

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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

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

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Office Phone: 320-256-4207

Fr. Marvin Enneking Phone: 320-256-3108 Office Email: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com

Website: www.oneinfaith.org

Facebook: Church of St. Mary, Melrose Mailing Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE Melrose, MN 56352

Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm **Office Phone:** 320-836-2143 Email: triparish@albanytel.com

Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org

Facebook: Tri Parish

Mailing Address: PO Box 155

Freeport, MN 56331

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

7:45 am Sacred Heart ◆Fridays

◆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.



Seeking to he

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." John 15:1-3

Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus' teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the "true vine." He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn't leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that "it bears more fruit."

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. Do you believe all that God has spoken through His holy Word? It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can "love" many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it?

Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don't feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

Tu

We

Th

*Fr

Sa

ACC Mass Times and Intentions ~ April 29 - May 5

St. Mary - Melrose 6:30 pm Misa en Español 8:15 am †Florentino Montañez

No Mass - Funeral 8:30 am **SM School Mass** †Jeffrey Hinnenkamp 5:00 pm

†Paul Spaeth †Jeremy Brickweg For the People *Su 10:00 am †Jan Barth

†Mary Ann Arnzen

†David Bierschbach

Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español †Maria Sanchez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

8:00 am

8:00 am

8:15 am SH School Mass †Deceased Members of the Al & Val Braun Family Fr 8:15 am ††Gothard & Irene Rademacher 8:00 am Sa First Saturday Mass †Dennis Heidgerken Anniversary Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

†Deceased/Living Christian Women Members Sa 4:00 pm †Leroy Hoppe

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

8:15 am †Mary Ann Engelmeyer Tu 10:00 am †Dan Blommel Su

St. Michael - Spring Hill

8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Gruber Family 10:00 am Sharon & John Schulzetenberg

45 year Wedding Anniversary

St. Andrew - Greenwald 8:00 am SJSA School Mass

†Viola Berscheid 4:00 pm †Lloyd Lucken

St. John - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Vern Meyer Su 8:00 am †Joyce Yarke †Albert Yarke, Sr.

ADORATION

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

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

St. Mary - Melrose

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



*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 ~

- •Sacrament of First Eucharist We invite you all to help celebrate the sacrament of First Eucharist with our St. Mary's School and Faith Formation families at the weekend Mass on Sunday, May 5 (10:00 am). We know that this Mass is always a little bit longer, but we appreciate everyone who is there to support and celebrate these young people as they enter more deeply into the Body of Christ that is our church community!
- •Baccalaureate Masses Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating our High School graduates from the One in Faith 4-Parish Cluster with an 11:00 am bilingual Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 19 at St. Mary's. We will also be celebrating our High School graduates from Spring Hill with a 10:00 am Mass at St. Michael's. There will be no 10:00 am or 12:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's on May 19.

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, May 1. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.



Vacation Bible School June 10 - 14 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Send your children, ages 4 through entering grade 5, for an under the water good time! This summer's theme is Scuba. Children will be "Diving into friendship with

God." Scuba is filled with Bible stories, music, games, and other fun ways to learn that God is with you every day, no matter what. Registration forms are available Tri-Parish website. Deadline to signup is May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

Adoration at the State Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference on Friday, May 3 anytime from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room in the Minnesota State Capitol. Visit https://www.mncatholic.org/events for more information.

An Epoch in Time, history book of St. Rose of Lima Parish, is available at the parish offices in Freeport and Melrose. Cost \$35

Parish News:

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

- •May Ministry Schedules have been emailed or mailed out. The schedules are also available on the Tri-Parish website.
- •Tri-Parish Directory We are looking to have a "Directory Team" composed of individuals from all 3 parishes to head up and work as a team to put together a new Tri-Parish Directory. If interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.



Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School June 10 - 14 on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Students entering grade 6 through adults are

invited to prayerfully consider joining us for an amazing start to your summer! Registration forms are available on the Tri-Parish website. Deadline to sign up is May 15. Don't miss the best week of the summer!

