



# 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 in Lent**

**March 26, 2023**

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

**Melrose - Spring Hill -  
Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:**

**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Office Phone:** 320-256-4207

**Email:** stmarys@stmarysofmelrose.com

**Website:** www.oneinfaith.org

**Facebook:** Church of St. Mary, Melrose

**Mailing Address:** 755 Kraft Drive SE  
Melrose, MN 56352

**Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa Office:**

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

**Office Phone:** 320-836-2143

**Email:** triparish@albanytel.com

**Website:** www.sacredheartfreeport.org

**Facebook:** Tri Parish

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 155  
Freeport, MN 56331

**ACC Bulletin Announcement Deadline**  
**Tuesday before 9:00 am**

Email announcements to:  
bulletin@catholic-centered.org

**Confession Times**

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

**Marriage**

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

**Baptism & RCIA**

If you are interested in having your child baptized or participating in the RCIA program, contact the respective Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion**  
**Pastoral Visitation**  
**Joining/Leaving a Parish**

If you have any of the above or other pastoral needs, please call the respective Parish Office or check the parish websites.



*Total  
Freedom  
From Sin*

***“Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” John 11:43-44***

The death of Lazarus can be seen as a symbolic representation of the soul that has died from mortal sin. This is similar to the fact that leprosy, physical ailments and the like are also symbols of sin. For that reason, Jesus’ initial reactions reveal how we should respond to serious sin in our lives. When Jesus faced the death of Lazarus, “he became perturbed and deeply troubled,” “Jesus wept,” He became “perturbed again” and He “cried out in a loud voice.” Though Jesus was God, He freely chose to assume human nature and to experience human emotions and passions to teach us how we should react. In this case, He chose to become perturbed, deeply troubled, to weep and to cry out to show us how we should react to grave sin. Grave sin kills the spirit. As a result, we must be deeply affected if we commit or witness a grave sin.

One lesson we can take from this passage is that when you or a loved one falls into grave sin, it must not be ignored. Final impenitence is a sin by which a person fails to have appropriate remorse for sin and reacts to it in a dismissive and casual manner. This cannot be our reaction. Begin by considering the great value of taking sin seriously, reacting to it with passion and emotion, and crying out to God for forgiveness.

When Jesus cried out, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, the details were added that Lazarus did come forth but was still bound “hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.” Saint Augustine teaches that, in part, this symbolizes the entire process of confession and the forgiveness of sins. First, no person is capable of confessing their sins by their own effort. It must be that they are moved by grace and the command of our Lord to come forth to show themselves in their bound state to God. Lazarus’ obedience to Jesus’ command symbolizes the Christian’s response to God when called to repentance. When our Lord says, “Untie him and let him go,” this symbolizes the unmerited effect of the Sacrament of Confession and the power it has to release a person not only from their sins but also from the ongoing effects of those sins.

Our Church teaches that sin has a double consequence. First, it keeps us from eternal salvation. This effect is remedied through Confession and forgiveness. However, there is a second effect called “temporal punishment” (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1471-1473). This “punishment” is not from God, but from sin. It means that when we sin, even in a less serious way, we become attached to that sin and that the ongoing temptation to return to it is strengthened. Thus, ongoing conversion also means we hear our Lord say, “Untie him and let him go.” This is especially accomplished by ongoing conversion and growth in virtue.

Reflect, today, upon the rich symbolism found in the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. As you do, listen for the passionate voice of Jesus who calls to you, “Come out!” What sin is Jesus calling you to be free from? Identify that sin and repent of it with the same passion that our Lord exhibits. From there, consider any

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**ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 27 - APRIL 2**

**ST. MARY - Melrose**

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Miguel Partida  
 Tu 7:30 am †Mary Elfering  
 We 7:30 am †Aaron Schmitz  
 Th 7:30 am †Mildred Kociemba  
**Fr 8:30 am St. Mary's School Mass**  
 †Jane Klein  
 Sa 5:00 pm †Elmer Hellermann  
 †Richard Hellermann  
 For the People  
 \*Su 10:00 am ††James & Betty Petermeier  
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**  
 †Gilberto Orozco Vazquez

