



# 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

**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 3, 2023**

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

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

**Hours:** Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

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**Mailing Address:** PO Box 155  
Freeport, MN 56331

**Bulletin Announcements**

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

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

**Confession Times**

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

**Marriage**

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

**Baptism & RCIA**

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion**

**Pastoral Visitation**

**Joining/Leaving a Parish**

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.



## Do Not Miss Out...

*“Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” Mark 13:33*

To which time is our Lord referring? He is referring to the time of His coming. But it must be understood that even though He came to us once in the flesh long ago, and though He will return again in the flesh to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, He never ceases to come to us day and night by the transforming gift of grace. Are you attentive to this coming? Or do you miss out on the countless blessings of God’s grace that He wants to bestow upon you every day, all day?

The world has many distractions. We are distracted by the lure of riches, the indulgence of our appetites, and the constant noise of modern media, electronic gadgets and the like. These and many other daily distractions make it very difficult to be constantly “watchful” and “alert.” This is because our attention span is limited. Though some may learn to “multi-task” to a certain extent, no one can continually divide their attention between the presence of God and the distractions of the world. Some may argue that it is necessary to engage the world today. It is not possible to continually pray and think only about God. But those who would be tempted to think this do not understand the attentiveness and watchfulness to which we are called.

Being watchful and attentive simply means that God is central in our lives and is the motivation and purpose of all we do every day. Our love for and service to God cannot be divided. We cannot set aside some time for the world and other times for God. Instead, everything we do, every day, all day, must have the glory of God and the fulfillment of God’s perfect will as the central and exclusive purpose of our lives. Thus, if we interact with the world, tune into social media, fulfill household chores, put in extra hours at work, etc., we must constantly ponder the simple question, “Lord, am I doing this for Your glory and in accord with Your will?” We must never fail to ask ourselves that question. We must always have the glory of God and the fulfillment of His will as the central purpose and motivation for all that we do. If we can live this way, then we will discover that it becomes increasingly easy to always and everywhere be attentive to and watchful for God’s will.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ DECEMBER 4 - 10 ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose
Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Florentino Montañez
†Jesus Montañez
†Pedro Montañez
†Leoniris Montañez
Tu 8:00 am †Wayne Zenzen
We 8:00 am †Dec. Boecker & Kramer
Family Members
Th 8:00 am †Lucille Orth
\*Fr 8:30 am Immaculate Conception SMS Mass
†Carol Billigmeier
Fr 6:30 pm Misa en Español
Inmaculada Concepción
Por la Salud de Belester
Vazquez Sobreira
\*Sa 5:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Bilingual Mass
†Jim Sundermann
For the People
\*SU 10:00 am ††Edward & Florence Hinnenkamp
†Bernice Garbina
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Julia Ordoñez
†Enrique de los Santos
†Alfredo Morales

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich
Th 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
†Otto Thelen Anniversary
Sa 4:00 pm ††Melvin, Erma, and Dennis Poepping
ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa
Tu 8:15 am ††Bob & Bernice Kluempke
Fr 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
†Joan Dobmeier
Su 10:00 am For the People
ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill
Tu 8:00 am ††John & Dorine Schwagel
Fr 7:30 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
†Bernice Welle
Su 10:00 am ††John & Leona Freiler
ST. ANDREW - Greenwald
Th 8:00 am SJSJ School Mass
†Asha Gregory
Fr 8:00 am Immaculate Conception Mass
SJSJ School Mass
†Charlene Ohmann
Sa 4:00 pm ††Clarence & Gary Winter
ST. JOHN - Meire Grove
We 8:00 am †Norbert Gramke
Fr 7:30 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
†Lydia Zenzen
†Sam Schneider
†Amy Granby



St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am
Immaculate Conception - New Munich
No Adoration Thursday, December 7
St. Mary - Melrose
First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)
Sacred Heart - Freeport
Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:00 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 ~
Special Diocesan Collection will be held for Retirement for Religious next weekend, December 9 and 10, in all four parishes.

