



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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 - 12:00 pm

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Facebook: Tri Parish

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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.



Hearing and Following His Voice

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." John 10:1-3

The people of Jesus' time would have easily understood this story. It was common practice for shepherds to talk to their sheep throughout the day so that the sheep became familiar with the shepherd's voice as he led them through various pastures for grazing. At night, several shepherds would bring their sheep together within secured gates for safety. In the morning, each shepherd would then call to his sheep and, because they knew their shepherd's voice, the sheep would follow their own shepherd and not the others.

The first question for each of us to ask ourselves today is this: Do I know the voice of the Shepherd? Have I become so familiar with His voice that I can clearly distinguish His voice from others? Try to imagine the image of several shepherds all calling their sheep at once. This is an image of the competing voices we encounter in our lives. But only one of those voices is the voice of God. Do you know His voice? Or do you become confused with the many other impulses, desires and attractions that vie for your attention?

Jesus continued his teaching by saying that He is not only the Shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep, but He is also the gate. "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." What does our Lord mean when He calls Himself the gate?

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MAY 1-7

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 Por el bienestar de Josefina Sanchez Martinez y la Familia Jimenes Pesqueda

Tu 7:30 am †Ronald Wolters
 We 7:30 am †Leo H. Hinnenkamp
 Th 7:30 am †Jerry Pfannenstern
 *Fr 8:30 am **St. Mary's School Mass**
 †Richard Hellermann
 †Elmer Hellermann

Sa 5:00 pm †Gerald Rademacher
 For the People

*Su 10:00 am †Ted & Marie Welz
 †Linda Welz

Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Javier Acevedo

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

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Dec. Members of Loonikar Family
 Fr 8:15 am ††Ed & Irene Harren
 Sa **8:00 am First Saturday Mass**
 †Lori Ettl
 Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am ††Norbert & Helen Holdvogt
 Sa 4:00 pm †Patricia "Pat" Schleper

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Chad Toenyan
 Su 10:00 am †Jan Reller

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am St. Michael's Men's Society
 Su 10:00 am †Christ Wander

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Vivian Bertram
 Sa 4:00 pm †Dec. Relatives of Bill & Betty Frieler

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Clarine Stalberger
 Su 8:00 am †Dec. Relatives of Ray & Carol Schneider



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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

♦**Special Collection:** The Diocese has requested that we have a special collection this 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 ~

♦**May Ministry Schedules** have been emailed or mailed out. The schedules are also available on the Tri-Parish website.

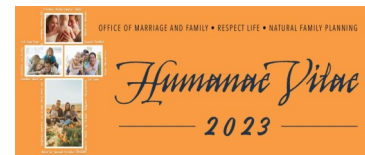


Adoration at the State Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference on Friday, May 5 anytime from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room in the Minnesota State Capitol. For more information, visit https://www.mncatholic.org/first_friday_adoration.

The Saying Goes "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." Do you know what to do in times of trouble? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 5-7, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

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.



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!

♦**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.

Fatima Rosary Rally will be on Saturday, May 13 at 12:00 noon on the Immaculate Conception Church parking lot. In case of rain or be it too cold, it will be inside the church.


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

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

Total	\$21,366.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	8,835.00
Easter Loose	1,443.00
Easter.....	580.00
Phase 2.....	210.00
New School Furnace.....	10,050.00
Designated Funds.....	248.00
Phase II Building	\$47,816.85
Rectory.....	\$79,779.65
Phase II Matching Funds.....	\$144,963.25
Total: Phase II/Rectory	\$272,559.75

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

04-23	\$25	Mike Hellermann - Melrose
04-24	\$25	Sarah (Ella) Klaphake - Maple Grove
04-25	\$25	Jerry Bierschbach - Melrose
04-26	\$50	Lynn Duerr-Karasch - Melrose
04-27	\$25	Jonathan Ruoff - Melrose
04-28	\$25	Helen Jacobs - Melrose
04-29	\$25	Alice Klaphake - Melrose



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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,241.77
Plate.....	323.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,564.77
Other Donations	
Votive.....	\$192.00
Easter Envelopes.....	60.00
School Support.....	70.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	160.00

Parish Events

Su	04/30	9:00 am	Christian Women Breakfast & Meeting
Tu	05/02	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	05/03	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group
Fr	05/05	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	05/05	9:00 am	Adoration

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Jackson David Theiler**, the son of Aaron & Amanda Theiler, to our parish. Jackson David was baptized on Sunday, April 23.

May She Rest in Peace Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Rita Ritter**, who passed away Friday, April 21. Her funeral was celebrated here on Friday, April 28.

Festival News Sacred Heart Festival will be on Sunday, July 16. The day will begin with a polka Mass at 9:00 am followed by a parade at 10:30 am with all the festivities to follow. The theme for this year's parade is "Cartoons Through the Years." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615.

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



Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles for the month of May: St. Joseph altar, one near the Our Lady of Guadalupe print, and the military remembrance candle by the votive stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The cost for a month is \$16.

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.



Hearing and Following His Voice con't.

