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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

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

First Sunday of Lent **March 6, 2022**

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
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New Parishioners
Please contact the respective parish office to register.

Leaving Our Parish?
If you are leaving our parishes, please call the respective parish office so we can update our census.

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
- Or by appointment. Call the respective parish office.

Marriage
Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call Deacon Ernie **before setting a date**. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism
St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John: Call Deacon Ernie.
Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima: Call Freeport Office.

RCIA
Call Deacon Ernie if you are interested in the RCIA program.
Deacon Ernie Kociemba 320-248-5124
Email: kociemba@meltel.net

ACC Mass Schedule/Intention ~ March 7 - 13

St. Mary - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	**Misa en Español** †Audencio Hernandez
Tu	7:30 am	†Ann M. Roehrl
We	7:30 am	†Joseph Blenker
Th	7:30 am	††Lawrence & Melania Wenning
Fr	7:30 am	†Florence Hinnenkamp
Sa	5:00 pm	††Jerome & Marcella Meyer
*Su	10:00 am	††Pete & Dorine Terres For the People
Su	12:30 pm	**Misa en Español** †Rodolfo Rodriguez †Audencio Hernandez

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

We	8:15 am	††Bernerd & Eleanor Thell
Fr	8:15 am	††Norbert & Veronica Toenies
Su	8:00 am	For the People

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	†Donald "Don" Gaebel
Sa	4:00 pm	†Fran Thelen

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Jack Engelmeyer
Su	10:00 am	†Victor Elfering

St. Michael - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Rosie Bertram
Su	10:00 am	†Marlene Lieser

St. Andrew - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	†Sylvester Klaphake
Sa	4:00 pm	††Walter & Leona Walz

St. John - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Sam Schneider
Su	8:00 am	†Dolores Imdieke

Stations Of The Cross
March 7 - 13

Tu	3-8	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
We	3-9	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
We	3-9	7:00 pm	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
We	3-9	7:15 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
			(Led by Faith Formation students. They plan to do 3-4 Stations.)
We	3-9	7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
We	3-9	7:30 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald
Th	3-10	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Fr	3-11	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
Fr	3-11	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)

Adoration
Sacred Heart - Freeport
Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)

Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE; Melrose, MN 56352

Weekly Contributions

Total	**$10,403.25**
Regular Adult Offering	7,722.00
Loose	1,029.00
Phase II	685.00
Designated Funds	967.25
St. Mary's School Endowment	**$30.00**
Phase II Building	**$37,171.85**
Rectory	**$73,295.00**
Total: Phase II/Rectory	**$110,466.85**

Baptized in Christ… Lyla Paige Liestman

Died in the Hope of Resurrection… †Richard "Dick" Imdieke, 78

St. Mary's Mission Society will meet on Wednesday, March 9 in the conference room at 10:30 am. All are welcome!

Blessed Bakers… A new ministry group is forming in our parish called The Blessed Bakers. When we are in need of bars or cookies for a parish function, The Blessed Bakers will be called upon to bake them. Funeral baking is not included in this ministry. We are planning on getting a master list of Blessed Bakers from which a few will be called upon to bake cookies or bars when needed. Call Jane Salzl with questions 320-256-3087. Sign up with Jane or in the office with Blanca.

Votives If you wish to purchase blessed votive candles to burn at home, you can stop by the office.

Refreshments will be served after all the Masses next weekend, March 12/13 at St. Mary's. SMS will also be present after the 10:00 am Mass with local scrip gift cards. Please plan to come and stay awhile!

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

02-27	$25	Marian Goerdt - Melrose
02-28	$25	John & Rose Waldorf - Elrosa
03-01	$25	Jim & Alvina Maus - Melrose
03-02	$25	Brandon & Alli Arnzen - Grey Eagle
03-03	$25	Irene Sullivan - St. Cloud
03-04	$25	Paul Rieland - Melrose
03-05	$25	Joyce Rademacher - Melrose

Confessions Fr. Marv and Fr. Newton will be offering Confessions every Saturday evening at 4:30 pm.

Full-Time Custodian Wanted St. Mary's Church is seeking applications for a full-time custodian. The custodian is responsible for the effective and efficient operation and maintenance of the church and school buildings, grounds, and equipment. A boiler license is required, or applicant must be willing to obtain one. Interested persons must complete an application which is available at the parish office. Open until filled.