Parish News:
~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~
Men's Group will meet on December 3, 10, and 17. Then we will conclude this session. Due to a wake in the church we will meet at the parish office in Freeport on Sunday, December 3.



Office Closures The parish offices in Melrose and Freeport will be closed on Friday, December 8 in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Advent Enrichment Materials and Advent Brochures with confessions opportunities, Advent Service Projects, Mass times, and more are available in the back of the churches. Feel free to take them to enhance your Advent.

Go and Make Disciples Grade 11 though young adults are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. We will have a meal and discuss the Catholic Mass. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, December 13. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

An Epoch in Time, a history of St. Rose of Lima parish, will be available for pickup or purchase after the 10:00 am Mass in St. Rosa on Sunday, December 10. Cost \$35.

Enriching Your Marriage must be a top priority! Give each other the best CHRISTmas gift possible by attending the December 9 and 10 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference Center in Farmington. Register at www.marriages.org. If you have questions please call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238 or email mary@marriages.org.



Best Advent Ever Most people spend the month before Christmas feeling overwhelmed, busy, anxious, and anything but peaceful. With so much worry, it's easy to miss out on the beauty and joy of Advent. Don't let that be you this year. Sign up for BEST ADVENT EVER and make the radical choice to slow down and spend just a few minutes each day immersed in God's word. Sign up at www.dynamiccatholic.com.



The 33rd Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction to support St. John's-St. Andrew's Catholic School will be February 9 and 10, 2024 at The Greenwald Pub. Tickets cost \$35 and are now available at the school, QPC in Meire Grove, Freeport State Bank in Greenwald, as well as the nights of the event at the Pub. Online auction prior to the event. Live auction Saturday night. Donny Brang will play live music BOTH nights! More information to come!

Thank You The Freeport Christian Women would like to thank everyone who came out to our Fall Quarter Craze. It was a wonderful evening of laughter and fun. Our event raised just over \$1,200 which gets donated to our church, school and other local organizations. A special thank you to the Freeport Community Center for generously donating the use of their space for our event. Happy Holidays from our committee!!

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

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$20,023.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	18,327.00
Plate/Loose .....	1,545.00
Designated Funds.....	151.00

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Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,395.62
Plate.....	467.25
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$4,862.87</b>

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

11-26	\$25	Shar & Dan Goihl - Grey Eagle
11-27	\$25	Geri Boecker - Melrose
11-28	\$25	Rebecca Hooper - Melrose
11-29	\$25	Lyle & Ellie Olmscheid - Melrose
11-30	\$25	Jason & Sue Rademacher - Melrose
12-01	\$25	Rick Wiechmann - Melrose
12-02	\$25	Carol Hemmesch - Melrose



**Other Donations**

Votive .....	\$223.00
School Support.....	1,030.00
Thanksgiving Envelopes.....	7,826.00
Thanksgiving Plate.....	224.00
Christmas.....	50.00
Christmas Flowers.....	185.00

**Calendar Raffle** We are in the last month! All raffle tickets need to be turned in before the end of the year.

**Christmas Flowers...** If you wish to donate toward Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please put money in an envelope, include the name or names of the loved one, and mark it "Christmas Flowers." Thank You!

**Rectory Update:** We are working on the finishing touches! There will be an open house from 4 to 5 before 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, December 9, and between Masses on Sunday, December 10.

**New Ministry Schedules** are ready! Copies are in the kiosks if needed.

**Fellowship** There will be refreshments served after the 10:00 am Mass this next weekend, December 10 at St. Mary's. Please plan to come and stay awhile!