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



Public Square Rosary Join Sacred Heart Parish members in praying the rosary at the downtown Freeport pavilion at 9:30 am Saturday, May 11.

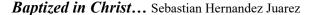
Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is a three-day retreat weekend. The experience of TEC brings alive the heart of our Christian Faith – that being the life of Jesus, his death, and his resurrection. But it's not just about who Jesus was or what Jesus did. A TEC retreat makes that experience real and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

One in Faith ACC News Continued on page 6

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

******** Weekly Offerings *********		
Total	\$9,922.98	
Regular Adult Offering	7,929.00	
Plate/Loose	1,595.98	
Designated Funds	398.00	

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle				
04-21	\$25	Linda & John Kociemba - Grey Eagle		
04-22	\$25	Linda Morton - Melrose		
04-23	\$25	Sheila Doll - Melrose	CALENIO	
04-24	\$25	Matthew O'Brien - Rogers	RAFFLE	
04-25	\$25	Adriana Boeckermann - Freeport		
04-26	\$50	Eileen & Ken Maus - Melrose		
04-27	\$25	Rich & Charlene Van Drehle - Melrose		



Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Odaliz Orozco Acevedo, 24



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

St. Mary's Parish Annual Raffle is underway and all parishioners will receive a flyer in the mail soon. Please prayerfully consider purchasing a ticket(s) to help make this year's raffle fundraiser a success. Thank you.

~The Raffle Committee

New Trustee... I am pleased to announce that Bishop Neary has appointed Sue Rademacher as a trustee for St. Mary's parish effective April 1, 2024. I would like to thank Jody Wehlage for serving as parish trustee since 2016. I appreciate her commitment to this parish and the many hours she served in this capacity.

~Fr. Marv

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

******* Weekly Offerings ********		
Total	\$3,996.13 3,414.08 435.05	
Regular Adult Offering	3,414.08	
Plate/Loose	435.05	
Votive	147.00	

Parish Events

Su	04/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Mo	04/29	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	05/01	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples
Fr	05/03	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	05/03	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	05/05	7:00 pm	Men's Group



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

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

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the 2 votive candles by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.



Your Parish Needs Your Help!! 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.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

April 28, Sunday

◆52nd Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper Sponsored by Holy Name Society, Christian Mothers & Women, & St. Anthony Parish. St. Anthony, MN off of State Hwy. 238. Serving from 3:00 - 8:30 pm. All you can eat! Adults \$11.50 in advance, at the door \$12. Children 6-12 \$6, 0-5 free. Children's tickets only sold at the door.

May 1, Wednesday

- ◆Quilting at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ◆ Feet First Clinic at the Senior Center in Freeport. Please call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

May 1 - 3, Wednesday - Friday

◆ Festival of the Arts Local artists will have their art on display at the school libraries, Freeport State Bank and the Melrose City Center. There will be a quilt display and workshop in the Senior Activity Center. Check melroseareaartscouncil.org for more information.

May 2, Thursday

◆ Mother of Mercy Foundation National Day of Prayer Benefit Breakfast at Seven Dolors Church in Albany. Doors open at 7:30 am for social, breakfast is from 8:00 - 9:00 am. Keynote speaker Father Aaron Kuhn. Tickets \$10. Limited seating. Purchase tickets at Mother of Mercy in Albany or Seven Dolors Church. Call 320-845-5530 or email Randerson@momcampus.org with questions.

May 3, Friday

♦ Holy Family School's Annual Color Run and 5K beginning at Seven Dolors Church in Albany. Registration is 5:30-6:00 pm and the run is 6:00-7:00 pm along the Wobegon Trail. Participants may choose to run the Color Run (1 mile) or continue farther along the trail to run a 5K. Cost is \$20 for preschool through 5th grade and \$25 for sixth grade through adult. Funds raised benefit Holy Family School in Albany. Registration forms are available on the school website at https://www.holyfamilyalbany.org. For more information call Holy Family School at 320-845-2011.

May 8, Wednesday

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



CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

********* Weekly Offering ********* Total......\$3,288.31 Regular Adult Offering..... 2,886.69 Plate/Loose 216.00 Votive..... 126.00 25.00 Central MN Catholic Magazine.....

