

## 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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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 Office Phone: 320-836-2143 Email: triparish@albanytel.com

Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org

Facebook: Tri Parish

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.



friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." John 15:15–17

Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about. There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus' friendship is not one that simply makes us "buddies." Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It's a way of relating to another in which a person's sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one's own self interests. It's not a matter of "what do I get out of it?" In 1 Corinthians 13:4–8, St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God's

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## ACC Mass Times and Intentions $\sim$ May 6 - 12

St. Mary - Melrose			
Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español	Th
	•	†Luisa Gonzalez	Sa
Гu	8:00 am	†Dec./Liv. Family Members of	
		Norb & Eleanor Schwieters	
We	8:00 am	†Arthur Roehrl	ST.
Γh	8:00 am	†Mary Ann Arnzen	Tu
Fr	8:30 am	SM School Mass	Su
		††Eddie & Bernadine Pohlmann	Ст

5:00 pm †Lucille Orth Sa For the People \*Su 10:00 am †Lorraine Imdieke

Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español †Segundo Aniversario

Luctuoso de Laureano Delgado

### **SACRED HEART - Freeport**

We	8:15 am	SH School Mass
		†Dec. Members of the Henry
		& Adella Blommel Family
Fr	8:15 am	The Riehm Family
Su	8:00 am	†Sue Worms

#### MACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

8:15 am †Pat Schleper †Doris Mayers 4:00 pm †Rosie Ostendorf

. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

8:15 am †Steve Tschida 10:00 am For the People

St. Michael - Spring Hill

8:00 am Spring Hill Men's Society 10:00 am Su †Casper Schwieters

St. Andrew - Greenwald

8:00 am SJSA School Mass ††Henry & Marie Kampsen

4:00 pm †Allie Roering

St. John - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Sylvester Klaphake 8:00 am †Gerald Sonnen

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

#### ADORATION

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

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

St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm in Spanish (en Español)

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 ~

- Baccalaureate Mass Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating our high school graduates from the One in Faith 4-Parish Cluster with an 11:00 am bilingual Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 19, at St. Mary's. There will be NO 10:00 am or 12:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's on May 19. We will also be celebrating our high school graduates from Spring Hill with a 10:00 am Mass at St. Michael's on the same day, May 19.
- •No Mass at St. Michael's There will not be a 10:00 am Mass at St. Michael's in Spring Hill on Sunday, June 2.

#### Special Recognition Mass for Sr. Janine Braun On

Wednesday, May 22 at 8:15 am at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport, there will be a very SPECIAL Mass and celebration with Bishop Patrick Neary.

We are going to recognize and celebrate Sister Janine Braun for all her years at Sacred Heart School. Sr. Janine is the last religious Sister that was still teaching in a

Catholic School in the St. Cloud Diocese. We would like to invite all community members, friends, family, and any SHS alumni to attend Mass and a social after Mass to show Sr. Janine how much she is loved and appreciated.

**Sacred Heart Festival** will be on Sunday, July 21. 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 "Old Tube TV Shows." If you are interested in putting a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615.



Vacation Bible School June 10 - 14 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 under the water good time! This summer's theme is Scuba. Children will be "Diving into friendship with

God." Scuba 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 Tri-Parish website. Deadline to signup is May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

#### **Parish News:**

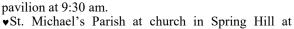
~ Sacred Heart ~ Immaculate Conception ~ St. Rose of Lima ~

•Tri-Parish Directory We are looking to have a "Directory Team" composed of individuals from all 3 parishes to head up and work as a team to put together a new Tri-Parish Directory. If interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.

### America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary Rallies

Join the One In Faith ACC parishes Saturday, May 11 at the following locations and times to pray the Rosary:

Sacred Heart Parish at the downtown Freeport



10:00 am ◆Immaculate Conception Parish in the church parking lot, New Munich at 11:00 am. In case of rain, it will be inside the Church.

All are welcome and encouraged to come pray the Rosary as a community of believers.

Go and Make Disciples has concluded for this year. Thank you to all who attended our sessions on the Mass. We hope to continue again next school year and are looking for topics in our Catholic faith you would like to learn about. Call the Parish Office in Freeport if you have any input.