**SACRED HEART - Freeport**

We 8:15 am †Everett Scherping Anniversary  
 Fr 8:15 am †Bernie Laing  
**Sa 8:00 am First Saturday Mass**  
 ††Tom & Ed Hennen  
 Su 8:00 am †Ed Hennen

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich**

Th 8:15 am †Florence Hinnenkamp  
 Sa 4:00 pm †Troy Niebergall

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

Tu 8:15 am †Greg Hartung  
 Su 10:00 am For the People

**ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill**

Tu 8:00 am †Casper Schwieters  
 Su 10:00 am †Clarence Bertram

**ST. ANDREW - Greenwald**

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**  
 †Rosie Meyer  
 Sa 4:00 pm †Clarence Winter

**ST. JOHN - Meire Grove**

We 8:00 am †John Nathe  
 Su 8:00 am †Alphonse Imdieke

**\*Mass will be livestreamed.**

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

Please see page 3 for Sacrament of Forgiveness dates, times, and locations.

Please see page 6 for Easter Triduum dates, times, and locations.

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



**ADORATION**

**St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa**  
 Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

**Immaculate Conception - New Munich**  
 Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

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

**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 or Monetary offering...** If you wish to donate toward Easter Flowers 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. We will be collecting money through April 6. \***St. Michael and St. Andrew parishes** if you prefer to purchase the flowers yourself, place them in the back of the church by April 6. 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, April 7. The Melrose Office will be closed on Monday, April 10.

**24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration (almost)**

Stop your busyness for an hour and join us in stillness and blessed time with our Lord. The Tri-Parish invites all the faithful for a special opportunity to kick off Holy Week. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, March 31 after the 8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport and extend through the night until the First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am on April 1. There will be coffee, juice, and snacks available in the church basement for you to enjoy in fellowship with fellow adorers who have embraced this commitment. We would like 3 households signed up per hour, if possible. Sign up sheets are available in all three parishes or call or text Mary Jepperson 320-493-2132 or Darlene Engelmeyer 320-491-1357 to sign up. We cannot leave our Lord alone.



**Sacred Heart St. Joseph Society Raffle tickets** are for sale. Purchase a ticket or more for a chance to win cash prizes or gift certificate to Freeport food establishments. Tickets are \$2. You can get yours from Tim Linn, Mark Middendorf, or at the Tri-Parish Office.

**Parish News:**

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

- ♦ **St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus** has begun our 40 Cans For Lent food drive in the Tri-Parish. Please help us support our local food shelf by placing a food item in any of our parishes. Thank You.
- ♦ **Easter Triduum and April Ministry Schedules** have been emailed or mailed out. The schedules are also available on the Tri-Parish website. Please carefully review the Easter Triduum schedule, as ministers from all three parishes are scheduled for Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday Masses.



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

**Honoring Marriage Day** This event will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud on Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 pm for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60-plus anniversaries in 2023. Contact your parish office if you would like to receive an invitation.

**Chrism Mass for the Diocese of St. Cloud** will be held Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud. This solemn liturgy takes place once a year at the Cathedral, during which Bishop Neary will consecrate the holy oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism) used in parishes of our diocese throughout the coming year.



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



**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.

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

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

Total.....	\$18,250.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	14,750.00
Loose .....	1,433.00
Designated Funds.....	2,067.00

Phase II Building .....	\$47,521.85
Rectory.....	\$79,779.65
Phase II Matching Funds.....	\$144,963.25
<b>Total: Phase II/Rectory.....</b>	<b>\$272,264.75</b>

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

03-19	\$25	Jodi A. Westermeyer - Melrose
03-20	\$25	Rich & Charlene VanDrehle - Melrose
03-21	\$25	Jennifer Seviour - Fargo, ND
03-22	\$50	Rita Terwey - Melrose
03-23	\$25	Harry Kraemer - Melrose
03-24	\$25	Allen Bierschbach - Melrose
03-25	\$25	Alice Klaphake - Melrose



**Died in the Hope of Resurrection...** † Debra "Debbie" Gieske, 53

**Bulletins Will No Longer Be Available Before Mass**  
 The ushers will be handing them out after Mass. Please enjoy reading them at home.

