



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 Lent

March 17, 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

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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

- ◆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.



*Suffering
Transformed
by Glory*

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." John 12:27-28

Our Lord's human soul was "troubled." Other translations state that His soul was in agony. After expressing His interior suffering, Jesus identified the human temptation caused by this suffering: to flee from His "hour." Of course Jesus dismisses this temptation as a way of teaching us a lesson from His human experience.

As God, Jesus had perfect strength and always remained faithful to the mission He received from the Father. But as a human, Jesus permitted Himself to experience temptation and human suffering for many reasons. One reason was so that He could relate to us in every way. That includes being able to relate to interior human suffering. In doing so, Jesus also made it possible for us to imitate Him and to share in the strength and determination He had as He perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father. Jesus allowed Himself to endure the agony caused by foreseen suffering because we will endure similar temptations through life.

What is it that causes you fear and anxiety as you look into the future? If there is something that immediately comes to mind, try to look at that within the light of Jesus' own experience above. The first thing Jesus does is identify the temptation to fear. He does this by identifying the interior suffering He experiences and then by looking at the cause: His coming "hour." The "hour" of Jesus in the Gospel of John is a reference to His crucifixion and death. This was the reason He came to us. He came to suffer the consequences of our sins and to destroy death itself. But this mission of His was the cause of true human suffering and was also a temptation toward fear. But it was a fear that He perfectly overcame.

As you look at anything that tempts you to give into fear and anxiety, first ask yourself whether it is the will of God that you fulfill that action. If we are fearful of something that is not the will of the Father, then we should reject it. But very often the plan God has for our lives will include acting with courage in the face of some pending cross and suffering. Experiencing fear is normal, but fear will not turn into anxiety if we imitate our Lord and choose the will of God no matter the cost.

Jesus also embraced His Cross by looking at it through the lens of glory. He under-

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 18 - 24

ADORATION

St. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Pablo Hernandez
 †Loreto Montañez
 †Alfredo Hernandez
 Tu 8:00 am †Kevin Olmscheid
 We 8:00 am †Arthur Roehrl
 Th 8:00 am †Marcy Blenker
 *Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
 †David Bierschbach
 Sa 5:00 pm †Joe Loehr
 For the People
 *Su 10:00 am ††Frank & Evangeline Hartung
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Julia Cervantes
 †Salvador Sanchez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Florence "Flossie" Hoppe
 Sa 4:00 pm †Kim Fuechtmann

St. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Mary Ann Engelmeyer
 Su 10:00 am For the People

St. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the
 Gruber Family
 Su 10:00 am †Donnie Feldewerd

St. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Asha Gregory
 Sa 4:00 pm ††Rosie & Perry Meyer

St. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Amy Granby
 Su 8:00 am ††Raphael & Dolores Imdieke

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

Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm

24 Hour Adoration 9:00 am Friday, March 22
 to 9:00 am Saturday, March 23.



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

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
 †Roger Notch
 Fr 8:15 am †Art Van Heel Anniversary
 Su 8:00 am †Rita Hiltner Anniversary

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

- Votives:** If you wish to purchase blessed votive candles to burn at home, you can stop by the office. They are \$3 each.
- Easter Flowers & Environment:** If you wish to donate toward Easter Flowers & Environment in memory of a loved one, please put your money in an envelope, the name or names of the loved one, and mark it "Easter Flowers." You may turn in the envelope to the Parish Office or in the collection basket at the weekend Masses. *St. Michael and St. Andrew parishes, if you prefer to purchase the flowers yourself, place them in the back of the church by March 28 and submit names to the office as soon as possible. Thank you!
- Thank You** for all the support that was shown to our Confirmation candidates this year! All of the prayers, cards, gifts, and words of encouragement and affirmation extended to our young people were greatly appreciated. It takes a Village - or a Faith Community - to raise a child. Your love did not go unnoticed.
 ~The Confirmation Team

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



Mass Time Change/Switch:

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

BINGO: Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose today, Sunday, March 17 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch. Beverages are available for sale. Variety games: 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.

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.



