



# 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

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**April 16, 2023**

**Fr. Marvin Enneking, Pastor**

**Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor**

**Fr. Arockiya Newton, Parochial Vicar**

**Melrose - Spring Hill -**

**Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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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 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.



## A Whole Ocean of Graces

Saint Faustina reports in her *Diary* what Jesus told her about Divine Mercy Sunday: ***“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and 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 open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow.”*** (*Diary* #699)

That day is today! It is the Feast of Divine Mercy! Today's feast is among the newer feasts in our Church. Though Jesus' desire that this feast be celebrated on the eighth day of Easter was spoken to Sister Maria Faustina Kowolska back in 1931, it was not solemnly instituted until the year 2000. On April 30 of that year, Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina and inaugurated the Feast of Divine Mercy as a universal feast within the Church. Because this Feast is so recent within the Church, we can be certain that we still have much to learn about the message of this Solemnity as well as the numerous messages about God's mercy revealed in Saint Faustina's *Diary*.

Among the many messages contained within her *Diary*, Jesus revealed to us that this Sunday, the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter, is a day like none other. Though grace and mercy are continuously poured out from Heaven upon us, Jesus is very clear that today is unique. Today, “a whole ocean of graces” is poured forth upon souls who approach the font of His mercy. Sit with that image for a time. “A whole ocean of graces.” What does that mean?

Symbolically speaking, a whole ocean is meant to depict the infinite. Try to imagine what it would be like to have the entire ocean poured upon you—it's beyond comprehension! Thus, God is saying that the infinity of grace is given today. The question for us all to ponder is this: How receptive am I to those infinite graces?

By analogy, imagine that your life was like a thimble, and an ocean of water was poured upon you. As a thimble, you could not contain all that was given. Therefore, we should realize that God wants to stretch our capacity to receive His mercy more abundantly by widening our capacity for mercy. What if your soul were like a large pond? Still, the waters of the ocean could not be contained within that pond. What is it that is capable of receiving an entire ocean of mercy? Only an ocean can contain an ocean. For that reason, God desires to first prepare our souls to receive an infinity of mercy by transforming us into vessels of infinite capacity.

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ APRIL 17 - 23**

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 Por el bienestar de  
 Josefina Sanchez Martinez  
 y Yasli Jimenez Pesqueda  
 †Ralph Inderrieden  
 Tu 7:30 am †Grant Lindberg  
 We 7:30 am †Rosalie Frie  
 Th 7:30 am †Rosalie Frie  
 \*Fr 8:30 am **St. Mary's School Mass**  
 †Kevin Olmscheid  
 Sa 5:00 pm †Jean Hellermann  
 For the People  
 \*Su 10:00 am †Mary Lou Walz  
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Florentino Montanez Arrollo

\*Mass will be livestreamed.

Visit [oneinfaith.org](http://oneinfaith.org) for the YouTube link.

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

We 8:15 am †Deceased of Joseph  
 Overman Family  
 We 7:00 pm ††Denis & Irene Notch  
 Fr 8:15 am †Edward Job  
 Su 8:00 am ††Glen & Betty Wilwerding

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am †Sharon Gamradt  
 Sa 4:00 pm ††Norb & Lue Humbert

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa**

Tu 8:15 am William Wiechman  
 Su 10:00 am For the People

**ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 8:00 am †Gladys Weisbrich  
 Su 10:00 am **SJSA First Communion**  
 †Dec. & Liv. Members of  
 St. Mary's Mission Society

**ST. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**  
 †Francis Uphus  
 Sa 4:00 pm ††Clarence & Gary Winter

**ST. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †Arlene Arnzen  
 Su 8:00 am †John Nathe



**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, April 19  
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Parish News:**

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

♦**First Communion Masses** Our Faith Formation and St. Mary's School students will be celebrating First Communion at the following parish Masses this spring:

- ♦Saturday, April 22 at 5:00 pm at St. Mary
- ♦Sunday, April 23 at 10:00 am at St. Michael (SJSA School Mass)
- ♦Sunday, April 23 at 12:33 pm at St. Mary (Hispanic Mass)
- ♦Sunday, April 30 at 10:00 am at St. Mary
- ♦Sunday, May 7 at 10:00 am at St. Mary

They are looking forward to celebrating this sacrament with us and being welcomed more deeply into the Body of Christ.