**St. Mary's Mission Society Meeting** on Wednesday, December 13 at St. Mary's Church at 8:45 am. All are welcome!

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 Prayers, Mass, and Celebration  
 Saturday, December 9  
 St. Mary's, Melrose

<b>Morning:</b>	
5:30 am	Rosary (Spanish)
6:00 am	Songs to Mary (Spanish)
7:00 am	Hot Chocolate & Breads served
<b>Evening:</b>	
5:30 pm	Bilingual Mass
6:30 pm	Ethnic Food & Fellowship



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Prayer Requests...**

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

**For the Sick:** Shari Salina, Joe Salina, Lynn Bussmann MacRae

**Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

•Sacred Heart - Judy Caveny	248-8830
•Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	837-5321
•St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	333-8461
•St. Mary's	256-3878

**Parish Events**

Su	12/03	9:00 am	Catholic United Financial Mtg. & Breakfast
Su	12/03	4:00 pm	Betty Hennen Visitation
Su	12/03	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Mo	12/04	10:30 am	Betty Hennen Visitation and Funeral
Tu	12/05	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	12/06		NO Adoration
We	12/06	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	12/06	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Winter Fellowship
We	12/06	7:00 pm	Communal Confessions
Fr	12/08	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	12/08	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	12/09	2:30 pm	Youth Music Ministry Practice - NM
Su	12/10	7:00 pm	Men's Group

**2024 Calendars** are available in the back of the church.

**Catholic United Financial #101** will be hosting a Membership Breakfast today, Sunday, December 3, after the 8:00 am Mass. All members and their families are invited to attend. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, fellowship, goodie bags for the kids, and bingo for door prizes. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Shelf.



**Baby Shower for Jesus** The Freeport Christian Women are hosting a Baby Shower for Jesus! Drop off any NEW item in the bassinet in the back of church by Christmas Eve. All items will be given to Options for Women in Sauk Centre. Suggested items to donate are diapers, wipes, clothes 3-12 months, blankets or car seats. Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation.

**The Scriptures This Week**  
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

<b>Mo</b>	Is 2:1-5	Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tu</b>	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
<b>We</b>	Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37
<b>Th</b>	<b>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>	
	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Fr</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
	Gn 3:9-15, 20	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
		Lk 1:26-38
<b>Sa</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
	<b>Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
	Is 40:1-5, 9-11	2 Pt 3:8-14
		Mk 1:1-8

**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes .....	\$2,439.08
Plate.....	286.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,725.08</b>

**Other Donations**

Boiler.....	\$1,330.00
Thanksgiving Envelopes.....	5,235.00
Thanksgiving Plate.....	74.00
Cash Bazaar .....	30.00
Christmas Flowers.....	90.00
All Souls'.....	125.00
All Saints'.....	125.00
Building/Maintenance .....	1,537.50

**Parish Events**

Su 12/03 9:00 am	Private Party
Su 12/03 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 12/05 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
We 12/06 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 12/06 7:00 pm	FF Winter Fellowship - FR
We 12/06 7:00 pm	Communal Confessions - FR
Th 12/07	NO Adoration
Sa 12/09 2:30 pm	Youth Music Ministry Practice
Sa 12/09 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 12/10 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

**May They Rest in Peace...** Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the families of: †**Mary Kay Flynn**, who passed away Saturday, November 18. Her funeral was celebrated at Sacred Heart on Saturday, November 25.

†**Marie Kampsen**, who passed away Monday, November 27. Her funeral was celebrated St. Rose of Lima on Saturday, December 2.

**God's Housekeepers**

for the Month of December: Sharon Salzer, Bettie Frieler, Jenna Thull and Jean Hopfer. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.



**New Addition Update** At this time, roughly \$945,000 has been donated, pledged, or loaned to this project that is estimated at \$1,000,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this project and helping reach the needed goal.

**Feast of Immaculate Conception Social**

There will be a social in the church basement after the Immaculate Conception Mass on Thursday, December 7. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating our Patronal Feast Day. Servers requested: **Chair:** Dave & Rosie Ehlert **Helpers:** Jason & Tanya Christenson, Amy Dingmann, Ron & Alice Doll, John & Alecia Elfering. Please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.



