



ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of

St. Mary - Melrose, Sacred Heart - Freeport
Immaculate Conception - New Munich
St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa, St. Michael - Spring Hill
St. Andrew - Greenwald, St. John - Meire Grove

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

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

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

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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.

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man." (Matthew 24:37-39)

Are you awake? Spiritually speaking? As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, we are given the future coming of the Son of God to ponder. As this passage goes on, Jesus says, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

By the "day your Lord will come," we should understand three things. The first coming of Christ is obviously that which we most clearly ponder in Advent and Christmas. The unity of human nature with divine nature, in the Person of Jesus, is truly awe-inspiring. But that already took place long ago.

Thus, a second coming of Christ that we must continually ponder is His coming by grace, every moment of every day of our lives, once we have chosen to freely give our lives over to His service, for His glory, in accord with His will. When we live with such an interior disposition by which we seek His ongoing "coming" by grace, then we will find that we need to continually "stay awake!" If we do not, then we can be certain that we will miss countless opportunities to become more united to Christ every day and to be used as an instrument of that very grace for His service and glory. If we do not diligently build a habit of becoming attentive to every prompting of grace in our lives, then we will, unquestionably, begin to become "drowsy" and will fall asleep, spiritually speaking.

A wonderful measure of our daily attentiveness to the innumerable gifts of grace given to us every day is to also consider how attentive we are to the final and glorious coming of Christ at the end of time. Just as Jesus explains, most people will pay little attention to this final coming, presuming it will not even be in their lifetimes. But if you have that attitude, then you have completely missed the point. The point is preparedness—today, tomorrow and always. True preparedness for the final coming of Christ will not only help you enter the mysteries of these Advent and Christmas seasons by which we ponder the first coming of Christ, it will also help you form a habit of daily attentiveness to grace.

Reflect, today, upon how ready you are for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. Are you ready if Christ were to come today? If not, understand that a lack of preparedness for the final coming also means a lack of preparedness to celebrate His first coming at Christmas long ago, as well as His daily comings by grace. Prepare today. Do not wait. If you do, God will daily transform you in ways that are glorious beyond comprehension.

*My ever-present Lord, You come to us, day and night, calling to us, leading us
and offering to enter our lives. Please help me to always be attentive to You and
to always open my heart fully to Your daily coming by grace.*

Jesus, I trust in You.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Refugio Juarez
 †Refugio Hernandez
 Tu 7:30 am †John Carruth
 We 7:30 am †Rosemary Johnson
 Th 7:30 am †Ralph Mueller
 Fr 7:30 am †Russ Roelike
 Sa 5:00 pm †Joyce Duerr
 †George Ritter
 For the People
 *Su 10:00 am ††Edward & Florence Hinnenkamp
 †Bernice Garbina
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Jacoba Vargas
 †Ignacio Ramirez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Karl Hiltner
 Fr 8:15 am †Aloys Wenker
 Sa 8:00 am **First Saturday Mass**
 †Sr. Elaine Ettel
 Su 8:00 am ††Alex & Gertie Cremers

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Marie B. Worms
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Caroline Engelmeier
 Su 10:00 am †Dec. & Liv. Members of
 the St. Rose Catholic
 United Financial

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am Men's Society
 Su 10:00 am ††John & Leona Frieler

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

We 8:00 am †Otto Thelen
 Sa 4:00 pm ††Cel & Rose Uphoff

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Alcuin Caspers
 Su 8:00 am †Lydia Zenzen

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

Mass Schedule for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 pm *Immaculate Conception, New Munich*

Thursday, December 8

8:00 am *St. Andrew, Greenwald* (School Mass)
 8:15 am *Sacred Heart, Freeport*
 *8:30 am *St. Mary, Melrose* (School Mass)
 6:30 pm *St. Mary, Melrose* (Spanish Mass)
 7:00 pm *St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
 7:30 pm *St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
 7:30 pm *St. Michael, Spring Hill*



NOTE: There will be **NO** Mass at
 St. Michael, Spring Hill at 9:00 am on
 Thursday, December 8. There was a
 misprint in the brochure.

Mass Schedule for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 10
 6:00 pm *St. Mary, Melrose*
 (Bilingual Mass)



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, November 30
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

♦ **Military Services Collection** Our four-parish cluster will be taking up a collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services November 26 & 27. We are asked to consider contributing to this every third year.



Bulletin Deadline Changes The bulletin deadline for the December 4 bulletin is Monday, November 28 at 9:00 am. Also, looking ahead, the bulletin deadline for the December 11 bulletin will be Monday, December 5 at 9:00 am.