**NFP**, it's time! It's time to give Natural Family Planning a chance! The benefits are many. It's environmentally safe and has no harmful side-effects. Most importantly, NFP respects God's plan for married love. A First Instruction in the Billings

Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursday's, May 16 and June 20 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health -Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

**Save the Date:** All are welcome to join Bishop Neary for the Corpus Christi Mass and procession at St. John's in Meire Grove starting at 9:00 am on Sunday, June 2.

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

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St. Mary's Calendar Raffle				
04-28	\$25	Jan Kvistad - Melrose		
04-29	\$25	Cecilia Tylutki - Melrose		
04-30	\$25	Russ & Linda Braegelmann - Melrose		
05-01	\$25	Nick Braegelmann - Melrose		
05-02	\$25	Liz Middendorf - Melrose		
05-03	\$25	Victor-Florence Middendorf - Melrose		
05-04	\$25	Renee Kemper - Melrose		

**Baptized in Christ...** Beckett Matthew Moorman

#### Died in the Hope of Resurrection... †Donald Meyer, 99

**Fellowship** There will be refreshments served after all the Masses this next weekend, May 11 - 12 at St. Mary's. Please plan to come and stay awhile!



**Niche Columbarium** A 96 niche columbarium has been installed in St. Mary's cemetery. Please contact the parish office with any questions or to purchase a niche.



## Friendship with God

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interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration,

surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be.

My God and true Friend, You offer me everything in life. You offer me Your perfect love, given fully and without reserve. I pray that I will reciprocate that depth of love and offer to You all that You deserve. I offer You my love, worship and obedience, dear Lord. May this mutual love form a bond that will never end.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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#### CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

<b>************</b> Weekly Offerings <b>*********</b>		
Total	\$4,197.08	
Regular Adult Offering	3,290.08	
Plate/Loose	468.00	
Votive		
School Support	261.00	
Catholic Home Missions	30.00	
Ascension	10.00	

Parish Events				
Su	05/05	7:00 pm	Men's Group	
We	05/08	6:30 pm	Kickball	
Fr	05/10	7:45 am	Individual Confessions	
Fr	05/10	9:00 am	Adoration	
Su	05/12	8:30 am	Youth Music Ministry Practice - SR	

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



Christian Women Save the Date: Freeport Christian Women will be hosting our yearly gathering on September 23 in the church basement. Save the date for an evening that will include a recap of our year, welcome to new members, a light meal and a fun activity. More info to come closer to the date.

**Festival Co-Chairs NEEDED!!** Sacred Heart is looking for a couple or a few individuals to step forward to help chair the summer festival on Sunday, July 21. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this call to help the parish. Please contact Matt Herdering 320-250-3441 or Chris Klaphake 320-250-6229.

## **Public Rosary...**

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

All are invited and welcome!

- Tuesdays at 7:30 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.
- 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.

## The Scriptures This Week

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

MoActs 16:11-15Jn 15:26—16:4aTuActs 16:22-34Jn 16:5-11WeActs 17:15, 22—18:1Jn 16:12-15ThActs 18:1-8Jn 16:16-20FrActs 18:9-18Jn 16:20-23SaActs 18:23-28Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday - The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13

Mk 16:15-20

#### CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

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Total	\$2,373.31
Regular Adult Offering	1,932.69
Plate/Loose	251.00
Catholic Home Missions	155.00
Building/Maintenance	34.62

#### **Parish Events**

Su	05/05	7:00 nm	Men's Group - FR
			Kickball - FR
			Adoration
Sa	05/11	11:00 am	America Needs Fatima Rosary
			Individual Confessions
	05/11		Catholic United Financial
		•	Fellowship
Su	05/12	8:30 am	Youth Music Ministry
			Practice - SR

God's Housekeepers for the month of May: Linda Schmiesing, Diane Lemm, Stacy Zierden, & Jolene Nathe. 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.

### **Expansion & Elevator Project...**

The outside concrete work has been completed. Landscaping and railings are remaining. Currently, we are at \$895,000 in donations (of which \$200,000 is a loan from the New Munich Investors) plus \$69,000 in outstanding pledges. We are awaiting the final invoice. The overall cost with architect fees is expected to be close to \$1,100,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this project that will serve generations to

Thank You to all those who help sew and stuff neck pillows to be donated to Veterans at the V.A. Clinic in St Cloud. Also to the Women that patched and sewed six beautiful quilts to be raffled off at various fundraisers. During Lent we collected pennies for Water for Life. The amount was \$287.86. Many thanks for all your support to the St. Ann's Christian Women.

