



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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 31, 2023

Fr. Marvin Enneking, Pastor
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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.



THE FAMILY AS A COMMUNION OF LOVE

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Luke 2:39-40

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

By God's providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

The line from today's Gospel quoted above does, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord..." Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord.

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 9:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass
 ††Clarence & Marcella Doyle

Mo 11:00 am Misa de Solemnidad de María en Español
 †Manuel Ramirez
 †Rafaela Hernandez
 †Juvenal Hernandez

Tu 8:00 am †LeRoy Terhaar
We 8:00 am ††Reinhold & Katherine Gruber
Th 8:00 am †Bill Massmann
Fr 8:30 am SMS Mass
 †††Ervin, Virginia, & Danny Klaphake
Sa 5:00 pm †Lorraine Imdieke
 For the People

***Su 10:00 am** †Asha Gregory
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
 †3 aniversario luctuoso de Angelica Hernandez Becerra

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Mo 9:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass
 †Florence "Flossie" Hoppe

Th 8:15 am †Kim Fuechtmann
Sa 4:00 pm †Pat Schleper

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Mo 10:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass
 †Joyce Middendorf

Tu 8:15 am †Judith Vos & Family
Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Mo 7:30 pm Solemnity of Mary Mass
 †Joseph "Joe" Seifermann

Tu 8:00 am †Marilyn Klaphake
Su 10:00 am †Donnie Feldewerd

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Mo 7:30 pm Solemnity of Mary Mass
 †Francis Uphus

Th 8:00 am SJSA School Mass
 †Asha Gregory

Sa 4:00 pm †Rose Mary "Rosie" Meyer
 For the People

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

Mo 9:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass
 †Herman "Howdy" Klaphake

We 8:00 am †Marie Kampsen
Su 8:00 am ††Vincent & Rosie Schmiesing

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Mo 8:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass
 For the People

We 8:15 am †††Amie, Verla, & Steve Herzog
We 7:00 pm Faith Formation Families
Fr 8:15 am ††Joe & Jean Schulzetenberg
Sa 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Scherping Family

Su 8:00 am †Art Van Heel



St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa
 NO Adoration Tuesday, January 2

Immaculate Conception - New Munich
 NO Adoration Thursday, January 4

St. Mary - Melrose
 First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
 in Spanish (en Español)

Sacred Heart - Freeport
 NO Adoration Wednesday, January 3
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

•Thank You to Freeport State Bank for their generous donations to the parishes of St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Andrew's and St. John's. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Office Closures The Freeport and Melrose Parish Offices will be closed Monday, January 1 for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God a Holy Day of Obligation.

✝ Prayer Requests for the Sick The prayer requests for the sick will be cleared out December 31. If you would like to be added back to the prayer list, please email bulletin@catholic-centered.org or call one of the parish offices.

Go and Make Disciples Grade 11 though young adults are invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, January 10. There will be a slight change in the evening. We will begin in the Sacred Heart Church basement with a presentation by Catholic United Financial, and then we will go back to the office where we will continue our discussion on the Catholic Mass and share some snacks. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

Bishop Neary's Pastoral Letter In light of the National Eucharistic Revival, an initiative of the U.S. bishops aiming to inspire, educate and unite the faithful in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, St. Cloud Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C., was moved by the Holy Spirit to write his very first pastoral letter, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The letter can be found at <https://stcdio.org/bishop-nearys-2023-pastoral-letter/>.

Parish News:

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

•Christmas Flower Memorials Thank you to everyone who made donations for Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one. Much beauty was added to the churches this Christmas season. A list of those remembered by the donors can be found in the back of the churches. Additional memorials were received after the listing was printed in memory of: **Immaculate Conception:** ††††Ambrose, Marie, Larry, & Edwin Gaebel and †Thomas Holdvogt.

•Low Gluten Hosts are available for individuals that have a gluten intolerance. Please note, these hosts still contain gluten, less than 0.001% gluten, and are not completely gluten free. If you would like to have more information about the low gluten hosts, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport. When you are planning to have a low gluten host for Mass, it will be necessary to have the host within a pyx (the parish can provide a pyx) and placed upon the altar for consecration. You will need to let Father know that you are present prior to Mass, and that you will be in his Communion line.

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



SHS 29th Annual Wine & Dine Dinner/Auction will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the Freeport Community Center. We are still accepting items for the auction. Call the school office or connect with a SHS family if you have an item you wish to donate. Along with the Dinner/Auction, we will also have a \$100 Cash Raffle with a top prize of \$20,000. The Raffle tickets are available from any SHS family or at the school office.