**One In Faith ACC Divine Mercy Sunday...**

Please join us in the Divine Mercy Sunday services at Immaculate Conception Church in New Munich today, April 16. This is our first 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: 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 followed by a social in the church basement.

**The Delight of His Heart with Melaine Myklebust -**

Women ages 18 and older are invited to join us on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. We know we are daughters of God & Ambassadors of Christ, but what do these titles actually mean? We will discuss how to spot the differences between who we say we are and who He says we are. We will identify triggers that get in the way, including orphan mindset and servant mentality, and will rise into the anointing we received at our Baptism. There will be a light lunch served and a few door prizes. RSVP to Sara Van Beck at 320-241-3086 by April 24 to reserve your spot. This event is hosted by the Gather In Grace Women's Group.



**Adoration at the State Capitol** Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference on Friday, May 5 anytime from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room in the Minnesota State Capitol. For more information, visit [https://www.mncatholic.org/first\\_friday\\_adoration](https://www.mncatholic.org/first_friday_adoration).

**Parish News:**

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

♦**Funeral Subs Needed:** We are in need of parishioners, men and women, to be on a sub list for serving at funerals. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a funeral sub. Contact the Parish Office in Freeport to sign up by Wednesday, April 19.

♦**Easter Flower Memorials** Thank you to all who made donations for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The church looks very jubilant as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! A list of those remembered by donors can be found in the back of the churches. Additional memorials were received after the listing was printed in memory of: **Sacred Heart:** ††Bernard & Eleanor Thell and ††Al & Dorothy Schmidt and **St. Rose of Lima:** †Raymond Hoppe, ††Bernard & Loretta Herkenhoff, and †Joan Herkenhoff.

♦**St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus will have their Annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser** on the last weekend of April (29/30). 100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the local WACOSA and Special Olympics Organizations. Thank you in advance for helping to support these organizations.  
 ~The Knights of Columbus

♦**Youth Leadership Team** We are looking to add more people to the Youth Leadership Team and are seeking out students in grades 9-12 to serve on our core team. This is a leadership program for high school students interested in serving, leading, and supporting their peers as they develop a deeper experience of Jesus Christ and the Catholic church. Applications to join the Youth Leadership Team are available on our website [sacredheartfreeport.org](http://sacredheartfreeport.org), under the faith formation tab. I want to invite you to prayerfully consider joining our team. If you have any questions, please call Chrystal at the Parish Office.

**West Central Deanery Meeting...** Meet the Catholic women of the new West Central Deanery at St. Rose of Lima Church in St. Rosa, MN on Wednesday, April 26. Join us for Mass at 6:00 pm followed by a light supper and meeting. We'll get you up to date on the changes since the merger of the deaneries. The address: 28905 County Road 17, Freeport, MN 56331. For more information contact Jean Hopfer, 320-837-5239 or Arleen Roelike, 320-282-9941.

**Wednesday Evening Adoration...** at Sacred Heart Parish has concluded. It will begin again in the fall.

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

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

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

<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$21,199.88</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,931.00
Easter Loose .....	2,092.01
Easter.....	12,122.00
Holy Land Collections.....	740.00
Rice Bowl Collections.....	327.87
Designated Funds.....	987.00
Phase II Building .....	\$47,556.85
Rectory.....	\$79,779.65
Phase II Matching Funds.....	\$144,963.25
<b>Total: Phase II/Rectory</b> .....	<b>\$272,299.75</b>

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Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,371.77
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,371.77</b>
<b>Other Donations</b>	
Votive.....	\$76.25
Easter Flowers.....	20.00
Easter Envelopes.....	14,298.00
Easter Plate.....	1,447.25
Easter Vigil Plate.....	90.75
School Support.....	600.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	10.00
Rice Bowl Envelopes.....	505.00
Rice Bowl Plate.....	155.37
Holy Land Envelopes.....	600.00
Holy Land Plate.....	496.25
Building/Maintenance.....	1,520.00

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

- 04-09 \$250 Robert Duerr - Melrose
- 04-10 \$25 Isaak & Katie Hinnenkamp - Melrose
- 04-11 \$25 Jessica Blenker - Freeport
- 04-12 \$50 St. Mary's (Pipe Organ) - Melrose
- 04-13 \$25 Carol Klaphake - Melrose
- 04-14 \$25 Mike Hellermann - Melrose
- 04-15 \$25 Cathey Nathe - Jordan



**Baptized in Christ...** Isaac Osvaldo Martinez



**The Hispanic Community Will Be Selling Tamales** after the 10:00 am and 12:30 pm Masses this Sunday. All proceeds will be donated to the church.

