



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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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

Melrose - Spring Hill - Greenwald - Meire Grove Office:

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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.



Spiritual Knowledge From Within

“Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” Luke 24:38-39

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord's appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

In the first reading of today's Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, “God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord's disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus' triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being.

Begin by considering how deeply you believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to you in person would help deepen your faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to you today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that the spiritual gift of understanding is a gift that reveals to us the very essence of God. He explains that it is a much deeper form of knowledge than that which is obtained through our five senses. Thus, simply seeing something with our eyes, touching it or hearing it is not nearly as convincing as the knowledge obtained through the spiritual gift of understanding. The gift of understanding enables us to “read inwardly” and to penetrate the very essence of

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ APRIL 15 - 21

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Sergio Hernandez Chavez y Familia Hernandez Montañez
 Tu 8:00 am †Julie Rademacher
 We 8:00 am †Charles Gebeke
 Th 8:00 am †Roman Schulzetenberg
 *Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
 †Kevin Olmscheid
 Sa 5:00 pm †Chad Toenyang
 For the People
 *Su 10:00 am †Lynn (Buffmann) MacRae
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Julia Cervantes
 †Salvador Sanchez

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am ††Norb & Marilyn Schaefer
 Sa 4:00 pm ††Norb & Luella Humbert

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

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

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Marcella Lieser
 Sa 4:00 pm †Deceased/Living Members of St. Mary's Mission Society

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Viola Berscheid
 Su 10:00 am **SJSA First Communion Mass**
 ††Rosie & Perry Meyer

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Deceased/Living Members of the Poor Souls Society
 Su 8:00 am ††Raphael & Dolores Imdieke

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - Melrose

First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm in Spanish (en Español)

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 Fridays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
 ††Nancy & Lennie Holmer
 Fr 8:15 am ††Cyril & Olivia Schneider
 Su 8:00 am †Rita Ritter Anniversary

***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 ~

- Sacrament of First Eucharist** We invite you all to help celebrate the sacrament of First Eucharist with our St. John's-St. Andrew's School, St. Mary's School and Faith Formation families at weekend Masses on Saturday, April 20 (5:00 pm), Sunday, April 21 (10:00 am), Sunday, April 21 (12:30 pm), Sunday, April 28 (10:00 am), and Sunday, May 5 (10:00 am). We know that those Masses are always a little bit longer, but we appreciate everyone who is there to support and celebrate these young people as they enter more deeply into the Body of Christ that is our church community!
- Retirement Party for Father Marv:** Please join us in celebrating Father Marv's retirement on Sunday, June 30 at St. Michael's in Spring Hill. The celebration will include an outdoor Mass at 10:00 am (weather permitting), a lunch in the church basement, and music in the afternoon. This event is being hosted jointly by St. Michael's, St. John's, and St. Andrew's parishes. Please watch the bulletin for more details as the date gets closer.
- Thank You** to everyone who made donations for Easter flowers and the environment in memory of a loved one. Much beauty was added to the churches this Easter season. A list of those remembered by the donors can be found in the back of the churches.

West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women

will be holding their Spring General Meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at the St. Mary Church, 308 Main St., Upsala, MN. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a Mass, followed by a Light Supper (\$6) and meeting. Please RSVP for supper to Corrine Hadrich at 320-310-1260 or cmhadrich@gmail.com. All women in the West Central Deanery are invited. Any questions, contact Jean Hopfer, Deanery Pres., 320-837-5239 or ecthull@albanytel.com.

"Come and See" Retreat for women, ages 18 and older, starting at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21, at Saint Benedict's Monastery, 104 Chapel Lane, St. Joseph, MN. There will be time to reflect and experience life at the monastery, explore if God might be inviting you a Benedictine way of life. If interested, please contact Sr. Marilyn in the Vocation Office at 320-363-7180 or by email: osbvocations@csbsju.edu



Parish News:

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

- Funeral Subs Needed** We are in need of parishioners, men and women, to be on a sub list for serving at funerals. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a funeral sub. Contact the Parish Office in Freeport to sign up by Wednesday, April 17.
- Tri-Parish Directory** We are looking to have a "Directory Team" composed of individuals from all 3 parishes to head up and work as a team to put together a new Tri-Parish Directory. If interested, please contact the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143.
- 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.

House Blessing... If you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan call the Tri-Parish Office, Freeport (320-836-2143).

