



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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024

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

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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.



*Hosanna!
To the
Suffering
Christ!*

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!*" Mark 11:9-10

Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him.

Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives.

As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible.

Our wholehearted worship of the suffering Christ is an important act to fulfill. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 25 - 31

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
Cumpleaños de Emanuel Roblero
Tu 8:00 am †††Joel, Al, & Melvin Loehr
We 8:00 am †John Beckermann
*Th 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Biligual Mass
††Ervin & Virginia Klaphake
†Dan Klaphake
*Fr 3:00 pm Good Friday Service
Fr 6:30 pm Liturgi de la Pasión del Señor
*Sa 8:30 pm Holy Saturday Biligual Mass
††Shawn & Doochie Salzl
For the People
*Sua 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
†Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
Su 12:30 pm Domingo de Pascua
Misa en Español
†Javier Acevedo

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass
†Lawrence Muellner
Fr 1:30 pm Good Friday Service
Su 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
††Norbert & Marilyn Schaefer

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Deceased Parents of Ray & Carol Schneider
Fr 1:00 pm Good Friday Service
Sa 8:30 am Holy Saturday Mass
All the Poor Souls

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am August & Theresia Herdering Families
Fr 3:00 pm Good Friday Service
Su 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
†Mary Ann Engelmeyer

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Joe Loehr
Fr 7:30 pm Good Friday Service
Su 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
††Henery & Marie Kampsen

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 7:30 pm Holy Thursday Mass
†Peter Van Beck
Su 8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
†Kim Fuechtmann

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am SH School Mass
†Marie Kampsen
Fr 12:15 pm Good Friday Service
Sa 8:00 pm Holy Saturday Mass
For the People
Su 8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
†Deceased Members of the Eveslage Family

*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
No Adoration Thursday, March 28
St. Mary - Melrose
First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)
Sacred Heart - Freeport
No Adoration Wednesday, March 27
No Adoration Friday, March 29



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

- Votives: If you wish to purchase blessed votive candles to burn at home, you can stop by the office. They are \$3 each.
•Easter Flowers & Environment: If you wish to donate toward Easter Flowers & Environment in memory of a loved one, please put your money in an envelope, the name or names of the loved one, and mark it "Easter Flowers." You may turn in the envelope to the Parish Office or in the collection basket at the weekend Masses. *St. Michael and St. Andrew parishes, if you prefer to purchase the flowers yourself, place them in the back of the church by March 28 and submit names to the office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Parish Office Closure The Melrose and Freeport Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29. The Melrose Office will be closed on Monday, April 1.

Colored Easter Eggs for Sale: Order your dyed Easter eggs to support our Tri-Parish Youth. \$5.00 per dozen. Call the Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to place your order.

Dogma of Hell Book Study Participants The St. Gertrude prayer cards have arrived. There are some available at both offices until supplies last.

Thank You To Everyone who attended our Spring Bingo. Thank you to all the volunteers and to the people for their donations. It was a great success. Hope to see you all in the fall. Congratulations to Jean McDonald for winning the quilt.



Go and Make Disciples Grade 11 though young adults are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. We will have a meal and discuss the Catholic Mass. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, April 3. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

Parish News:

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

- Congratulations First Communicants We are happy to welcome the following students to the Table of our Lord as they celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday, March 17 at a special Mass. Your joy and smiling faces reminded us of how special the Gift of our Lord in the Eucharist is. Sacred Heart: Abram Burg, Liam Current, Madilyn Engelmeyer, Oliver Grieve, Emma Hartung, Conner Hiltner, Lilah Job, Emmitt Klaphake, Jase Newhouse, Delaney Nietfeld, Trevor Nietfeld, Allison Rohl, Quentin Spanier, Mia Theiler, Mac Viere, Werner Welle, Jack Wilwerding, Jaxson Zenner Immaculate Conception: Savanna Boeckermann, Case Klaphake, Amelia Massmann, Clayton Massmann, Harper Tschida, Elise Van Beck St. Rose of Lima: Spencer Dobmeier, Lacy Herkenhoff, Leo Toenyan, Herman Wiechman, Paige Wiechman, Evie Wiechmann St. Michael: Teddy Schmidt
•St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26 in St. Rosa at 7:10 pm. Just a reminder, try to get your dues paid along with the State Raffle tickets you received. You can mail payment to Mike Van Beck or get them to Dave Mueller, Steve Mages or Richard Sand.