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

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

Best Advent Ever Has Advent become a time of stress and busyness? Reclaim the peace that can only come from simplicity this Christmas. Join the Best Advent Ever by signing up for daily video reflections at www.dynamiccatholic.com. You will be able to choose from two paths that will help you journey through Advent toward a peaceful Christmas!

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Fundraiser is underway. Cost is just \$25 and you have 365 opportunities to win cash prizes. Connect with any SHS family or call the school 320-836-2591 or the Parish Office 320-836-2143 if you are interested in purchasing for yourself and/or for gifts.



Parish News:

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

♦ **St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus Members:**
 Just a reminder that you all should have received your calendar raffle tickets a couple of weeks ago in the mail. Please do your best to sell or purchase the tickets and return sold and unsold tickets no later than November 27. You can turn them in to Mark Wiechman, Steve Mages, Richard Sand, or put them in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus and drop them in the collection basket on the weekend. Thank You and your cooperation is very much appreciated as this is really our only fundraiser and allows us as members to support our Tri-Parish functions! Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless Everyone!

"The Eucharist: God's Greatest Gift" All are invited to a presentation by Kristin Molitor on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Kristin works with parish formation at the Institute for Ministry Formation in Latrobe, PA and has a heart for discipleship and loves to equip people to become activated disciples of Jesus Christ.

Meals on Wheels is seeking a part time volunteer delivery person for a Melrose route. For information please contact 320-845-4070 or albanysrdining@ccstcloud.org.



Thank You Freeport Christian Women would like to thank everyone who joined us for our Fall Quarter Craze. It was a huge success raising just over \$1,400!! Special thank you to the Freeport Community Center for donating the use of the building for our event. We will see you in the spring for our next event!

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

*Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352*

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

Total	\$38,018.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	5,617.00
Loose.....	960.00
Phase II.....	0.00
Matching Funds.....	29,264.00
Thanksgiving.....	1,440.00
Designated Funds.....	737.00

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

Phase II Building \$47,211.85

Phase II Matching Funds..... \$119,763.25

Rectory..... \$79,779.65

Total: Phase II/Rectory..... \$246,754.75

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

11-20	\$25	Marian Goebel - Melrose
11-21	\$25	Justis Enright - Sauk Centre
11-22	\$25	Charlene Sand - Melrose
11-23	\$50	Gail Schlicht - Melrose
11-24	\$125	Dale & Ann Schleper - Melrose
11-25	\$25	Russ Reller - Melrose
11-26	\$25	Phase II Building, Church of St. Mary - Melrose



Celebrating Advent We welcome your participation in any or all of these options as we celebrate Advent at St Mary's.

Come to our Advent Reconciliation Liturgies on Wednesday, December 14. We will have two services that day at 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

Our Christian Women Group is sponsoring a Shower for Baby Jesus. New baby items – from newborn to size 4 – will be collected and given to Options for Women, a crisis pregnancy center in Sauk Centre.

Donate new socks to the St Mary's School Advent Sock Drive. These socks will be distributed to the Food Shelf, Place of Hope, Eagles Nest, and Anna Marie's Alliance.

Get the empty manger ready for Jesus by placing straw in it throughout Advent. The straw will be an outward symbol of the good works we have done. We want to have the manger well prepared in time for Christmas!

And finally, we invite you to explore our Giving Tree. The tree will have ornaments of two different colors – one is a financial gift, and the other is an "action" gift. These financial gifts represent expenses already in the St. Mary's budget that are often overlooked when thinking of parish expenses. Place the ornament you chose along with your financial gift (and name if you want it on your year end statement) in an envelope and put in the collection. Many of the "action" gifts would work well as a family project.

We welcome this holy season of Advent!

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card or completed one online at the parish website, www.oneinfaith.org/stmarys, it is NOT too late. 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.



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

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,098.46
Plate	532.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,630.46

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$55.00
Thanksgiving	245.00
All Saints Day.....	250.00
Christmas	50.00
Christmas Flowers	155.00
High Alter Painting	6,000.00

Parish Events

Mo	11/28	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tu	11/29	5:30 am	Men's Group
We	11/30		NO Adoration
We	11/30	6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation
We	11/30	7:00 pm	Faith Formation
We	11/30	7:00 pm	Kristin Molitor Presentation
Fr	12/02	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	12/02	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	12/03	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass
Su	12/04	2:00 pm	Christmas Caroling



Volunteers Needed Sacred Heart is looking for a few couples or individuals to step forward to chair the summer festival on Sunday, July 16, 2023. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Call the Parish Office if interested

Welcome to our Parish... We would like to welcome Isaak and Cassie Herkenhoff to our parish.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Rylind Michael Beuning & Layla Rae Beuning**, the son and daughter of Steven & Myranda Beuning, to our parish. Rylind Michael & Layla Rae were baptized on Sunday, November 20.