Young Adult Group will be meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm at the parish office in Freeport. We will be looking at section 3 of *As the Father Has Sent Me, So I Send You, A Pastoral Letter* by Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC.



Congratulations! Our One in Faith ACC would like to congratulate the following individuals as they joined the Church, received the Eucharist for the first time, and/or were confirmed Easter weekend.
St. Mary: Lupita Jackeline Martinez, Alejandro Bravo, Sonia del Socorro Zeledón, Elvin Samuel Vazquez Valentin, Katherine Mariela Duarte Zeledon, Jordan Duarte Zeledón, Heylin Julieth Soza Zeledón, Roberto Chavez, Edgar Jesus Chavez, David Chavez, Fatima Lizbeth Chavez, **Sacred Heart:** Kathy Yamry, **St. Michael:** Allison Lieser.


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

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

Total.....	\$9,699.58
Regular Adult Offering	4,203.00
Plate/Loose	1,079.00
Designated Funds	4,417.58

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

04-07	\$25	JoAnn Nieland - Melrose
04-08	\$25	Jill Walz - Melrose
04-09	\$25	Greg & Julie Tschida - Melrose
04-10	\$25	Jerry Butkowski - Freeport
04-11	\$25	Veronica Hellermann - Melrose
04-12	\$50	Sam Salzl - Melrose
04-13	\$25	Frank Litchy - Melrose




Baptized in Christ... Paxton Steven Hiltner

Died in the Hope of Resurrection... † Archie Meemken, 93

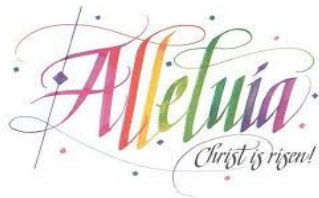
Leadership Nominations... We are accepting nominations for St. Mary's Parish Leadership this weekend. If you are unable to submit a nomination in church, but would like to nominate someone, please contact the office this week.

Christian Women Meeting... St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 23, in the conference room at church.

Prayer Tree for the children who will celebrate First Eucharist this spring is now in the gathering space at St. Mary's. Each paper chalice on the tree has the name of a First Communicant. We invite you to take an ornament or two home with you, to pray for those children. As a parish, we look forward to celebrating First Eucharist with the children and their families at 4 of our upcoming weekend Masses (Saturday, 4/20 at 5:00 pm, Sunday, 4/21 at 12:30 pm, Sunday, 4/28 at 10:00 am, and Sunday, 5/5 at 10:00 am).



Census The Church of St. Mary is conducting a parish-wide census. If you haven't picked up your census forms, please do so. The census forms are available at the parish office. You can also call the parish office at 320-256-4207 and we can complete the form with you via the phone. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important endeavor.



The Scriptures This Week
 Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Acts 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29
Tu	Acts 7:51—8:1a	Jn 6:30-35
We	Acts 8:1b-8	Jn 6:35-40
Th	Acts 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51
Fr	Acts 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59
Sa	Acts 9:31-42	Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 4:8-12	1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

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

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

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,787.08
Plate.....	5,426.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$9,213.08


Other Donations

Votive	\$117.00
School Support	50.00
Easter Envelopes.....	405.00
Building/Maintenance	165.00
Holy Land Envelopes.....	23.00

Parish Events


Su	04/14	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Mo	04/15	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	04/17	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	04/17	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
We	04/17	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group
Fr	04/19	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/19	9:00 am	Adoration
Su	04/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Community Garden If you are interested in reserving rows in the community garden, please call the Tri-Parish Office at 320-836-2143. Each row is spaced 5 feet apart and will be assigned on a first call basis.



Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Preston Irsfeld and Adrienne Engel to our parish.

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




“JESUS HIMSELF STOOD AMONG THEM AND SAID TO THEM, ‘PEACE BE WITH YOU.’ BUT THEY WERE STARTLED AND FRIGHTENED...”
 - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

Public Rosary...

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.
All are invited and welcome!



- Tuesdays at 7:30 am in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church in Melrose.
- Every Thursday except the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Fridays at 7:30 pm at the church in St. Rosa.
- 30 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa, and Spring Hill.
- 20 minutes prior to each weekday and weekend Mass in Greenwald.