Mass Time Change/Switch: Due to First Communion at St. Andrew's, the Mass times for the weekend of April 20/21 will change. There will be a 4:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's in Spring Hill on Saturday, April 20, and a 10:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's in Greenwald on Sunday, April 21.



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org.


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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

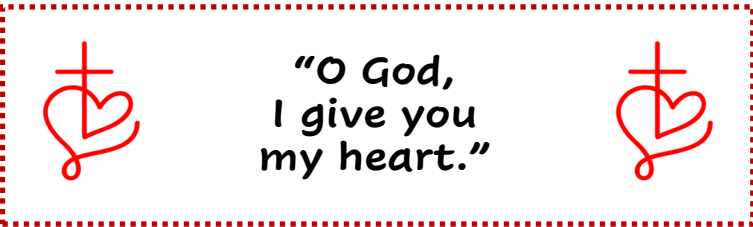
Total.....	\$13,229.81
Regular Adult Offering	8,852.00
Plate/Loose	783.01
Designated Funds	3,594.80

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

03-17	\$50	John & Rose Waldorf - Elrosa
03-18	\$25	Don Austin - Melrose
03-19	\$25	Joni & Tom Maleska - Melrose
03-20	\$25	Olive Reynolds - Minneapolis
03-21	\$25	Sarah Haffner - Waite Park
03-22	\$50	Michelle Warzecha - Melrose
03-23	\$25	Dorothy Middendorf - Melrose



Baptized in Christ... Samuel Jon Beste



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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,443.08
Plate.....	609.32
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,052.40

Other Donations

Votive	\$56.75
School Support	200.00
Easter Flowers.....	40.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal	400.00

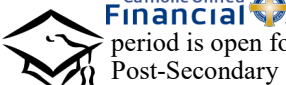
Parish Events

Su	03/24	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Tu	03/26	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tu	03/26	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We	03/27	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
We	03/27		No Adoration
We	03/27	7:00 pm	Youth Group Egg Dying - NM
Fr	03/29		No Individual Confessions
Fr	03/29		No Adoration
Su	03/31	11:00 am	Private Event

St. Joseph Society Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, April 7 after the 8:00 am Mass in the church basement. Coffee, rolls, and juice will be served.

Save the Date! The Sacred Heart Parish festival will be Sunday, July 21, 2024. Details to follow.

Do You Enjoy Party Planning? 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.

 **Graduating Seniors** Application period is open for the Catholic United Financial 2024-2025 Post-Secondary Scholarships. All Catholic United members are encouraged to apply. Application information is available on the website www.catholicunitedfinancial.org

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

March 24, Sunday
 ♦42nd Annual St. Martin Baseball Breakfast Fundraiser Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Smoked, non-smoked and liver sausage, fried potatoes, scrambled eggs, applesauce, homemade cinnamon bread, and milk. Adults \$10 in advance, at the door \$12. Children 6-12 \$5, preschool free. St. Martin Parish Center. Curbside pickup available 8:30 - 11:30 am.
 ♦Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the New Munich Lions at the Immaculate Conception Church basement. Registration and activities starting at 12:30 pm. Easter Bunny arrives at 1:00 pm by fire truck to start the hunt. Prize drawing to follow.
 ♦Spring Sausage Supper at the St. Francis de Sales Parish Center in Belgrade. Serving from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. Adults \$10. Children 5-12 \$6. Children four and under are free.
 ♦Laughs for Lunch an exercise in Comedy sponsored by the Melrose Boy Scout Troop 68 at Melrose High School Auditorium at 6:30 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Melrose Area Food Shelf for admission.

