

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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 **Office Phone:** 320-256-4207

Email: stmarys@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

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.



THE HOLY DRAMA OF GRACE

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

This is the conclusion to the story of the healing of the man born blind. It is the fifth of seven signs (miracles) in John's Gospel that point to the divinity of our Lord. This healing especially confirmed Jesus' teaching from the previous chapter: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Jesus was the Light Who came to dispel all darkness, and now He illustrates this fact by opening the eyes of the blind man. This story is quite long and detailed. The details it includes makes it much more than a miracle. It is also a dramatic story revealing both the consequences of rejecting Jesus, as well as the blessings received by one who turns to Jesus in faith.

We begin with the detail that this man has been blind since birth. It was a common misconception at that time that such a birth defect might have been caused by the sins of the parents. In part, this came from a misreading of Exodus 20:5-6 in which God said that He inflicts punishment "on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation." Jesus makes it clear that this was not the case; this man's blindness was a result of the natural disorder experienced by humanity as a result of original sin. If humanity had never been cast out of the Garden of Eden, disease and natural disorders would have never existed. For this reason, we should understand that we are all "blind" in the sense of being born into the state of original sin and are, therefore, in need of the grace of spiritual sight.

The healing of this man is done purely on Jesus' initiative. This shows that God's healing action in our lives is always His initiative. But Jesus clearly offered this man healing because He knew the man would eventually come to faith in Him, which is the far more important healing that took place in this story.

After the man is healed, a very interesting drama unfolds. The Pharisees hear of the healing and begin to interrogate the man. Afterwards, they also interrogate the man's parents and then the man for a second time. Throughout their interrogations, two things happen. First, the Pharisees slowly become more agitated, more irrational and end by completely rejecting both this miraculous sign and Jesus Himself. The man, however, begins with what appears to be a bit of ignorance about Jesus, but as he is interrogated and challenged to explain his healing, he deepens and clarifies his convictions, ending in the deepest faith when he cries out to Jesus, "I do believe, Lord." Then we are told that the man worshiped Jesus.

ACC Mass Times and Intentions $\sim March 6 - 12$

ST.	Mary - N	1elrose	SAC	CRED HEAF	RT - Freeport	ST.	Andrew -	· Greenwald
Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español	We	8:15 am	††Everett & Beverly Scherping	Th	8:00 am	SJSA School Mass
		Por el bienstar de Josefina	Fr	8:15 am	††Ed & Irene Harren			†Marilyn Uphus
		Sanchez Martinez y la familia	Su	8:00 am	For the People	Sa	4:00 pm	††George & Mary Frieler
		Jimenez Pesqueda	Su	10:00 am	First Communion Mass	ST.	John - M	eire Grove
Tu	7:30 am	†Jeffrey Hinnenkamp			First Communicants	We	8:00 am	†Dec./Liv. Members of St. John's
We	7:30 am	†Leona Karels	Ьo		CONCEPTION - New Munich			Catholic United Financial
Th	7:30 am	†Alcuin Caspers				Su	8:00 am	†Francis Meyer
Fr	7:30 am	†Ralph Muellner	Th	8:15 am	†Martha Butkowski			7
Sa	5:00 pm	††Pete & Dorine Terres	Sa	4:00 pm	††Werner & MaryAnn Maus		Аг	ORATION
		For the People	ST.	Rose of 1	Lima - St. Rosa		* /	
*Su	10:00 am	††Shawn & Doochie Salzl	Tu	8:15 am	†Dolores Pundsack	T.	St. Rose	e of Lima - St. Rosa
		†Jerry Sand	Su	10:00 am	†Steve Tschida	<u> </u>	Tuesd	ays 7:00 - 8:00 am
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español				Im		Conception - New Munich
		†Julia Ordonez	ST.	MICHAEL	- Spring Hill	1111		
		†Enrique de los Santos	Tu	8:00 am	†Marilyn Klaphake		Inurse	lays 7:00 - 8:00 am

10:00 am

Please see page 5 for Sacrament of Forgiveness dates, times, and locations.

†Alfredo Morales

Please see page 7 for Stations of the Cross dates, times, and locations.

†Dec./Liv. Members of

St. Mary's Mission Society

> Sacred Heart - Freeport Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

BINGO Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on March 26 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch includes hot turkey sandwich, chips, and cookie. Beverages are available for sale. Variety games such

as Good Neighbor Bingo and Blackout. There will also be a quilt raffle. Fun for the entire family. Sorry, no checks, cash only. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Society of Melrose.