~Christian Women Committee



## CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

### **♦♦♦♦** Weekly Offering **♦♦♦♦**

Total	\$1,861.95
Regular Adult Offering	1,391.92
Plate/Loose	290.03
Catholic Home Missions	180.00

#### **Parish Events**

Su	05/05	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR Church Cleaning Adoration Kickball - FR
Mo	05/06	4:30 pm	Church Cleaning
Tu	05/07	7:00 am	Adoration
We	05/08	6:30 pm	Kickball - FR
Fr	05/10	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su	05/12	8:30 am	Rosary Youth Music Ministry
			Practice

Church Cleaning Christian Women will be cleaning the church on Monday, May 6 and prayerfully invite anyone else who can assist! 4:30 pm to start but join whenever you can. There will be pizza at 5:30 pm. Many hands make light work!



Chair Couple Needed We **VOLUNTEERS** are still looking for a third chair couple for the fall festival. If you would like to join, please reach

out to: Adam or Jackie Wiechmann 320-293-0423 or 320-250-0401, Devin or Christine Middendorf 320-223-2642. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this.

#### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

#### May 8, Wednesday

- ◆Blood Drive Melrose Community American Legion from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Please call Sally with questions or to schedule an appointment at 320-291-2994 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Melrose to schedule an appointment.
- ◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

#### May 10-11, Friday-Saturday

◆Auxiliary Poppies The American Legion Auxiliary of Melrose will be distributing poppies in Melrose and Freeport. All donations are donated to veterans.

#### May 15, Wednesday

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

#### May 16, Thursday

- ◆Pillow Cleaning at the Melrose City Park large shelter from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Sponsored by SJSA Catholic School.
- ◆Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

#### CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

## **\*\*\*\*** Weekly Offering **\*\*\*\***

Total	\$4,158.55
Regular Adult Offering	385.00
Children	16.55
Plate/Loose	177.00
Fuel Fund	20.00
Maintenance	560.00
Spaghetti Dinner (CUF)	3,000.00

#### **Liturgical Ministries** Sunday, May 12 - 10:00 am

- (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Stan Heinen & Dan Hemmesch
- (EM) (B) John Schulzetenberg
- (EM) (C) Sharon Schulzetenberg & Nick Waldorf (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher (HK: May 12 - 25) Sandra Gruber, Ruth

Heinen, & Norma Hemmesch

#### Baptized in Christ...

Melanie Rose Barten

Thank You to everyone who participated in the tractor blessing at St. Michael's on Sunday! It was such a great turnout! Prayers to all for a safe and successful planting season.

"This is my commandment: LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE you. No one has greater LOVE THAN THIS, TO LAY DOWN one's life for one's FRICHPS."

- John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



## CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

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

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Total	\$983.00
Regular Adult Offering	870.00
Plate/Loose	30.00
Votives	18.00
Maintenance	65.00

#### Liturgical Ministries Saturday, May 11 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms
- (L) Cassandra Kettner
- (U) James Wehlage & David Welle
- (GB) Jon & Laurel Worms
- (EM) (B) Herman Lensing
- (EM) (C) Mary Opatrny & Clarine Beier

(HK - May) \*Kari Kasper, Deb Keller, Cassandra Kettner, Doris Kraemer, Angie Kulzer, & Julie Kulzer

**Special Leadership Meeting** St. Andrew's parish leadership will have a special meeting on Wednesday, May 8 to approve the 2024-2025 parish budget.