**Palm Sunday Liturgies** next weekend, April 1 & 2, will start in the gathering space. We will be receiving our palms, praying, and then processing into Church.

**Practices for Triduum Liturgies** will be held at 10:00 am on the day of the liturgy. Please check your schedule and if you are scheduled for a ministry please be at church for practice. (example: Jane Doe scheduled to be a Lector for Good Friday, Jane Doe will be at 10:00 am practice on Good Friday etc.) This is for servers, lectors, sacristans, and AV people.

**The Scriptures This Week**

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle I

**Mo** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11

**Tu** Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30

**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**

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54



**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,332.77
Plate.....	211.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$3,543.77</b>

**Other Donations**

Votive.....	\$270.00
School Support.....	110.00
Easter Flowers.....	105.00
Easter.....	200.00
Building/Maintenance.....	140.00

**Parish Events**

Su	03/26	10:00 am	First Communion Mass
Tu	03/28	5:30 am	Men's Group
Tu	03/28	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg. - NM
We	03/29	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	03/29	6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation
We	03/29	7:00 pm	Faith Formation
We	03/29	7:00 pm	Shadow Stations at SHS
Th	03/30	1:30 pm	Shadow Stations at SHS
Fr	03/31	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	03/31	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	03/31	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	03/31	2:30 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Su	04/02	9:00 am	St. Joseph Society Mtg.
Su	04/02	4:00 pm	Art Van Heel Wake

**St. Joseph's Society Annual Meeting** April 2 at 9:00 am in the church basement. Join us for our meeting and breakfast. New members are welcome.

**Votive Candles** Would you like to sponsor a specific votive candle for a month at a time? The parish is looking to have the following votive candles sponsored: 1 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar, 1 on the St. Joseph Altar, 2 by the Our Lady of Guadalupe print, 1 military remembrance candle by the votive stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The cost for a month is \$12.

**Thank You** to the Freeport Development Corporation for their donation of \$1,054.70 and Sportsmen Inc. of Freeport for their donation of \$4,048.71 to the parish. On behalf of Sacred Heart Parish we appreciate the financial support. These funds will be put towards caring for the parking lot.

**Sacrament of Forgiveness**

**Communal Celebration with Individual Confession:**

Wednesday, March 29	5:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
	7:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose

**Individual Celebration:**

• 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
• Friday, March 31	5:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
• Friday, March 31	7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
• Saturday, April 1	before/after	1st Saturday Mass Sacred Heart, Freeport
• Monday, April 3	5:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
• Monday, April 3	7:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove



• Or by appointment call: Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143

**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes .....	\$1,989.46
Plate.....	134.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,123.46</b>

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$92.50
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	25.00
Easter Flowers .....	65.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	15.00
Lenten Project.....	25.00

Parish Events

Su 03/26 10:00 am	First Communion Mass - FR
Tu 03/28 5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
Tu 03/28 7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
We 03/29 6:00 pm	Elementary FF - FR
We 03/29 7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
We 03/29 7:00 pm	Shadow Stations at SHS
Th 03/30 7:00 am	Adoration
Th 03/30 8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th 03/30 1:30 pm	Shadow Stations at SHS
Th 03/30 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 04/01 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

**Church Expansion with Handicap**

**Accessibility Update:** The diocese finance committee has approved for us to go forward with the project. The hope is to break ground this spring. At this time, roughly \$662,629.49 has been pledged or is in hand for the project. The project is estimated at \$1,000,000.



**Parish Seamstresses & Crafters:**

This year the Parish & Quilt Raffle will be on June 10, 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 April 5, so we will have time to get the raffle tickets printed with the information on them and have them ready to send out with the parish raffle tickets. Thanks in advance for sharing your talents to contribute to the Christian Women's main source of funds. Also, if anyone would like to donate cash toward the expenses of the quilt, we'd appreciate that very much. Jean Hopfer, Quilt Raffle Chm. 320-837-5239.



**CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes .....	\$2,206.54
Plate.....	235.25
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$2,441.79</b>

Other Donations

Central MN Catholic Magazine ....	\$25.00
Easter Flowers.....	186.00

Parish Events

Su 03/26 10:00 am	First Communion Mass - FR
Tu 03/28 5:30 am	Men's Group - FR
Tu 03/28 7:00 am	Adoration
Tu 03/28 8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu 03/28 9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 03/28 7:10 pm	K of C Mtg. - NM
We 03/29 6:00 pm	Elementary FF - FR
We 03/29 7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
We 03/29 7:30 pm	Shadow Stations at SHS
Th 03/30 1:30 pm	Shadow Stations at SHS
Fr 03/31 7:30 pm	Rosary

**Quilting** We will be quilting on March 28. All are invited to come quilt. Lunch is provided.

**Thank you** from the Arlene Amzen family to Father Dan, the musicians, and church volunteers for the wonderful Mass, meal, and desserts. We would also like to extend our appreciation to Patton-Schad Funeral Services and the hospice care team. May God bless everyone who called or visited Arlene at home. She enjoyed each visit.

*God Bless, Arlene Arnzen Family*



**Votive Candles** Would you like to sponsor a specific votive candle for a month at a time? The parish is looking to have the following votive candles sponsored: 4 on the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue Stand, 4 on the St. Rose of Lima Statue Stand. If you are interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office. The cost for a month is \$12.

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

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

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

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,634.50</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,184.00
Children.....	20.50
Plate/Loose .....	90.00
Fuel Fund.....	340.00
CUF Matching Grant.....	1,000.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, April 2 - 10:00 am**

- (S) Gabby Schoenberg or Celia Schoenberg
- (L) Peter LeClaire & Lisa Wuertz
- (U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz
- (EM) Kathy Welle
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes
- (CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
- (HK - April 2-15) Krystal Barten, Cindy Bertram, & Deb Bertram

**Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale**

today in the church basement from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

**Lenten Prayer for Marriage**

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

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

*Amen.*

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

**CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,960.60</b>
Regular Adult Offering .....	1,360.00
Children.....	10.00
Plate/Loose .....	36.60
Votives.....	9.00
Ash Wednesday.....	5.00
Fuel Fund.....	340.00
Easter Flowers.....	135.00
School Support.....	5.00
Rice Bowl.....	25.00
Eastern Europe.....	5.00
Catholic Relief.....	30.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Saturday, April 1 - 4:00 pm**

- (S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk
- (L) Linda Heinze & Peter Van Beck
- (U) Roger Schoenberg & Mark Silbernick
- (GB) Pat & Deb Keller
- (EM) Clarine Beier
- (HK - April) \*Angie Barten, Ann Barten, Clarine Beier, Lisa Bertram, Joyce Bertram, & Kathy Buermann

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

**Thank You...** St. Andrews Catholic United Financial Council #324 would like to thank everyone who attended and/or supported our Matching Grant Breakfast on February 12, all the workers from the parish that showed up to work hard. Also, thank you to the Greenwald Pub for the use of your establishment, the Christian Women who did the meat raffle during the breakfast. We served 651 hungry people. All proceeds \$5,312.96 is given to St. Andrews Parish for upkeep and maintenance of the parish.

**Prayer Requests...**



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

**For the Sick:**

- Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Shari Salina, Rachael Zink, Rita Huls, Joan Schlicht, Thomas Stangler, Jr., Jon Tuft

**Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

- ◆Sacred Heart - Jennie Hiltner 836-2528
- ◆Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink 837-5321
- ◆St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren 333-8461
- ◆St. Mary's 256-3878

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**


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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$4,878.17</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,349.67
Children .....	2.50
Plate/Loose .....	97.00
Votives.....	49.00
Fuel Fund.....	220.00
Easter Flowers.....	110.00
Catholic Relief.....	50.00

**Liturgical Ministries**  
**Sunday, April 2 - 8:00 am**

- (S) Austin Kelzer & Isaac Zenzen
- (L) Kaylee Nathe & Doug Meyer
- (U) Marvin Schneider & Matt Silbernick
- (GB) John & GERALYN Primus
- (EM) Dan Meyer & Char Meyer
- (HK - April) \*Heidi Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, & Rita Meyer

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

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

**March 26, Sunday**

- ◆**Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale** at St. Michael's Church, Spring Hill will be held in the church basement from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited.
- ◆**Melrose Boy Scout Troop 68 Laughs for lunch** an exercise in comedy at 6:30 pm in the Melrose High School Auditorium. Admission: A non-perishable good item for the Melrose Area Food Shelf.