Beginning Experience of Central MN This event will be held at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, March 24 - 26. This is a weekend program for divorced, widowed, or separated adults designed to facilitate the grief resolution process for adults thereby freeing people to live and love themselves, others, and God. Individuals attending the weekend should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair. For further information or to receive an application visit http://www.beginningexperiencemn.com or please call 320-319-8863.

Designer Bag Bingo, sponsored by Sacred Heart School, will be held on Saturday, April 1 at the Freeport Community Center. Enjoy a night out with the girls - Doors open at 3:30 pm to shop vendors, and bingo starts at 5:30 pm. Bingo packets of 20 games are \$35. In addition to the bingo, there will be many other opportunities to win prizes. Plenty of food and drinks will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy the fun!!

Shadow Station Time Change The presentation on Thursday, March 30 at Sacred Heart School will be at 1:30 pm, rather than 1:00 pm.

Save the Date: Sacred Heart Parish Festival, Sunday, July 16. Polka Mass at 9:00 am, parade at 10:30 am, and music, games, and food to follow.

Retrouvaille Weekend

This event will be held in the RE Twin Cities area March 31 -

April 2. Retrouvaille Marriage Help: Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. Contact TCRRegistration@tcr-mn.org with questions. Find out more information and register at http://www.helpourmarriage.org.

Parish News:

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

•St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus: Though late, we will still begin our 40 Cans For Lent food drive in the Tri-Parish. Please help us support our local food shelf by placing a food item in any of our parishes. Thank You.



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

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, sits, 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.

Chrism Mass for the Diocese of St. Cloud will be held Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud. This solemn liturgy takes place once a year at the Cathedral, during which Bishop Neary will consecrate the holy oils (the Oil of

Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism) used in parishes of our diocese throughout the coming year.

ACC Lenten Project: "Food for Thought" Weekend

Program is a non-profit weekend food backpack program for children in the Melrose School District. Currently 125 children are served by the program. The cost for each child is approximately \$20 per month. To contribute to this project, place donations in an envelope marked "Lenten Project." Drop envelope in the collection or mail it to or drop it off at either the Freeport or Melrose Office.



House Blessings... Call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan.

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

******** Weekly Offerings *****	*****	
Total	\$6,721.11	
Regular Adult Offering.	. 5,356.00	
Loose		
Designated Funds	528.11	
Phase II Building	\$47,521.85	
Rectory	\$79,779.65	
Phase II Matching Funds	\$144,743.25	
Total: Phase II/Rectory	\$272,044.75	

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle				
03-12	\$25	John & Janet Kilpatrick - Alexandria		
03-13	\$25	Dale & Sara Nietfeld - Lakeville	CALENDAS	
03-14	\$25	Henry Middendorf - Melrose	KAFFLER	
03-15	\$25	Rachel Geertsema - Clearwater	high	
03-16	\$25	Anna Mae Denne - Akeley		
03-17	\$25	Elmer & Virginia Meyer - Melrose		
03-18	\$25	Marlene Tiemann - Melrose		

Baptized in Christ... Joshua Jeffrey Frieler

Legion of Mary Acies will be held Saturday, March 25, beginning at 9:00 am at St. Mary's Church, Melrose. All active and auxiliary members are invited to attend 9:00 am opening prayers and rosary, 9:30 am Mass consecration ceremony followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Save the Dates! April 18, Christian Women meet at 6:00 pm at church. April 26, Spring Deanery meeting at 5:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima parish.

Members of the Mission Society will be present to sell chances for their **spring quilt** before and after the Masses on the weekend of March 25-26. Tickets are \$1.00/chance. Please consider supporting the missions with this fundraiser.



THE HOLY DRAMA OF GRACE continued

The dramatic unfolding of this story teaches us that when we are given the grace of God by hearing His holy Word spoken and witnessing His mighty hand at work, we must make a choice. Either we will respond

in faith and slowly be drawn deeper into that faith, or we will rationalize it away and reject God's saving action in our lives. It is not possible to simply remain indifferent to the Gospel when we hear it spoken or when we see its effects changing us or others.

Reflect, today, upon the two paths this sign from Heaven had on those present to this miracle. You, too, are present to this miracle through your reading of it. How will you respond? Will you imitate the Pharisees and discount the deep spiritual truths this action conveys? Or will you open yourself to the transforming power of this healing? Commit yourself to the path of this blind man. Say to our Lord, "I do believe, Lord." Apply those words to every action of Jesus in your life and allow that faith to lead you into worship of Him Who is the Light of the World.