**Parish Events**

Su	04/16	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party
Tu	04/18	5:30 am	Men's Group
Tu	04/18	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	04/19		<b>NO</b> Adoration
We	04/19	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Mass & Fellowship
Fr	04/21	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/21	9:00 am	Adoration

**May She Rest in Peace** Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Mildred "Millie" Nienaber**, who passed away Wednesday, April 5. Her funeral was celebrated here on Thursday, April 13.

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



**North and South Entrance Remodel** has begun. The elevator will be accessible during this time. Please note that some of the entrances will be closed from time to time until the project is complete.



**Votive Candles** Would you like to sponsor a specific votive candle for a month at a time? The parish is looking to have the following votive candles sponsored: 1 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar, 1 on the St. Joseph Altar, 2 by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print, 1 military remembrance candle by the votive stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The cost for a month is \$16.

**The Scriptures This Week**  
 Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

<b>Mo</b>	Acts 4:23-31	Jn 3:1-8
<b>Tu</b>	Acts 4:32-37	Jn 3:7b-15
<b>We</b>	Acts 5:17-26	Jn 3:16-21
<b>Th</b>	Acts 5:27-33	Jn 3:31-36
<b>Fr</b>	Acts 5:34-42	Jn 6:1-15
<b>Sa</b>	Acts 6:1-7	Jn 6:16-21
<b>Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Easter</b>	Acts 2:14,22-33	1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35



**"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"**

John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, our Father, sees us.



**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes .....	\$318.46
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$318.46</b>

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$262.50
Easter Envelopes.....	8,255.00
Easter Plate.....	475.00
Easter Vigil Plate.....	90.50
Rice Bowl Envelopes.....	625.00
Rice Bowl Plate.....	156.00
Holy Land Envelopes.....	675.00
Holy Land Plate.....	191.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	100.00

Parish Events

Tu 04/18 5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
Tu 04/18 7:30 pm	COF Quarterly Meeting
We 04/19 7:00 pm	FF Mass & Fellowship - FR
Th 04/20 7:00 am	Adoration
Sa 04/22 3:30 pm	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 .....	\$636.54
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$636.54</b>

Other Donations

School Support.....	\$25.00
Easter Envelopes.....	11,965.00
Easter Plate.....	609.00
Easter Vigil Plate.....	90.75
Rice Bowl Envelopes.....	1,428.00
Rice Bowl Plate.....	155.00
Holy Land Envelopes.....	490.00
Holy Land Plate.....	159.75
Easter Flowers.....	50.00
Lenten Project.....	100.00

Parish Events

Tu 04/18 5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
Tu 04/18 7:00 am	Adoration
We 04/19 7:00 pm	FF Mass & Fellowship - FR
Fr 04/21 7:30 pm	Rosary

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$9,164.70</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	324.00
Children.....	19.00
Plate/Loose .....	344.00
Votives.....	127.70
Easter.....	7,735.00
Holy Land.....	35.00
Rice Bowl.....	10.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine....	20.00
Maintenance Fund.....	500.00
Fuel Fund.....	50.00

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Sunday, April 23 - 10:00 am**

- (S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg
- (L) 1st Communion Students
- (U) Stan Heinen & Dan Hemmesch
- (EM) Ruth Heinen
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
- (HK - April 16-29) Jane Bertram, Sherry Bertram, & Lisa Feldewerd

**Update on Church Expansion with Handicap Accessibility:**

The project is estimated at \$1,000,000. At this time roughly \$666,000 has been pledged or in hand. We have also generously been given a loan from the New Munich Investors for \$200,000. The plan is to break ground this Spring, weather permitting.



**St. Anne's Christian Women** will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. We welcome all members.

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16**

starting at 2:00 pm and ending at 4:00 pm with a social to follow in the church basement. Servers requested: **Chair** \*Barb & Kevin Zierden. **Helpers:** Sandy & Lloyd Zierden, Christie & Matt Zink, Mary & Tom Zink, and Marcene & Don Austing. Please bring cake or bars. Thank you in advance for serving.