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA
Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
 St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,498.69
Plate	118.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,616.69

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance	\$94.62
Holy Land Envelopes.....	120.00
Easter Envelopes.....	220.00
School Support	70.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes	\$1,721.92
Plate	376.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,097.92

Other Donations

Easter Envelopes.....	\$210.00
Building/Maintenance	20.00
Rice Bowl Envelopes.....	200.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,566.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	545.00
Children	0.65
Plate/Loose	86.20
Votives.....	10.00
Maintenance Fund.....	100.00
Easter	2,800.00
Holy Land	25.00

Parish Events

Su 04/14	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
We 04/17	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
We 04/17	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Th 04/18	7:00 am	Adoration
Th 04/18	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa 04/20	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 04/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Parish Events

Su 04/14	11:00 am	Baptism
Su 04/14	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu 04/16	7:00 am	Adoration
We 04/17	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 7-10 - FR
We 04/17	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Fr 04/19	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 04/21	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, April 20 - 4:00 pm

(S) Shantel Gruber & Kenny Niehoff
 (L) Gary P. Lieser
 (U) Peter Wuertz & Randy Barten
 (EM) (B) Grace Lange
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
 (RL) Kathy Welle
 (CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire
 (HK: April 14-27)
 Jane Bertram, Liz Bertram, & Sherry Bertram

Expansion & Elevator Project...
 The interior part of this project is complete. The exterior will be addressed when the weather permits. Currently we are at \$881,000 in donations (of which \$200,000 is a loan from the New Munich Investors) plus \$70,500 in outstanding pledges. Expenses have come in at this point just over \$954,000 so a loan will need to be taken out from the diocese. Please prayerfully consider donating to this project that will serve many for generations to come.

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Reece Arlene Arnzen**, the daughter of Nicholas Arnzen & Brittany Pierce, to our parish. Reece Arlene was baptized on Sunday, April 7.



Spaghetti Dinner, Bake Sale, and Raffle: St. Michael's will host a spaghetti dinner, bake sale, and raffle today, Sunday, April 14, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Rosary Rally... Please join us for a rosary rally on Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 am, at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill.

Alleluia!! Christ has Risen!

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

◆**Melrose Area Museum's Sponsored Presentation** by two men from Germany scheduled for June 1 in Melrose has been canceled due to one of the presenters passing away.
April 14, Sunday
 ◆**Annual Pancake, Sausage & Eggs Breakfast** sponsored by the Melrose Boy Scout Troop 68 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm at the Melrose American Legion. Adult Tickets \$12 and Children 5-10 \$6.
 ◆**Bake Sale, Bingo and Raffle** hosted by St. John the Baptist in Meire Grove in the church basement. Bake Sale following 8:00 am Mass. Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Lunch provided by Catholic United Financial starting at 11:00 am. Bingo starts at noon. 20 games for \$15, includes lunch. Prizes include hams, turkeys and cash. Root Beer Floats available for \$2 served by Faith Formation students. Parish Raffle Drawing after game 10. \$20/ticket. Grand prize \$2,000.
 ◆**St. Michael's Spaghetti Dinner, Bake Sale and Raffle** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Spring Hill.
 ◆**Hello Dolly** presented by Melrose Stages at Marit Elliott Performing Arts Center at 2:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at <http://gofan.co/app/school/MN99879> or call Audrey at 320-256-5612 with questions. Tickets are \$10.
April 17, Wednesday
 ◆**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

April 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.
April 19, Friday
 ◆**Melrose American Legion Fish Fry** This is now "all you can eat!" Please join us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated!
April 24, Wednesday
 ◆**Quilting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.
April 28, Sunday
 ◆**52nd Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper** Sponsored by Holy Name Society, Christian Mothers & Women, & St. Anthony Parish. St. Anthony, MN off of State Hwy. 238. Serving from 3:00 - 8:30 pm. All you can eat! Adults \$11.50 in advance, at the door \$12. Children 6-12 \$6, 0-5 free. Children's tickets only sold at the door.
April 29-May 3, Monday-Friday
 ◆**Festival of the Arts** The Melrose Area Arts Council is sponsoring this event. Art will be on display at the school libraries, as well as the Melrose City Center and Freeport State Bank. On Wednesday - Friday there will be a quilt display and workshop in the Senior Activity Center. Check melroscareartsCouncil.org for more information.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,895.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,735.00
Plate/Loose	171.00
Votives.....	38.00
Maintenance.....	50.00
Easter	705.00
School Subsidy.....	1.00
Holy Land	195.00