March 27, Wednesday
 ♦Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

March 29, Friday
 ♦Fish Fry at the Melrose American Legion. All you can eat! Please joining us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated!

March 30, Saturday
 ♦VFW Auxiliary #7050, Melrose - Annual Easter Eggs & Bake Sale beginning at 8:30 am at the American Legion in Melrose. Lots of baked goods, colored eggs & homemade pies. Lunch with hot sandwiches, homemade chicken soup and pies will begin at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome.
 ♦Greenwald Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by the Rec Club. Hunt starts at 10:00 am at the Rec Club Building. Prizes, bring a pail, and visit with the Easter Bunny. Everyone invited!


Sacred Heart School
Calendar Raffle Winners!

03/17	\$40	Jim & Lisa Herdering - Freeport
03/18	\$25	Ken Kerfeld - Melrose
03/19	\$50	Jake Gross - Holdingford
03/20	\$25	Sara Toenyan - Freeport
03/21	\$25	Linus Goebel - Albany
03/22	\$25	Tony & Sam Scherping - Melrose
03/23	\$25	Bill Smith - Albany

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Individual Celebration

- Monday, March 25— 5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Monday, March 25— 7:30 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
- Or by appointment; Call Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143



CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,208.69
Plate.....	301.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,509.69

Other Donations

Easter	\$100.00
Building/Maintenance	34.62
Easter Flowers	145.00
Boiler	230.00

Parish Events

Su 03/24	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 03/26	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg. - SR
We 03/27	7:00 pm	Youth Group Egg Dying
We 03/27	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Th 03/28		No Adoration
Sa 03/30		No Individual Confessions

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	\$2,066.92
Plate.....	313.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,379.92

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance	\$30.00
Easter Flowers	300.00
Easter	150.00
Catholic Relief Services	100.00

Parish Events

Su 03/24	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 03/26	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 03/26	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu 03/26	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 03/26	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
We 03/27	7:00 pm	Youth Group Egg Dying - NM
Fr 03/29		No Rosary
Sa 03/30	10:00 am	Jaycee Easter Party

May He Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Claude Toenyan**, who passed away Sunday, March 17. His funeral was celebrated here on Saturday, March 23.

Your Help is Needed... We are 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.



St. Joseph Society Meeting Saturday, April 6 in the church basement after the 4:00 pm Mass.

Parish Seamstresses and Crafters:

This year the Parish & Quilt Raffle will be on June 8, so it is time again to plan for the "Quilt & Fancy Work" raffle. If any of you have fancy or crafty items (doilies, afghans, towels, etc.) to donate for the raffle, please call or contact me before Wednesday, April 3, so we will have time to get the raffle tickets printed with the information on them and have them ready to send out with the parish raffle tickets. Thanks in advance for sharing your talents to contribute to the Christian Women's main source of funds. Also, if anyone would like to donate cash toward the expenses of the quilt, we'd appreciate that very much. Jean Hopper, Quilt Raffle Chm. 320-837-5239



CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$761.35
Regular Adult Offering.....	499.00
Children	1.35
Plate/Loose	141.00
Fuel	110.00
Catholic Relief Services	10.00

**Liturgical Ministries
Good Friday**

Friday, March 29 - 7:30 pm

- (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
- (L) Gary P. Lieser & Katherine Orbeck
- (U) Bob Terres & Rick Terres
- (EM) (B) Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (EM) (C) Nick Waldrof & Kathy Welle
- (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
- (RL) No Rosary
- (CC) Marvin Rademacher & Amy Orbeck

**Liturgical Ministries
Easter Sunday**

Sunday, March 31 - 10:00 am

- (S) Shantel Gruber & Stella Schoenberg
- (L) Lisa Wuertz
- (U) Robert Van Drehle & Nick Waldorf
- (EM) (B) Jenny Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) Conrad Gruber & Sandra Gruber
- (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
- (HK: March 17 - 30) Brenda Athmann, Linda or Cheryl Athmann and Kim Barten

Save the Date: St. Michael's will host a spaghetti dinner, bake sale, and raffle on Sunday, April 14, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Cash Raffle Tickets have been distributed. Please return ticket stubs, money, and any unsold tickets to Sue Meyer, Karen Rademacher, or Duane Moscho, or put in the St. Michael's collection marked, "Cash Raffle," by Sunday, April 7. Thank you for your participation.