34.62

Parish Events

Building/Maintenance

Su	04/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Mo	04/29	7:00 pm	Christian Women Meeting
We	05/01	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
Th	05/02	7:00 am	Adoration
Fr	05/03	11:00 am	Burial
Sa	05/04	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su	05/05	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

St. Ann's Christian Women will have a meeting Monday, April 29 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. All are welcome to attend

God's Housekeepers for the month of May: Linda Schmiesing, Diane Lemm, Stacy Zierden, & Jolene Nathe. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

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.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

**** Weekly Offering ****		
Total	\$2,147.40	
Regular Adult Offering	1,261.92	
Plate/Loose	431.00	
Votive	420.00	
Rice Bowl	34.48	

Parish Events

S	u 0	4/28	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
T	u 0	4/30	7:00 am	Adoration
W	/e 0	5/01	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples - FR
F	r 0	5/03	7:30 pm	Rosary
S	u 0	5/05	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR Adoration Go & Make Disciples - FR Rosary Men's Group - FR

Baptized in Christ... We welcome Gracelynn Jo Schultz, the daughter of Derrick & Brianna Schultz, to our parish. Gracelynn Jo was baptized on Sunday, April 21.

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

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

♦♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering ♦♦♦♦♦		
Total	\$1,059.30 392.00	
Regular Adult Offering	392.00	
Children	7.00 84.00	
Plate/Loose	84.00	
Votives	136.30	
Fuel Fund	340.00	
Easter	340.00 100.00	

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, May 5 - 10:00 am

- (S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg
- (L) Lisa Wuertz
- (U) Robert Bertram & Tyler Bertram
- (EM) (B) Mark Schoenberg
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Sharon & John Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
- (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
- (HK: April 28-May 11) Lisa Feldewerd, Melissa Frieler, & Kathy Fuchs





Chair Couple Needed We are still looking for a third chair couple for the VOLUNTEERS 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.

The Scriptures This Week

Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	, e		
	Acts 14:5-18	Jn 14:21-26	
Tu	Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a	
We	Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8	
	OR		
	For the Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker		
	Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24	Mt 13:54-58	
Th	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		
	Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11	
Fr	Saints Philip and James, Apostles		
	1 Cor 15:1-8	Jn 14:6-14	
Sa	Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21	
Next	t Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	1 Jn 4:7-10	
	·	In 15·9-17	

Seeking to be Pruned con't. from page 1



Reflect, today, upon this holy imagery from Jesus. It's a lesson from nature that reveals the supernatural life of grace at work. Don't be deterred by the pruning God wants to do. Embrace suffering with love, respond to injustice with forgiveness, offer mercy when you don't feel like it, and seek to serve selflessly those who seem undeserving. Doing so will prune you so that God will be able to build up His Kingdom in glorious ways through you.

Jesus, most glorious Vine, You and You alone are the source of all nourishment in life. From You all good things come. Help me to have a firm faith in You and all that You have revealed, so that this faith will bud forth and bring about an abundance of good fruit for the glorious building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

mvcatholic.life

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

♦♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering **♦♦♦♦♦**

′
.00
.00
.00
.00
.00

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, May 4 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan
- (L) Linda Heinze
- (U) Benjamin Stepan & Jim Uphoff
- (GB) Ron & Carol Winter
- (EM) (B) Dustin Gregory
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (HK May) *Kari Kasper, Deb Keller, Cassandra Kettner, Doris Kraemer, Angie Kulzer, & Julie Kulzer

New Trustee I am pleased to announce that Bishop Neary has appointed Steve Gilk as a trustee for St. Andrew's effective March 1, 2024. I want to thank Roger Schoenberg for his service as a trustee. I appreciate his time and work over the past 10 years. ~Fr. Marv

Parish Leadership Position... Deb Keller has agreed to serve on parish leadership in the position that became available when Carol Inderrieden was appointed as trustee on December 1, 2022.