Building Relationship with God:

Consider taking an hour break from the busyness of the world to come adore and spend time with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. The Tri-Parish invites all the faithful for a special opportunity to kick off Holy Week to grow in relationship with God. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, March 22 after the 8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport and extend through the night until Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 am. 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 Jan Herzog 320-248-9262 or Sara Van Beck 320-241-3086 to sign up. *We cannot leave our Lord alone.*

One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...



•**SMS Kids Time** is looking for a few good people who love to work with children to come join the Kids Time family! Must be at least 16 years old, and enjoy doing fun activities with children! If interested, please contact Ms. Amanda at ahellermann@smsmn.org or 320-256-4257 ex. 102.

•**Accountant Position:** One in Faith (4 - Parishes) has an opening for an accountant. This is a full-time benefits-eligible position in the Melrose office. This position will work closely with the parish administrator and the pastor. The ideal candidate would have an accounting degree or equivalent experience and be comfortable using accounting software and Excel. The primary responsibility would be to oversee financial data and compliance by maintaining accurate books on accounts payable and receivable, payroll, and daily financial entries and reconciliations. There would be daily accounting tasks such as monthly financial reporting, general ledger entries, record payments and adjustments, and provide reports as needed. To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com or call 320-256-4207 with questions.

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

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 ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆


Total.....	\$7,723.57
Regular Adult Offering	3,714.00
Plate/Loose	2,362.57
Designated Funds	1,647.00

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Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,497.54
Plate.....	287.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,784.54

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

03-10	\$25	Matthew Hellermann - Melrose
03-11	\$25	Brenda Klaphake - Sauk Centre
03-12	\$25	Bob Braun - Melrose
03-13	\$25	Rose Haffner - Waite Park
03-14	\$25	Liliana Walz Seviour % Adam Walz - Melrose
03-15	\$25	Richard & Carla Van Heel - Melrose
03-16	\$25	Don Moore - Melrose



Other Donations

Votive	\$285.00
School Support	200.00
Easter Flowers.....	250.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00
Easter	40.00
Catholic Relief Services	66.00
Building/Maintenance	149.00

Lent And Charitable Organizations: During Lent, our parish community has been learning about, praying for, and donating to a number of different charitable organizations, some local and some worldwide. We will not highlight any particular charity next weekend because it will be Palm Sunday. However, if you would like to donate to any of the previous weeks' organizations, you can still do so by dropping money in the donation slot in the gathering space.



Food Shelf Donations can be brought to church anytime before Easter, and monetary donations to the Food Shelf can be placed in the donation slot in the gathering space also. The Food Shelf receives a matching grant for everything we donate to them in the month of March! Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Events

Su	03/17	11:00 am	Private Event
Su	03/17	6:30 pm	Catholic United Financial Meeting
Su	03/17	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Tu	03/19	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	03/20		No Stations of the Cross
We	03/20	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	03/20	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	03/20	6:15 pm	Faith Formation Grade 9 Journey with Jesus SF
We	03/20	6:45 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-8
We	03/20	7:00 pm	Shadow Stations in SHS Auditorium
We	03/20	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group
Th	03/21	9:30 am	Private Event
Th	03/21	1:00 pm	Shadow Stations in SHS Auditorium
Th	03/21	6:00 pm	FF Grade 10 Chrism Mass—St. Cloud
Fr	03/22	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	03/22	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	03/22	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration <u>Starts</u>
Sa	03/23	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration <u>Ends</u>
Su	03/24	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Easter Triduum Schedule

- Holy Thursday (March 28) *Mass of the Lord's Supper***
 *6:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Bilingual Mass) *Livestream
 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich
 7:30 pm St. Andrew, Greenwald
- Good Friday (March 29) *The Passion of the Lord***
 12:15 pm Sacred Heart, Freeport
 1:00 pm St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
 1:30 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich
 *3:00 pm St. Mary, Melrose *Livestream
 3:00 pm St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
 6:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Service)
 7:30 pm St. Michael, Spring Hill
- Holy Saturday (March 30) *Easter Vigil***
 8:00 pm Sacred Heart, Freeport
 8:30 pm St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
 *8:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Bilingual Mass) *Livestream
- Easter Sunday (March 31) *Resurrection of the Lord***
 8:00 am Sacred Heart, Freeport
 8:00 am St. Andrew, Greenwald
 9:00 am Immaculate Conception, New Munich
 *10:00 am St. Mary, Melrose *Livestream
 10:00 am St. Michael, Spring Hill
 10:00 am St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
 12:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Mass)

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

Catholic United Financial #101 Meeting
 Today, Sunday, March 17 at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. The business meeting will be followed by refreshments, card playing and a light lunch. All members are invited to attend.

