



ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of

St. Mary - Melrose, Sacred Heart - Freeport

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa, St. Michael - Spring Hill

St. Andrew - Greenwald, St. John - Meire Grove

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

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

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

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

ACC Bulletin Announcement Deadline
Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements to:
bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

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

Marriage

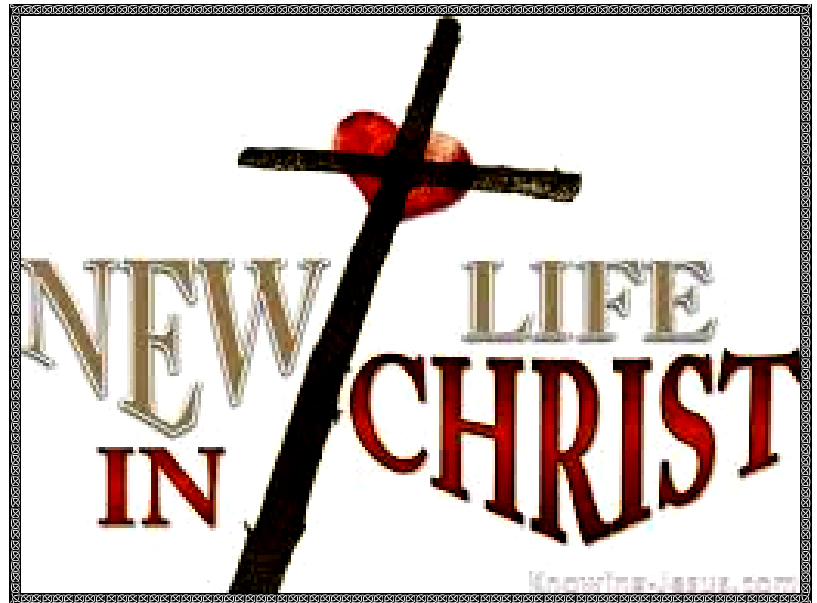
Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call the respective Parish Office **before setting a date**. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & RCIA

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

Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion
Pastoral Visitation
Joining/Leaving a Parish

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



Change and Newness in Christ

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Matthew 11:2-3

Why did Saint John the Baptist send his disciples to Jesus to ask this question? Recall that John had previously stated about Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). So if John knew that Jesus was the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," then why would he send his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the one who is to come?

The Church Fathers explore many reasons, but most arrive at the conclusion that John did this not because he didn't know Who Jesus was, but for the sake of his disciples, so that they would come to follow our Lord once John was killed by Herod. So this was a way of trying to point his disciples to Jesus and to encourage them to embrace this new change in their life of faith.

Jesus understood the reason John sent his disciples to Him. As a result, Jesus gave these disciples what they needed so as to come to believe themselves. He points them to the works that He has done as the Christ so that they would be able to interpret these works on their own and, thus, come to the newness of faith. Jesus points out that the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. Who could argue with such miraculous signs from Heaven? But Jesus goes even further and states something very subtle. He says, "And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." This line appears to be one way that Jesus gently reproached these disciples for what appears to be their own personal struggle with this change of spiritual leaders. Jesus identified a certain "offense" that they were dealing with. They were "offended" by the fact that Jesus was indeed increasing while John was decreasing.

In many ways, this is a common experience any time there is a change in

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ DECEMBER 12 - 18

St. Mary - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Refugio Juarez †Hector Ambriz
Tu	7:30 am	†Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
We	7:30 am	††Lucy & Joe Olson
Th	7:30 am	††Doochie & Shawn Salzl †Jerry Sand
Fr	8:30 am	St. Mary's School Mass ††Clarence & Marcella Doyle
Sa	5:00 pm	†Lucille Mae Moore For the People
*Su	10:00 am	††Elmer & Veronica Ecker
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español †Salvador Sanchez †Julia Cervantes

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	†Ronald Elfering
Fr	8:15 am	††Norbert & Veronica Toenies
Su	8:00 am	For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	††Urban & August Toenies
Sa	4:00 pm	††Elmer & Florence Austing

St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Jan Reller
Su	10:00 am	†Florence Austing

St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Lisa Schoenberg
Su	10:00 am	†Werner Gruber

St. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	†Matt Welle
Sa	4:00 pm	†Perry Meyer

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Sam Schneider
		†Amy Granby
Su	8:00 am	†Clarine Stalberger



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

No Adoration Wednesday, December 14
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 ~

♦ **A Special Diocesan Collection** will be held for Retirement for Religious the weekend of December 17/18 in all four parishes.