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

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

I Taryn Van Heel♥Zachary Tomsche, 5/18 - M I Angeline Satterlund♥Luke Zink, 5/18 - NM

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

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

•Sacre	ed	Н	eart
-	Ju	dv	Ca

- 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	\$6,918.25
Regular Adult Offering	1,275.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	176.00
Votives	47.00
Church Repair	250.00
Plaster Repair	5,000.00
Catholic Home Mission	50.00
Fuel Fund	120.00

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, May 5 - 8:00 am

- (S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
- (L) Missy Illies
- (U) Gene Imdieke & Herb Imdieke
- (GB) Karl & Geri Meyer
- (EM) (B) Karl Meyer & Sue Meyer
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (HK-May)*Joni Imdieke, Sharon Imdieke, Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake, Ruth Klaphake, & Mary Kay Leukam

Defibrillator Training There will be



a free defibrillator training for the Meire Grove community at the Meire Grove City Hall at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 23. There will be pre-registration

sheets located in the back of church and the store. The defibrillator will be stored inside the front door of the Grove Place Apartments along Hwy 4.

HISPANIC MINISTRY



Preparación Bautismal
Una segunda preparación
bautismal se llevará a cabo el
día Sábado 4 de Mayo de 2024

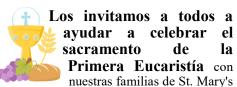
a la 1:00 pm. Si usted está interesado en recibir esta preparación hable con El diácono Jesus Hernandez o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am a 12:00 pm para asistencia en Español.

Habrá 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!



Si desea, ofrecer una misa por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo omatrimonio, favor de hablar con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús Hernández. O llama a la oficina 320-256-4207.



School y Faith Formation en la Misa del domingo 5 de mayo (10:00 am). Sabemos que esta Misa siempre es un poco más larga, pero apreciamos a todos los que están allí para apoyar y celebrar a estos jóvenes a medida que entran más profundamente en el Cuerpo de Cristo que es nuestra comunidad eclesial.

Clínica de Salud Gratis. Cada tercer jueves del mes en el Centro Hispano de Waite Park, de 2 a 5:30 pm se atiende con cita o sin cita. 106 7th Ave North, Waite Park, 56387. Llame hoy para programar una cita. 320-492-2220.

2024 día de oración para hombres y mujeres at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN. Ven a pasar tiempo con El Señor 18 mayo Tiempo Ordinario 9:00 am a 4:30 pm Presentado por el Padre Hank Lemoncelli, O.M.I. Durante los días de oración de



este año trataremos de profundizar nuestra comprensión del año litúrgico de la Iglesia. El día consistirá, intercambios en grupos, periodos de silencio, una comida en común. Donación sugerida: \$40.00; incluye almuerzo. REGÍSTRESE EN LÍNEA EN kingshouse.com/events/

El suicidio asistido por un médico les dice a las personas que son una carga En Oregon, los datos revelan que las personas solicitan medicamentos letales, no tanto para aliviar el dolor, sino porque no pueden bacer las mismas actividades que realizaban antes, no

aliviar el dolor, sino porque no pueden hacer las mismas actividades que realizaban antes, no pueden controlar las funciones corporales, sienten que han perdido su dignidad o se consideran una carga. Los medicamentos letales no son la respuesta. Todo ser humano merece cuidado afectuoso y compasivo, afirmación de su dignidad y saber que no es ni será una carga. Dígales "no" a los legisladores de su Estado: NO al suicidio asistido. Visite mncatholic.org/pas



Misas de Bachillerato Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros para celebrar a nuestros graduados de la escuela secundaria del grupo de 4 parroquias One in Faith con una Misa de Bachillerato bilingüe a las 11:00 am el domingo 19 de mayo en St. Mary's. También celebraremos a nuestros graduados de la escuela secundaria de Spring