Do You Enjoy Party Planning? Sacred Heart is looking for a couple or a few individuals to step forward to help chair the summer festival on Sunday, July 21. This is an important fundraiser for the parish. Prayerfully consider becoming a part of this call to help the parish. Please contact Matt Herdering 320-250-3441 or Chris Klaphake 320-250-6229.

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



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,714.62
Plate.....	246.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,960.62

Other Donations

Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	\$100.00
Building/Maintenance	37.50
Easter Flowers	105.00
Catholic Relief Services	135.00
Boiler	80.00

Parish Events

Su 03/17	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
We 03/20	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 03/20	6:15 pm	FF Grade 9 Journey with Jesus SF
We 03/20	6:45 pm	FF Grades 7-8 - FR
We 03/20	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Th 03/21	7:00 am	Adoration
Th 03/21	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th 03/21	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Th 03/21	6:00 pm	FF Gr. 10 Chrism Mass—SC
Fr 03/22	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration <u>Starts</u> - FR
Sa 03/23	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration <u>Ends</u> - FR
Sa 03/23	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Sa 03/23	5:00 pm	Baptism
Su 03/24	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

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

New Addition Update Completion is near. We are waiting on a few things for the elevator. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to help cover the cost of this project.

The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62	Jn 8:1-11
Tu	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
We	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Jn 8:31-42
Th	Gn 17:3-9	Jn 8:51-59
Fr	Jer 20:10-13	Jn 10:31-42
Sa	Ez 37:21-28	Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16	Is 50:4-7
	Phil 2:6-11	Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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	\$1,539.62
Plate.....	283.50
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,823.12

Other Donations

Central MN Catholic Magazine	\$50.00
Easter Flowers	121.00
Easter	20.00
Catholic Relief Services	50.00

Parish Events

Su 03/17	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 03/19	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 03/19	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu 03/19	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 03/19	5:30 pm	Last night of Quilting
We 03/20	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 03/20	6:15 pm	FF Gr 9 Journey with Jesus SF
We 03/20	6:45 pm	FF Grades 7-8 - FR
We 03/20	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Th 03/21	6:00 pm	FF Gr. 10 Chrism Mass—SC
Fr 03/22	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration <u>Starts</u> - FR
Fr 03/22	7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 03/23	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration <u>Ends</u> - FR
Su 03/24	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Your Help is Needed We are looking for a third chair couple for the fall festival. If you would like to join, please reach out to: Adam or Jackie Wiechmann 320-293-0423 or 320-250-0401, Devin or Christine Middendorf 320-223-2642 Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this.

Final Evening Quilting Session will be Tuesday, March 19.



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,099.40
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,715.00
Children	1.35
Plate/Loose	20.75
Votives	153.30
Maintenance.....	100.00
Catholic Relief Services	109.00

Liturgical Ministries
Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24 - 10:00 am
 (S) Sam Orbeck & Kenny Niehoff
 (L) Katherine Orbeck & Pete LeClaire
 (U) Roger Meyer & Mark Schoenberg
 (EM) (B) Darlene Schoenberg
 (EM) (C) Mark Schoenberg & John Schulzetenberg
 (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
 (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
 (HK: March 17 - 30) Brenda Athmann, Linda or Cheryl Athmann and Kim Barten

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



Create
a clean heart in
me,
O God.