Liturgical Ministries
First Communion Mass
Sunday, April 21 - 10:00 am

(S) Gretta Kasper & Leo Kasper
 (L) First Communion Candidates
 (U) Daniel Nietfeld & Harold Rademacher
 (GB) First Communion Candidates
 (EM) (B) Kris Winter
 (EM) (C) Clarine Beier & Dustin Gregory
 (HK - April) *Becky Hoffmann, Linda Heinze, Deb Imdieke, Carol Inderrieden, Ronnie Inderrieden, & Bridget Kasper

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,582.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,240.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose	235.00
Votives.....	99.00
Holy Land	25.00
Easter	825.00
School Subsidy.....	98.00
Steeple.....	60.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, April 21 - 8:00 am

(S) Faith Meyer & Miranda Meyer
 (L) Rita Meyer
 (U) Matt Silbernick & Mike Wehlage
 (GB) Dean & Karen Meyer
 (EM) (B) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - April) *Abby Zenzen, Julie Wehlage, Ann Brang, Janice Funk, Kathy Illies, Darlene Imdieke

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

- **Grados 9/10: Próxima clase:** Miércoles, 17 de abril, 7:15-8:30 pm, Iglesia de Santa María, estudiantes y algunos padres.
- **Inscripción** para el próximo año para cualquier/todos los grados de 6:00 a 7:30 p.m.
- **Familias de la Primera Comunión:** por favor recuerden llegar a la iglesia 20 minutos antes de que comience la Misa, en cualquiera de las 4 Misas de fin de semana que hayan elegido para celebrar el sacramento.
- **Los jóvenes de One In Faith en los grados 6-12** están invitados a unirse a nosotros para una Noche de Juegos Juveniles con el P. Doug y el P. Derek el sábado 27 de abril en Hellermann Acres. Comenzaremos con una misa en el granero de heno a las 5:00 pm, seguida de una comida y juegos en el granero de heno de la sala de juegos, que tiene billar, fútbolín, ping pong y juegos de mesa disponibles. El evento finalizará a las 21:00 horas. ¡Nos encantaría que los jóvenes tomaran a un amigo y se unieran a nosotros para esta divertida noche! Las hojas de permiso estarán disponibles en la parte trasera de todas las iglesias y se pueden entregar la noche del evento.

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



Preparación Bautismal
 Una segunda preparación bautismal se llevará a cabo el día Sábado 4 de Mayo de 2024 a la 1:00pm. Si usted está interesado en recibir esta preparación hable con El diácono Jesus Hernandez o llame a la oficina parroquial de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00am a 12:00pm para asistencia en Español.

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!

Spring Fundraiser Today, Sunday, April 14, in the Meire Grove Church basement. Bake Sale following 8:00 am Mass. Hot Roast Beef Sandwich Lunch provided by Catholic United Financial starting at 11:00 am. Bingo starts at noon. 20 games for \$15, includes lunch. Prizes include hams, turkeys and cash. Root Beer Floats available for \$2 served by Faith Formation students. Parish Raffle Drawing after game 10. \$20/ticket. Grand prize \$2,000. Tickets available from any St. John the Baptist parishioner. Return Raffle Tickets to the boxes at all 3 entrances of the church.



Censo La Iglesia de Santa María está realizando un censo en toda la parroquia. Si no ha recogido sus formularios del censo, hágalo. Los formularios del censo están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. También puede llamar a la oficina parroquial al 320-256-4207 y podemos completar el formulario con usted por teléfono. Gracias por su cooperación en este esfuerzo tan importante.

Enriquecimiento Matrimonial - El ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia de Santa Maria de Melrose invita a todas las parejas de habla hispana (casadas y no casadas) a una noche especial para ayudar a enriquecer su vida conyugal con el amor de Cristo. El evento se llevará a cabo el día Sábado 27 de Abril de las 6:30 p.m. a las 10:00 p.m. Para más información hable con el Diácono Jorge Carrillo o llame a la oficina de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.

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.

¿Estás buscando un fin de semana perfecto? ¿Un fin de semana para acercarnos? ¿Quieres aprender una técnica de comunicación que permita a cada pareja explorar áreas importantes de su relación con un espíritu de amor y comprensión? Un fin de semana de Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es exactamente lo que estás buscando. Pueden escapar de las distracciones de la vida cotidiana y concentrarse en su matrimonio. El próximo fin de semana es del 27 al 28 de abril en Owatonna, MN. Para postularse visite <http://ncmariagediscovery.org/faqs-es.php> o para más información comuníquese con Diego y Claudia González: 704-698-1010 o Claudiagg@ymail.com.