Hill con una misa a las 10:00 am en St. Michael's. No habrá misa a las 10:00 am ni a las 12:30 pm en St. Mary's el 19 de mayo.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- Faith Formation Registration: If you missed registration night, please look for your registration packet in the mail. Please turn in all registration forms and fees for 2024/2025 by Friday, May 17 to avoid an increase in costs. You can drop them off at the Parish Office in Freeport or mail to PO Box 155, Freeport.
- •Grade 1-11: Classes concluded on Wednesday, April 24. A big THANK YOU to our catechists: Megan Gaebel, Ema Feldewerd, Olivia Van Beck, Carrie Goebel, Gabrielle Goebel, Beth Notch, Bernadette Walz, Carrie Roering, Jessica Goebel, Rick Goebel, Andy Welle, Joe Notch, and Amy Hoeschen. Thank you also to all the parents and students for a great year! We look forward to meeting again in the fall for classes.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- **♥Kickball & Cookout** Wednesday, May 8 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Grounds. Join us for kickball, a meal together, and fellowship. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 1.
- **▼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 Opportunities...



•St. Mary's School Teaching Position: St. Mary's School is actively searching for exceptional, licensed teachers to join our amazing staff for the 2024-2025 school year. We're looking for a full-time 6th grade teacher and a part-time media teacher. Do you know someone who's graduating this spring or wants to change careers? Please spread the word! If interested,

please email <u>anelson@smsmn.org</u> with your resume and references.

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



Christ the King Retreat Center in Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo holds retreats 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.

- •Women's Silent Retreat May 10-12 (Weekend)
- •Men & Women's Day Retreat: Preparation for Pentecost May 16

Nominations Open for the 2024 Humanae Vitae Award



July 25 will mark the 56th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Presentation at

7:00 pm Thursday, July 25, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, with Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae Vitae. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500) words or less). For more information visit: https://stcdio.org/event/ humanae-vitae-award-nominations-2023/. Send, fax, or email nominations before May 1, 2024, to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305 7th Ave. N., Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: 320-258-7658 email: omf@gw.stcdio.org. For more information, contact Sheila Reineke, 320-252-4721 ext. 308 or sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org.

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.

All are Created in the Image of God and called to be part of His family. Are you seeking to be part of His family? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Religious Brothers Day May 1 "He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org.



House Blessing... If you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan call the Tri-Parish Office, Freeport (320-836-2143).

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Amy Van Beck SHS BOARD:

Jamie Engelmeyer, Julie Job, Jessica Renneker, Tamara Welle, Lindsay Frieler, and Jenelle Herkenhoff Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514 www.shsfreeport.org

- **◆School Liturgy** on Wednesday, May 1 will be planned by Ms. Blashack and the 1st grade students.
- ▶ Principal Appreciation Day is Wednesday, May 1. Let's show our amazing, Mrs. Kristie Harren, just how much we appreciate her! She is truly a wonderful and faithful leader of the school and we are so grateful for all her time and dedication to keep Sacred Heart School the thriving school that it is.
- **The Pre-K Classes Will Attend** their annual field trip on Thursday, May 2. They are going to Otter Cove in Fergus Falls.
- **▼Toddler Registration is Still Open** and we just have a few spots left. If you are looking for care for your toddler ages 16 33 months, please call or stop in at the Sacred Heart School office 320-836-2591.
- **◆We are Taking Registrations** for the 2024/2025 school year for grades 1 6. Please stop in or contact the school office if you would like a registration form for your child.
- ◆Save for SHS We do still take Teal's Grocery Receipts and Loaves for Learning Labels from Country Hearth Village and Pan-O-Gold Bread. We turn these items in for redemption and receive 1% of the Teal's Grocery Receipt totals and 5 cents for each bread label. You can give them to any Sacred Heart family, drop them off at the parish or school office or even put them in the collection basket in an envelope marked SHS. Thank you in advance for helping support SHS.
- **SHS** Employment Opportunities—See the ACC section of this bulletin.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- •SHS Move-up Day will take place on Wednesday, May 15.
- •SHS Spring Fling is on Friday, May 17. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart School

Calendar Raffle Winners!