Jesus, Light of the World, You came to dispel the darkness caused by original sin. You came to heal our blindness and open the eyes of our souls to Your true Light. Please open my eyes so that I may see, and give me the courage I need to profess my faith in You and worship You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

******* Weekly Offerings ********				
Adult Envelopes	\$2,740.77			
Plate	323.50			
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,064.27			
Other Donations Votive Central MN Catholic Magazine. Easter Flowers. Catholic Relief Services Building/Maintenance. Earthquake Relief.	\$167.00 25.00 305.00 165.00 70.00 75.00			

			Parish Events
Su	03/19	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party
Tu	03/21	5:30 am	Men's Group
Tu	03/21	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	03/22	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
We	03/22	1:00 pm	School Confessions
We	03/22	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	03/22	6:00 pm	Grade 2 Faith Formation
We	03/22	7:00 pm	Faith Formation
We	03/22	7:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Fr	03/24	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	03/24	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	03/24	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	03/24	7:00 pm	Communal Confessions
Su	03/26	10:00 am	First Communion Mass
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Parish Evants

Welcome to our Parish... We would like to welcome Marty Folan to our parish.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

March 19, Sunday

- ◆<u>St. Rosa Lions Fundraiser Breakfast</u>. Serving in the church basement from 8:30 am 12:00 pm. Adult Tickets \$10 in Advance or \$10.50 at the door. Children's tickets sold at the door (age 5-12 \$5 age 0-4 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.

March 22, Wednesday

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

March 24, Friday

- ◆ Farming Lions 18th Annual Fish Fry. Serving from 4:30 8:30 pm at Trappers Pub and Grub, Farming, MN. The menu includes fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, cheese, and bread.
- ◆ American Legion Melrose, Fish Fry from 4:30 7:30 pm.

March 25, Saturday

◆ <u>Annual meeting of the Meire Grove Athletic Club</u> will be held at 8:00 pm at C.B.'s Bar and Grill in Meire Grove. Join us for a fun night of "baseball talk." Later on at 9:00 pm, the eight lucky winners of our raffle will be drawn. The raffle prizes range from \$599 to \$100. The cost of a ticket is \$20 and only 250 tickets will be sold. Lunch will be served after the meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us.

March 26, Sunday

◆Melrose Boy Scout Troop 68 Laughs for lunch an exercise in comedy at 6:30 pm in the Melrose High School Auditorium. Admission: A non-perishable good item for the Melrose Area Food Shelf.

March 27, Monday

◆ Firearms safety informational meeting for Green Grove Rod and Gun Club will be held at 6:00 pm at Meire Grove City Hall. You must attend this meeting in order to participate in the training and certification. Must be 11 years of age to participate. For questions please call Matt Silbernick 320-470-0944, Brian Schmiesing 320-293-7976, or Brian Yarke 320-267-4371.

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

♦♦♦♦ Weekly Offering ♦♦♦♦		
Adult Envelopes	\$1,752.46	
Plate	258.00	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,010.46	
Other Donations Building/Maintenance	\$37.50	
Central MN Catholic Magazine	100.00	
Easter Flowers	28.00	
Catholic Relief Services	175.00	

Parish Events

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	Su	03/19	12:00 pm	Widow/Widowers Dinner
	Tu	03/21	5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
	We	03/22	6:00 pm	Grade 2 FF - FR
	We	03/22	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
	We	03/22	7:30 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
	Th	03/23	7:00 am	Adoration
	Th	03/23	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
	Th	03/23	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	Fr	03/24	7:00 pm	Communal Confessions - FR
	Sa	03/25	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
	Su	03/26	10:00 am	First Communion Mass - FR
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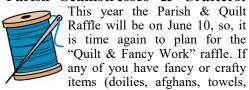
Church Expansion with Handicap Accessibility **Update:** diocese finance committee has approved for us to go forward with the project. The hope is to break ground this spring. At this time, roughly \$662,629.49 has been pledged or is in hand

\$1,000,000. The St. Joseph's Men Society of Immaculate Conception Church will have a short meeting on Saturday, March 25 after

for the project. The project is estimated at

Parish Seamstresses & Crafters:

the 4:00 pm Mass.



etc.) to donate for the raffle – please call or contact me before April 5, so we will have time to get the raffle tickets printed with the information on them and have them ready to send out with the parish raffle tickets. Thanks in advance for sharing your talents to contribute to the Christian Women's main source of funds. Also, if anyone would like to donate cash toward the expenses of the quilt, we'd appreciate that very much. Jean Hopfer, Quilt Raffle Chm. 320-837-5239.