Thank You We wish to thank Carol Winter for working in the cluster parish office. She has let us know that she will be done March 1. At this time, the position will not be filled. Her duties will be absorbed by other staff members. All Mass requests will be directed to Blanca Barragan in the Melrose office. She will handle Mass scheduling for all 4 parishes. Sheryl Braun will continue to take care of the bookkeeping and administrative duties. All bulletin announcements can be sent directly to bulletin@catholic-centered.org. The deadline is Tuesday at 9:00 am. You just need to include which church to have it listed under in the email. All calls can be made to the Melrose office 320-256-4207. Office hours are 7:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. If it is after hours, you can leave a message, and your call will be returned to you. Thank you for helping us better serve you. If you have any questions, please give Blanca or Sheryl a call. Carol will continue to do the ministry schedule for the cluster parishes. Thank you!

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART - FREEPORT (FR)

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

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Adult Envelopes	$3,535.38
Plate	346.25
Total Weekly Contributions	**$3,881.63**

Other Donations

Votive	$106.36
Central MN Catholic Magazine	175.00
School Support	90.00
Limestone Repair	250.00
Easter Flowers	25.00
Christmas	20.00

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL **Lenten Project:** ***The Heifer Project*** helps to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities they serve. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets. To learn more about the project, visit www.heifer.org. **To contribute to this Lenten Project, place donations in an envelope marked "Lenten Project." Drop envelope in the collection or mail it to or drop it off at the Tri-Parish Office.**

Catholic United Financial #101 will hold their quarterly meeting on Sunday, March 6 at 7:00 pm in the Sacred Heart church basement. Business meeting will be followed by refreshments, card playing, and lunch. All members are invited to attend.

St. Joseph's Society will have their annual meeting on Sunday, March 20 at 9:00 am (right after Mass) in the church basement. New members are welcome. Coffee and rolls will be served.

Parish Events

Su	03/06	9:00 am	Baptism
Su	03/06	7:00 pm	Catholic United Financial Meeting
Tu	03/08	6:00 pm	Bible Study
We	03/09	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
We	03/09	10:00 am	Bible Study
We	03/09	6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation
We	03/09	7:00 pm	Faith Formation
Fr	03/11	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	03/11	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	03/11	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	03/11	6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sa	03/12	9:00 am	Wedding Pictures
Sa	03/12	3:00 pm	Hemker/Hickman Wedding
Sa	03/12	4:30 pm	Lion's Breakfast Setup
Su	03/13	8:30 am	Lion's Breakfast

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Exterior Church Maintenance The limestone and exterior of the church needs upkeep. The limestone needs to be washed, repaired, and then sealed. The hope is to begin this project in the spring. The project is estimated at $50,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this much needed restoration of this historical church.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH (NM)

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

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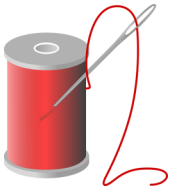
Adult Envelopes.....	$2,411.96
Plate.....	181.00
Total Weekly Contributions	**$2,592.96**

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	$217.50
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	100.00
Easter Flowers.....	20.00
School Support.....	50.00
Cemetery Fund.....	25.00



Parish Seamstresses & Crafters: This year the Parish & Quilt Raffle will be on June 11, 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 March 22, 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, Raffle Chm.* 320-837-5239

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Parish Events

Su 03/06	8:30 am	Lion's Breakfast
Tu 03/08	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 03/08	6:00 pm	Bible Study - FR
We 03/09	9:00 am	Quilting
We 03/09	10:00 am	Bible Study - FR
We 03/09	6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation - FR
We 03/09	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
Th 03/10	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th 03/10	9:00 am	Quilting
Th 03/10	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 03/12	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Bake Sale St. Ann's Christian Women will hold a bake sale in conjunction with the Lion's Breakfast on Sunday, March 6. Parish members with the last names beginning N-Z are asked to bring baked items to the church basement Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. If you choose not to bake, you are asked to donate $5.