**March 27, Monday**

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

**March 29, Wednesday**

- ◆**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
- ◆**Please join Immaculee Ilibagiza** for the Year of Forgiveness. Soup and Sandwiches at 6:00 pm and Speaker at 7:00 pm. St. Boniface church in Cold Spring.

**March 31, Friday**

- ◆**American Legion Melrose, Fish Fry** from 4:30 - 7:30 pm.
- ◆**Annual Smelt Fish Fry & Raffle** at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Upsala will be having its 7th Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. Serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm with the cash raffle at 7:30 pm. Raffle tickets are \$100 each. They are available at Nelson Insurance, the parish office, and after 10:00 am Mass every Sunday until the raffle.

**April 2, Sunday**

- ◆**St. Martin Baseball Breakfast.** Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Curbside pickup available 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Smokes & Non-smoked sausage, Liver Sausage, Fried Potatoes, etc. Adults \$10, at the door \$11, Children 6-12 \$5, Preschool free.
- ◆**Matching Grand Fundraiser** at the church of All Saints Holdingford. Serving from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, and ham will be served.
- ◆**Easter Egg Hunt** at the New Munich Community Park. Registration/Activities start at 12:30 pm, Easter Bunny arrives at 1:00 pm. Prize drawing to follow. Sponsored by New Munich Lions.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

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

- ◆**Liturgias de Reconciliación Comunal** - Miércoles, 29 de marzo - Iglesia de Santa María/Melrose - 5:00 y 7:00 pm. Elija el momento que mejor se adapte a usted y a su familia. \* ¡Algunos estudiantes de 9º/10º grado están inscritos para hacer ministerios litúrgicos en estas liturgias!
- ◆**Primera Comunión - Próxima clase** = Sábado, 1 de abril - Iglesia de Santa María - 9:30-11:00 am. Solo estudiantes.
- ◆**Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC para información juvenil.**

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

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

**Si desea, ofrecer una misa** por un ser querido, o si desea recibir algún sacramento de bautismo omatrimonio, favor de hablar con el Padre Arockiya Newton o con el Diacono Jorge Carrillo o el Diacono Jesús Hernández. O llama a la oficina 320-256-4207.

**Clínica de Salud Gratis.** Cada tercer jueves del mes en el Centro Hispano de Waite Park, de 2 a 5:30 pm se atiende con cita o sin cita. 106 7th Ave North, Waite Park, 56387. Llame hoy para programar una cita. 320-492-2220.

## FAITH FORMATION

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

Contact Information:

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

- **Grade 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 29 - Classroom Lesson. Please meet at Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 29 at 6:00 pm - Classroom Lesson. Please meet at Tri-Parish Office in Freeport.
- **Grade 7-9: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm. Please meet in classrooms. Bring your Bible, books, and pens.
- **Grade 10: Next Class:** Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 30 at 6:00 pm. Meet in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot at 6:00 pm. We will attend Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary at 7:00 pm and return to Freeport around 9:30 pm. This is considered a classroom night and all students are expected to attend.

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

Contact Information:

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

- ♦ **Communal Reconciliation Liturgies** - Wednesday, March 29 - St. Mary's Church/Melrose - 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Choose whichever time works best for you and your family. \*Some 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> graders are signed up to do liturgical ministries at these liturgies!
- ♦ **First Communion - Next Class** Saturday, April 1 - St. Mary's Church - 9:30-11:00 am. Students only.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

[csand@catholic-centered.org](mailto:csand@catholic-centered.org) or [faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com)