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	\$1,261.54	
Plate	176.00	
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,437.54	
Other Donations		
Central MN Catholic Magazine	\$25.00	
Earthquake Relief	120.00	
Catholic Relief Services	110.00	
Lent Project	50.00	

Parish Events

Su	03/19	6:30 am	Breakfast Setup
Su	03/19	8:30 am	Lion's Breakfast
Tu	03/21	5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
Tu	03/21	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu	03/21	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu	03/21	9:00 am	Quilting - Group 12
We	03/22	6:00 pm	Grade 2 FF - FR
We	03/22	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
We	03/22	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
We	03/22	7:30 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Fr	03/24	7:00 pm	Communal Confessions - FR
Fr	03/24	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su	03/26	10:00 am	First Communion Mass - FR

May She Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †Arlene Arnzen, who passed away Saturday, March 11. Her funeral was celebrated here on Wednesday, March 15.



St. Rose Christian Women Bake Sale are sponsoring a bake sale along with the Lion's breakfast on

Sunday, March 19.

Christian Women meeting...The St. Rose Christian Women will be meeting April 4 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. Please plan to join us and invite any daughters, sisters, daughter-in-laws, neighbors, or mothers who are parish members to attend the meeting with you.



Quilting Group 12 will quilt on March 21. All are invited to come quilt. Lunch is provided.

Pathways 4 Youth: During the season

of Lent, St. Rose Christian Women is collecting donations for this organization. The organization is in need of certain food, clothing, and personal care items. Please see the February 26 bulletin for items that are needed. Cash is also welcome. Please make check donations to St. Rose Christian Women with a notation in memo "Pathways 4 Youth." Carrie will be available at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass for cash donations, or you may send to Carrie Kerfeld, Treasurer, 30257 Co Rd 17, Melrose, MN 56352. You may drop your noncash donations off in the tote anytime this Lent. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Volunteer Help Needed The St. Rose of Lima Parish Festival Committee is looking for a third couple to assist with planning and helping with this year's festival. If you have any questions or want to help, please contact Mark and Bev Wiechman at 320-836-2918 or Adam and Jackie Wiechmann at 320-293-0423 or 320-250-0401.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

**** Weekly Offering **** Total \$784.30 Regular Adult Offering 744.00 Children 4.30 Plate/Loose 26.00 Ash Wednesday 10.00		
Total	\$784.30	
Regular Adult Offering	744.00	
Children	4.30	
Plate/Loose	26.00	
Ash Wednesday	10.00	

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, March 26 - 10:00 am

(S) Shantel Gruber

(L) Ralph Klassen

(U) Chico Welle & Ron Welle

(EM) Darlene Schoenberg

(Sacristan) Kathy Welle

(RL) Marilyn Gruber

(CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger

(HK - Mar. 19 - Apr. 1) Brenda Athmann, Linda or Cheryl Athmann, & Kim Barten

Baptized in Christ... Paisley Jae Welle

A Big Thank You to the Spring Hill Recreation Club for their donation to St. Michael's!

Cash Raffle Tickets have been distributed. Please return tickets, stubs, money and any unsold tickets to Sue Meyer, Karen Rademacher,



Duane Moscho or put in the St. Michael's Collection marked "cash raffle" by Sunday, March 19. Thank you for your participation!

Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale



at St. Michael's Church, Spring Hill will be held Sunday, March 26 in the church basement from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited. Please bring bake

sale items to the church basement on Saturday, March 25 or Sunday morning, March 26. Thank you!



ONE IN FAITH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



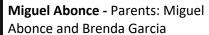
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Who has especially helped you in your faith journey thus far and why?

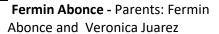


Jessica Abonce—Parents: Rafael Abonce and Azucena Hernandez

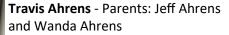
Rafael Abonce and Azucena Hernandez - Both of my parents have helped me throughout my faith journey. They taught me how to pray since I was little and helped form the person I am today.



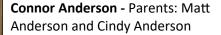
Maria Hernandez - Maria is my Grandma who has always prayed for me. She loves and looks out for me.



Veronica Juarez - My Mom has helped me be kind and understanding of others. She is a very kind person herself and very selfless. She is always encouraging me to be a better person.



Clara and David Rooney - My Grandparents are very holy people and make sure we are always praying that Jesus will watch over us. They work hard but are always making time to spend with Jesus in prayer.



Cindy Anderson - My Mom has been a supporter though my whole faith journey and has helped me since I was little to learn more about God.



Macie Bauer - Parents: Mike Bauer and Lucy Bauer

Celestine Rieland - My Grandpa is an honest and caring person. He teaches me the meaning of faith and worship. He shows me that having God in my life is important.



