Hour Silent Retreat for Men & Women April 25-26 (Tuesday-Wednesday)
- Finding a Reason to Hope - Day Retreat May 18
- Women Silent Retreat - Shepherd Me, O God May 19-21 (Weekend)

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Fridays Novena Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Fridays Novena – an evening of Mass, adoration, and reconciliation at 6:30 pm on Friday, May 5 at St. Catherine in Farming. Visit www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival for more information.

Natural Family Planning Instruction for May

A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre: Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm. For additional sites, information, or to register, visit www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp or contact Sheila Reineke at 320-252-4721 ext. 308.



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

Joyful Beauty Women's Conference Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Check-in begins at 8:15 am. A day for women, ages 12 and older, to be refreshed body, mind, and soul in God's grace and love and a renewed passion to live out their identity as a daughter of Christ. This conference will include several breakout session options. Keynote speaker: Leah Jacobson is an international speaker. \$40 per ticket. For more information or to register go online to the Cross Rock ACC home page: crossrockacc.org or call the Cross Rock ACC office at 320-393-2725. The event is hosted by Cross Rock Area Catholic Community, Immaculate Conception, Rice, MN.

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Acts 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29
Tu	Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14	Mk 16:15-20
We	Acts 8:1b-8	Jn 6:35-40
Th	Acts 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51
Fr	Acts 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59
Sa	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42	Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 2:14a,36-41	1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

April 25, Tuesday

♦**Spring Mission Rally** All are welcome to join us for the 2023 Spring Mission Rally *“Walking Together in Christ's Love.”* 8:00 am - 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Staples, MN. Cost is \$10 per person. Gathering, refreshments, & registration beginning at 7:00 am. Mass with Bishop Patrick Neary C.S.C at 8:30 am. Speakers, meal, fellowship times, and fair trade sales to follow Mass.

April 26, Wednesday

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

April 30, Sunday

♦**Freeport Community Center 30 Year Anniversary** Rueben Nathe Band from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Roast Beef Dinner served from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 advance or \$17.50 at the door.

♦**51st Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper** at St. Anthony Parish, St. Anthony, MN (off of State Hwy 238). Serving from 3:00 to 8:30 pm, all you can eat. Gun, cash and general raffle tickets will be sold. For more info contact Jim or Joyce Rehkamp at 320-845-4899.

May 3, 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.

♦**Jeff Cavins** will speak 6:30 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 “Struggling with Jealousy and Envy.”

May 7, Sunday

♦**St. Joseph's Hammer Book Signing** from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Rockville, MN. Door prizes, kids activities, and food provided. Opportunity to meet the author Leah Brix and celebrate St. Joseph with other area Catholics.

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