El Árbol de Oración para los niños que celebrarán la Primera Eucaristía esta primavera se encuentra ahora en el espacio de reunión de St. Mary's. Cada cáliz de papel en el árbol tiene el nombre de un Primer Comunicante. Te invitamos a llevarte uno o dos adornos a casa, para orar por esos niños. Como parroquia, esperamos celebrar la Primera Eucaristía con los niños y sus familias en 4 de nuestras próximas misas de fin de semana (sábado 20/4 a las 5:00 pm, domingo 21/4 a las 12:30 pm, domingo 4/4 a las 5:00 pm), 4/28 a las 10:00 horas, y domingo 5/5 a las 10:00 horas).



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Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grade 1, 3 - 6: Next Lesson:** Wednesday, April 17 - Home Lesson
- **Grade 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 17. Meet in your classrooms.
- **Grade K-10:** Mass, 2024-2025 Faith Formation Registration, and Family Fellowship Night, Wednesday, April 24, Sacred Heart Church. We will begin with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by registration and fellowship. VBS registration will also be available this evening.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.com

- **Grades 9/10: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 17, 7:15-8:30 pm, St. Mary's Church, students and some parents.
- **Registration** for next year for any/all grades from 6:00-7:30 pm!
- **First Communion Families**, please remember to arrive at church a full 20 minutes before Mass begins at whichever of the 4 weekend Masses you have chosen to celebrate the sacrament.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

- **One In Faith Youth in Grades 6-12** are invited to join us for a Youth Game Night with Fr. Doug and Fr. Derek on Saturday, April 27, at Hellermann Acres. We will start with a Mass in the hay barn at 5:00 pm, followed by a meal and games in the game room haybarn, which has pool, foosball, ping pong and board games available. The event will end at 9:00 pm. We would love for the youth to grab a friend and join us for this fun evening! Permission slips will be available in the back of all churches and can be turned in on the night of the event.
- **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.

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One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...

• **St. Mary's School Teaching Position:** St. Mary's School is actively searching for exceptional, licensed teachers to join our amazing staff for the 2024-2025 school year. We're looking for a full-time 6th grade teacher and a part-time media teacher. Do you know someone who's graduating this spring or wants to change careers? Please spread the word! If interested, please email anelson@smsmn.org with your resume and references.

• **Sacred Heart School Multiple Positions:** Sacred Heart School in Freeport, MN is seeking faith filled, energetic and caring candidates to fill both a full time Elementary position and Early Childhood teachers for our new toddler room for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must be able to demonstrate teacher qualifications as defined by MN State Licensing and Human Services, and be willing to work with a dedicated, motivated and well experienced team. Interested persons should send a cover letter, resume, three letters of recommendation, and references to: Sacred Heart School, Attn: Kristie Harren, PO Box 39, Freeport, MN 56331 or kharren@shsfreeport.org or call 320-290-1426. Join our team today! Positions are open until filled, so seize the opportunity and apply now.

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



Honoring Marriage Day is May 4 at Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapids for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60 plus anniversaries in 2024. Call your parish office with your name, number of years of marriage, and contact mailing address. The office will notify the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family in St. Cloud. You will then receive a personal invitation for the event.

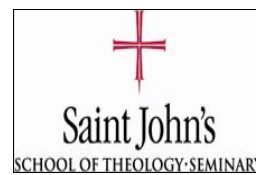
Radio Rosary The Freeport Christian Women are sponsoring the Daily Rosary on KASM 1150AM during the week of April 22 - 28. Please tune in at 6:00 pm hear the rosary.



Nominations Open for the 2024 Humanae Vitae Award

July 25 will mark the 56th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Presentation at 7:00 pm Thursday, July 25, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, with Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae Vitae. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). For more information visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/humanae-vitae-award-nominations-2023/>. Send, fax, or email nominations before May 1, 2024, to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305 7th Ave. N., Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: 320-258-7658 email: omf@gw.stcdio.org. For more information, contact Sheila Reineke, 320-252-4721 ext. 308 or sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org.