## **Prayer Requests...**

#### **Banns of Matrimony:**

I Jessica Ruiz♥Elver Garcia, 5/25 - M I Felipa Ruiz Garcia♥Romeo Garcia Luis, 5/25 - M II Taryn Van Heel♥Zachary Tomsche, 5/18 - M II Angeline Satterlund♥Luke Zink, 5/18 - NM

**For the Sick:** Dorothy Schneider, Petra Oevermann, Lori Austing, Sandy Welle, Ethan Zink, Joe Soenneker, Kyle Lieser, Fran Hinnenkamp

#### **Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

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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

#### CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

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

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Total	
Regular Adult Offering	1,409.00
Children	
Plate/Loose	192.00
Votives	39.00
Donations	200.00
Easter	125.00
Maintenance Fund	340.00
Catholic Home Mission	150.00

#### Liturgical Ministries Sunday, May 12 - 8:00 am

- (S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
- (L) Jim Leukam
- (U) Jerry Imdieke & Jayme Klaphake
- (GB) Martha Meyer & Family
- (EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
- (EM) (C) Elmer Meyer & Nick Kelzer (HK - May) \*Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke,
- Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, & Mary Kay Leukam



#### **Defibrillator Training**

There will be a free defibrillator training for the Meire Grove community at the Meire Grove

City Hall at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 23. There will be pre-registration sheets located in the back of church and the store. The defibrillator will be stored inside the front door of the Grove Place Apartments along Hwy 4.



### 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 2024/2025 by Friday, May 17 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: <u>faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com</u>

•Registration If you haven't already, please register your child(ren) for next year's Faith Formation program sometime before the end of May (materials cost less if we buy them now, in Spring!). Registration forms can be found online or can be picked up and returned to the Parish Office.

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

2024 día de oración para hombres y mujeres at Christ the King Retreat

Center, Buffalo, MN. Ven a pasar tiempo con El Señor 18 mayo Tiempo Ordinario 9:00



am a 4:30 pm Presentado por el Padre Hank Lemoncelli, O.M.I. Durante los días de oración de este año trataremos de profundizar nuestra comprensión del año litúrgico de la Iglesia. El día consistirá, intercambios en grupos, periodos de silencio, una comida en común. Donación sugerida: \$40.00; incluye almuerzo. REGÍSTRESE EN LÍNEA EN kingshouse.com/events/

Vigilia de Pentecostés El ministerio hispano de la iglesia de Santa María invita a toda la comunidad Hispana a una noche de adoración, esperando que Dios Espíritu Santo se derrame en nosotros y seamos llenados con sus dones como aquel día de Pentecostés. La cita es el próximo Sábado 18 de Mayo de 2024 a las 6:30pm. ¡Te esperamos a ti y a toda tu familia!

Misas de Bachillerato Todos están



invitados a unirse a nosotros para celebrar a nuestros graduados de la escuela secundaria del grupo de 4

parroquias One in Faith con una Misa de Bachillerato bilingüe a las 11:00 am el domingo 19 de mayo en St. Mary's. También celebraremos a nuestros graduados de la escuela secundaria de Spring Hill con una misa a las 10:00 am en St. Michael's. No habrá misa a las 10:00 am ni a las 12:30 pm en St. Mary's el 19 de mayo.

Adoración Eucarística y Concierto Catolico La iglesia de Santa María invita a toda la comunidad Hispana a una noche de adoración eucarística y concierto catolico en compañía del predicador y cantante catolico Ramon Ochoa (el soldado de Cristo) el día Lunes 20 de Mayo de 2024 en las instalaciones de la iglesia. El evento comenzará con la Santa Misa a las 6:30pm. Este evento es totalmente familiar y no tiene ningún costo.

## Youth Ministry

#### **One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:**

Contact Information: <u>csand@catholic-centered.org</u> or <u>faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com</u>

▼Bible & Breakfast meets each Wednesday (if there's school) in the Melrose High School Media Center at 7:15 am. All students grades 7-12 are invited.

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

#### One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunities...



•St. Mary's School Teaching Position: St. Mary's School is actively searching for exceptional, licensed teachers to join our amazing staff for the 2024-2025 school year. We're looking for a full-time elementary teacher and a part-time media teacher. Do you know someone who's graduating this

spring or wants to change careers? Please spread the word! If interested, please email <a href="mailto:anelson@smsmn.org">anelson@smsmn.org</a> with your resume and references.

•Sacred Heart School Multiple Positions: Sacred Heart School in Freeport is seeking faith filled, energetic and caring candidates to fill a 3rd and 6th grade teaching position and Early Childhood teachers for our new toddler room for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must be able to demonstrate teacher qualifications as defined by MN State Licensing and Human Services, and be willing to work with a dedicated, motivated and well experienced team. Interested persons should send a cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and references to: Sacred Heart School, Attn: Kristie Harren, PO Box 39, Freeport, MN 56331 or kharren@shsfreeport.org or call 320-290-1426. Join our team today! Positions are open until filled, so seize the opportunity and apply now.