♦ **St. Michael, St. Andrew, and St. John Parishes:** The St. John's, St. Andrew's, and St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Councils have purchased 2023 Calendars for our tri-parishes. They are located in our churches - please feel free to take one. Also, **2023 Lector Books** are available in the sacristy for pick up.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Fundraiser is underway. Cost is just \$25, and you have 366 opportunities to win cash prizes. Calendars will be sold in each church in the Tri-Parish on the weekends of December 10-11 and 17-18.



Vespers For Life – This event will be held Sunday, January 15 at St. Francis Xavier, 219 2nd St N, Sartell. Rosary at 3:30 pm and Vespers at 4:00 pm with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding. The service includes music, prayer, Scripture and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud.



Retrouvaille Weekend This event will be held in the Twin Cities area February 3-5.

Retrouvaille Marriage Help: Thinking about separation or divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. Contact TCRRegistration@tcr-mn.org with questions. Find out more information and register at <http://www.helpourmarriage.org>.

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.

Parish News:

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

♦ **Keep Christ in Christmas** The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph the Worker Council will again be sponsoring the Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest. The contest is open to all Tri-Parish youth ages 5-14. For more information and entry forms, contact the Parish Office in Freeport or call Richard Sand 320-250-2357. All entries must be turned in by December 23. Thank You, Grand Knight Richard Sand.

Natural Family Planning Instruction for December and January

A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre: Thursday, December 15 and Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 pm. For additional sites, information, or to register, visit <https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/> or contact Sheila Reineke at sreineke@gw.stcdio.org at 320-252-4721 ext. 308.



Bishop's Annual Appeal Blessings to you and those you love on this third Sunday of Advent. Our diocesan ministries are walking with you as we joyfully anticipate the birth of our savior who comes to us to save us from our sins and bring new life. Please support these ministries with an end-of-year gift at <https://stcdio.org/communications-and-development/development/bishops-annual-appeal/>.

Prayer Requests...

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

May They Rest in Peace:

†Lawrence "Larry" Thostenson



For the Sick:

Jon Tufte, Shari Salina, Gary Harren, Lynn Bussman Mac-Rae, Rita Huls, Rachael Zink, Lilah Job, Nick Rothstein, Terry Thorp

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

• Sacred Heart - Jennie Hiltner	836-2528
• Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	837-5321
• St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	333-8461
• St. Mary's	256-3878

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352

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

Total.....	\$21,226.58
Regular Adult Offering.....	12,820.68
Loose.....	987.00
Matching Funds.....	5,560.00
Thanksgiving.....	950.00
Christmas.....	100.00
Designated Funds.....	808.90

St. Mary's School Endowment..... \$0.00

Phase II Building \$47,211.85

Phase II Matching Funds..... \$127,273.25

Rectory..... \$79,779.65

Total: Phase II/Rectory..... \$254,264.75

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

12-04	\$25	Carrie Schulzetenberg - New Munich
12-05	\$25	Ella - Brady Anderson - Eden Prairie
12-06	\$25	Rea Danzl - Colorado Springs, CO
12-07	\$50	Adam Schmidt - Melrose
12-08	\$125	Juliann Heller - Grey Eagle
12-09	\$25	Sue & Chuck Walz - Melrose
12-10	\$25	Bill & Karen Massmann - Melrose

**Died in the Hope of Resurrection...**

†Lawrence "Larry" Thostenson, 71

**Christmas Flowers**

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

St. Mary's Mission Society meeting Wednesday, December 14 at St. Mary's church at 8:30 am. All are welcome.

Celebrating Advent There are several opportunities to participate in Advent activities. There are upcoming Advent Reconciliation Liturgies, a Shower for Baby Jesus, a place to donate socks, a chance to place straw in the manger, and a church Giving Tree.



Stewardship Reminder It is not too late! Please turn in your commitment card or complete one online at www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of Church of St. Mary. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated or purchased items at the Christian Women's craft sale. Also thank you to all the Christian Women who updated their dues or joined our organization. Thank you for all the support.