Alexis Baumann - Parents: Jarrod Baumann and Alyssa Klaphake,

Lucille Imdieke - My Grandma has inspired me a lot while growing up, especially seeing her attend Mass and be so consistent with her faith is inspiring.



Ashley Botello - Parents: Fermin Botello and Maria Valencia

Maria Valencia - My Mom teaches me about God and has influenced me to get Confirmed. She has been there always and talks me through everything.



Yohelly Botello - Parents: Rafael Botello and Elva Rodriguez

My parents have influenced my faith journey by always teaching me about God and encouraging me to stay close to God.



Amelia Brower - Parents: Don Brower and Pam Brower

Linda Feldewerd - My Grandma has always been there to support me. She came to my Baptism, First Communion and every Friday Mass while I was at St. Mary's School.



Who has especially helped you in your faith journey thus far and why?



Maria Cervantes - Parents: Raul Cervantes and Adriana Cardona

Margarita Cervantes - She was the one to help me pray a rosary. She also helped me talk to and ask God for help and let me know He will always be there.



Jose De Los Santos - Jose De Los Santos and Veronica De Los Santos

Veronica De Los Santos - My Mom has helped me learn about what God is like. They have taught me to be happy with what God has given me and to thank God for everything he has done for me.



Breydon Dobmeier - Parent: Tanya Dobmeier

Tanya Dobneier - My Mom has shown me how to worship God by praying with me and going to church with me. She shows me what God is like.



Alan Duran-Sanchez - Parents: Graciela Sanchez Morales and Nahum Duran Zamorano

Antonio Sanchez - Antonio has helped me through so much in my life. He was the brother I was blessed with and still am. He's helped me overcome many low points in my life and he's always told me God is always ready to help.



Kaylee Ellering - Parents: Cory Ellering and June Ellering

Cory Ellering - My Dad has helped me in my faith journey in many ways. He is always the person to encourage me to become stronger in my faith with God.



Jenna Finken - Parents: Joe Finken and Dana Finken

- My Grandparents inspired me to go to church on a regular basis. They helped me believe the good in God and the good He has done for me. They taught me how much I need God in my life.



Brandon Handt - Parents: Eric Handt and Amy Handt

Herb Wielenberg - He has influenced me in my faith in God and by bringing me to church. We pray for rain and a safe harvest.



Brett Hellermann - Parents: Adam Hellermann and Cindy Hellermann

Dennis Ritter - We always used our faith on the farm to pray for rain and sunshine for the crops or for a safe harvest.



Sergio Hernandez Montanez - Parents: Sergio Hernandez Chavez and Maria Guadalupe Montanez

Israel - He has helped me overcome a lot of things in life. He has helped me when I was sad to feel better. He has helped me in general.



Grace Kapsner - Parents: Brad Kapsner and Becky Kapsner

Kelli Klienschnitz - She was my small group leader for a Catholic youth conference I attended last summer and has been in-

credibly impactful to me in the months that followed. She is always offering up prayers for me at home and is always ready to listen when I need to talk. Her joy is so contagious and inspirational and she has so much wisdom to share.

Who has especially helped you in your faith journey thus far and why?





Esther Kapsner - Parents: Brad Kapsner and Becky Kapsner

Ellie Fuchs - She has continually been like another sister to me and her faith is evident in everything she does. She doesn't hesitate to offer encouragement, reproof and keep me accountable, while also bringing everything back to God through scripture.



Alvern Nelson - My Grandpa Nelson influenced my faith journey by sharing his faith with his family, being a man of prayer and always loving us.



Tania Lizeth Martinez Montanez - Parents: Miguel A. Martinez and Maria D. Montanez

Maria Montanez and Miguel Martinez - Mom and Dad by telling me to believe in God and that He is watching over me all the time and He knows what I'm doing wrong and right. They want me to get closer to God and the church. They tell me to pray every night.



Joseline Montanez - Parents:
Omar Montanez and Ana Martinez

Yasmin M. - She has helped me to be confident and brave in life. She has been there for me since day one and assures me I'm not alone. She understands me more than anyone.



Dominic Leukam - Parents: Pete Leukam and Melissa Leukam

Viola Leukam - Grandma had me practic prayers after school and pray before meals.



Ria Nelson - Parents: Jeff Nelson and Autumn Nelson

Anne Raeker - She has been the biggest influence in my faith journey from books to her wisdom. She is truly one of God's workers working to better herself and those around her on their faith journeys.



Megan Martinez - Parents: Israel Martinez and Hortensia Vasquez

Israel Martinez and Hortensia Vasquez - My Mom has always helped me through difficult times and would always bring me close to God. My Dad helps me pray to God and is always helping me with my faith journey.