04/21 \$25 Mary Dingmann - St. Martin

04/22 \$25 Craig Meyer - Buffalo

04/23 \$25 Scott Pueringer - Holdingford

04/24 \$25 Bonnie Bielejeski - Albany

04/25 \$25 Lisa Kohout - Grey Eagle

04/26 \$25 Kyle & Brooke Rademacher - Freeport

04/27 \$25 Adam & Ashley Meyer - Melrose



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Briana Worms SMS BOARD:

Cory Ellering, Bob Arceneau, Ali Arnzen, Cindy Hemmesch, Jake Primus, and Pat Christienson

Phone: 320-256-4257 www.smsmelrosemn.org

- ◆There Will Be A Gathering in Church after the school Mass on Friday, May 10 to celebrate Ms. Pundsack's retirement. All are welcome.
- ◆The Sixth Grade Will Host A Festival Of Nations in St. Mary's School Gym on Friday, May 3. Community members are welcome to visit the festival from 10:15 11:00 am and 1:00 2:15 pm. All are welcome.
- ◆2nd Graders will Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on May 5. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of becoming Disciples of Christ.
- ◆ There are Still Openings for prospective 2024-2025 Little Saints. This program is for 3 and 4 year olds (preschool program) and 4 and 5 year olds (prekindergarten program). If interested call 320-256-4257 or email anelson@smsmn.org.
- ◆SMS Employment Opportunity—See the ACC section of this bulletin.
- •St. Mary's Students Used the \$400 they raised for Simply Love International during their Lenten collection to sponsor a 4-year-old girl, Catherine from the Global Orphanage, to attend school. Catherine's favorite part of school is singing and reading. Her favorite color is blue, and her favorite animal is a lion. We at SMS are so excited to learn more about Catherine and be a part of her education journey! Catherine is pictured below!





PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking
PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD: Kathy Gilk, Adam
Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Kurt Meyer,

Trista Meyer, Jenny Wilson, and Kristi Zimmer Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

- •SJSA will Celebrate Grandparent's Day and Mass with Bishop Patrick on Thursday, May 2 at 8:00 am at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald.
- •SJSA Meat Raffle on Wednesday, May 1 at CB's in Meire Grove starting at 5:00 pm. Come join us for the last raffle of the school year!
- •SJSA's Last Harry's Pizza Sale for the school year begins Friday, April 26 Thursday, May 9. Pizza pick-up is Saturday, May 18 from 9:00-10:00 am in the school basement. This is your last chance to stock up on pizzas for the summer!
- •Mark Your Calendars! The date for next year's Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction has been set. It will be one night only, so plan to come on Saturday, February 8 at the Greenwald Pub. There will be much more information to come as the date gets closer.

One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools

without paying any extra money! A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.

*Gift cards are great gift ideas!







"CHILDREN, LET US LOVE NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH BUT IN DEED AND TRUTH."

- 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs?

If not, it's not too late to start!



Kyle Hoium Agency LLC www.KyleHoium.com



210 Main Street 306 East Main Street 101 Stearns Ave. E Cold Spring, MN 56320 Melrose, MN 56352 Eden Valley, MN 55329 320.685.7070 320.453.7070 320.453.7070



256-4249 Linda Holm, owner/operator



KRAFT DRIVE, MELROSE www.proliantdairy.com/careers



www.freeportstatebank.com

Freeport 836-2126 Melrose Greenwald

256-7208 987-2265

ST. ROSA LUMBER INC.

CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Residential - Commerical - Agricultural

320-836-2284 | 29033 Co. Rd. 17, Freeport



Creekside MOODWORKS LLC

CABINETS · TRIM · FURNITURE

New Munich Mutual Insurance Co. 512 Main St. Suite 2 Sauk Centre, MN 56378

320-351-3300 Manager: Darcy Pfeffer 📗 🗐 🛛

True Value. KRAEMER LUMBER CO., INC.