As the Gate, He is the Word of God, revealed to us through the Scriptures. Fidelity to the Word of God is one of the surest ways to the life of grace. He is the Word of Truth as it is handed down and expounded upon by the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. Fidelity to the authentic teaching of the Magisterium, especially when the Holy Father speaks in union with the bishops, will help us navigate the many errors of our age. Jesus is made present to us through the Sacraments, which are the door to His grace and the entryway to the food for our spiritual lives. Furthermore, any time our Lord comes to us, through holy preaching, the witness and teaching of the saints, and the life of prayer within the Church, or in any other way, we enter the gate and are admitted into His verdant pastures.

Jesus is the gate, not only for the sheep but for each of the shepherds who lead the sheep in His name. These are the pastors of the Church who have been entrusted with the mission of Christ to lead God's people. Today, if a shepherd of the Church fails to preach Jesus Christ, then that shepherd "comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy." Pastors of the Church must humbly listen carefully to these words so that they never fail to shepherd God's people by leading them through the Gate, Who is Christ Himself. They must all be faithful to the whole Tradition of our Church, handed on throughout the ages, and not deviate from the pure and holy deposit of faith. If they preach their own gospel, or are negligent or misleading in their preaching, then they are not true shepherds. God's true sheep will not recognize them. But if they are faithful to all that Jesus has taught, then they will lead the sheep through the gate and become shepherds in union with the Heart of the Good Shepherd.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Christ the Good Shepherd, calling to us in a variety of ways. We must learn His true voice through faith and prayer. Once we recognize His voice, we will more easily discover Him ministering to us, inspiring us, and inviting us to the life of grace by encountering Him as the source and way to this new life.

Good Shepherd, You speak to me continuously, revealing to me Your presence and guidance in my life. May I become so familiar with Your sacred Voice that I will always recognize it. Lead me to Yourself, the glorious Gate to the life of grace, and transform me into a faithful and obedient sheep. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA
 Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
 St. Rosa, MN 56331
 Church Basement 320-836-2537

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$3,128.46
Plate.....	480.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,608.46

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$67.50
Catholic Home Missions.....	146.00
Votive.....	106.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,001.54
Plate.....	220.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,221.54

Other Donations

Easter.....	\$100.00
Votive.....	356.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$701.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	485.00
Children.....	15.00
Plate/Loose	171.00
Maintenance.....	30.00

Parish Events

We 05/03	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Th 05/04		NO Adoration
Th 05/04	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 05/06	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Tu 05/02		NO Adoration
We 05/03	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Fr 05/05	7:30 pm	Rosary

Liturgical Ministries
 Sunday, May 7 - 10:00 am

(S) Landon Schmidt
 (L) Pete LeClaire
 (U) Jim Klassen & Allen Lieser
 (EM) Melvin Kalthoff
 (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
 (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
 (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
 (HK - May 1-13) Melissa Frieler, Kathy Fuchs, and Sandra Gruber

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.

God's Housekeepers for the Month of May: Marlene Pflipsen, Joyce Thull, Greta Rademacher, and Dorothy Funk.




Sponsor a Votive Candle
 The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles: 4 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Stand and 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.



Alleluia


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

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ..." Acts 2:38



The word "repent" means to turn from sin — to change our thoughts, words, and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - a transformation or conversion of the heart. This requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news — we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,023.25
Regular Adult Offering	615.00
Plate/Loose	47.00
Votives.....	21.25
Easter.....	300.00
Fuel Fund.....	40.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, May 6 - 4:00 pm

(S) Dominic Finken & Savannah Finken
 (L) Linda Heinze
 (U) Jeff Ahrens & Jason Barten
 (GB) Arnold & Alma Nietfeld
 (EM) Herman Lensing
 (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	\$1,380.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	855.00
Plate/Loose	121.00
Votives.....	19.00
Fuel Fund.....	130.00
Maintenance.....	85.00
Easter.....	160.00
Home Missions.....	10.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, May 7 - 8:00 am

(S) Austin Kelzer & Isaac Zenzen
 (L) Karen Meyer
 (U) Elmer Meyer & Karl Meyer
 (GB) Mike & Julie Wehlage
 (EM) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
 (HK - May) *Brenda Nathe, Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, and Virginia Meyer

Upcoming Events:

- **Baccalaureate Mass** Sunday, May 14, 8:00 am. We will celebrate our 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.



HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- **Si perdió la inscripción** el 26 de abril, imprima un formulario de inscripción del sitio web de One in Faith o pase y obtenga uno en la oficina parroquial, y regrese antes del 15 de mayo. ¡Ahorrarnos dinero si podemos pedir materiales ahora, en primavera, en lugar de en otoño!
- **Grados 7/8** - La limpieza reprogramada de zanjas viales es el sábado 6 de mayo por la mañana a las 10:30 am. Reúnase en el estacionamiento comunitario justo al este de la Iglesia en Meire Grove. También necesitamos padres ayudantes. Almuerzo para todos cuando hayamos terminado; No debería tomar mucho tiempo si tenemos muchas manos.
- **Grado 12** - Misa de Bachillerato en St. Mary's - Domingo 21 de mayo, 11:00 am. Recepción a seguir.
- **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 tabloneros 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 tabloneros 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.**



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 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.