2023 Calendars are available in the back of the church.

Catholic United Financial #101 will be hosting a Membership Breakfast on Sunday, December 11 after the 8:00 am Mass. All members and their families are invited to attend. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, fellowship, and prizes. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Shelf.

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

(Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily, and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude each day for all that we have been given.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,046.96
Plate	448.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,494.96

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$67.50
Thanksgiving.....	160.00
Votive	151.00

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	\$1,251.54
Plate.....	224.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,475.54

Other Donations

Votive	\$445.00
Thanksgiving	175.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Building/Maintenance	100.00

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,946.00
Regular Adult Offering	455.00
Children.....	1.00
Plate/Loose	105.00
Votives	50.00
Fuel Fund.....	465.00
Maintenance.....	20.00
Fall Fund Drive.....	150.00
All Saints.....	700.00

Parish Events

Tu 11/29 5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
We 11/30 6:00 pm	Catholic United Financial Meeting
We 11/30 6:00 pm	Elementary FF - FR
We 11/30 7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
We 11/30 7:00 pm	Kristin Moliter Presentation - FR
Th 12/01 7:00 am	Adoration
Th 12/01 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 12/03 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 12/04 8:00 am	Family Gathering
Su 12/04 2:00 pm	Christmas Caroling - FR


Parish Events

Tu 11/29 5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
Tu 11/29 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 11/29 7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 11/30 6:00 pm	Elementary FF - FR
We 11/30 7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
We 11/30 7:00 pm	Kristin Moliter Presentation - FR
Fr 12/02 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 12/04 11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Meeting/Christmas Party
Su 12/04 2:00 pm	Christmas Caroling - FR

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, December 4 - 10:00 am**

(S) Landon Schmidt
(L) Katherine Orbeck
(U) Jim Klassen & Allen Lieser
(EU) (B) Ruth Heinen
(Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kathoff
(HK - Nov. 27 - Dec. 10) Sharon Schoenberg, Cyndi Schulzetenberg, & Sharon Schulzetenberg

Church Expansion with Handicap

 **Accessibility Update:** The parish intention is to go forward with the expansion. At this time, roughly \$479,000 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.

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.

Feast of Immaculate Conception Social

After the Immaculate Conception Mass on Wednesday, December 7, the Christian Women will host a social in the church basement.

Servers Requested:

Chair: Steve & Shirley Worms
Helpers: Ruth Wiechmann, Linda Wielenberg, Shawn and Staci Wolbeck, and Ruth Wieling. Please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving. Please join us in celebrating our Patronal Feast

Day of the Immaculate Conception. Everyone is welcome.

Painting and Renovation is completed. The renovation project came in at roughly \$405,000. The finance council was planning and budgeting for this project by building up the building maintenance funds over the last few years. It was paid for using:

- Building Maintenance Funds
- Designated Donations
- Cash Raffle '21-'22
- General Parish Funds.

Thank you to all who contributed through their time, talent, and treasure to make this project a success.

The Christian Women will be hosting a Happy Hour at Pine Villa. If you would like to donate wine or spirits, please bring to the Christmas Party.

Church and Parish House Roofs


needed to be repaired and shingled due to the storms last Fall and Spring. This was not planned for, therefore it was not in the budget. The total bid for the repairs was \$127,000. Insurance coverage was \$39,000, leaving us with a remainder of \$90,000 which the parish will need to borrow from the diocese. Please prayerfully considering making a donation to help cover the costs.

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.

Finance & Parish Council Meet Tuesday, December 6 in the church basement. Finance Council at 7:30 pm and Parish Council at 8:00 pm.

St. Mary's Mission Annual Meeting and Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 pm in the church basement. There will be a potluck lunch and a \$5 gift exchange. New members are welcome.

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. All are welcome.

 **Christmas Flowers or 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.

2023 Lector Books are available in the sacristy for pick up. Thank you!



CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,773.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,555.00
Children.....	1.00
Plate/Loose	9.00
Votives.....	18.00
Fuel Fund.....	70.00
All Saints Day.....	70.00
Thanksgiving.....	50.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, December 3 - 4:00 pm

(S) Matthew Dehmer & Zachary Rieland

(L) Herman Lensing

(U) Dave Nathe & Arnold Nietfeld

(GB) Jim & Lee Uphoff

(EU) (B) Herman Lensing

(HK - December) *Joan Rademacher,
Connie Petermeier, RoseAnn Rademacher,
Joyce Schoenberg, Sharon Schwieters, &
Margaret Silbernack

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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.