**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes .....	\$897.54
Plate.....	280.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,177.54</b>

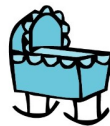
**Other Donations**

Thanksgiving Envelopes.....	\$4,300.00
Thanksgiving Plate.....	215.00
Christmas Flowers.....	110.00

**Parish Events**

Su 12/03 11:00 am	CUF Mtg. & Christmas Party
Su 12/03 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Mo 12/04 7:00 pm	Christian Women Mtg.
Tu 12/05 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 12/05 7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 12/06 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We 12/06 7:00 pm	FF Winter Fellowship - FR
We 12/06 7:00 pm	Communal Confessions - FR
Fr 12/08	NO Rosary
Sa 12/09 2:30 pm	Youth Music Ministry Practice - NM
Su 12/10 7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

**Welcome to our Parish...** We welcome Kurt & Jenna Herdering to our parish.



**Gifts for Baby Jesus** During the Advent Season, the Christian Women of St. Rose will have a bassinet in the gathering area. We are seeking new and like new donations for infants through toddlers which we will drop off periodically throughout the season of Advent at the Options for Women in Sauk Centre. Car seats are an especially difficult item for the site to maintain. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

**St. Rose Christian Women** meeting and Christmas party will be Monday, December 4 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. Please bring a \$15 gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. Again, we will provide wine for a happy hour for Pine Villa residents. If you would like to donate, please bring to the Christmas party. Hope to see many of you there.

**An Epoch in Time**, a history of St. Rose of Lima parish, will be available for pickup or purchase after the 10:00 am Mass in St. Rosa on Sunday, December 10. Cost \$35.



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

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



**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$12,170.50</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	542.00
Children.....	3.00
Plate/Loose .....	185.00
Maintenance Fund .....	785.00
Cemetery.....	500.00
Fuel Fund.....	160.00
Thanksgiving.....	9,520.00
Men's Breakfast/Bake Sale .....	475.50

**Liturgical Ministries**

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

- (S) Shantel Gruber & Kenny Niehoff
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Pat Bertram & Randy Bertram
- (EM) (B) Allen Lieser
- (EM) (C) Gary P. Lieser & Karen Rademacher
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Shulzetenberg
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
- (HK: Nov. 26 - Dec. 9) Cyndi Schulzetenberg, Sharon Schulzetenberg, & Mary Ann Spanier

**Annual Meeting & Christmas Party**

St. Michael's Parishioners who are members of Catholic United Financial Council #126 will have their annual meeting and Christmas party today Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 pm in the church basement. Kids games start at 1:00 pm and Santa will come at 2:30 pm. There will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome.

**St. Mary's Mission** Christmas party will be Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 pm in the church basement. There will be a \$5 gift exchange and pot luck lunch. New members are welcome.

**Christmas Flowers or Monetary Offering**

If anyone prefers to make a monetary offering for Christmas Flowers, please put a note along with your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers and flowers will be purchased for you before Christmas. If you choose to buy flowers yourself, bring them to the back of the Church any time and mark them appropriately.

**Rosary Rally** Please join us for a rosary rally Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill.



**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 .....	\$3,848.00
Regular Adult Offering .....	1,670.00
Plate/Loose .....	95.00
Votives.....	43.00
Cemetery.....	1,000.00
Fuel Fund.....	5.00
Maintenance Fund.....	40.00
Thanksgiving.....	995.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total .....	\$4,679.55
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,360.00
Children.....	3.55
Plate/Loose .....	278.00
Votives.....	28.00
Donations.....	200.00
Thanksgiving.....	725.00
Maintenance Fund.....	85.00

**Formación en la fe:** Información de contacto: [Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

• **Todos los grados 2 - 12:** Liturgias de Reconciliación de Adviento - Miércoles 6 de diciembre a las 5:00 pm o 7:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. Elija el que mejor se adapte a su familia. Por favor, llegue 15 minutos antes de la liturgia (4:45 pm o 7:15 pm), para unos minutos de clase antes. ¡Se servirán refrigerios después de ambos servicios!

• **Estudiantes de Confirmación:** Su clase está a cargo de los ministerios litúrgicos en las 2 liturgias de reconciliación el miércoles 6 de diciembre. Esta es tanto una experiencia de oración como un proyecto de servicio para ti. Envíe un mensaje de texto a Juliann usando la aplicación Remind para inscribirse en 1 de las 2 liturgias y para elegir qué ministerio le gustaría hacer.