**Votive Candles** Would you like to sponsor a specific votive candle for a month at a time? The parish is looking to have the following votive candles sponsored: 4 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Stand, 4 on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The cost for a month is \$16.



**A Whole Ocean of Graces** con't.

Saint Teresa of Ávila, in her spiritual classic, "Interior Castles," teaches us that the soul is, indeed, capable of infinite capacity for the simple fact that God dwells within. The soul is like an interior castle with many interlinked dwelling places through which we must pass so as to arrive at the central chamber. She teaches that the goal of the spiritual life is to travel through these various dwelling places to the center of our souls where the infinite God dwells so that we can be present to Him there. Therefore, we must understand that our souls are indeed capable of receiving the infinite waters of mercy, because God created us with this ability when He chose to live within us. The key to being able to fully receive this fullness of mercy is to seek out the infinite God, dwelling within. How is this done?

The heart of the path laid out in the *Diary* of Saint Faustina is as follows: Go to Confession and receive Holy Communion so as to obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. However, as many of the great spiritual writers explain, such as Saint Teresa of Ávila, there are many levels we must pass on our spiritual journey so as to be able to encounter God in His fullness. This, of course, includes encountering God's mercy given to us in Holy Communion and Confession. Those who receive these Sacraments while dwelling only in the first dwelling places, for example, will never benefit from them to the extent that those who dwell in the seventh and central mansion where the King dwells in fullness. Thus, mercy is given in its fullness but unless we make the transforming journey to God through conversion and purification of our souls, we will never be able to receive the ocean of graces God bestows.

Reflect, today, upon this ocean being poured forth upon you. How much of this mercy are you able to receive right now in your life? As you humbly admit your limited openness to God's grace, know that God patiently waits for you, dwelling in His fullness deep within you, waiting for you to make the journey to Him. Commit yourself to this journey by prayer, fasting, penance, the reading of Scripture, the celebration of the Sacraments, and spiritual reading. There is an ocean of the fullness of life waiting for you. Dive in and allow His mercy to deepen your capacity to receive Him most fully.

*My Lord, You are The Divine Mercy, the source of all grace and the Bestower of this grace in superabundance. I thank You for the infinity of Your generosity and pray that my soul will be more fully disposed to receive You. Please stretch the capacity of my soul through my ongoing journey of purification and conversion so that I will receive all that You wish to bestow. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Prayer Requests...**

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



**For the Sick:**

Dorine Sunderman, Laura Hoppe, Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Shari Salina, Rachael Zink, Rita Huls, Joan Schlicht, Thomas Stangler, Jr., Jon Tufte

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$6,719.00</b>
Regular Adult Offering .....	350.00
Children.....	1.00
Plate/Loose .....	175.00
Votives.....	71.00
Rice Bowl.....	20.00
Holy Land.....	457.00
School Support.....	10.00
Easter.....	5,575.00
Easter Flowers.....	60.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, April 22 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Jada Worms & Luke Worms  
 (L) Isaiah Gilk  
 (U) Dale Winter & Ron Winter  
 (GB) Dave & Doris Nathe  
 (EM) Clarine Beier  
 (HK - April) \*Angie Barten, Ann Barten, Clarine Beier, Lisa Bertram, Joyce Bertram, & Kathy Buermann

 **Music at St. Andrew's:**  
 Do you sing or play an instrument?  
 Are you at least 10 yrs old? Please  
 contact Larry Sass (new Music  
 Director) at [Music@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:Music@stmarysofmelrose.com)  
 or 320-256-9507.



**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.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆


<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$6,727.48</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	150.00
Children .....	15.48
Plate/Loose .....	290.00
Votives.....	63.00
Easter Flowers .....	10.00
Holy Land.....	444.00
Easter.....	5,755.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, April 23 - 8:00 am**


(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk  
 (L) Kurt Meyer  
 (U) Jayme Klaphake & Tom Loxtercamp  
 (GB) Marvin & Karen Schneider  
 (EM) Dan Meyer & Char Meyer  
 (HK - April) \*Heidi Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, & Rita Meyer

**All Meire Grove Parishioners**

Please turn in all sold raffle tickets to the church (boxes are at all 3 entrance doors) by Sunday morning, April 16. Also, you may bring \$10-15 worth of baked goods for the bake sale either prior to the 8 am Mass on Sunday morning, April 16, or just afterwards. Sales will begin at the conclusion of Mass and go through the start of Bingo at Noon.