**Prayer Requests...**

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

**Banns of Matrimony:**

Il Claire Boeckermann♥Francisco Ambriz,
12-10 SR

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. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,857.25
Regular Adult Offering	1,448.00
Children	3.25
Plate/Loose	115.00
Votives	21.00
Fuel Fund.....	270.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, December 4 - 8:00 am

(S) Austin Kelzer & Isaac Zenzen

(L) Rita Meyer

(U) Kurt Meyer & Marvin Meyer

(GB) Daryl & Abby Zenzen

(EU) (B) Jim Leukam & Dan Meyer

(HK-December) *Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, & Virginia Nathe

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Celebrando el Adviento Damos la bienvenida a su participación en cualquiera o todas estas opciones mientras celebramos el Adviento en St. Mary's.

Venga a nuestras Liturgias de Reconciliación de Adviento el miércoles 14 de diciembre. Tendremos dos servicios ese día, 5:00 y 7:00 p.m.

Nuestro Grupo de Mujeres Cristianas está patrocinando un "baby shower" para el Niño Jesús. Los artículos nuevos para bebés, desde recién nacidos hasta la talla 4, se recolectarán y entregarán a Options for Women, un centro de embarazo en crisis en Sauk Centre.

Done calcetines nuevos a la colecta de calcetines de Adviento de St. Mary's School. Estos calcetines se distribuirán en Food Shelf, Place of Hope, Eagles Nest y Anna Marie's Alliance.

Prepara el pesebre vacío para Jesús colocando paja en él durante todo el Adviento. La paja será un símbolo exterior de las buenas obras que hemos hecho. ¡Queremos tener el pesebre bien preparado a tiempo para Navidad!

Y finalmente, lo invitamos a explorar nuestro Árbol de Donaciones. El árbol tendrá adornos de dos colores diferentes: uno es un regalo financiero y el otro es un regalo de "acción". Estos obsequios financieros representan gastos que ya están en el presupuesto de St. Mary's que a menudo se pasan por alto cuando se piensa en los gastos de la parroquia. Coloque el adorno que Ud. elige junto con su regalo financiero (y nombre si lo desea en su estado de cuenta de fin de año) en un sobre y colóquelo en la colección. Muchos de los obsequios de "acción" funcionarían bien como un proyecto familiar.

¡Damos la bienvenida a este santo tiempo de Adviento!

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

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

•**Grados 7/8:** Clase miércoles, 30 de noviembre, 7:15-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church. El orador invitado de la noche es el Diácono Ernie – ¡traigan sus Biblias! Estudiantes y algunos padres.

•**Los árboles de obsequio de Adviento** están ubicados en la parte trasera de la iglesia en St. John's/Meire Grove, St. Andrew's/Greenwald y St. Michael/Spring Hill (St. Mary's/Melrose coleccionará para el estante de alimentos durante la Cuaresma). Tome un adorno, compre el artículo escrito en la parte posterior del adorno y coloque el artículo sin envolver debajo del árbol generoso. Las familias de Faith Formation recogerán los artículos y los entregarán en Melrose Food Shelf antes de Navidad. ¡Gracias de antemano por su generosidad!



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

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

Public Rosary

will be prayed weekly.

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

All are invited and welcome!

- Tuesday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English in the gathering space in the St. Rose of Lima Church.



FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH FORMATION:

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- ♦ **Grade 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 pm Classroom Lesson. Please meet at Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
- ♦ **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 pm - Classroom Lesson. Please meet at Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
- ♦ **First Confession:** Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 pm.
- ♦ **Parents and Students Grades 1-10:** Kristin Molitor will present *"The Eucharist: God's Greatest Gift"* to all faith formation parents and students on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Kristin works with parish formation at the Institute for Ministry Formation in Latrobe, PA and has a heart for discipleship and loves to equip people to become activated disciples of Jesus Christ. Mark your calendar to attend this event.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.com

- ♦ **Grades 7-8: Next Class:** Wednesday, November 30, 7:15-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church. Guest speaker of the night is Deacon Ernie. Bring your Bibles! Students and some parents.
- ♦ **Advent Giving Trees** are located in the back of church at St. John's/Meire Grove, St. Andrew's/Greenwald and St. Michael/Spring Hill (St. Mary's/Melrose will collect for the Food Shelf during Lent). Please take an ornament, purchase the item written on the back of the ornament, and place the unwrapped item under the Giving Tree. The Faith Formation families will collect the items and deliver them to the Melrose Food Shelf prior to Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

YOUTH MINISTRY:

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- ♥ **Christmas Caroling** Sunday, December 4 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Meet at Sacred Heart Church basement. We will sing for the residents of the Freeport community by caroling up and down the streets of town. We will end our afternoon with snacks and games in the church basement. If you have not signed up for this event and would like to join us, contact Chrystal Sand at 320-836-2143.
- ♥ **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.**

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

11-27	\$25	Jennifer Lieser - St. Joseph
11-28	\$25	Irene Schmidt - Rice
11-29	\$25	Matt Schmidt - Spring Hill
11-30	\$25	Shantelle Findlay - Beardsley
12-01	\$25	Brad/Ashley Schulzetenberg - Eagan
12-02	\$25	Christie Zink - Melrose
12-03	\$25	Becky Willing - Grey Eagle



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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- ♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, November 30 will be planned by SHS staff.
- ♥ **Kristin Molitor will be at Sacred Heart School** on Wednesday, November 30. She has a special day planned for SHS students, focusing on Eucharistic Revival. She will also be doing a presentation in the evening for parents and Faith Formation students.
- ♥ **There will be No School** for students on Friday, December 2. This will be a retreat day for SHS staff.
- ♥ **Sacred Heart School will be hosting** the Freeport Chamber Santa Days on Friday, December 2. Watch for the poster with the listing of all the fun and exciting things happening at the school and around Freeport that evening.



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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.
- ♦ **There will be No School** on December 2 for students. It is a staff retreat day. The staff has been doing a book study on "How Happiness Happens" by Max Lucado.
- ♦ **Advent Prayer Services** will be held on the following Mondays: November 28, December 5, 12, and 19 at 2:15 pm in the school gym. You are welcome to join us.
- ♦ **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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- ♦ **Advent** SJSA students will gather the Monday mornings of Advent to light the Advent wreath and offer Advent prayers. We wish you all a peaceful Advent season.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **No School** at SJSA on Friday, December 2.
- ♦ **Harry's Pizza Sale** It's time to stock up for the holidays! SJSA students are selling Harry's Pizzas through December 8. You can also order pizzas by calling the school office at 320-987-3133. Pizza pick-up is Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 - 10:00 am at the school. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

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SJSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS, CON'T



•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

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
 - 7:30 pm St. Andrew, Greenwald
 - Thursday, December 15
 - 7:45 am Sacred Heart, Freeport
 - 3:30 pm St. Andrew, Greenwald
 - 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich
 - 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
 - Immaculate Conception after 8:15 am Mass
 - 7:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose
 - Thursday, December 22
 - 7:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose
- **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

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

Exploring the Art and Theology of Icons

The biblical idea of "the image and likeness of God" is fundamental to Christian doctrine, since Christ is the revelation not only of the Word of God, but also of the Image of God. This doctrine is beautifully expressed in Icons depicting the mutual gestures of loving kindness between the Mother of God and the Christ Child. In the presence of actual icons, we will explore the ways in which Theology in line and color, in gestures and gazes, invites not only contemplation but participation in God's closeness, vulnerability, and total involvement with us. Friday, December 2, presentation from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Synchronous Event. Free event. Registration is required: 320-363-3560, www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Jeff Cavins is Returning to St. Andrew in Elk River

Jeff is recognized both nationally and internationally as an exciting public speaker and bible teacher. He communicates the Catholic faith at a level that everyone can understand, taking theological truths and expressing them in a practical way. He is the creator and founder of the Great Adventure Bible Study series, The Bible Timeline: the Story of Salvation published by Ascension Press, and he produced the Bible in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. You are invited to join us and bring a friend. Remaining topic for 2022: December 14: *How You Can Hear Gods Voice* from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in the Worship Space at St. Andrew Catholic Church 566 - 4th Street NW, Elk River, MN 55330.

Advent Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo are held throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com.

•Men's Silent Retreat December 2-4.

•Men & Women's Silent Advent Retreat December 9-11.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

November 30, Wednesday

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

December 3, Saturday

♦Gathering in the Arts Christmas Candy & Cookie Bake Sale from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church Gathering Place 219 2nd St. N Sartell. Choose your own baked items \$7 per pound. Let US do the Baking for YOU!

December 7, Wednesday

♦Feet First Clinic at the Senior Center in Freeport. New appointments please call 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

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

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Is 4:2-6	Mt 8:5-11
Tu	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
We	Saint Andrew, Apostle	
	Rom 10:9-18	Mt 4:18-22
Th	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21,24-27
Fr	Is 29:17-24	Mt 9:27-31
Sa	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest	
	Is 30:19-21,23-26	Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent		
	Is 11:1-10	Rom 15:4-9
		Mt 3:1-12

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