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. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,020.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,160.00
Plate/Loose	80.00
Votives.....	11.00
Catholic Relief Services	129.00
Memorial Donation	580.00
Fuel	5.00
Maintenance.....	5.00
Easter	50.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, March 23 - 4:00 pm

- (S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan
- (L) Isaiah Gilk & Kathy Gilk
- (U) Steve Gilk & Peter Heinz
- (GB) Roger & Joyce Schoenberg
- (EM) (B) Herman Lensing
- (EM) (C) Mary Opatrny & Clarine Beier
- (HK - March) *Amber Fleischhacker, Amy Frieler, Betty Frieler, Linda Frieler, Rita Frieler, & Kathy Gilk

Suffering Transformed by Glory

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stood that His suffering and death would glorify the Father in Heaven. Therefore, He allowed Himself to see the Cross as a glorification of the Father. The same must happen in our lives. No matter what we face in life, no matter the cross we are given, if it is the will of God that we embrace it, then we must see it not only as a suffering we must endure but primarily as an act by which God will be glorified in our lives. This truer perspective will bring with it hope, joy and strength which will free us from anxiety caused by fear.

Reflect, today, upon the ways in which God is calling you to the cross. As you do, don't allow fear to deter you. Instead, look at every pending suffering as an opportunity to glorify God in your life. See your crosses with gratitude and joy, and allow this new perspective to give you the strength you need to fulfill the mission given to you by the Father in Heaven.

Most glorious Father, Your will is perfect. You called Your Son to the suffering of the Cross. Through that act of perfect love, the suffering Your Son endured gave You perfect glory. Lord Jesus, please give me Your courage as I face my own sufferings in life and help me to imitate Your perfect obedience to the Father's will in all things so that I, too, may give Him glory. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,392.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,210.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	179.00
Votives.....	33.00
Plaster Repair Donation	500.00
Maintenance	100.00
School Subsidy	100.00
Catholic Relief Services	270.00

Liturgical Ministries

**Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24 - 8:00 am**

- (S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
- (L) Rita Meyer
- (U) Marvin Meyer & Tim Meyer
- (GB) Jim & Kay Leukam
- (EM) (B) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
- (EM) (C) Elmer Meyer & Karl Meyer
- (HK - March) *Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, & Joy Silbernick

Baptized in Christ...

Logan Uphus

Save The Dates: More details to follow.

- Sunday, April 14 - Spring Fundraiser Bake sale, bingo, and parish raffle.
- Sunday, June 2 - Corpus Christi Mass and procession led by Bishop Patrick Neary.



HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- Liturgias de Reconciliación de Cuaresma para TODAS las clases** - Miércoles, 20 de marzo, 5:00 y 7:30 pm en la Iglesia de Santa María. Para los estudiantes de 9 y 10 grado que ayudan con las liturgias, recuerden sus tareas y lleguen al menos 15 minutos antes del inicio del servicio.
- Primera Comunión: Próxima clase:** Sábado 23 de marzo de 9:30 a 11:00 am en la Iglesia de Santa María. Solo estudiantes.
- Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC** para información juvenil.

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



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

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

¿Qué sucede realmente en un suicidio asistido por un médico?

Un médico prescribe un cóctel de drogas letales que una persona compra en la farmacia local, lo muele hasta convertirlo en comida blanda y lo inyecta. Es posible que la persona no muera durante horas o incluso días. Además, no se exige la presencia de testigos o notificación a la familia. El suicidio asistido no es digno, es mortífero. Dígalos "no" a los legisladores de Minnesota: NO al suicidio asistido. Visite mncatholic.org/pas

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Communal Celebration with Individual Confession

- Tuesday, March 19**— 7:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- Wednesday, March 20**— 5:00 & 7:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*

Individual Celebration

- Fridays** of Lent—7:45 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Saturdays** of Lent—3:30 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- Saturdays** of Lent—3:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- Saturdays** of Lent—4:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Friday, March 22**—5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Friday, March 22**—7:30 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*
- Monday, March 25**— 5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Monday, March 25**— 7:30 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
- Or by appointment; Call Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143



FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grade 1, 3 - 6:** Next Lesson: Wednesday, March 20 - Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2:** Next Class: Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-8:** Next Class: Wednesday, March 20. Meet in the auditorium. *Please arrive by 6:45 pm as we will be attending Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.*
- **Grade 9:** Next Class: Wednesday, March 20. Meet in the Sacred Heart Parking Lot. *Please arrive by 6:15 pm as we will be attending Journey with Jesus to Calvary in St. Francis.*
- **Grade 10:** Next Class: Thursday, March 21. Meet in the Sacred Heart Parking Lot. *Please arrive by 6:00 pm as we will be attending the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud.*