Raffle Calendars If you need more tickets, call the parish office! Please turn in all raffle tickets before December 31!



"You, too, must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."
(James 5:8)

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer, God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,168.46
Plate	325.36
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,493.82

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$197.75
Thanksgiving Envelopes	320.00
Christmas Envelopes	1,110.00
Christmas Flowers	475.00

Parish Events

Su	12/11	9:00 am	CUF Member Breakfast
Tu	12/13	5:30 am	Men's Group
Tu	12/13	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	12/14	1:00 pm	School Confessions 3-6
We	12/14	2:00 pm	School 1st Confessions
We	12/14		NO Adoration
We	12/14	6:00 pm	First Confession Gr. 2 Faith Formation
We	12/14	7:00 pm	Communal Confessions
We	12/14	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Fellowship
Fr	12/16	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	12/16	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	12/18	12:00 pm	Baptism
Su	12/18	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party

2023 Calendars are available in the back of the church.

Change and Newness in Christ con.'t from front page.

our spiritual lives. When something is new, we often struggle with various aspects of the change and newness. But the Christian life is all about change, transformation, and newness of life. And this is good. We must seek to change, be transformed, build better and new relationships, learn new ways of loving and reaching out, and become very comfortable with any and every new experience that our Lord places in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you have struggled with changes in your spiritual life. Oftentimes, those things we struggle with are actually glorious opportunities to live our Christian faith and charity on a new level. Seek out the changes God is calling you to embrace in your life and know that even if they are difficult, they are the surest pathway to a life of greater holiness for you.

Dear Lord, I know You call me to embrace the newness of life and the changes that I must endure so as to follow You more faithfully. Help me to be open to all that You call me to so that I will continually become a new creation in Your grace.
Jesus, I trust in You.

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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,492.96
Plate	113.80
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,606.76

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$37.50
Thanksgiving Envelopes	290.00
All Saints Day	80.00
All Souls' Day	25.00
Christmas Flowers	220.00
Christmas Envelopes	100.00
Immaculate Conception	15.00

Parish Events

Tu 12/13 5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
We 12/14 6:00 pm	First Confession Gr. 2 FF - FR
We 12/14 7:00 pm	Communal Confession - FR
We 12/14 7:00 pm	FF Fellowship - FR
Th 12/15 7:00 am	Adoration
Th 12/15 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 12/17 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Catholic United Financial Calendar Raffle**Winners:**

12-01 \$40	June Schwieters
12-02 \$40	Ken Schaefer
12-03 \$40	Jamie Boecker
12-04 \$100	Bernie Holdvogt
12-05 \$40	Tami Funk
12-06 \$40	Janice Funk
12-07 \$40	Tom Neal
12-08 \$100	Sherry Gaebel
12-09 \$40	Laurie Schmiesing
12-10 \$40	Norm Schwieters
12-11 \$100	Brady VanDrehle

Church Expansion with Handicap Accessibility Update:

The parish intention is to go forward with the expansion. At this time, roughly \$490,000 has been pledged or is in hand. The parish financial committee still needs to meet with the diocese finance council for final approval. The date of this meeting is undetermined at this time.

God's Housekeepers for December

Juliana Boecker, Lisa Maus, Joyce Schulzetenberg, and Jackie Massmann. 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.

Baby Shower for Jesus.

The Christian Women of Immaculate Conception will be sponsoring a "Shower for Baby Jesus" during the month of December. There will be a bassinet in the front of the church throughout the Christmas season. Please donate new or like-new items for ages one to four, which will be taken to Options for Women in Sauk Centre after Christmas. Thank you and may you all have a Very Blessed Christmas.