Lenten Project: ***The Heifer Project*** helps to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities they serve. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets. To learn more about the project, visit www.heifer.org. **To contribute to this Lenten Project, place donations in an envelope marked "Lenten Project." Drop envelope in the collection or mail it to or drop it off at the Tri-Parish Office.**

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA (SR)

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

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Adult Envelopes.....	$2,323.46
Plate.....	363.00
Total Weekly Contributions	**$2,686.46**

Other Donations

Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	$75.00
Lent Project.....	50.00

Interior Renovation Project There are three main elements to the renovation. **1.** Painting. Our peeling ceiling needs repairs, and the entire interior needs repainting. **2.** Step-up landing. A Step-up landing spans the entire front of the church. This will be removed to extend the same floor elevation of the body of the church. Funerals, weddings, baptisms, and other liturgical gatherings will be more accessible by the faithful. **3.** Update the altar area. New altars are part of the plans, along with a new cross. The new cross will be fashioned from our cedar trees planted generations ago on our grounds and felled by storm. Next week, we'll share timeline goals. In the meantime, there are some pictures of the potential design of the project in the Gathering Area. Questions? Wish to make a donation? Wish to volunteer? Contact the Parish Office in Freeport.

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Parish Events

Su 03/06	11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Meeting
Tu 03/08	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu 03/08	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 03/08	6:00 pm	Bible Study - FR
Tu 03/08	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 03/09	10:00 am	Bible Study - FR
We 03/09	6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation - FR
We 03/09	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
We 03/09	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Fr 03/11	7:30 pm	Rosary

Thank You The family of Millie Kociemba would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during this difficult time. Thank you Fr. Dan Walz, Fr. Ben Kociemba, and Deacon Ernie Kociemba for the Celebration of Life Mass. Thank you Fr. Roger Klassen for your prayers and comfort at Mother of Mercy Nursing Home. Thank you Mother of Mercy staff for your loving and devoted care of our mom all these years. Thank you Callie Mayers for the beautiful music, Steve Wiechman for Mass assistance, Miller Carlin funeral staff for all your help, and the wonderful lunch ladies of St. Rosa. A special thank you to all family, friends, and neighbors for the thoughtfulness and kind words. God Bless you all.

~Family of Millie Kociemba

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CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL (SH)

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

Weekly Contributions

Total	**$918.00**
Regular Adult Offering	582.00
Plate/Loose	51.00
Fuel Fund	5.00
Maintenance Fund	60.00
Diocesan Collection	125.00
St. Cloud Magazine	20.00
Perpetual Cemetery Fund	75.00

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, March 13 - 10:00 am

(S) Celia Schoenberg & Gabby Schoenberg **(L)** Gary P. Lieser
(U) Robert Bertram & Conrad Gruber
(EU) (B) Karen Rademacher
(Sacristan) Kathy Welle
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
(HK - March 6-13) Terri Winter, Lisa Wuertz, & Mary Wuertz

Sausage & Ham Supper on Sunday, March 6 serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm in the church basement. We kindly request that all families from St. Michael's Parish in Spring Hill bring a pan of bars to share. Sponsored by Spring Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club, and St. Michael's Parish.

Stations of the Cross St. Michael's Parish will be having Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm during Lent. Starting March 9. No Stations during Holy Week. All are welcome.

Save the Date: Sunday, April 3 St. Michael's Parish, Spring Hill, Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale, serving from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. There will also be a Parish Raffle Drawing.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)

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

Weekly Contributions

Total	**$1,828.00**
Regular Adult Offering	1,485.00
Plate/Loose	30.00
Votives	15.00
Fuel Fund	8.00
Maintenance Fund	30.00
School Subsidy	20.00
Organ Donations	200.00
St. Cloud Magazine	40.00

Looking For Donations… St. Andrew's Parish has purchased a new electric piano/organ. So far the donations that have come in total $1,520.00 which is about 1/2 way to the goal of $3,329.00, the total cost. Please continue giving to the piano fund, put it in an envelope and mark it "Piano/Organ." Thank you for all the donations so far!

Confessions Fr. Marv and Fr. Newton will be offering Confessions every Saturday evening at 3:30 pm.