- ♥ **Egg Dying Service Project for Grades 6-8** Wednesday, April 5 from 6:45 pm - 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](http://www.sacredheartfreeport.org).
- ♥ **A Call to Service ACTS** is a 5-day service-learning retreat for youth who have finished grades 6, 7, or 8. The diocese is planning this retreat for August 8 - 12. The retreat includes: daily prayer, daily service experiences, large group activities, small group learning, Mass, reconciliation, and much more. Our home site will be at the Central Minnesota TEC Center near Little Falls. The cost is \$175, and there is limited space. Deadline to sign up is May 1, but sign up early. Brochures are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards.
- ♥ **NCYC** The Diocese of Saint Cloud will be bringing a group to Indianapolis, Indiana November 15 - 19 for NCYC 2023: Fully Alive. NCYC is a time for high school youth from around the nation to gather and celebrate being Catholic through prayer, Mass, and activities. The cost to attend is \$840. Deadline to register is April 18. Brochures are available on the Tri-Parish bulletin boards.

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

**Exploring the Art and Theology of Icons** The biblical idea of "the image and likeness of God" is fundamental to Christian doctrine, since Christ is the revelation not only of the Word of God, but also of the image of God. This doctrine is beautifully expressed in Icons depicting the mutual features of loving kindness between the Mother of God and the Christ Child. In the presence of actual icons, we will explore the ways in which Theology in line and color, in gestures and gazes, invites not only contemplation but participation in God's closeness, vulnerability, and total involvement with us. Presented by Jane Kelley Rodeheffer. Friday, March 31 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Emmaus Hall, St. John's University. There is no fee, but registration is required. Register at online or contact the Development Office at 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).

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



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

♦ **SMS is actively searching for some exceptional, licensed teachers** to join our amazing staff for the 2023-2024

school year. Do you know someone who's graduating this spring or wants to make a change in their career path? Please spread the word! If interested, please email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org) with your resume and references.

**Special Prayer Service at the Abbey** Abbot John and the monks of Saint John's Abbey invite you to take part in a special prayer service at the Abbey Church on Saturday evening, April 1, the evening before Palm Sunday. Beginning at 7:00 pm, the service, with its special music and prayer setting, is an opportunity to enhance the beginning of your Holy Week. A reception will follow in the Great Hall, and will include light refreshments. Please join us for this special vigil service, Saturday, April 1, at 7:00 pm. And feel free to bring a friend or two. All are welcome.



### *Total Freedom from Sin* continued

ongoing temptation you struggle with and any attachment you still have toward a particular sin. Jesus desires that you be completely unbound and set free. Be open to that grace and do all you can to accept it.

*My merciful and passionate Lord, You command me, in love, to come forth from all sin. And when I respond, You command that the effects of my past sins be removed. Please free me, dear Lord, from all that binds me so that I will be set firmly on the glorious road of virtue that leads to eternal joy.*

*Jesus, I trust in You. mycatholic.life*

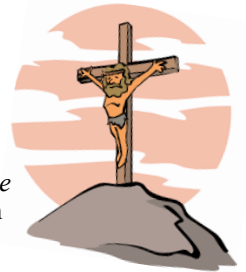
## Easter Triduum Schedule

### **Holy Thursday** (April 6) *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

\*6:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Bilingual Mass) \*Livestream Mass  
7:00 pm Sacred Heart, Freeport  
7:30 pm St. Michael, Spring Hill

### **Good Friday** (April 7) *The Passion of the Lord*

12:15 pm Sacred Heart, Freeport  
1:00 pm St. Andrew, Greenwald  
1:30 pm St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa  
\*3:00 pm St. Mary, Melrose \*Livestream Service  
3:00 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich  
5:00 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Service)  
7:30 pm St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove



### **Holy Saturday** (April 8) *Easter Vigil*

8:00 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich  
\*8:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Bilingual Mass) \*Livestream Mass  
8:30 pm St. Andrew, Greenwald

### **Easter Sunday** (April 9) *Resurrection of the Lord*

8:00 am Sacred Heart, Freeport  
8:00 am St. Michael, Spring Hill  
8:00 am St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove  
9:00 am Immaculate Conception, New Munich  
\*10:00 am St. Mary, Melrose \*Livestream Mass  
10:00 am St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa  
12:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Mass)