**Summer Cash Raffle 2023**

We are looking for a few chair couples for this event. Contact Amy at the Tri-Parish Office if you have any questions or are interested in chairing. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Please prayerfully consider taking this on. Many hands make for light work.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,586.54
Plate	109.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,695.54

Other Donations

Thanksgiving Envelopes	\$100.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
Christmas Flowers	170.00

Parish Events

Tu 12/13 5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
Tu 12/13 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 12/13 7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 12/14 6:00 pm	First Confession Gr. 2 FF - FR
We 12/14 7:00 pm	Communal Confession - FR
We 12/14 7:00 pm	FF Fellowship - FR
Fr 12/16 7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 12/17 1:00 pm	SR Jaycee's Santa Claus Day
Su 12/18 11:00 am	Baptism

**Instrumentalists**

Needed for Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Mass in St. Rose. I have beginning level music for trombone, alto saxophone, trumpet, flute, clarinet, tuba, baritone, French horn, baritone sax, and baritone. Any high school or adult players out there, please consider sharing your musical gifts! Please contact Amy Wilwerding 320-290-7729 by Tuesday, December 15 if you are interested.

Gifts for Baby Jesus

The Christian Women of St. Rosa have set up a bassinet at the back of church. We are seeking new or like new donations for infants through toddlers which we will drop off periodically through Advent at the Options for Women. Through generous donations they are able to help families in surrounding communities. Options for Women provides many free services including items for infants through toddlers. Recipients will be offered help during pregnancy, access to counseling and education while they earn points toward needed items. Car seats are an especially difficult item for the site to obtain. You are welcome to stop at the site located near Walmart in Sauk Centre. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,020.00
Regular Adult Offering	535.00
Children	13.00
Plate/Loose	70.00
Thanksgiving	350.00
Fuel Fund	20.00
Maintenance	32.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, December 18 - 10:00 am

(S) Shantel Gruber
(L) Ralph Klassen
(U) Mark Schoenberg & Bob Terres
(EU) (B) Jeanette Kalthoff
(Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Dennis Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
(HK - Dec. 11 - 24) Lou Spanier, Mary Ann Spanier, & Mary Stalboerger

Thank you to everyone who helped make our bake sale a great success!

Catholic United Financial Council #126 Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

will be on Sunday, December 11 at 1:00 pm in the church basement. Kids' games start at 1:00 pm. Santa will come at 2:30 pm. There will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome.

Christmas Flowers/Monetary Offering

If anyone prefers to make a monetary offering for Christmas Flowers, use the December 18 envelope marked "Christmas Flower Offering," 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.

**Knights of Columbus St. Joseph the Worker Council****December 2022 Calendar Raffle Winners**

12-01 \$20	Christopher Overman
12-02 \$40	Tom Theis
12-03 \$60	Jeff Ettle
12-04 \$100	Tonya Willenbring
12-05 \$20	Chantel Derkhising
12-06 \$40	Paula Schwieters
12-07 \$60	Henrik Boyer
12-08 \$20	Dan Krueger
12-09 \$40	Greg Hartmann
12-10 \$60	Tom Johannes

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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


◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$895.00
Regular Adult Offering	850.00
Plate/Loose	32.00
Votives.....	3.00
School.....	10.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, December 17 - 4:00 pm**

- (S) Logan Frieler & Megan Frieler
(L) Isaiah Gilk
(U) Roger Schoenberg & Mark Silbernack
(GB) Robert & Judy Wehlage
(EU) (B) Kris Winter
(HK - December) *Joan Rademacher,
Connie Petermeier, RoseAnn Rademacher,
Joyce Schoenberg, Sharon Schwieters, &
Margaret Silbernack

Finance & Parish Council will meet Tuesday, December 13 in the Greenwald Parish house. Finance Council at 7:00 pm and Parish Council at 7:30 pm.

 **Christmas Flowers** If you would like to donate toward Christmas Flowers, in memory of a loved one, please put a note along with your donation in an envelope, marked Christmas Flowers. Thank you!

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,692.25
Regular Adult Offering	1,059.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	232.00
Votives	91.00
Thanksgiving.....	195.00
CUF Matching Grant.....	1,000.00
School.....	55.00
Steeple Lighting.....	60.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, December 18 - 8:00 am**

- (S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
(L) Kaylee Meyer
(U) Andrew Primus & Ken Schneider
(GB) Jim & Kay Leukam
(EU) (B) Abby Zenzen & Karl Meyer
(HK-December) *Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, & Virginia Nathe

Christmas Flowers If you would like to donate toward Christmas Flowers, in memory of a loved one, please put a note along with your donation in an envelope, marked Christmas Flowers. Thank you!