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



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.

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.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♦ **If you missed registration** on April 26, please print a registration form from the One in Faith website or stop by and get one at the parish office, and return before May 15. We save money if we can order materials now, in Spring, rather than in Fall!
- ♦ **Grades 7/8** - Rescheduled Road Ditch Cleanup is Saturday morning, May 6, at 10:30 am. Meet in the community parking lot just East of the Church in Meire Grove. We need parent helpers as well. Lunch for all when we're done; it shouldn't take long if we have many hands.
- ♦ **Grade 12** - Baccalaureate Mass at St. Mary's - Sunday, May 21, 11:00 am. Reception to follow.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

csand@catholic-centered.org or
faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♦ **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 Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima 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 Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline for sign up is June 23.

Valleyfair



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Kathy Welle
SHS BOARD:
Nick Shaw, Jamie Engelmeyer,
Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho,
Jenelle Herkenhoff and Julie Job
Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514
www.shsfreeport.org

- ♦ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, May 3 will be planned by Mrs. Moening and the 4th grade students.
- ♦ **Mrs. Benson, Sr. Janine, and the 5th & 6th grade students** will be going on a Field Trip to the State Capitol and Fort Snelling on Wednesday, May 3.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

04/23 \$25 Jean Benassi - Portland, OR
04/24 \$25 Ryan Hickman - Freeport
04/25 \$25 Erwin Feldewerd - Meire Grove
04/26 \$25 Robert Kunze - Muncie, IN
04/27 \$25 Lillian Arnzen - Freeport
04/28 \$25 Jim Herdering - Freeport
04/29 \$25 Lin Benson - Aitkin

- ♦ **2nd Graders will be receiving** the Sacrament of Holy Communion on April 30 and May 7. Please pray for them as they continue their journey to becoming Disciples of Christ.
- ♦ **The next school board meeting** is Wednesday, May 3, at 7:00 pm in the school lounge.
- ♦ **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.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking
PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson
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Naomi Klaphake
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- ♦ **We will recognize Ms. Frank's 25 years** of teaching at SMS at the end of the all school Mass on May 5. There will also be a time to visit with her in the gathering space after Mass to celebrate her retirement.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Thank you to Melrose Bowl** for allowing our students to experience the sport of bowling during the month of May.
- ♦ **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 \$13,370 so far.




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- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **SJSA Harry's Pizza Sale** is going on now through May 11. It is time to stock up for the summer! If you would like to order pizzas, please call the school office at 320-987-3133 or ask an SJSA family. Pizza pick-up is Saturday, May 20 from 9:00-10:00 am at the school. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!
- ♦ **School Board Openings** There are two school board openings beginning July 1. These are three year term positions beginning July 1. School Board meetings are the third Tuesday of each month (no meeting in July or December). If you are an SJSA parent and are interested in being part of the school board, contact Mary Miller at 320-987-3133 or email at sjsamarym@gmail.com.
- ♦ **SJSA Aluminum Can Recycling** SJSA received a check for \$214 for aluminum can recycling. Thank you for recycling with SJSA. The can trailer is located in the south parking lot of St. John's Church in Meire Grove.

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

Young Adults ages 18-30, join us on Wednesday, May 3 and 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.

 **King's House** "Shepherd Me, O God" Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center

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.

•Finding a Reason to Hope - Day Retreat May 18

•Women Silent Retreat - Shepherd Me, O God May 19-21 (Weekend)

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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



Jeff Cavins is Returning to St. Andrew in Elk River

You are invited to join us and bring a friend. May 3: Struggling with Jealousy and Envy from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in the Worship Space.

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.



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.

Food and Farm Worker Relief Grants

Just a reminder that Catholic Charities has a limited number of disbursements for the USDA Food and Farm Worker Relief (FFWR) grants. These relief payments are designated for front-line agricultural or meatpacking plant workers within our diocese who incurred expense or hardship during the pandemic. An online and printable version of the application form is now available in English and Spanish. If you or someone you know believes you qualify, or has questions, reach out to Laurie.Robles@ccstcloud.org or visit the Social Concerns website for more information or to apply: <https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/social-concerns>.



Rural Catholic Singles Group: Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, social activities, and snacks. Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information. Singles Ages 30-60 meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 pm at All Saints -St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). The next meeting is May 13. Fellowship, snacks, and games will follow after.

Looking For A Way To Help Your Parish? We are looking for help with Mass ministries. There are many opportunities for you to help with the Mass. You can be a sacristan and be behind the scenes setting up and taking down for Mass. You can share the Word of God by becoming a lector. You can be commissioned to distribute communion by being an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister. There is also need for servers and ushers. Please prayerfully consider taking on one of these roles. Contact your parish office if you are interested in helping with any of these ministries.

Alleluia!

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Acts 11:1-18	Jn 10:11-18
Tu	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 11:19-26	Jn 10:22-30
We	Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8	Jn 14:6-14
Th	Acts 13:13-25	Jn 13:16-20
Fr	Acts 13:26-33	Jn 14:1-6
Sa	Acts 13:44-52	Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-7	1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

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.

May 10, Wednesday

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

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