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, March 12 - 4:00 pm

(S) Jada Worms & Jake Worms **(L)** Cassandra Kettner
(U) Jason Barten & Gary Bertram
(GB) Al & Ronnie Inderrieden
(EU) (B) Dustin Gregory
(HK-March) *Sheri Thull, Margaret Silbernick, Amy Stueve, Linda Trisko, Lee Uphoff, & Joni Van Beck

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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE (MG)

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

Weekly Contributions

Total	**$2,548.25**
Regular Adult Offering	2,270.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	103.00
Votives	20.00
Maintenance Fund	135.00
St. Cloud Magazine	20.00

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, March 13 - 8:00 am

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk **(L)** Doug Meyer
(U) Elmer Meyer & Kurt Meyer
(GB) Karl & Geri Meyer
(EU) (B) Jim Leukam & Dan Meyer
(HK-March) *Abby Zenzen, Ann Brang, Janice Funk, Kathy Illies, Dalene Imdieke, & Joni Imdieke

Bake Sale ~ Bingo ~ Parish Raffle Sunday, April 3 in the Meire Grove Church Basement. 12:00 pm - Bake Sale, 12:15 pm - Lunch available (Hot Turkey Sandwiches on Homemade Buns, etc.) and included in the cost of Bingo; Lunch provided by Catholic United Financial. 1:00 pm - Bingo starts 20 games for $10 prizes included ham, turkey, or cash. 2:00 pm - Parish Raffle Drawing.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Uno en Fe ~ Formación de Fe y Ministerio Juvenil (Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald, Spring Hill)

•**Grados 9-10: Próxima clase:** Miércoles, 9 de Marzo de 7:15 - 8:30 pm. reúnase en la Escuela de Santa María. Estudiantes y algunos padres. Comenzaremos rezando las estaciones de la cruz. Todos están invitados a rezar las estaciones de la cruz!

Misa de Confirmación es este fin de semana, Domingo 6 de Marzo a las 2:30 pm en la Iglesia de Santa María; candidatos y padrinos favor de llegar a la 1:45 pm. todos están invitados a venir y celebrar este Sacramento con nosotros.

Folletos de Cuaresma y Materiales llenos de enriquecimiento de fe y oportunidades en nuestra comunidad de 4 parroquias One in Faith, incluyendo los horarios de Cuaresma, y confesiones, todo está disponible en la entrada de la Iglesia.

Materiales de Enriquecimiento de cuaresma hay una variedad de libros en la entrada de la Iglesia así como las cajitas de Arroz. Por favor llévese estos materiales para que tenga un gran experiencia de cuaresma.

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 siguientes tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. Dirigida por el Señor Oscar Nolasco. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

Ministerio Juvenil ACC

•**Retiro de Castaway para los grados 9-12:** Aún hay tiempo para inscribirse en Castaway. El retiro será del 25 al 27 de Marzo en el Castaway Club en Detroit Lakes, MN. Costo - $180. Se debe pagar un depósito no reembolsable de $100 al momento de la inscripción. El espacio es limitado. Castaway ha sido una experiencia energizante para nuestra joven Iglesia en la Diócesis de St. Cloud por más de 48 años. Este retiro es un fin de semana lleno de oración poderosa, historias divertidas, orador inspirador, música increíble, Misa 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. Si un estudiante da positivo por Covid antes de partir para el evento, se reembolsará la totalidad de la tarifa de inscripción. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en los anuncios de las 7 parroquias. Póngase en contacto con Chrystal Sand en csand@catholic-centered.org o 320-836-2143 o Elisha Seanger 320-429-0234 si tiene preguntas.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FREEPORT

PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz **PRINCIPAL:** Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kathy Welle
SHS BOARD: Amy Wilwerding, Emily Smith, Nick Shaw, Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho
Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514 www.shsfreeport.org

- **All School Mass** Wednesday, March 9 will be planned by Mr. Hippman and the 1st grade students.
- **Preschool and Kindergarten Open House** at Sacred Heart School will be on Thursday, March 10. Preschool at 6:30 pm and Kindergarten at 7:00 pm. Registration materials will be available. Call the school office at 320-836-2591 if you have any questions.
- **School Board Meeting** Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 pm.
- **No School** Friday, March 11. Conference Day in the Melrose School District.

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

02-27	$25	Trisha Hoppe - Sauk Centre
02-28	$25	Ben Hinnenkamp - Sauk Centre
03-01	$25	Jennifer Beach - Freeport
03-02	$40	Alvin Gerads/Lucy Cords - Waite Park
03-03	$25	Nathaniel Welle - Freeport
03-04	$25	Michelle Gross - Sauk Rapids
03-05	$25	Jerry Gerads - Melrose

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL Melrose, MN

PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Autumn Nelson **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Jenn Ellering
Phone: 320-256-4257 www.smsmelrosemn.org

♦**Thank you to everyone** that supported the 20th Annual Auction4Education. It was a night to celebrate St. Mary's School and enjoy friendship, good company, music, and a meal. Your gifts of time, talents, and treasures are greatly appreciated. Profits from the night will be shared as they become available.