**Happy 3rd Week****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.

HISPANIC MINISTRY**Uno en Fe ~ Formación de Fe y Ministerio Juvenil**

(Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald, Spring Hill)
Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

• **Todos los grados:** Miércoles, 14 de diciembre: Servicios de Reconciliación de Adviento en St. Mary Melrose. 5:00 O 7:00 pm. Por favor, vaya al servicio que sea más conveniente para su familia. Refrescos después de ambos servicios! Recuerde que los estudiantes de 9 y 10 grados son responsables de los ministerios en estas liturgias.



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

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

Flores de Navidad Si desea donar flores de Navidad en memoria de un ser querido, ponga su dinero en un sobre, incluya el nombre o nombres del ser querido y márkelo como "Flores de Navidad". ¡Gracias!

Celebrando el Adviento Hay varias oportunidades para participar en las actividades del Adviento. Hay próximas liturgias de reconciliación de Adviento, una ducha para el Niño Jesús, un lugar para donar calcetines, la oportunidad de colocar paja en el pesebre y un árbol de donación de la iglesia.

Recordatorio de mayordomía ¡No es demasiado tarde! Por favor, entregue su tarjeta de compromiso o complete una en línea en www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys. Devolver su tarjeta es una parte importante de ser un miembro activo de la Iglesia de Santa María. Por favor, aprovecha esta oportunidad para discernir cómo Dios te está llamando a acercarte más a Él este año.

One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

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

***Gift cards make great gifts!**

- ◆ **Loot for Learning** (Sacred Heart School, Freeport- 320-836-2591)
 - ◆ **SMS\$4Kids** (St. Mary's School, Melrose- 320-256-4257)
 - ◆ **Scrip** (St. John's/St. Andrew's School, Greenwald- 320-987-3133)



FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION:

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-12: Winter Family Fellowship Night** Wednesday, December 14 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.
- **Grade 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, December 14 - Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: First Confession:** Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 pm.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♦ **All grades:** Wednesday, December 14: Advent Reconciliation Services at St. Mary Melrose. 5:00 OR 7:00 pm. Please go to whichever service is most convenient for your family. Refreshments after both services! Remember that 9 and 10 graders are responsible for the ministries at these liturgies.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- ♥ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 24-26 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 over 48 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. **Watch for registration details coming soon.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
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♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, December 14 will be a Staff Mass.

♥ **Tri-Parish 2nd grade students** have been preparing to celebrate their First Confession on Wednesday, December 14. Our prayers are with them as they experience, for the first time, the beauty of God's loving forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession.

♥ **Birthday Dinner** for December and June birthdays will be on Thursday, December 15.

Looking Ahead:

♥ **Sacred Heart School Christmas Program**, "The Elf Express," will be presented on Wednesday, December 21 at 1:00 and 7:00 pm in the school gym. All are invited to attend.

♥ **Mark Your Calendars/Save the Date:** The Dinner/Auction fundraiser for Sacred Heart School will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, this year tagged - *Sacred Heart School Wine & Dine*. Watch for more details in the upcoming weeks. Wine & Dine Cash Raffle tickets are currently being sold - check in with any SHS family or call the school office at 320-836-2591. Tickets are \$100 with top prize being \$20,000.



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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.

♦ **The Advent prayer service** for the 3rd week of Advent will be held on Monday, December 12, at 2:15 pm in the gym. All are welcome to join us.

♦ **SMS students** put together care packages and notes of thanks to our local firefighters, ambulance personnel, and police men and women. We appreciate their dedication to keeping our community safe and healthy.

♦ **Don't forget to use Amazon Smile** to make your Amazon purchases and SMS\$4Kids as the holiday season gets closer.

♦ SAVE THE DATES:

♦ **St. Mary's Christmas Program** at the Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, on Wednesday, December 14, at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. Little Saints program on Wednesday, December 14, at 9:30 am in the SMS gym.

♦ **St. Mary's Catholic School's 21st Annual Auction 4 Education** will be held Saturday, March 4, at the Legion. The theme this year is Luau for Learning.



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♦ **SJSA students in grades K-6 will present *The Mystery of Simon Shepherd*** on Tuesday, December 20 at 1:00 and 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's Church. Refreshments will be served in the school basement after each program. All are welcome!