•Accountant Position: One in Faith (4 - Parishes) has an opening for an accountant. This is a full-time benefits-eligible position in the Melrose office. This position will work closely with the parish administrator and the pastor. The ideal candidate would have an accounting degree or equivalent experience and be comfortable using accounting software and Excel. The primary responsibility would be to oversee financial data and compliance by maintaining accurate books on accounts payable and receivable, payroll, and daily financial entries and reconciliations. There would be daily accounting tasks such as monthly financial reporting, general ledger entries, record payments and adjustments, and provide reports as needed. To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com or call 320-256-4207 with questions.



**Rosary in May** The St. John's Church in Meire Grove will be praying the rosary each Wednesday evening throughout the month of May at 7:00 pm. We will be praying by our grotto on the south side of the church. Chairs will be provided. In case of inclement weather, we will pray inside by Mary's altar. Everyone from ALL parishes is invited!

**Rural Catholic Middle Ages Singles Group:** Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 30-60 who are looking to socialize with other single adults. We will meet at 7:00 pm on Saturday, May 11 at All Saints-St. Mary's Church basement in Holdingford (on River Street). Call or text Janel at 320-290-2877 for more information.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School June 10 - 14 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 Tri-Parish website. Deadline to sign up is May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!



"The Holy Spirit Fell Upon All Who Were Listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest

Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or <a href="Julie\_Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org">Julie\_Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org</a>. For a deeper faith, hope, and love among all, especially those He is calling to serve as a priest or religious sister, we pray to the Lord.

His name. 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. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to <a href="https://www.centralmnkoinonia.org">www.centralmnkoinonia.org</a> for more information and to register for retreats.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal** Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of April 22, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,007,638 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (71.97%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 5,829 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit <a href="https://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal">www.stcdio.org/annualappeal</a>.

#### Vocation Camp for Young Men Grades 7-10 We seek to

provide an engaging environment where young Catholic men are able to listen to the voice of Jesus Christ. We desire to instill in their lives the faith and trust to follow Him no matter where He may lead. Tuesday-Thursday, June 18-20. This camp is at the beautiful Mead family residence on the lake. The



days will be filled with physical and spiritual activities. Check in 9:00 - 9:30 am. **Note:** Camp families are welcome to join for Mass on Thursday, June 20 at 11:00 am with a potluck lunch to follow. Cost \$40 scholarship available. Questions please contact Julie Jacobs at <a href="mailto:Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org">Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org</a> or call 320-251-5001. Deadline to register is Tuesday, June 4. Register at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024AvonCamp">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024AvonCamp</a>

One In Faith ACC Pastoral Council Meeting The One In Faith Pastoral council will meet Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary, Fireside Room. If you are wanting to be added to the agenda please contact Lisa Wuertz at 320-219-3624 or plwuertz@meltel.net before May 10.

**Together Encountering Christ (TEC)** is a three-day retreat weekend. The experience of TEC brings alive the heart of our Christian Faith – that being the life of Jesus, his death, and his resurrection. But it's not just about who Jesus was or what Jesus did. A TEC retreat makes that experience real and relevant for each person. In that sense, the retreat is a "lived experience" – deeply personal yet very much part of a larger loving community. TEC has influenced the lives of over 41,000 youth, young adults, and adults in Central Minnesota and beyond. You are invited to check out a TEC weekend and encounter Christ in perhaps a new and most profound way. For information, retreat dates, and registration, go to CMTEC.org.

Catholic Century Farm Awards and Rural Business Award Social Concerns is now taking applications for the Catholic Century Farm Awards. We are also accepting nominations for the Catholic Rural Business Award. If your family,



neighbors or members of your ACC have been working the same land for 100 years or more, or if you know of a Catholic business owner in the diocese who lives out their faith in how they run their business, please visit the Rural Life section of the Social Concerns website for more information: <a href="https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/social-concerns">https://www.ccstcloud.org/services/social-concerns</a>. You may also contact <a href="JoAnn.Braegelman@ccstcloud.org">JoAnn.Braegelman@ccstcloud.org</a> or <a href="Luke.Preussler@ccstcloud.org">Luke.Preussler@ccstcloud.org</a> with questions. Recipients of both awards will be honored at the Rural Life Celebration Mass with Bishop Neary, beginning at 1:30 pm Sunday, August 18, at the Nate and Samantha Middendorf farm in Long Prairie.