♦**Attend our Winter Open House** for preschool through 6th grade on Monday, March 14, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm, and discover the benefits of Catholic education. Call 320-256-4257 or email sms@smsmn.org to schedule a tour during the open house or anytime.

♦**Parent - Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for March 22 and 24.

♦**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, Simply Love International, and Food for Thought. If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, you can drop your coins off at the Parish Office in Melrose or school.

SJSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD: Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Bridget Kasper, Amy Frieler, Kristin Zimmer, Kate Kelzer, Trista Roelike
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- **SJSA Student Lenten Project** SJSA students are collecting personal care items for the Melrose Area Food Shelf. Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, body wash, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. If you would like to donate, please drop items off at the school by Friday, April 8.
- **Stations of the Cross** SJSA students will lead Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 18 and Friday, April 1 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences at SJSA** are Thursday, March 10 from 2:30 - 7:00 pm. There is no school at SJSA on Friday, March 11.
- **Kindergarten "Rodeo Round-Up"** is Monday, April 4 from 7:45 am - 2:30 pm. Prospective Kindergarten students will spend the day with the current Kindergarten class to see what a day in Kindergarten is like. A healthy snack and hot lunch will be served. Please call the school at 320-987-3133 for more information.
- **Pre-school Open House** for students ages 3-5 is set for Wednesday, April 20 from 3:00 - 5:30 pm. More information to come! Call the school at 320-987-3133 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa Faith Formation

- **Grades 1, 3 - 6: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 9 - Classroom Lesson. Meet at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 9 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grades 7 - 10: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Meet in the body of the church. Bring your bible, notebook, and pen.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove Faith Formation

- **Grades 9-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 9 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm. Meet at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents. We will begin class by praying some of the Stations of the Cross. Parishioners are welcome to join us for the Stations!

ACC Youth Ministry

- **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9 - 12:** There is still time to register for Castaway. The retreat will be March 25-27 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Cost - $180. A $100 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration. Space is limited. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for over 48 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speaker, 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. If a student tests positive for Covid prior to leaving for the event, the entire registration fee will be refunded. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of all 7 parishes. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143 or Elisha Seanger 320-429-0234 with questions.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Confirmation Mass is this weekend, Sunday, March 6 at 2:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Candidates and sponsors, please be at the church at 1:45 pm. Parishioners are welcome to come to the celebration of this sacrament.

Best Lent Ever 2.0 For the first time ever, Dynamic Catholic is offering two options to feed your soul this Lent. Choose between ***The Generosity Habit*** or ***Difficult Teachings: The 40 Most Challenging Teachings of Jesus*** or both. Sign up for the daily reflections at https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html. You can also order the books that will accompany the reflections.

Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, March 9 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. We will study the readings and Gospel for Sunday, March 13. All are welcome.

Lenten Enrichment Materials There are a variety of Lenten books in the back of the churches, as well as Rice Bowls. Please take these materials to enhance your Lenten Experience.

Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on Sunday, March 27 at 6:30 pm. Cost is $15 for 20 games. Kids 12 and under are FREE! Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch includes hot turkey sandwich, chips, and cookie/bar. Beverages are available for sale. Variety games played will be 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.

Schulze Family Foundation - $25,000 Matching Grant Challenge Sacred Heart School is excited to announce that we have been selected to participate in a $25,000 Challenge Grant offered by the Schulze Family Foundation. We need all the help we can get to hit the target of the $25,000 matching grant money. Here is how it works: All new donations given over and above standard annual donations counts towards our goal of $25,000. Matching funds are given ONLY if we achieve our goal of $25,000, which would turn our total earned into $50,000. We are very excited and appreciative of this unique opportunity. The hope for this money would be to enhance our Science curriculum by creating a STEM lab and offering our students additional opportunities to learn about science, technology and mathematics. Please call the school office at 320-836-2591 for more information. All donations must be received by **March 30, 2022** to count for the challenge.

Lent Brochures filled with faith enrichment opportunities in our One in Faith Area Catholic Community, including schedules for Easter Triduum, and confessions, are available in the back of the church.