Mini Holy Family Fest, August 16-18, 2024 on the Grounds of Holy Family Parish, Little Falls. The fest is for the whole family, camping, on site lodging, Holy Mass, Adoration, confessions, Music, Food, Games, Children and Youth Programs. To register go to <https://afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend/>. For more information go to havenofmercycatholic.org/mini-family-fest to watch last year's video or you can call 320-632-5720 or email: hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org



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- ♥We will be Celebrating our Volunteers at Sacred Heart School the week of April 15. We are blessed to have many people volunteer at SHS and we thank them for all their time and talents.
 - ♥School Liturgy on Wednesday, April 17 will be planned by Mrs. Maus and the Kindergarten students.
 - ♥3rd Grade will Present Their Top 20 Topic on Thursday, April 18 at 10:45 am in the auditorium.
 - ♥Birthday Dinner for April birthdays will be on Thursday, April 18.
 - ♥Toddler Registration is Still Open and we just have a few spots left. If you are looking for care for your toddler ages 18 - 36 months, please call or stop in at the Sacred Heart school office 320-836-2591.
 - ♥We are Taking Registrations for the 2024/2025 school year for all grade levels. Please stop in or contact the school office if you would like a registration form for your child.
 - ♥SHS Employment Opportunities—See the ACC section of this bulletin.
- LOOKING AHEAD:**
- SHS Move-up Day will take place on Wednesday, May 15.
 - SHS Spring Fling is on Friday, May 17.

- ♦Bishop Neary will be at St. Mary's School on Friday, April 19, to celebrate with the school at 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.
- ♦We are Grateful for the Support of CSCOE (Catholic Schools Center of Excellence). So far this year, they've provided St. Mary's with a \$5,000 grant to be used to reward, retain, and recruit exceptional teachers and support staff, another \$5,000 grant to be used towards our preschool program to enhance the resources used to teach our students, and most recently a \$6,000 grant to improve our website. They are doing great things for Catholic Schools in the state of Minnesota.
- ♦2nd Graders will Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on April 20, 21, 28, and May 5. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of becoming Disciples of Christ.
- ♦There are Still Openings for prospective 2024-2025 Little Saints. This program is for 3 and 4 year olds (preschool program) and 4 and 5 year olds (prekindergarten program). If interested call 320-256-4257 or email anelson@smsmn.org.
- ♦SMS Employment Opportunity—See the ACC section of this bulletin.

- ♦SJSA School Board Meets Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 pm in the school basement. There will be a budget approval meeting at 7:30 pm with St. John's and St. Andrew's Parish Councils with the monthly school board meeting to follow.
- ♦Congratulations to SJSA Second Graders Hunter Christensen, Andrew Gilk, Willow Gregory, Clara Kasper, and Connor Roelike who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, April 21. Please remember these children in your prayers as they take this step in their faith journey. *Please note the Mass switch for Sunday, April 21. The Saturday 4:00 pm Mass will be in Spring Hill and the 10:00 am Sunday Mass at St. Andrew's.
- ♦SJSA Received a Check for \$215 for aluminum can recycling. Thank you to the Greenwald Pub for donating their cans and to all who recycle with SJSA. The recycling trailer is in the south parking lot of St. John's Church.

Prayer Requests...

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

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II Mindi Moore♥Chad Ritter, 4/27 - M

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Sacred Heart School

Calendar Raffle Winners!

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04/08	\$25	Ryan Frieler - Forest Lake
04/09	\$25	Amy Bauer - Melrose
04/10	\$25	Molly Greb/Joyce Hoeschen - Freeport
04/11	\$25	Joan Scherping - Albany
04/12	\$25	Ben Hinnenkamp - Melrose
04/13	\$25	Char Meyer - Sauk Centre



Spiritual Knowledge From Within

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something. For that reason, the physical appearance of Jesus might have been the first step toward believing, but it wasn't until these same disciples encountered our Lord within their souls, perceiving the very essence of His Resurrection inwardly, that they were forever changed. Only this form of knowledge could then convince them to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Have you perceived this inward knowledge and had your mind

opened? Listen attentively to our Lord—not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you, that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

My revealing Lord, You showed Yourself to Your disciples not only physically but spiritually, revealing Your very essence to them interiorly. Please bestow this gift upon me, dear Lord. May I come to know You and believe in You with all my heart.

As I do, please use me as an instrument of Your mercy to others. Jesus, I trust in You.

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