**Nominations** for two positions on the St. John's Leadership Council will take place today, Sunday, April 16 at the 8:00 am Mass at St. John's in Meire Grove. The election for these two positions is scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 30.

**Spring Fundraiser**   
 Sunday, April 16 in the church basement. Bake Sale following 8:00 am Mass. Lunch provided by Catholic United Financial starting at 11:00 am. Bingo starts at noon. 20 games for \$10; lunch included. Prizes include hams, turkeys, and cash. Parish Raffle Drawing after game 10; \$20/ticket. Grand prize \$2,000.



**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

**Formación en la fe:** Información de contacto: [Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:Faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- **Grados 9/10 Próxima clase** = Miércoles, 19 de abril, 7:15-8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María. Estudiantes y algunos padres. Tema: Más sobre Ética / Moral Católica: ¿Qué significa ser pro-vida?
- **Grados 7/8** - Sábado, 22 de abril: Limpieza de zanjas de carreteras (¡SI la nieve se derrite para entonces! Si no, reprogramaremos). Reúnase en el estacionamiento del Parque Comunitario Meire Grove (justo al este de la Iglesia MG) a las 10:30 a.m. Lo haremos en 45 minutos si tenemos muchos ayudantes, incluida la supervisión de un adulto. Padres: podríamos usar 6 adultos para ayudar a supervisar a los niños (se supone que no debemos tener estudiantes a lo largo de la carretera sin adultos presentes), háganoslo saber si pueden estar presentes esa mañana. ¡Proporcionaremos un almuerzo rápido para todos después.
- **NCYC** La Diócesis de Saint Cloud traerá un grupo a Indianápolis, Indiana, del 15 al 19 de noviembre para NCYC 2023: Fully Alive. NCYC es un momento para que los jóvenes de secundaria de todo el país se reúnan y celebren ser católicos a través de la oración, la misa y las actividades. El costo para asistir es de \$840. La fecha límite para registrarse es el 18 de abril. Los folletos están disponibles en los tabloneros de anuncios de Tri-Parish.
- **Pizza Making & Games for Grades 9-12** Miércoles, 26 de abril de 6:30-8:30 pm en el sótano de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón. Únase a nosotros mientras hacemos pizzas caseras y jugamos juegos de cartas y juegos de mesa. Los formularios de permiso están en los tabloneros de anuncios de Tri-Parish y en el sitio web de Tri-Parish: [www.sacredheartfreeport.org](http://www.sacredheartfreeport.org). La fecha límite para inscribirse es el miércoles 12 de abril.
- **Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC para información juvenil.**

**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!

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

**Si desea, ofrecer una misa** por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo o matrimonio, 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.

**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.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information:

[csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org)

- ♦**Grade K-10:** Mass, 2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration, and Family Fellowship Night, Wednesday, April 19, Sacred Heart Church. We will begin with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by registration and fellowship. VBS registration will also be available this evening.
- ♦**Grade 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 19 – Home Lesson.

### Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

[faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- ♦**Grades 9/10 Next Class** - Wednesday, April 19, 7:15 -8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents. Topic: More about Catholic Ethics/Morals: What does it mean to be pro-life?
- ♦**Grades 7/8** - Saturday, April 22: Road ditch clean-up (IF the snow is melted by then! If not, we'll reschedule.) Meet in the parking lot at the Meire Grove Community Park (just East of the MG Church) at 10:30 am. We'll have it done in 45 minutes if we have lots of helpers, including adult supervision. Parents – we could use 6 adults to help supervise kids (we're not supposed to have students along the highway without adults present) - please let us know if you might be able to be present that morning. We'll provide a quick lunch for everyone afterwards.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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- ♦**Pizza Making & Games for Grades 9-12** Wednesday, April 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church Basement. Join us as we make homemade pizzas and play card games and board games. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website.
- ♦**Kickball & Cookout** Wednesday, May 31 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Grounds. Join us for kickball, a meal together, and fellowship. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: [www.sacredheartfreeport.org](http://www.sacredheartfreeport.org). Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 17.
- ♦**Bible and Breakfast** Presented by Chrystal Sand Tri-Parish Faith Formation Coordinator. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center, Fridays (April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26) from 7:15 - 8:00 am. We are going to be discussing the upcoming Sunday readings. To register contact Chrystal at [csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org).
- ♦**A Call to Service ACTS** is a 5-day service-learning retreat for youth who have finished grades 6, 7, or 8. The diocese is planning this retreat for August 8 - 12. The retreat includes: daily prayer, daily service experiences, large group activities, small group learning, Mass, reconciliation, and much more. Our home site will be at the Central Minnesota TEC Center near Little Falls. The cost is \$175, and there is limited space. Deadline to sign up is May 1, but sign up early. Brochures are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards.
- ♦**NCYC** The Diocese of Saint Cloud will be bringing a group to Indianapolis, Indiana November 15 - 19 for NCYC 2023: Fully Alive. NCYC is a time for high school youth from around the nation to gather and celebrate being Catholic through prayer, Mass, and activities. The cost to attend is \$840. Deadline to register is April 18. Brochures are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards.

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

**Honoring Marriage Day** is May 6 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud for couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60, & 60 plus years of marriage in 2023. Call your parish office with your name, number of years of marriage, and contact mailing address. The office will notify the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Office in St. Cloud. You will then receive a personal invitation for the event.



**Young Adults ages 18-30**, join us on Wednesday, May 3 & 24 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Freeport Parish Office. We will be watching and discussing an episode of the Chosen series. Future dates and topics will be discussed at this first gathering. Contact Katie at 320-333-9871 or Alyssa at 320-429-0770 with questions or for more information.

**Join Fr. Dan and LaVerne's Travel this June** as they travel to Milwaukee on a Pilgrimage Tour. You will visit Holy Hill, Basilica of St. Josaphat, St. Joan of Arc Chapel, Rudolph Grotto and Gardens, and the Mitchell Park Domes. June 20-22, cost is \$439 per person double occupancy. Call LaVerne's Travel for more details and questions: 320-237-4856 or 320-237-4855.



**Freeport Christian Women** would like to thank everyone who came to our Spring Quarter Craze. We raised just over \$1,100! Special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the event and the Freeport Community Center for donating their space for us to hold the event. We are thankful for all the community support. Remember to save the date for our Annual Spring Meeting to be held after Mass on Sunday, April 30.

### One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...



♦**Please consider joining us!** No two days are the same and time flies! The Church of St. Mary, along with St. Mary's School, is looking for someone to fill a full time or part time position doing maintenance, repair, and some cleaning. Please contact Pam at 320-256-9503 or [pam@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:pam@stmarysofmelrose.com).

♦**SMS is actively searching for some exceptional, licensed teachers** to join our amazing staff for the 2023-2024 school year. Do you know someone who's graduating this spring or wants to make a change in their career path? Please spread the word! If interested, please email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org) with your resume and references.

♦**Sacred Heart School in Freeport, MN is seeking a faith filled, energetic and caring Elementary teacher** for a full time position for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must have a current Minnesota Teaching License 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, [kharren@shsfreeport.org](mailto:kharren@shsfreeport.org), 320-290-1462. Deadline - April 15.

**The Shepherd is Calling** All are invited Sunday, April 30 to come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, first by understanding more what it means to be a shepherd of sheep. The day will kick off at 1:00 pm with activities including prayer, skits, crafts, time with lambs, and more. Mass will be at 4:00 pm with a hog roast to follow. You are invited to bring a dish to share. Free will offering on the day of the event. The event will be held at Mike and Alice Westrich's farm, 1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum, MN 56318. Please RSVP by April 17 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023ShepherdisCalling>.



## ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS CONTINUED

## 2023 Humanae Vitae Award Nominations Open.



July 25 will mark the 55th Anniversary of Humanae vitae! In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae vitae Mass & Award Presentation on Thursday, July 27 at Saint Mary's

Cathedral, Saint Cloud at 7:00 pm with Bishop Patrick Neary. 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 e-mail nominations before May 1 to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305 7th Avenue North Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: (320) 258-7658 e-mail: [omf@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stcdio.org) If you have any questions, contact Sheila Reineke, [sreineke@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:sreineke@gw.stcdio.org) or (320) 252-4721 ext. 308.