• **Familias de Primera Comunión:** Pedimos que los estudiantes de Primera Comunión y sus padres asistan a una de las liturgias parroquiales de Adviento de la Reconciliación el miércoles 6 de diciembre, ya sea a las 4:45 pm o a las 7:15 pm, como parte de su preparación para la celebración del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Tendremos unos minutos de clase con usted y su hijo antes de que comience el servicio de oración. Luego nos sentaremos juntos para la primera parte de la Liturgia de la Reconciliación; De esta manera, los niños podrán ver lo que es un liturgia de la reconciliación, antes de que ellos mismos celebren el sacramento en enero. Cuando llegamos a la parte de la liturgia en la que los feligreses acuden a un sacerdote para confesiones individuales, los estudiantes pueden quedarse para observar o irse a casa (debe terminar alrededor de las 5:20 pm si asiste a la primera liturgia, o alrededor de las 7:50 pm si asiste a la segunda).

• **Primera Comunión: Próxima clase:** Sábado 9 de diciembre de 9:30 a 11:00 am, Iglesia de Santa María. Solo para estudiantes.

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




**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!


**Si desea, ofrecer una misa** por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo o matrimonio, 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.

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, December 9 - 4:00 pm**  
 (S) Gretta Kasper & Leo Kasper  
 (L) Kathy Gilk  
 (U) Matthew Kasper & Dan Eveslage  
 (GB) Dale & Kris Winter  
 (EM) (B) Dustin Gregory  
 (EM) (C) Herman Lensing & Mary Opatrny  
 (HK - December) \*Marilyn Welle, Doreen Wenker, Lucy Wessel, Bev Winter, Carol Winter, & Kris Winter

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, December 10 - 8:00 am**  
 (S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk  
 (L) Char Meyer  
 (U) Jerry Imdieke & Nick Kelzer  
 (GB) Elmer & Virginia Meyer  
 (EM) (B) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam  
 (EM) (C) Dan Meyer & Elmer Meyer  
 (HK - December) \*Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke, Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, & Mary Kay Leukam

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**Sacrament of Confession**

- **Communal Celebration with Individual Confession:**

Wednesday	December 6	5:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
		7:00 pm	Sacred Heart, Freeport
		7:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
Thursday	December 7	7:30 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald
- **Individual Celebration:**

Tuesday	December 19	after 8:15 am Mass	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Wednesday	December 20	7:30 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald
		7:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
Thursday	December 21	after 8:15 am Mass	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
		7:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
		7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
Fridays	7:45 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport	
Saturdays	3:30 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald	
Saturdays	3:30 pm	Immaculate Conception, New Munich	
Saturdays	4:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose	
Sundays	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose	



 **Do Not Miss Out...** con.'t from page 1  
 Reflect, today, upon that to which you most often turn your attention. What is it that you think about the most each day? To what are you most attentive and watchful? If the answer to that question is not the ongoing promptings of God and His grace, then make note of that fact. Humbly pray that you can change and begin to form a transforming habit of daily keeping your attention on our Lord so that He will become your daily guide and focus in all things.

*Lord of all grace, You come to me day and night, speaking to me, calling me and desiring to guide me. May I learn to turn my full attention to You every day so that nothing but You and Your holy will lead me always. Jesus, I trust in You.* [mycatholic.life](http://mycatholic.life)



## FAITH FORMATION

### Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org)

- **Grade 1, 3-6 Next Class:** Wednesday, December 6. Classroom Lesson. Please meet in the parish office.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm. Meet in the parish office.
  - **First Confession:** Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 pm. Meet in Sacred Heart Church.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** NOTE DATE CHANGE Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.
- **Grade 1-12: Winter Family Fellowship Night** NOTE DATE CHANGE Wednesday, December 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Families are strongly encouraged to join us for a fun night of activities, snacks, and fellowship. This is in place of class. **All students are expected to attend.** We will be making tie fleece blankets to donate to the Melrose Ambulance. Donations are being accepted to help cover the costs for this project. You are welcome to make a monetary donation, a donation of fleece (minimum of 1 1/2 yard length), and/or your time to help assemble the blankets.