♦ **SJSA Preschool Christmas Program** will be Wednesday, December 21 at 1:45 pm in the school basement.

♦ **Harry's Pizza Pick-Up** is Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 - 10:00 am in the school basement. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

♦ **SJSA Student Council has planned *December Fun Days*** : Monday - Sock Day - wear fun and festive socks, Tuesday - Jersey/Sports Apparel Day - support your favorite team, Wednesday - Hat Day, Thursday - Classroom Color Wars - Kindergarten - Red, First & Second - Green, Third & Fourth - White, Fifth & Sixth - Blue, Friday - Comfy Clothes or Pajama Day.

♦ **Confession** Students in grades 3-6 will go to confession on Thursday, December 22 after the morning Mass.

♦ **Student Christmas Party/Ugly/Cute Christmas Sweater Day** is Thursday, December 22.

♦ **We are looking for nominees** for the SJSA Supporter Award to be presented at this year's St. John's-St. Andrew's Steak and Wine. The award is given to a person in the community who has been a great support to the school in some way. Nominees are due by December 16 so the Board has time to discuss and vote. Please send names to one of the following people: Mary Miller 320-987-3133, Kristi Zimmer 320-249-6702, Kathy Gilk 320-290-6603.

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Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners



12-11	\$25	Steve Weber - Avon
12-12	\$25	Terri Hoppe - New Munich
12-13	\$25	Carene Blonigen - Freeport
12-14	\$25	Abby Heinen - New Munich
12-15	\$25	Kevin Blonigen - St. Martin
12-16	\$25	Shari Thom - Sartell
12-17	\$25	Christine Larson - Marble



SJSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS CON.'T

•**32nd Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction for SJSA** will be February 3rd & 4th, 2023 at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$35 and will be available soon. There will be an online auction again this year along with a live auction on Saturday, February 4. If you would like to donate to the auction, contact one of the people listed below.

Auction Chairs and Co-Chairs:

Steve and Katie Hellickson 320-491-2849

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**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

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

December 14, Wednesday

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

♦Jeff Cavins will speak 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 "How You Can Hear *God's Voice*".

December 15, Thursday

♦Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:30 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

December 16, Friday

♦The Melrose American Legion will have a fish fry from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

December 17, Saturday

♦St. Rosa Jaycees present the Annual Santa Claus Day. Santa will be at the St. Rose of Lima Church from 1:00 - 3:00 pm with a Physical Comedian, crafts, face painting, milk, cookies, and pictures with Santa! Come one, come all.

♦Santa Claus is coming to Greenwald at 1:00 pm in Rec Building Treats and Prizes. Sponsor By Greenwald Rec Club. Everyone Invited!

December 18, Sunday

♦"500" Card Party at Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport. Start time is 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served. All are welcome to join.

December 21, Wednesday

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

Mass Schedule for Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day

Saturday, December 24 (Vigil):

4:00 pm

St. Mary, Melrose

4:00 pm

Sacred Heart, Freeport

(Carols will be sung 30 minutes before Mass)

4:00 pm

St. Michael, Spring Hill

6:30 pm

St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Mass)

7:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa

(Carols will be sung 30 minutes before Mass)

7:30 pm

St. Andrew, Greenwald

7:00 pm

St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove

Sunday, December 25:

8:00 am

Sacred Heart, Freeport

(Carols will be sung 20 minutes before Mass)

9:00 am

St. Mary, Melrose

9:00 am

Immaculate Conception, New Munich

(Carols will be sung 30 minutes before Mass)

9:00 am

St. Andrew, Greenwald

**Sacrament of Confession**

- Communal Celebration with Individual Confession:**

Wednesday, December 14	5:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
	7:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart, Freeport
Thursday, December 15	7:30 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald

- Individual Celebration:**

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
Tuesday, December 20		St. Rose of Lima after 8:15 am Mass, St. Rosa
Wednesday, December 21	7:30 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald
	7:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
Thursday, December 22		Immaculate Conception after 8:15 am Mass
	7:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
	7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill

The Scriptures This Week**Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I****Mo Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tu Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32

We Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23

Th Is 54:1-10

Lk 7:24-30

Fr Is 56:1-3a,6-8

Jn 5:33-36

Sa Gn 49:2,8-10

Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

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