Jessica Pohlmann - Parents: Mark Pohlmann and Amy Pohlmann

Mary Behm - My Grandma has taught me a lot about God. I was always so excited to go to church with her and pray with her at night before bed.



Jasmine Martinez Botello -Parents: Alfredo Martinez Ramirez and Luz Maria Botello

Francisco Martinez Ortega - My Grandfather taught me to live life while enjoying it and being happy. He told me to trust God and to pray when I am grateful.



Drew Pundsack - Parents: Craig Pundsack and Lisa Pundsack

Jake Pundsack - My brother has always led me in the right path towards God.



Who has especially helped you in your faith journey thus far and why?



Emma Revermann - Parents: Jason Revermann and Sara Revermann

Arlene Arnzen - My Great Grandma leads me with her strong faith and strength. She has always stayed strong and kept her faith through everything she has been through.



Yamileth Sanchez Botello - Parents: Gustavo Sanchez and Nayeli Botello

Azucena - She helps me believe in my faith. She talks about God and that he will always be with me.



Estephany Sanchez - Parents: Yadira Rivera Urquidez and Alejandro Sanchez Morales

Roberto Sanchez - He is my Grandpa and I'm more than thankful for still having him in my life. He is always talking to me about God. He has taught me to thank God for every new day of life and to thank him for everything I have.



Jackson Seanger - Parents: Eric Seanger and Jennifer Seanger

Patricia Seanger - She has always been a big inspiration in my journey with God.



Leah Seanger - Parents: Jason Seanger and Elisha Seanger

Pat Seanger - My Grandma is one person who has shown me the true love of God in her actions by being kind to everyone and praying for anyone who needs it. She is always in church or praying and this really shows how much she loves God and how much I can love God too.



Austin Kulzer - Parents: Greg Kulzer Angie Kulzer

Roxane Kampsen - She was always there for me. She also took me to Vacation Bible School when I was young-

Isaac Lieser - Parents: Jason Lieser and Megan Lieser

Owen Brick - He has shown me the love of God by helping me through many tough decisions.



Max Wehlage - Parents: Jim Welage and Jody Welage

Jody - My Mom Bringing me to Mass every week. She allowed my brothers and I to go to St. Mary's School.



Lily Wiechman - Parents: Benjamin Wiechman and Sarah Wiechman

Grace Kapsner - Grace, Genevieve and Esther Kapsner were the ones who got me excited to be Catholic. They have helped keep me inspired.



Daniel Zamora - Parents: Fray Zamora and Maria Rosales Zomora

Fray Zamora - As my father, he guided me through hardships; he shared his faith. He was there any and every time I needed him.



Makayla Zirbes - Parents: Eric Zirbes and Carla Zirbes and Laura McLaughlin

Vonnie Zirbes - My Grandma is very prominent in the church, she always has been. She is the person who will always be there for anyone.



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Total	\$1,220.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,145.00
Children	2.00
Plate/Loose	51.00
Votives	17.00
School Support	5.00

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, March 25 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Logan Frieler & Megan Frieler
- (L) Kathy Gilk
- (U) Dan Nietfeld & Harold Rademacher
- (GB) Matthew & Bridget Kasper
- (EM) Kris Winter

(HK - March) *Kris Winter, Carol Winter, Donna Worms, Laurel Worms, Kristen Young, & Wanda Ahrens

Chairperson Needed Looking for a Chairperson for the Hamburger stand for Greenwald Barley Days (August 5 and 6) Contact Wanda Ahrens at 320-987-3100.

Prayer Requests...



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

For the Sick:

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

Lenten Prayer for Marriage

Please join us in praying every day of Lent for all marriages and especially for troubled marriages.

God, We ask that your divine protection be on our marriages. May no plan of the enemy of our soul succeed in tearing apart what you have put together. Quiet every evil thought, voice, plot, or temptation that is working to destroy the holy union of our marriages.

Amen.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be daily.