The Scriptures This Week

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo Is 42:1-7	Jn 12:1-11
Tu Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
We Is 50:4-9a	Mt 26:14-25
Th Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) Ex 12:1-8, 11-14	1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Fr Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Is 52:13—53:12	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42
Sa Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Ex 14:15—15:1 Is 55:1-11 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11	Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Is 54:5-14 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43	Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



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.

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7, 2024

Please join us in the Divine Mercy Sunday services at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport on Sunday, April 7, 2024. This is our second annual ACC Divine Mercy Sunday event and hope to continue this feast day in the future to recognize the graces granted by our Lord. Please feel free to come for a portion of, or all the events in the afternoon.

Schedule of Events

Time	Event	
2:00 PM	Adoration Begins	
2:15 PM	Individual Confessions throughout the afternoon	Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 PM		
4:00 PM	Confessions End Closing Prayers for Adoration	
4:10 PM	Social in Church Basement	

Divine Mercy Sunday – What is it?

(From thedivinemercy.org)

Divine Mercy is an extraordinary promise that our Lord makes to us. That whoever goes to confession and worthily receives Him in Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday will receive the forgiveness of sin and all punishment. In fact, the grace that is received on Divine Mercy Sunday is like a second Baptism. For only Baptism forgives all sins and punishment due to sin. Yes, confession remits sins and eternal damnation due to sin, but it may not remove temporal punishment (such as purgatory) due to sin.



How did we learn about Divine Mercy?

(From Divinemercy.org)

The message and devotion of Divine Mercy is based on the apparitions of Jesus to Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska in Poland in the 1930s. Our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will regarding this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary*, entry 699:

*My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.** On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.*

Jesus told Sr. Faustina, **“Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel, then throughout the world.”**



“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy” (diary 1109)

“Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment” (diary entry 300).

“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment” (diary entry 699).

By doing the following on Divine Mercy Sunday, our Lord’s promises to grant complete forgiveness of our sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy.

1. Celebrate the Feast (on the Sunday after Easter).
2. Repent of our sins, place our complete trust in Jesus, and go to Confession.
3. Receive Holy Communion on the Feast Day.
4. Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy.
5. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$974.00
Regular Adult Offering	700.00
Plate/Loose	78.00
Votives.....	11.00
Fuel	30.00
Easter Flowers & Environment...	135.00
Rice Bowl.....	20.00

Liturgical Ministries
Holy Thursday
Thursday, March 28 - 7:30 pm

(S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms
 (L) Cassandra Kettner
 (U) Al Inderrieden & Herb Inderrieden
 (GB) Joe & Sharon Schwieters
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Dustin Gregory

Liturgical Ministries
Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31 - 8:00 am

(S) Matthew Dehmer & Noah Dehmer
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) Eric Dehmer & Pat Keller
 (GB) Jim & Lee Uphoff
 (EM) (B) Dustin Gregory
 (EM) (C) Herman Lensing & Mary Opatrny
 (HK - March) *Amber Fleischhacker, Amy Frieler, Betty Frieler, Linda Frieler, Rita Frieler, & Kathy Gilk

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

For the Sick: Joe Soenneker, Ethan Zink, Joe Salina, Fran Hinnenkamp, Kyle Lieser

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,386.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,430.00
Plate/Loose	144.00
Votives.....	40.00
Fuel.....	275.00
Mission - Special Collection.....	392.00
Plaster Repair Donation.....	1,000.00
Catholic Relief Services	10.00
Easter Flowers & Environment....	95.00

Liturgical Ministries
Good Friday
Friday, March 29 - 1:00 pm

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
 (L) Karen Meyer & Missy Illies
 (U) Jeron Nathe & Andrew Primus
 (GB) Viola Leukam & Family
 (EM) (B) Sue Meyer & Abby Zenzen
 (EM) (C) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam

Liturgical Ministries
Holy Saturday
Saturday, March 30 - 8:30 pm

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
 (L) Jim Leukam & Char Meyer
 (U) John Primus & Ray Primus
 (GB) Anthony & Sheri Luetmer
 (EM) (B) Daryl Zenzen & Nick Kelzer
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Just A Reminder that our upcoming spring fundraiser Bake Sale, Bingo and Raffle is on Sunday, April 14. There are now boxes to turn in your Raffle Tickets at all 3 entrances of the church. Thank you in advance for helping make this event a success.