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

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

Total.....	\$33,421.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	10,764.00
Plate/Loose	714.50
Designated Funds.....	21,943.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle


12-24	\$25	Marion Goerd - Melrose
12-25	\$350	Jim & Carol Frericks - Melrose
12-26	\$25	Alice A. Klasen - Melrose
12-27	\$50	Wayne & Shirley Zenzen - Melrose
12-28	\$25	Lisa Sabyan - St. Cloud
12-29	\$25	Doris Olmscheid - Melrose
12-30	\$25	Janelle Thell - St. Joseph



Baptized in Christ...
 Jacob Emiliano Ramirez Ayala and Daniel Andrade Ayala

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...
 †Kimberly "Kim" Schmitz, 49

Children's Liturgy We are excited to announce that we will now be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word during all Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses!




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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$7,239.62
Plate.....	307.50
Total Weekly Contributions	\$7,547.12

Other Donations

Votive	\$152.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00
School Support	1,490.00
Christmas Plate	1,177.30
Christmas Envelopes.....	16,595.00


Parish Events

Tu	01/02	5:00 pm	Private Event
We	01/03		NO Adoration
We	01/03	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
Fr	01/05	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	01/05	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	01/05	3:00 pm	Youth Music Ministry

May She Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Dorothy Hollenkamp**, who passed away Saturday, December 23. Her funeral was celebrated here on Thursday, December 28.

Thank You to the Freeport State Bank for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the parish. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Sponsor a Votive Candle The parish is looking for someone to sponsor the following candles: 2 by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print and 1 military remembrance candle by the votive stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The suggested donation for a month is \$16.




THE FAMILY AS A COMMUNION OF LOVE Con't from page 1

The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.

Lord, draw me into the life, love and communion that You lived with Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Joseph. I offer You myself, my family and all those to whom I am called to love with a special love. May I imitate Your family love and life in all my relationships. Help me to know how to change and grow so that I may more fully share in Your family life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$2,257.08
Plate.....	1,882.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$4,139.08

Other Donations

Christmas Flowers.....	\$35.00
Building/Maintenance	37.50
Immaculate Conception Envelopes..	45.00
Votive.....	209.00
Thanksgiving/Fuel.....	50.00
Christmas Plate.....	389.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	8,636.00
Religious Retirement.....	20.00
Broiler.....	810.00

Parish Events

We 01/03 6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
Th 01/04	NO Adoration
Fr 01/05 3:00 pm	Youth Music Ministry - FR
Sa 01/06 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Sa 01/06 5:00 pm	Winter Raffle Drawing
Su 01/07 10:30 am	Family Gathering

Thank You to the Freeport State Bank for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the parish. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



Boiler Update: The new boilers are installed and up and running. The cost for replacement was a little over \$54,000. Currently, donations of \$12,370 have come in. Please consider donating to this need.

New Addition Update The elevator has arrived! It is in many parts and installation has begun. Painting is also underway. Installation of windows should also begin soon. At this time, a little over \$945,000 has been donated, pledged, or loaned to this project that is estimated at \$1,000,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this project and helping meet the needed goal.

2024 Calendars are available near the side entrances of the church.



God's Housekeepers for the month of January: Cathy Sand, Tami Funk, Amy Van Beck and Shelly Hoppe. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

Winter Raffle Tickets All raffle tickets (unsold/sold tickets) and money are due. If you haven't yet returned them, please do so immediately. They can be returned to Worms Lumber, New Munich Gas & Grocery, or the parish office in Freeport. All tickets must be accounted for so please return them as soon as possible. The raffle drawing will be held on January 6, 2024 following the 4:00 pm Mass.

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	\$1,236.54
Plate.....	445.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,681.54

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$412.00
Christmas Plate.....	345.75
Christmas Envelopes.....	9,135.00
Religious Retirement.....	10.00
Building/Maintenance.....	100.00

Parish Events

Tu 01/02	NO Adoration
We 01/03 6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
Fr 01/05 3:00 pm	Youth Music Ministry - FR
Fr 01/05 7:30 pm	Rosary

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Catholic United Financial

**Calendar Raffle Winners
December 2023**

12-18 \$40	Ashley Feldewerd
12-19 \$40	Pam Klaphake
12-20 \$40	Tanya Christenson
12-21 \$40	Steph Boecker
12-22 \$40	Tim Klaphake
12-23 \$40	Shirley Worms
12-24 \$100	Hugo Massmann

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$14,815.30
Regular Adult Offering.....	501.00
Children.....	27.55
Plate/Loose	374.50
Fuel Fund.....	2,300.00
Maintenance.....	587.00
Cemetery.....	500.00
Christmas.....	10,515.25
Retirement for Religious.....	10.00

Liturgical Ministries

Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1 - 7:30 pm

- (S) Gabby or Celia Schoenberg & Olivia Kalthoff
- (L) Lisa Wuertz
- (U) Jeff Lieser, Roger Meyer
- (EU)(B) Conrad Gruber
- (EU)(C) Sandra Gruber, Ruth Heinen
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Marvin Rademacher, Amy Orbeck

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, January 7 - 10:00 am

- (S) Landon Schmidt & Eleanor Schmidt
- (L) Ralph Klassen
- (U) Mark Schoenberg & Bob Terres
- (EM) (B) Stan Heinen
- (EM) (C) Jeanette Kalthoff, Melvin Kalthoff
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
- (HK: January 7-20)
Maggie Terres, Jenn Tschida, & Renee VanDrehle

New Ministry Schedules are available on the website and in the church.