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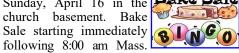
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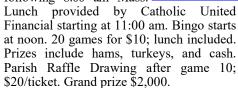
Liturgical Ministries Sunday, March 26 - 8:00 am

- (S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
- (L) Karen Meyer
- (U) Don Schneider & Ken Schneider
- (GB) Jeron & Brenda Nathe
- (EM) Jim Leukam & Nick Kelzer

(HK - March) *Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, & Char Meyer

Spring Fundraiser
Sunday, April 16 in the







HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- •Grados 9/10 Próxima clase = miércoles, 22 de marzo, 7:15-8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María, estudiantes y algunos padres. Estaciones de la Cruz seguidas de la clase: Ética / moral cristiana en la Segunda Guerra Mundial: ¿Qué habrías hecho?
- •Retiro Castaway para los grados 9-12: viernes domingo, 24-26 de marzo en el Castaway Club en Detroit Lakes, MN. Este retiro es un fin de semana lleno de oración poderosa, obras de teatro inspiradores, música divertidas, oradores increíble, una misa increíble y muchas oportunidades para el crecimiento de la fe. Reúnase con más de 300 personas y haga nuevos amigos, tómese el tiempo para relajarse, reír, comer comida fantástica y renovar su espíritu mientras fortalece su relación con Dios. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en los tablones de anuncios de las 7 parroquias. Póngase en contacto con Chrystal Sand en csand@catholic-centered.org o 320-836-2143 si tiene preguntas.
- •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!

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



Sacrament of Forgiveness

Communal Celebration with Individual Confession:

Tuesday, March 21
 Friday, March 24
 Wednesday, March 29
 Tuesday, March 21
 T:30 pm
 St. Andrew, Greenwald Sacred Heart, Freeport
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Individual Celebration:

- Fridays during Lent
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 Saturdays during Lent
 4:30 pm
 St. Mary, Melrose
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 St. Michael, Spring Hill
- · Saturday, April 1 before/after First Saturday Mass Sacred Heart, Freeport
- Monday, April 3 5:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose
- · Monday, April 3 7:30 pm St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
- · Or by appointment call: Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

csand(a)catholic-centered.org

- Grade 1, 3-6: Next Class: Wednesday, March 22 Home Lesson.
- Grade 2: Next Class: Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm Classroom Lesson. Please meet at Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
 - First Communion Mass: Sunday, March 26 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in classrooms. Bring your Bible, books, and pens.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

◆ Grades 9/10 - Next Class = Wednesday, March 22, 7:15-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church, Students and some parents. Stations of the Cross followed by class: Christian Ethics/Morals in World War II: What Would You Have Done?

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- **▼Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday Sunday, March 24-26 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of all 7 parishes. Contact Chrystal Sand at <u>csand@catholiccentered.org</u> or 320-836-2143 with questions.
- **▼Egg Dying Service Project for Grades 6-8** Wednesday, April 5 from 6:45-8:15 at Immaculate Conception Church Basement. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards and on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 22.
- ♦ 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)

One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...



◆Do you like variety in your day? Are you good at fixing things? Church of St. Mary, along with St. Mary's School, is looking for someone to join our maintenance team. Please contact Pam Pundsack at 320-256-9503 or pam@stmarysofmelrose.com if you are interested!

♦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 with your resume and references.

40 Days For Life-St. Cloud The prayer vigil takes place on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in St. Cloud, daily Monday – Friday through April 2, from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. The Ending Rally is on Saturday, April 1 from 10:00 am - noon. The rally will start on the Planned Parenthood sidewalk and proceed to St. Augustine's for a program, pizza, and sharing.

24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration (almost)

Stop your busyness for an hour and join us in stillness and blessed time with our Lord. The Tri-Parish invites all the faithful for a special opportunity to kick off Holy Week. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, March 31 after the 8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport and extend through the night until the First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am on April 1. There will be coffee, juice, and snacks available in the



church basement for you to enjoy in fellowship with fellow adorers who have embraced this commitment. Volunteers are needed around the clock, particularly after 2:00 pm on Friday. Sign up sheets are available in all three parishes or call or text Mary Jepperson 320-493-2132 or Darlene Engelmeyer 320-491-1357 to sign up. We cannot leave our Lord alone.

April Marriage Encounter The best gift a father can give his children is to love their mother! Bring the love in your marriage to a higher level during the month of love by attending the April 1-2 Marriage Encounter at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at www.marriages.org.

Young Adults ages 18-30, join us on Wednesday, March 22 from 7:30-8:30 pm at the Parish Office in Freeport. 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.



Spring Quarter Craze Freeport Christian Women are excited to be hosting our spring Quarter Craze on Monday, March 20. Tickets are now available to purchase for just \$5 at Decor & More in Melrose. Doors open that evening at 6:00 pm and the Auction begins at

7:00 pm. We hope you will attend for a chance to win some fabulous prizes and to enjoy fun with people in our community. Any questions, call Decor & More at 320-256-6658. (They are closed Tuesdays.)