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

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

- **All Grades 2 - 12: Advent Reconciliation Liturgies** - Wednesday, December 6 at 5:00 pm or 7:30 pm, St. Mary's Church. Choose whichever works best for your family. **Please arrive 15 minutes before the liturgy (4:45 pm or 7:15 pm),** for a few minutes of class time beforehand. Refreshments will be served after both services!
- **Confirmation students:** Your class is in charge of the liturgical ministries at the 2 reconciliation liturgies on Wednesday, December 6. This is both a prayer experience and a service project for you. Please text Juliann using the Remind app to sign up for 1 of the 2 liturgies, and to choose which ministry you'd like to do.
- **First Communion Families:** We are asking that First Communion students and a parent attend one of the parish Advent reconciliation liturgies on Wednesday, December 6, either at 4:45 pm or 7:15 pm, as part of their class preparation for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have a few minutes of class time with you and your child before the prayer service begins. Then we will sit together for the first part of the Reconciliation Liturgy; this way, the children will get to see what a reconciliation liturgy looks like before they celebrate the sacrament themselves in January. When we get to the part of the liturgy where parishioners go to a priest for individual confessions, students may stay to observe or leave to go home (you should be finished by about 5:20 pm if you attend the first liturgy, or about 7:50 pm if you attend the second).
- **First Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, December 9 from 9:30 - 11:00 am, St. Mary's Church. Students only.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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- **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 22-24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaways has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 51 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 - \$190. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 31 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org) or 320-836-214, or Pam Pundsack at [pam@stmarysofmelrose.org](mailto:pam@stmarysofmelrose.org) or 320-256-9503 with questions.

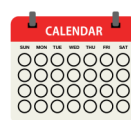
## ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2



**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** In this first week of Advent, please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

**Christ the King Retreat Center** in Buffalo hold retreats 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](http://www.kingshouse.com).

- Advent Day of Prayer - December 6 (Wednesday)
- Advent Silent Retreat for Men & Women - December 8-10 (Weekend)
- Men's Silent Retreat - January 12-14 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - January 19-21 (Weekend)



**Calendar Raffle** Sacred Heart School started their Calendar Raffle this past week. If you are interested in a calendar, please reach out to a SHS family or you can pick one up in the office. They are \$25 each - over \$10,000 in prizes and 367 chances to win.

**Partner or Servant: What are we looking for when we look for AI?** Noreen Herzfeld, PH.D. We all know that computers are excellent tools. But recent advances in AI seem to promise more. Robots are being designed as caregivers and even as sexual partners. Programs such as ChatGPT and Midjourney act as collaborators or relational partners. As Christians we are called to be in relationship with each other and with God. Are we now extending this call to computers? We will examine what it takes for a relationship to be fully authentic, with each other, with God, and with AI. Friday, December 8, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Emmaus Hall, St. Johns' University.

## Public Rosary...

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.

*All are invited and welcome!*

- Tuesdays at 7:00 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa. **No Rosary on Friday, December 8.**
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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♥**Thank You** to everyone that came out for The Johnny Holm Band on Friday. It was a successful event and fundraiser for Sacred Heart School!

♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, December 6 will be planned Mr. Kuechle and the 3rd grade students.

♥**Calendar Raffle Begins:** SHS started their Calendar Raffle last week. If you are interested in a calendar, please reach out to a SHS family or you can pick one up in the office. They are \$25 each - over \$10,000 in prizes and 367 chances to win.

♥**The SHS 2nd Graders** will have their First Confession on Wednesday, December 13 at 2:00 pm. The other grades will also have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation on that day as well.

♥**SHS Christmas Program** is on Wednesday, December 20. We will have performances at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the gym. All are welcome!