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." -

Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



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

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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

• **No hay clases de formación en la fe durante las vacaciones de Navidad.** La primera clase de regreso será la Clase de Confirmación el miércoles 3 de enero de 2024 de 7:00 a 8:30 pm.

Regístrese ahora para el primer **Festival de Familias Diocesana** en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en Sauk Rapids el **11 de febrero, de 10:30 AM a 3:00 PM.** Habrá algo para toda la familia: sesiones para padres sobre salud mental, cuidado personal para padres, redes sociales y crianza en la fe, sesiones para adolescentes y niños, carnaval, juegos y misa con el obispo Neary. Registra a tu familia por solo \$20 en: <https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/>.

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



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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$12,471.00
Regular Adult Offering	4,120.00
Children.....	8.00
Plate/Loose	375.00
Votives.....	43.00
Fuel Fund.....	1,060.00
Christmas.....	6,695.00
Christmas Flowers.....	20.00
School Subsidy.....	150.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$13,458.60
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,625.00
Children.....	0.60
Plate/Loose	573.00
Votives.....	95.00
Christmas Flowers.....	50.00
Donations.....	200.00
Fuel Fund.....	250.00
Community Park.....	350.00
Matching Grant (CUF).....	1,000.00
Maintenance.....	40.00
Christmas.....	9,275.00

Liturgical Ministries
Solemnity of Mary
Monday, January 1 - 7:30 pm
 (S) Logan Frieler & Megan Frieler
 (L) Kathy Gilk
 (U) Dave Nathe & Arnold Nietfeld
 (GB) Clarine Beier & Mary Optrny
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) Herman Lensing & Mary Opatrny

Liturgical Ministries
Solemnity of Mary
Monday, January 1 - 9:00 am
 (S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer
 (L) Karen Meyer
 (U) Kurt Meyer & Marvin Meyer
 (GB) Tim & Sue Meyer
 (EM) (B) Sue Meyer & Abby Zenzen
 (EM) (C) Elmer Meyer & Daryl Zenzen

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, January 6 - 4:00 pm
 (S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
 (L) Linda Heinze
 (U) Daniel Nietfeld & Harold Rademacher
 (GB) Jim & Sheryl Braun
 (EM) (B) Clarine Beier
 (EM) (C) Dustin Gregory & Herman Lensing
 (HK - January) *Donna Worms, Laurel Worms, Kristen Young, Wanda Ahrens, Angie Barten, Ann Barten

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, January 7 - 8:00 am
 (S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
 (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Tim Meyer & Jeron Nathe
 (GB) Jeron & Brenda Nathe
 (EM) (B) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam
 (EM) (C) Char Meyer & Dan Meyer
 (HK - January) *Theresa Loxtercamp, Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Charlene Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer




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The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27	Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Tu	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28
We	1 Jn 2:29—3:6	Jn 1:29-34
Th	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10	Jn 1:35-42
Fr	Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21	Jn 1:43-51
Sa	1 Jn 5:5-13	Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday - The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6		
		Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Public Rosary...



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

All are invited and welcome!

- Tuesdays at 7:00 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.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grade 1 - 10: Next Class: Mass** Wednesday, January 3 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. **All students are expected to attend Mass.** Families are encouraged to attend with their students.
- **Grade 1, 3 - 6 Next Class:** Wednesday, January 3. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, January 3 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 10: Confirmation Student and Parent Interviews:** Wednesday, January 17. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information:

faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Confirmation Class** meet on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 from 7:00-8:30 pm.



YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- ♥ **Pizza Making & Games for Grades 9-12** Wednesday, January 17 from 7:00-8:00 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 website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 10.
- ♥ **Middle School Lock-In for Grades 6 - 8:** Saturday - Sunday, January 27 - 28 starting with 7:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids and ending at 6:00 am at the St. Cloud YMCA. This lock-in will have Mass, great food, swimming, dodgeball, gaga ball, prayer opportunities, wallyball, a silent disco, game shows, and so much more. Come together with other youth in our diocese, make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat great food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$40 prior to January 18 and \$50 January 19 - 24. Registration forms are available on the parish website sacredheartfreeport.org. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143 with questions.
- ♥ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12:** Friday - Sunday, March 22 - 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 51 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$190. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 31 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-214, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 with 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

Vespers for Life will be held January 21 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm at Church of St. Anthony, St. Cloud. Bishop Patrick Neary will preside. The service includes music, prayer, scripture and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist pregnancy resource centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud. Rosary at 3:30 pm and Vespers at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.