Bishop's Annual Appeal: "Do This in Memory of Me." The Appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22

Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a

 Tu
 Ez 47:1-9,12
 Jn 5:1-16

 We
 Is 49:8-15
 Jn 5:17-30

 Th
 Ex 32:7-14
 Jn 5:31-47

Fr Wis 2:1a,12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Sa The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14;8:10 Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz **PRINCIPAL:** Kristie Harren ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kathy Welle **SHS BOARD:**

Nick Shaw, Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho, Jenelle Herkenhoff and Julie Job

Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514 www.shsfreeport.org

- ◆School Liturgy on Wednesday, March 22 will be planned by Sr. Janine and the 6th grade students.
- **♥Stations of the Cross** will be led by the 4th grade students on Wednesday, March 22 and by the 3rd grade students on Friday, March 24.
- **▼**There will be a Parent Information Meeting on Thursday, March 23 for prospective families of children who will be 3-5 years old by September 1, 2023. The Pre-School meeting will be at 6:30 pm, followed by the Kindergarten meeting at 7:00 pm. Registration materials will be available. Call the school office at 320-836-2591 for more information.
- **▼**Sacred Heart School will have a Snow Make Up day on Friday, March 24. Parents will provide transportation
- **▼The 3rd quarter** of the school year ends on Friday, March 24.
- **▼The 2nd graders** of the Tri-Parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, March 26 at the 10:00 am Mass (special time) in Freeport. We extend prayers and congratulations to them.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

03/12 \$25 Laura Moening - Melrose

03/13 \$25 Darryl Eiynck - Avon

03/14 \$25 Marquerite Wolf - Richmond

03/15 \$25 Mary Lynn Roles - St. Joseph

03/16 \$25 Cody Pundsack - Albany

03/17 \$40 Karen Korneck - Avon

03/18 \$25 Char Mayers - Freeport



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Autumn Nelson ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Naomi Klaphake

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

- Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 21 and 23.
- ◆No School on Friday, March 24.
- ◆The Auction4Education auctions off a reserved parking spot at Church which is good for all church functions. The sign is on the right side of the parking lot as you drive near the Church. Please do not park here unless you purchased it at the auction.
- ♦ Henry and Violet Fuechtmann will each be the Principal of the Day on Tuesday, March 21. This experience was purchased by their parents at the Auction4Education. They will also get to meet with the Principal of the Day from Sacred Heart and SJSA.
- ◆Pete Klaphake and Ross Wiechmann's School Board terms will be ending at the end of this school year. Candidates interested in running for a position on the school board must submit a bio consisting of 125-150 words to Autumn Nelson at anelson@smsmn.org by April 1. The election will occur at Masses on April 15/16.
- ◆All are Invited to the Living Stations being presented by St. Mary's School students on Wednesday, March 29, at 1:00 pm in the church.
- ◆St. Mary's Kindergarten Roundup is set for Thursday, April 6. Students will spend the day in activities from 8:00 am -2:45 pm. Call 320-256-4257 if you have a prospective kindergartener for the 2023-2024 school year, and you haven't already contacted us. Preschoolers at SMS will be getting information on March 22.
- ◆There are still openings for prospective 2023-2024 Little Saints. This program is for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. If interested call 320-256-4257 or email anelson@smsmn.org.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kristen Pattinson

SJSA BOARD: Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Bridget Kasper, Kristin Zimmer, Kate Kelzer, Trista Roelike, Kathy Gilk

Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

- •The students in second sixth grade will go to confession on Thursday, March 23rd after the morning Mass.
- •End of the third quarter is Thursday, March 23.
- No school, Friday, March 24.
- •SJSA students present Living Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, April 4 at 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. All are welcome!
- •SJSA Students are collecting personal care items for the Melrose Area Food Shelf now through March 31. Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, bath soap, and hand soap. If you would like to donate, items can be dropped off at the school during normal school hours.
- •Come "Take a Dive Into Kindergarten" at SJSA Kindergarten Round-Up on Monday, March 27. Prospective kindergarteners will spend the day in kindergarten with the current class. A healthy snack and hot lunch are included. If you have a child who will be 5 by August 1st and is ready for kindergarten, please consider checking us out! Call the school at 320-987-3133 to register.
- •Mark your calendars! Preschool Open House is Wednesday, April 19 from 3-5 pm. SJSA offers an all-day Wednesday preschool for childrens ages 3-5. Please call the school office at 320-987-3133 to register.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 20 - 26

Tuesday	3-21	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Wednesday	3-22	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
Wednesday	3-22	7:00 pm	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Wednesday	3-22	7:15 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
-			(Led by Faith Formation Students)
Wednesday	3-22	7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
Thursday	3-23	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Friday	3-24	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
Friday	3-24	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)

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