You Are Invited to Attend a TEC Retreat this Lent Sign up to participate in the March 12-14 or April 9-11 Central Minnesota Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreat and pay just $30. The regular price is $95 – so this is quite the deal. Sign up today at www.cmtec.org and pay the $30 deposit. We will take care of the rest. TEC is a three-day retreat for youth (age 16+) and adults. Described as one of the most relevant and life-changing retreats around, TEC promises to inspire and surprise. This encounter retreat is perfect for those searching, those needing direction and a little peace, and those looking to deepen their relationship with God. Come find out what 41,000 others have already experienced. www.cmtec.org today!

Taizé Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them this Lent for two evenings of Taizé Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. Join them on Fridays, March 11 and 18 for this contemplative prayer around the Cross. The service begins at 7:00 pm and lasts about one hour. It includes a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. All are welcome!

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the appeal. As of February 21, the Appeal raised $78,335 in gifts and pledges toward the foal of $1,400,000 with gifts from 577 households. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

"Amazing Grace" Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo are held 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 March 11-13 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat March 15-17 (Midweek)

Parish Ministries There are many opportunities for parish members to serve their parish community. Contact your Parish Office to find out how you can help or to sign up.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED)

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Communal Celebration with Individual Confession

- Wednesday, March 30, 5:30 & 7:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 pm—*St. John, Meire Grove*
- Friday, April 8, 7:00 pm—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*

Individual Celebration (Also available by appointment. Call Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143)

- Fridays during Lent - 7:45 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Saturdays during Lent - 3:30 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- Saturdays during Lent - 3:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- Saturdays during Lent - 4:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Saturday March 5 before & after First Saturday Mass—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Saturday April 2 before & after First Saturday Mass—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Tuesday April 5 before & after 8:15 am Mass—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*
- Thursday, April 7 before & after 8:15 am Mass—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- Friday, April 8, 5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Friday, April 8, 7:30 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*
- Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 pm—*St. John, Meire Grove*
- Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*

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 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.

The Scriptures This Week

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Lv 19:1-2,11-18	Mt 25:31-46
Tu	Is 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15
We	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32
Th	Est C:12,14-16,23-25	Mt 7:7-12
Fr	Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26
Sa	Dt 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12,17-18 — Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Prayer Requests…

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

May They Rest in Peace:

†Richard "Dick" Imdieke

Banns of Matrimony:

II Elisha Engelmeyer♥Devin Kemper, 3-19 SR
III Meaghan Hemker♥Ryan Hickman, 3-12 FR

For the Sick:

Rachael Zink, Nick Rothstein, Alice Doll

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

One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money! A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.

***Gift cards make great gifts!**

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  Cards available at: St. Mary's School - 320-256-4257
- **Scrip** (St. John's/St. Andrew's School, Greenwald)
  Cards available at: SJSA School - 320-987-3133

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

March 6, Sunday

- New Munich Lions Breakfast, serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the New Munich Church basement. Proceeds go to Eyesight & Hearing, Leader Dog, and community projects.
- BARGO from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Melrose American Legion. Free card with drink or food purchase.
- Sausage & Ham Supper, serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm in St. Michael's church basement in Spring Hill. Sponsored by Spring Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club, and St. Michael's Parish.

March 9, Wednesday

- Community Soup Luncheon from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the lower level of the Melrose City Center. Free will offering. Hosted by the Melrose Senior Center.
- Quilting at the Freeport Senior Center at 1:00 pm.

March 11, Friday

- Fish Fry at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

March 12, Saturday

- Rural Catholic Singles Group at All Saints - St. Mary's Church at 7:00 pm in Holdingford. Join us for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for singles ages 19-59 who are looking for spiritual education and fun social opportunities with other singles. For more information please contact Janel at 320-290-2877.
- Women's Lenten Retreat will be held at Holy Family Parish, Belle Prairie. Registration & Refreshments starting at 8:30 am, with keynote speaker, Fr. Brady Keller at 9:00 am, Mass at 11:00 am, followed by lunch. Leah Brix and Abby Thomas, speak in the afternoon. Fee is $20 at the door or $5 virtually. Handicapped accessible. Register with you parish CCW or contact Linda Scepurek, 320-632-4805. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

March 13, Sunday

- Freeport Lions Breakfast. Serving from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church basement. Proceeds go to community projects.
- St. John's Catholic United Financial will be serving coffee & rolls after 8:00 am Mass. Followed by a short meeting. Everyone is welcome!
- BARGO from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Melrose American Legion. Free card with drink or food purchase.

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