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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- ♥ **Principal for a Day** This past week Ms. Olivia Von Wahlde spent the day shadowing and working with Mrs. Harren. Olivia's family purchased this opportunity for her at the Wine & Dine fundraiser held in January.
- ♥ **School Liturgy** on Wednesday, March 29 will be a remembrance Mass for the Sacred Heart School 2nd graders who received their First Holy Communion this past weekend. Due to pictures being taken, there will be No Stations after Mass.
- ♥ **Shadow Stations of the Cross** will be presented by the 6th graders on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, March 30 at 1:30 pm.
- ♥ **Ms. Blashack and the 1st grade students** will help lead Stations of the Cross after Mass on Friday, March 31.
- ♥ **Designer Bag Bingo** will be held on Saturday, April 1 at the Freeport Community Center. Tickets (for a packet of 20 Bingo Games) can be purchased at the door for \$35. Doors open at 3:30 pm and Bingo starts at 5:30 pm.

## Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

03/19 \$50 Donna Worms - Melrose  
 03/20 \$25 Val Koellen - Sauk Centre  
 03/21 \$25 Michelle Novotny - Ramsey  
 03/22 \$25 Doris & Gerald Frieler - Melrose  
 03/23 \$25 Tony & Sam Scherping - Melrose  
 03/24 \$25 Kim Waldvogel - Melrose  
 03/25 \$25 Emily Wensmann - Melrose

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 27 - April 2

Tuesday	3-28	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Wednesday	3-29	1:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Living Stations Presented by St. Mary's School)
Wednesday	3-29	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Freeport (Shadow Stations Presented by the 6th Grade Class from SHS)
Wednesday	3-29	7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
Wednesday	3-29	7:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
Thursday	3-30	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Thursday	3-30	1:30 pm	Sacred Heart School Auditorium, Freeport (Shadow Stations Presented by the 6th Grade Class from SHS)
Friday	3-31	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
Friday	3-31	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)



**PASTOR:** Fr. Marvin Enneking  
**PRINCIPAL:** Autumn Nelson  
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- ♦ **We are excited to announce** that the Auction4Education has raised an amazing total of \$154,470; this includes \$70,540 from the raffle and \$83,930 from the auction. Many thanks to all the SMS families, friends, and community and parish members for making this event such a wonderful success!
- ♦ **Pete Klaphake and Ross Wiechmann's School Board terms will be ending** at the end of this school year. Candidates interested in running for a position on the school board must submit a bio consisting of 125-150 words to Autumn Nelson at [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org) by April 1. The election will occur at Masses on April 15/16.
- ♦ **All are Invited to the Living Stations** being presented by St. Mary's School students on Wednesday, March 29, at 1:00 pm in the church.
- ♦ **St. Mary's Kindergarten Roundup** is set for Thursday, April 6. Students will spend the day in activities from 8:00 am - 2:45 pm. Call 320-256-4257 if you have a prospective kindergartener for the 2023-2024 school year, and you haven't already contacted us. Preschoolers at SMS will be getting information on March 22.
- ♦ **There are still openings** for prospective 2023-2024 Little Saints. This program is for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. If interested call 320-256-4257 or email [anelson@smsmn.org](mailto:anelson@smsmn.org).



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- ♦ **SJSA students present Living Stations of the Cross** on Tuesday, April 4 at 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. All are welcome!
- ♦ **SJSA Students are collecting personal care items** for the Melrose Area Food Shelf now through March 31. Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, bath soap, and hand soap. If you would like to donate, items can be dropped off at the school during normal school hours.
- ♦ **Come "Take a Dive Into Kindergarten"** at SJSA Kindergarten Round-Up on Monday, March 27. Prospective kindergarteners will spend the day in kindergarten with the current class. A healthy snack and hot lunch are included. If you have a child who will be 5 by August 1st and is ready for kindergarten, please consider checking us out! Call the school at 320-987-3133 to register.
- ♦ **Mark your calendars!** Preschool Open House is Wednesday, April 19 from 3-5 pm. SJSA offers an all-day Wednesday preschool for children ages 3-5. Please call the school office at 320-987-3133 to register.

## Public Rosary

will be prayed weekly.

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

*All are invited and welcome!*



- Tuesday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English in the gathering space in the St. Rose of Lima Church.

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