♥**Sacred Heart Advent Project** has begun, and we are supporting a local shelter - 180 degrees. This shelter creates safe spaces and services that honor each individual's healing journey by creating emergency housing, supportive housing, trauma informed care to youth, and much more. We would like to collect youth clothing, youth personal care items, and youth holiday gifts by Tuesday, December 12. Visit <https://www.180degrees.org/> to learn more about this organization.

### Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

11/26 \$25 Judy Gaebel - Freeport  
 11/27 \$25 Waylin Weinzetl - Hines  
 11/28 \$25 Lisa Middendorf - Sauk Centre  
 11/29 \$25 Neal Zenzen - Belgrade  
 11/30 \$25 Craig Meyer - Buffalo  
 12/01 \$25 Jamie & Amy Engelmeyer - Freeport  
 12/02 \$25 Andy & Nicole Welle - Freeport

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♦**For Advent**, the students and staff at St. Mary's will collect new socks for men, women, girls, and boys of all ages, to be given to Melrose Food Shelf, Eagle's Healing Nest, Place of Hope, and Anna Marie's Alliance. Please feel free to drop off socks when you go to Mass or leave them at the school entrance.

♦**Advent Prayer Services** will be held on the following Mondays: December 4, 11, and 18 at 2:15 pm in the school gym. You are welcome to join us.

♦**Don't forget to use the SMSS4Kids** scrip program to make your purchases as the holiday season gets closer.

♦**St. Mary's Christmas Program** at the Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, on Wednesday, December 13, at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. Little Saints program on Wednesday, December 15, at 9:30 am in the SMS gym.

♦**Auction 4 Education** St. Mary's Catholic School's 22nd Annual Auction 4 Education will be held on Saturday, March 2, at the Legion. The theme this year is Down on the Farm.

♦**Advent** SJSA students will gather the Monday mornings of Advent to light the Advent wreath and offer Advent prayers. The students will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Melrose Area Food Shelf December 4 - 15 as their Advent Service Project. If you would like to contribute, please drop your items off at the school.

♦**St. John's-St. Andrew's school board** is asking for nominations for the SJSA Supporter Award to be given out at the Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction (February 9 and 10, 2024). This award is given to community members who have shown great support to the school over the years. Please send nominations by December 31 to Kathy Gilk at [skgilk@meltel.net](mailto:skgilk@meltel.net) or 320-987-2873, or by calling the school at 320-987-3133.

♦**Meat Raffle** a meat raffle to benefit SJSA is Wednesday, December 6 from 5:00-8:30 pm at CB's in Meire Grove. Come out and enjoy a delicious roasted chicken dinner at CB's and support SJSA!

♦**Students in grades 3-6** will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, December 7.

♦**Friday, December 8** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. SJSA students in grades K-6 will attend the 8:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's in Greenwald.

♦**Harry's Pizza Sale** It's time to stock up for the holidays! SJSA students are selling Harry's Pizza November 22 - December 7. You can also order pizzas by calling the school at 320-987-3133 or fill out the order form that will be in next week's bulletin. Pizza pick-up is Saturday, December 16. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

♦**Three Wisemen and A Baby...** SJSA students will present *Three Wisemen and A Baby* on Tuesday, December 19 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. Refreshments will be served in the school basement after each program.

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

\***The Melrose Senior Center** will not have quilting again until after the first of the year.

\***Freeport Senior Citizens will NOT meet** in December. Christmas Party will be in January 2024.

#### December 3, Sunday

♦**Knights of Columbus Breakfast** at Saint Joseph Heritage Hall in St. Joseph. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Adults \$10. Ages 6-12 \$4. Ages 5 and under are free.

#### December 6, 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.

#### December 9, Saturday

♦**Meat Raffle** at CB's in Meire Grove starting at 6:00 pm. All proceeds go to the St. John's Community Park.

#### December 10, Sunday

♦**St. John's Boys' Choir presents** *This Christmastide* at Our Lady of the Angels in Sauk Centre at 1:30 pm. There is no cost to attend the concert, and free-will donations will be graciously accepted to support this season's concerts and tours. Learn more at [www.sjbchoir.org](http://www.sjbchoir.org).

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