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Tuesday	3-26	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Wednesday	3-27	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
		7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
		7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill



EASTER PROGRAM

Presented by SJSA School

Tuesday	3-26	1:00 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
Tuesday	3-26	7:00 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove



HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

•Grados 1, 3-6: **Noche de Pan de Comunión Miércoles**, 27 de marzo, 6:00-6:30 pm. Haremos el pan de comunión que se usará para la Misa del Jueves Santo (al día siguiente). ¡Traiga un tazón para mezclar, una bandeja para hornear galletas y un cortador de pizza, si los tiene!

•**No hay otras clases durante la Semana Santa.** Consulte el boletín para conocer los horarios de las misas del Jueves Santo, el Viernes Santo, la Vigilia Pascual (Sábado Santo por la noche) y el Domingo de Pascua por la mañana.

•**Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC** para información juvenil.

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



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

Enriquecimiento Matrimonial - El ministerio Hispano de la iglesia de Santa Maria de Melrose, hace una invitación a todas las parejas casadas y no casadas de habla hispana a una noche especial para ustedes. Este evento se llevará a cabo el próximo Sábado 27 de Abril de 6:30pm a 10:00pm. Para más información hable con el Diácono Jorge Carrillo o llame a la oficina parroquial de lunes a viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm.

El suicidio asistido por un médico alienta el suicidio de los ancianos

En Minnesota, el índice de suicidios en ancianos es mayor que en cualquier otro grupo etario, el doble que en adolescentes. Sin embargo, un proyecto de ley de suicidio asistido por un médico no exigiría evaluaciones de salud mental para detectar casos de depresión. El suicidio asistido no es digno, es mortífero. Dígalos "no" a los legisladores de su Estado: NO al suicidio asistido. Visite mncatholic.org/pas

¿Estás buscando un fin de semana perfecto?

¿Un fin de semana para acercarnos? ¿Quieres aprender una técnica de comunicación que permita a cada pareja explorar áreas importantes de su relación con un espíritu de amor y comprensión? Un fin de semana de Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es exactamente lo que estás buscando. Pueden escapar de las distracciones de la vida cotidiana y concentrarse en su matrimonio. El próximo fin de semana es del 27 al 28 de abril en Owatonna, MN. Para postularse visite <http://ncmarriagediscovery.org/faqs-es.php> o para más información comuníquese con Diego y Claudia González: 704-698-1010 o Claudiagg@ymail.com.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- Grade 1, 3 - 6: **Next Lesson:** Wednesday, March 27 - Home Lesson.
- Grade 7-10: **Next Class:** Wednesday, April 3. Meet in your classrooms.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- Grades 1, 3-6: **Communion Bread Night** Wednesday, March 27, 6:00-6:30 pm. We'll be making the communion bread that will be used for the Mass on Holy Thursday (the next day). Please bring a mixing bowl, cookie sheet, and pizza cutter, if you have them!
- No other Classes during Holy Week. See the bulletin for Mass times for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday Night) and Easter Sunday morning.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- ♥**Egg Dying Service Project for Grades 6-8** Wednesday, March 27 from 6:45 - 8:15 pm at Immaculate Conception Church basement. If you haven't signed up and would like to join us, please reach out to Chrystal at 320-836-2143.
- ♥**Bible & Breakfast** meets each Wednesday (if there's school) in the Melrose High School ITV Room 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 Opportunity...