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Lent Reconciliation Liturgies for ALL classes** - Wednesday, March 20, 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. For the 9th & 10th Graders helping with the liturgies, please remember your assignments and arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the service.
- **First Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, March 23 from 9:30-11:00 am at St. Mary's Church. Students only.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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- ♥ **Egg Dying Service Project for Grades 6-8**
Wednesday, March 27 from 6:45 - 8:15 pm at Immaculate Conception Church basement. If you haven't signed up and would like to join us, please reach out to Chrystal at 320-836-2143 or www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, March 20.
- ♥ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:**
Friday - Sunday, March 22 - 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 if you have questions.
- ♥ **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

Chrism Mass for the Diocese of St. Cloud will be held Thursday, March 21 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.



Spring Quarter Craze Freeport Christian Women are hosting our Spring Quarter Craze on Monday, March 18 at the Freeport Community Center. Tickets are available for purchase at Decor & More in Melrose, (located inside True North Marketplace) and at the Freeport State Bank in Freeport (ask for Brenda). Tickets are just \$5.00 and only 75 tickets are sold. Doors open at 6:00 pm with the auction starting at 7:00 pm. Join us for a fun night!

March Synod Listening Sessions Pope Francis, regarding the Synod on Synodality, is inviting the world into another round of listening sessions. Seeing synodality as a model of the Church and for the Diocese of St. Cloud is one of Bishop Patrick Neary's priorities. You are welcome to join him at one or more of these sessions to share your thoughts, experiences and concerns of Church life, leadership, and structures as we continue this journey of synodality. Participants will engage in small group discussions throughout the morning. This is a bilingual event. Lunch will follow the in-person sessions — a free will offering is appreciated. Registration is required. Visit www.stcdio.org/listening2024 to register. In person session at Our Lady of Victory Church, Fergus Falls, March 23 – 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. Registration deadline: March 20.



Physician-Assisted Suicide: What actually happens in a physician-assisted suicide? A doctor prescribes a lethal drug cocktail that a person picks up at the local pharmacy, grinds up into soft food, and injects. The person may not die for hours or even days. There are no requirements for a witness or notification of family. Assisted suicide isn't dignified; it's deadly. Tell your Minnesota legislators: NO assisted suicide. Visit mncatholic.org/pas. Watch for Bishop Patrick Neary's column in the March edition of The Central Minnesota Catholic which he has devoted to this topic.

Date Change for Communal Reconciliation Service originally scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at St. Andrew's in Greenwald has been moved to **Tuesday, March 19**, due to the Diocesan Chrism Mass on the Thursday, March 21. Reconciliation will still be at 7:30 pm.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

March 17, Sunday

♦ **St. Agnes Church Spaghetti Dinner** 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, St. Agnes Church basement, Roscoe. Homemade spaghetti, coleslaw, garlic bread, & fresh pies. Adults \$11 advance, \$12 at the door, Ages 6-12 \$6, 5 & under free.

March 18, Monday

♦ **Firearms Safety Informational Meeting** for Green Grove Rod and Gun Club will be held at 6:30 pm at Meire Grove City Hall. 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.

March 20, Wednesday

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

March 21, Thursday

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

March 22, Friday

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

March 23, Saturday

♦ **Easter Egg Hunt** hosted by the Freeport Lions from 9:30 - 10:30 am at the Freeport Community Center. Join us for an hour of fun playing games. Ages 0 - 10 years. All children receive a treat bag and prize.

March 24, Sunday

♦ **42nd Annual St. Martin Baseball Breakfast Fundraiser** Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Smoked, non-smoked and liver sausage, fried potatoes, scrambled eggs, applesauce, homemade cinnamon bread, and milk. Adults \$10 in advance, at the door \$12. Children 6-12 \$5, preschool free. St. Martin Parish Center. Curbside pickup available 8:30 - 11:30 am.