Building Relationships Since 1958



Freeport Lions Club

BAR BINGO / MEAT RAFFLE Saturdays October - March Freeport MN Lions Club

SYSTEMS - EXCAVATING - PERC TEST & DESIGN - GRAVEL - SEWER & WATER 320-256-3982 320-250-2068

BILL KEMPER

EXCAVATING

BASEMENTS - WATER INES - SEPTI

RJ's Country Store

BAIT * GAS * ATM **GROCERIES**

Interstate Service Center

(320) 256-2160

Sports Bar & Grill

Hoeschen Auto

Complete Auto Repair Specialists Dan Hoeschen, Owner • 320-836-2130

In business since 1980

MICHELIN IIINIROYAI I BFGoodrich |

Spanier/Nathe

Mike Nathe cell: 320-290-0505 35428 County Road 13 • Melrose, MN 56352 320-256-3985

MAGNIFI FINANCIAL

FREEPORT **COMMUNITY CENTER** FOR HALL RENTAL CALL

320-836-2526

MELROSE, MN

320-836-2154

Proud to be a part of the Ag Industry

ID CENTRA

Oak Electric

THOMAS HOPPE 36484 300th Ave. Melrose, MN 56352 320-837-5853

ennen

Floor Covering, Inc. Freeport, MN 56331 Serving the entire state of Minnesota will All your Flooring Needs.

320-836-2177

Munson Feed Company, Inc.

Box 184, Melrose, MN 56352 Pete Jr., Mike, Josh Terres and employees

Business Phone 256-4219



Livestock and Poultry Feeds

Miller: Carlin FUNERAL HOMES

IR CONDITIONING 320-836-2502 300 Industrial Drive Freeport, MN

WATER SERVICE

37276 County Road 13 ox 233 | Melrose, MN 56352 320-256-4146 JAMMIE WIELING

Independent Monument Consultant Courtney

Imdieke

Flectrical Contractin Licensed Bonded *MELROSE*

ELECTRIC, INC. PO Box 234 Melrose, MN 56352

CENTRAL MN WE ARE YOUR LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED AUTO PARTS, PAINT SUPPLIERS

AND ACCESSORIES RESOURCES 320-256-7441 www.NAPACentralMN.com TELROSE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Stacy Schiffler, Manager 303 Main Street East Melrose, MN 56352

256-7290 www.melrosemutual.com

For All Your Building Needs

+rericks

Construction Inc.

Melrose, MN

Russell

290-5669

182

MELROSE IMPLEMENT INC.

NEW HOLLAND AGRICULTURE

Sales - Parts - Service Phone 256-4253 - Melrose, MN www.melroseimplement.com

Tree of Life ASSISTED LIVING

Offers 24-hour customized assisted living, meals, activities, etc Call 320-837-5100

Lumber & Ready Mix, Inc.

All your building needs in one place!



Atkinson Well & Pump Ltd. "Serving you since 1942" vice you can count on 365 days a year (320) 836-2597

Rodney Atkinson Ben Atkinson



320-254-8231

256-4479

www.belgradecoop.com

Jim

249-7404



302 East Main Street Melrose, MN 56352

320.256.3700 dsprint@meltel.net ROSE 1570

OIL & PROPANE



God Bless our **Parish** Families!



~ Dana Kerfeld ~ 5 Central Ave. N . St. Stephen, MN 56375 (320) 257-CROP (2767)

Cornerstone Our focus is





Land Surveying • GPS Surveys Platting • Sub-Division Lot • Acreage • Boundary • ALTA Surveys 320-836-2291

Or Call 320-256-7298 or Call 320-230-,270
rww.engelmeyerlandsurveying.co
David A. Engelmeyer, Land Surveyor
relsur@meltel.net | 41701 Co Rd 167 • Mel



Dina Pierskalla

Brenda Kraemer

Member Advisor

Welcome HOME to Brenny Your TRUCKING Career starts HERE!

Call Cara! 320.363.6999 WWW.BRENNYTRASPORTATION.COM

ennen **LUMBER CO. INC.**

Excavating, Water, Sewers,

Site Prep., Basements,

Sand, Gravel

MAYERS, INC.

Freeport, MN 56331 (320) 836-2135

Insurance bkraemer@catholicunited.org Retirement (320) 493-3957

Charitable Giving Financial S Credit Union

MEAT & GROCERY 420 E. Main St. - Melrose, MN





320-256-3900

CAR WASH TRUCK WASH

> God **Bless** America!

Planning