•**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

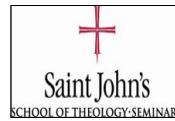
using accounting software and Excel. The primary responsibility would be to oversee financial data and compliance by maintaining accurate books on accounts payable and receivable, payroll, and daily financial entries and reconciliations. There would be daily accounting tasks such as monthly financial 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.

•**Director of Music:** One in Faith (4 - Parishes) has an opening for a director of music. This is a part-time position in the Melrose office. This position will work closely with the director of liturgy. Primary duties include scheduling and leading choir rehearsals, coordinating music coverage at all Masses including funerals as requested, preparing screens, and ensuring license and copyright compliance. To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com or call 320-256-4207 with questions.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Have you attended a baptism, first Communion, confirmation, wedding, or ordination? All of these sacraments are supported through the ministries funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith through a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



Uniquely Beautiful Women's Retreat Saturday, April 6 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Long Prairie from 8:15 am - 1:30 pm in the church basement. Guest speaker: Leah Jacobson, MA, IBCLC. Leah Jacobson is an international speaker, non-profit founder, board-certified lactation consultant, and author of the new book *Wholistic Feminism: Healing the Identity Crisis Caused by the Women's Movement*. The feminine body is beautiful, powerful, and sacred. Leah speaks with compassion and conviction about how the women's movement can and must shift to help young women understand their true identities as females and how to make peace with their fertility, childbearing, and mothering abilities. Women of all ages, 13 and up, are encouraged to attend. Registration: \$25 for 20 years and older. \$15 for under 20 years old. Registration includes cost of lunch and refreshments. Make checks payable to St. Mary's Catholic Women and mail to Debbie Sauer, 24006 Imperial Rd., Long Prairie, MN 56347. Please register by Tuesday, March 26. Questions or to register by phone please call Debbie Sauer at 320-429-0817.



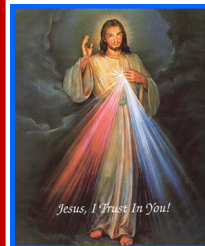
From Lord's Supper to Adoration: The History of the Earliest Christian Eucharist

Charles Bobertz, Ph.D. Jesus gathered with his disciples to celebrate a ritual meal that marked the dawn of the Messianic Age. The earliest Christians continued this ritual meal, the Lord's Supper, in their house churches, now with the bread enacting the continuing presence of the resurrected Christ in their midst. How did the earliest Christians understand this "real presence" of Jesus Christ 1300 years before the doctrine of transubstantiation? Our journey will take us from Lord's Supper to present day Eucharistic Adoration. Friday, April 5, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Emmaus Hall, St. Johns' University.

Physician-Assisted Suicide Targets The Elderly Elderly in Minnesota have a higher rate of suicide than any other age group - double the teen suicide rate. Yet a proposed physician-assisted suicide bill does not require a mental health evaluation to screen for depression. Assisted suicide isn't compassionate, it's deadly. Tell your state legislators: NO assisted suicide. Visit mncatholic.org/pas.

2nd Annual One In Faith ACC *Divine Mercy Sunday...*

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday service at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport on Sunday, April 7. This is our second annual ACC Divine Mercy Sunday event and hope to continue this feast day in the future to recognize the graces granted by our Lord. Please feel free to come for a portion of, or all of the events.



Schedule of Events:

Adoration from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Individual Confessions from 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm
Closing of Adoration at 4:00 pm
Social in the church basement

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Easter - April 7. The Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29. The great promise of this day is the forgiveness of all sins and punishment due to sin for anyone who would go to Confession and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on this very special Feast Day. According to the Divine Mercy Productions, one may receive the Sacrament of Confession twenty days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet pamphlets are available in the back of churches. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information.