♦ **Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the New Munich Lions at the New Munich Community Park. Registration and activities starting at 12:30 pm. Easter Bunny arrives at 1:00 pm by fire truck to start the hunt. Prize drawing to follow.

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- ♥**School Liturgy** on Wednesday, March 20 will be planned by Mrs. Berg and the 2nd grade students. It will also be our First Communion Remembrance Mass.
- ♥**SHS will Perform Shadow Stations** on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, March 21 at 1:00 pm.
- ♥**March Birthdays and ½ Birthdays** will be celebrated at the Birthday Dinner on Thursday, March 21.
- ♥**New Toddler Program** We are extremely excited to inform you that Sacred Heart School is growing! We will be adding a toddler room (18 - 36 mo.) to our campus. This means we will be making a few changes, redoing a couple rooms, and using some of our current space a little more wisely. We will be looking for little ones to fill these areas and staff members to teach and care for these toddlers. Please contact the school office for more information and/or to pick up an application 320-836-2591.
- ♥**Lenten Project** Sacred Heart School is participating in a Lenten Project supporting Heifer International <https://www.heifer.org/index.html>. Please consider helping our students reach their goal of raising \$2,000 during the Lenten season. We have raised a total of \$787.10 so far.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ♥**No School** on Thursday/Friday March 28/29 and Monday, April 1 for Easter break.
- ♥**SHS Designer Bag Bingo** is on Saturday, April 13.

**Sacred Heart School
 Calendar Raffle Winners!**

- 03/10 \$25 Jeff Kunstelben - Albany
- 03/11 \$25 Mari Fischer - St. Stephen
- 03/12 \$25 Lindsay Frieler - Grey Eagle
- 03/13 \$25 Denise Gagnier - Andover
- 03/14 \$25 Fr. Dan Walz - Freeport
- 03/15 \$25 Kristen Tschida - Avon
- 03/16 \$25 Steve Notch - Freeport

Prayer Requests...

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

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

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

- ♦**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.
- ♦**St. Mary's Kindergarten Roundup** is set for Wednesday, March 27. Students will spend the day in activities from 8:00 am - 2:45 pm. Call 320-256-4257 if you have a prospective kindergartener for the 2024-2025 school year and haven't already contacted us.
- ♦**Living Stations** All are invited to the Living Stations being presented by St. Mary's School students on Wednesday, March 20, at 1:00 pm in the church.
- ♦**Parent-teacher conferences** are scheduled for Monday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 27.
- ♦**During Lent, Families at SMS** will be collecting dollars and coins to give to four different organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Schwieters and Fr. Ohmann, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International (a nonprofit organization founded by Erin Cannon that supports an orphanage in Tanzania. Erin is an alumnus of St. Mary's School). If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, drop your coins off at the parish office or school.
- ♦**SJSA School Board Meets** Monday, March 18 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.
- ♦**SJSA students present The Passion of Christ** on Tuesday, March 26 at 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. All are welcome.
- ♦**Registration** is now open for grades preschool - 6th for the 2024-2025 school year. If your children are not currently enrolled at SJSA, but you are interested in joining us, please call the school at 320-987-3133 to plan a school visit.
- ♦**Mark Your Calendars!** Kindergarten Round-up is Monday, April 8. More information will be posted in the upcoming weeks.
- ♦**SJSA Catholic School Offers** small class sizes that allow our teachers and staff to build meaningful relationships with our students and promote genuine growth. We offer a faith-filled environment along with academic excellence. If you are considering sending your children to Catholic school, please check out SJSA at sjsaschool.org or call to arrange a visit at 320-987-3133. Scholarships are available.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday	3-19	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Wednesday	3-20	7:15 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
		7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
Thursday	3-21	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Friday	3-22	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
		6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)



LIVING STATIONS

Presented by St. Mary's School

Wednesday	3-20	1:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
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SHADOW STATIONS

Presented by the 6th Grade Class from Sacred Heart School

Wednesday	3-20	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart School Auditorium
Thursday	3-21	1:00 pm	Sacred Heart School Auditorium

EASTER PROGRAM

Presented by SJSA School

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



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