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

## April 16, Sunday

♦ **Melrose Boy Scout Troop 68 Breakfast.** Serving pancakes, sausage, and eggs, 8:30 am to Noon at the American Legion.

♦ **SS Peter & Paul's Ham & Egg Breakfast & Bake Sale.** Serving from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Elrosa church basement. Adults \$10, Children 5-12 \$6 Age 4 and under Free.

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

## April 19, Wednesday

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

## April 20, Thursday

♦ **Freeport Senior Citizens meeting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

## April 21, Friday

♦ **Melrose American Legion** will host a fish fry. All are welcome to join us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. We appreciate your support.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



**PASTOR:** Fr. Dan Walz  
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♥ **Thank you** to all who contributed to our collections at the All School Masses during Lent for the **Food For Thought** program. We surpassed our \$2,000 goal and collected \$2,217.

♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, April 19 will be planned by Mrs. Maus and the Kindergarten students.

♥ **Mrs. Sara Van Beck, Mrs. Heidi Feldewerd** and the Pre-School classes will be going on a Field Trip on Thursday, April 20 to the Wheel & Cog Children's Museum in Hutchinson, MN.

♥ **The SHS Staff Scavenger Hunt** purchased at the 2023 Wine & Dine will take place on Friday, April 21.

♥ **Thank you** to the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of St. Cloud for these recent donations:

♥ \$922.02 from the Stearns County Endowment Fund which was set up 17 years ago by an anonymous donor to benefit Catholic Elementary Education in Stearns County.

♥ \$1,604.27 from the Living the Promise Fund for tuition assistance. Distribution of this grant money is based on the number of students enrolled at Sacred Heart School.

♥ **Thank You** to Freeport State Bank for donating Pizza for students and staff lunch on Tuesday, April 11. To have Pizza delivered for lunch was a special treat for all.



**PASTOR:** Fr. Marvin Enneking

**PRINCIPAL:** Autumn Nelson

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♦ **Thank you** for the generous donations coming in for replacing all 16 heating units in the school. The units are original to the building and are deteriorating quickly. The total cost of the project is \$300,000. The Church and School will contribute \$75,000 each from their budgets and are looking to raise another \$150,000.

♦ **2nd Graders will be receiving** the Sacrament of Holy Communion on April 22/23, April 30, and May 7. Please pray for them as they continue their journey to becoming Disciples of Christ.

♦ **There are Still Openings** for prospective 2023-2024 Little Saints and students Kindergarten through 6th grade. If interested call 320-256-4257 or email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org).

Sacred Heart School  
Calendar Raffle Winners

04/09 \$250 Sarah & Kevin Athmann - Freeport  
04/10 \$25 Janet Fuechtmann - Melrose  
04/11 \$25 Fr. Dan Walz - Freeport  
04/12 \$25 Bonnie Bielejeski - Albany  
04/13 \$25 Laura Kerfeld - Freeport  
04/14 \$25 Theresa Tschida - Grey Eagle  
04/15 \$25 Steve & Bonita Scholz - Melrose



**PASTOR:** Fr. Marvin Enneking

**PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller  
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**SJSA BOARD:** Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Bridget Kasper, Kristin Zimmer, Kate Kelzer, Trista Roelike, Kathy Gilk  
Phone: 320-987-3133 [www.sjsaschool.org](http://www.sjsaschool.org)

♦ **SJSA School Board meets** Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm. There will be a budget approval meeting at 7:00 pm with St. John's and St. Andrew's Parish Councils and the monthly school board meeting at 7:30 pm.

♦ **Congratulations to SJSA second graders** Aaron Hellickson, Olivia Kalthoff, Stella Schoenberg, and Lexi Worms who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, April 23. Please pray for them as they take this step in their faith journey.

♦ **Mark Your Calendars!** Preschool Open House is Wednesday, April 19 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. SJSA offers an all-day Wednesday preschool for children ages 3-5. Please call the school office at 320-987-3133 to register.

♦ **School Board Opening** - Bridget Kasper's school board term will be up June 30. A parent from St. Andrew's Parish is needed to fill this position. This is a three year term beginning July 1. School Board meetings are the third Tuesday of each month (no meeting in July or December). If you are interested, please contact Mary Miller at 320-987-3133. Thank you!

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