March for Life will be held Monday, January 22 in St. Paul. A prayer service for life will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30 am followed by the MCCL March for Life at the Minnesota Capitol from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Visit <https://stcdio.org/event/march-for-life-2024/> for more info.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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



- Men's Silent Retreat - January 12-14 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat - January 19-21 (Weekend)



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- ♥ **Classes Resume** on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
- ♥ **The 29th Annual Wine & Dine Dinner/Auction** will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024. We are still accepting items for the auction. Call the school office or connect with a SHS family if you have an item you wish to donate. Along with the Dinner/Auction, we will also have a \$100 Cash Raffle with a top prize of \$20,000. The Raffle tickets are available from any SHS family or at the school office.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

12/24	\$150	Ruth Wieling - Melrose
12/25	\$250	John Miller - Hugo
12/26	\$25	Bob Sprenger - Avon
12/27	\$25	Chelsea Atkinson - Alexandria
12/28	\$25	Nathaniel Welle - Freeport
12/29	\$25	Tom Notch - St. Joseph
12/30	\$25	Curt & Lynn Wegleitner - Freeport
12/31	\$120	Michelle Fleischhacker - Freeport

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December 2023 Calendar Raffle Winners

12-25	\$250	Carrie Zierden
12-26	\$40	Marvin Schneider
12-27	\$60	Chuck Uphoff
12-28	\$20	Judy Hennen
12-29	\$40	Bob Timp
12-30	\$60	Dave Mueller
12-31	\$100	Cathy Sand



Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

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- ♦ **The Students and Staff** at St. Mary's School wish you all a peaceful and joyous end to this year and a new year filled with many moments of joy, growth, and blessings.
- ♦ **Thank You** to all the businesses and individual people who donated money to St. Mary's School during this holiday season. We are thankful for your continued support for education and the students at St. Mary's School. We are fortunate to have a community that is committed to education.
- ♦ **Save the Date** for St. Mary's Catholic Schools Week Breakfast in the school gym on Sunday, January 28. All are welcome!
- ♦ **St. Mary's Catholic School's** 22nd Annual Auction 4 Education will be held on Saturday, March 2, at the Legion. The theme this year is Down on the Farm. \$100 raffle tickets are now available to purchase.

- ♦ **Steak and Wine Matching Grant** - We have exciting news! The *Joel and Cindi Schwieters Charitable Fund* and *John and Lynnea Schwieters and Family* are providing a matching grant for the first \$50,000 raised at our Steak and Wine Auction. This includes cash donations, online, and live auction bids. Through this matching grant, your cash donations and auction bids have the potential to be doubled! The Online Auction starts Friday, February 2 at 6:00 pm and runs through 8:30 pm on Thursday, February 8 at 32auctions.com/SJSA2024. The live auction is Saturday, February 10 at 8:30 pm at the Greenwald Pub. Cash donations can be sent directly to the school at - SJSA PO Box 120 Greenwald, MN 56335 or made the night of the auction. Thank you for your support in helping us obtain our \$50,000 matching grant!

- ♦ **Happy New Year** from the students and staff at SJSA. We pray your new year is filled with love and happiness.
- ♦ **School resumes** Tuesday, January 2.
- ♦ **The SJSA students collected** two large boxes of food for the Melrose Area Food shelf for their Advent service project. It was delivered before Christmas. Thank you to our families for their generosity.
- ♦ **SJSA Meat Raffle** at CB's on Wednesday, January 3 starting at 5:30 pm. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal at CB's and support SJSA.
- ♦ **St. John's-St. Andrew's school board** is asking for nominations for the SJSA Supporter Award to be given out at the Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction (February 9 and 10, 2024). This award is given to community members who have shown great support to the school over the years. Please send nominations by December 31 to Kathy Gilk at skgilk@meltel.net or 320-987-2873, or by calling the school at 320-987-3133.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

January 3, Wednesday

- ♦ **Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ♦ **Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. New appointments please call 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

January 10 & 17, Wednesday

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

January 18, Thursday

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

January 24, Wednesday

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

January 27, Saturday

- ♦ **SHS 29th Annual Wine & Dine Dinner/Auction** We are still accepting items for the auction. Call the school office or connect with a SHS family if you have an item you wish to donate. Along with the Dinner/Auction, we will also have a \$100 Cash Raffle with a top prize of \$20,000. The Raffle tickets are available from any SHS family or at the school office.

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