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- ♥ **Congratulations to our 2nd Grade First Communicants!** They received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, March 17.
- ♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, March 27 will be planned by Ms. Hoeschen and the 4th grade students.
- ♥ **We are Taking Registrations** for the 2024/2025 school year for all grade levels. Please stop in or contact the school office if you would like a registration form for your child.
- ♥ **SHS Traditional Seder Meal** on Wednesday, March 27.
- ♥ **NO School** on Thursday, March 28, Friday, March 29, and Monday, April 1 for Easter break.
- ♥ **New Toddler Program** We are extremely excited to inform you that Sacred Heart School is growing! We will be adding a toddler room (18 - 36 mo.) to our campus. This means we will be making a few changes, redoing a couple rooms, and using some of our current space a little more wisely. We will be looking for little ones to fill these areas and staff members to teach and care for these toddlers. Please contact the school office for more information and/or to pick up an application 320-836-2591.
- ♥ **Lenten Project** Sacred Heart School is participating in a Lenten Project supporting Heifer International <https://www.heifer.org/index.html>. Please consider helping our students reach their goal of raising \$2,000 during the Lenten season. We have raised a total of \$1,062.39 so far.
- ♥ **Save the Date** SHS Designer Bag Bingo is on Saturday, April 13! You can reserve your tickets at SHS and then pick up and pay for them on April 13 at the Freeport Community Center.

- ♦ **Harry's Pizza Fundraiser** will start on Wednesday, March 27, and run through Wednesday, April 10. Orders can be picked up on Thursday, April 25, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at the school gym. Please contact a current SMS family, the parish office, or the school to place an order.
- ♦ **Thank You** We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our families, friends, and community for their support and generosity during our Auction4Education. We were able to raise \$154,000, which will profoundly impact the future of our students and their educational journey.
- ♦ **St. Mary's Kindergarten Roundup** is set for Wednesday, March 27. Students will spend the day in activities from 8:00 am - 2:45 pm. Call 320-256-4257 if you have a prospective kindergartener for the 2024-2025 school year and haven't already contacted us.
- ♦ **Parent-teacher Conferences** are scheduled for Monday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 27.
- ♦ **There will be No School** on March 28, March 29, and April 1. However, there will be school on April 2, which was previously a workshop day.
- ♦ **During Lent, Families at SMS** will be collecting dollars and coins to give to four different organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Schwieters and Fr. Ohmann, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International (a nonprofit organization founded by Erin Cannon that supports an orphanage in Tanzania. Erin is an alumnus of St. Mary's School). If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, drop your coins off at the parish office or school.

- ♦ **SJSA Students Present *The Passion of Christ*** on Tuesday, March 26 at 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. All are welcome.
- ♦ **End of the Third Quarter** is Wednesday, March 27. There is no school Thursday, March 28-Monday, April 1. School resumes Tuesday, April 2. Happy Easter from all of us at SJSA!
- ♦ **Registration** is now open for grades preschool - 6th for the 2024-2025 school year. If your children are not currently enrolled at SJSA, but you are interested in joining us, please call the school at 320-987-3133 to plan a school visit.
- ♦ **"All-Aboard" Kindergarten Round-Up** is Monday, April 8 from 7:45 am - 2:30 pm. Prospective kindergarteners will spend the day with the current kindergarten class. A healthy snack and hot lunch are included. Call the school at 320-987-3133 to register.
- ♦ **SJSA Catholic School Offers** small class sizes that allow our teachers and staff to build meaningful relationships with our students and promote genuine growth. We offer a faith-filled environment along with academic excellence. If you are considering sending your children to Catholic school, please check out SJSA at sjaschool.org or call to arrange a visit at 320-987-3133. Scholarships are available.



Hosanna! To the Suffering Christ! con't. from

punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way.

Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ, our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed.

Reflect, today, upon the God Whom you worship this Holy Week. Do not shy away from all that Jesus endured. Gaze at His rejection and passion. Look at the hatred He endured. As you do, see not only your glorious God, see also the remedy for all your ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that He could meet us where we are at and raise us to new life with Him.

My suffering Lord, I worship You and praise You with all my heart. As You entered Jerusalem for the Passover, You intended to give new power to that celebration by becoming the New and Eternal Paschal Lamb. May I always worship You Who suffered for me and give to You all that I endure in life to be transformed by Your saving act. Jesus, I trust in You.

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