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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- ▶ May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week! Let's show our amazing teachers just how much we appreciate them! Our school is thriving because we have faith-filled, dedicated teachers that love what they do! Let's spoil them this week with tokens of love and appreciation.
- ◆School Liturgy on Wednesday, May 8 will be planned by Christie Zink and the 6th grade students in collaboration with the Preschool classes and their teachers.
- **▼SHS 6th Graders** will have 7th grade orientation at Melrose Middle school on Thursday, May 9.
- **◆Our 4th Graders** will participate in the Sauk River Watershed District WaterFest on Thursday, May 9.
- **◆School Board Meeting** Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 pm.
- **♦ Best Wishes to Mr. Kuechle.** We want to wish our 3rd Grade Teacher, Mr. Kuechle, the best of luck as he has taken a Music position at Melrose Area Schools. He has amazing talents and they are so lucky to have him. We thank him for his many years here at SHS and wish him all the best as he starts a new adventure next year.
- **▼Toddler Registration is Still Open** and we just have a few spots left. If you are looking for care for your toddler ages 16 33 months, please call or stop in at the Sacred Heart School office 320-836-2591.
- ◆Special Mass Wednesday, May 22 at 8:15 am at Sacred Heart Church. We will be having a very SPECIAL Mass and celebration with Bishop Patrick Neary. We are going to recognize and celebrate Sister Janine Braun for all her years at Sacred Heart School. Sr. Janine is the last religious Sister that was still teaching in a Catholic School in the St. Cloud Diocese. We would like to invite all community members, friends, family and any SHS alumni to attend Mass and a social after Mass to show Sr. Janine how much she is loved and appreciated.
- **♦SHS** Employment Opportunities—See the ACC section of this bulletin.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- •SHS Move-up Day will take place on Wednesday, May 15.
- •SHS Spring Fling is on Friday, May 17. All are welcome.
- •SHS Pre-K Graduation is on Thursday, May 23.
- •SHS 6th Grade Graduation and the last day of school will be on Friday, May 31.



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- ◆There Will Be A Gathering in Church after the school Mass on Friday, May 10 to celebrate Ms. Pundsack's retirement. All are welcome.
- ◆ Thank You to Melrose Bowl for allowing our students to experience the sport of bowling during the month of May.
- \*During the Season of Lent, the school children collected \$1,122, which was shared with the Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Schwieters, Fr. Ohmann, and Simply Love International.
- We Received a \$949.49 Check from the Stearns County Endowment fund. An anonymous donor established this fund eighteen years ago to benefit Catholic Elementary Education.
- ◆Living the Promise Fund of the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of St. Cloud has granted St. Mary's School \$1,740.80 for tuition assistance. This grant money is based on the number of students enrolled at St. Mary's School.
- ◆ Thank You to St. Mary's Mission Society for their donation of \$500 to St. Mary's School and \$500 to the School Endowment Fund.
- •SMS Employment Opportunity—See the ACC section of this bulletin.



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- •SJSA Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6 10. We will be celebrating our teachers throughout the week with cards, goodies, and prayer. We are so thankful for them and appreciate all they do for our SJSA students.
- •SJSA 3rd and 4th Grade Classes will attend the Sauk River Watershed District WaterFest on Thursday, May 9 in Melrose. The WaterFest is an outdoor classroom in which local environmental agency professionals educate students on various water related topics such as the role of wetlands, water properties, and pollution issues.
- •SJSA Harry's Pizza Sale is going on now through Tuesday, May 9. 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 any SJSA family. Pizza pick up is Saturday, May 18 from 9-10 am in the school basement. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!
- •Come Learn with SJSA! We still have openings for preschool and grades K-6. If you would like to learn more about SJSA, please visit our website at <a href="mailto:sjsaschool.org">sjsaschool.org</a> or call us at 320-987-3133.
- Mark Your Calendars! Freeport State Bank golf tournament to benefit area Catholic schools is Thursday, July 25. More details to come!

## 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 gift ideas!







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04/29 \$25 Andy & Kelsey Wiechman - Medina

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