

$ONE \,\, IN \,\, FAITH \,\, {\rm Area} \,\, {\rm Catholic} \,\, {\rm Community} \,\, {\rm of}$

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

February 18, 2024

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

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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
On boundary Coll the Deside Office

•Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

<u>Marriage</u>

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.

<u>Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion</u> <u>Pastoral Visitation</u> Joining/Leaving a Parish

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



The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. Mark 1:12–13

What an amazing event we reflect upon today. Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity humbled Himself in two ways in the passage quoted above. First, He allowed Himself to endure the temptations of Satan. Second, He permitted His very own creation, the good angels, to minister to Him in His human form.

First of all, recall that Satan is a fallen angel. He was created by God and was created good. But the Book of Revelation (12:4) indicates that one-third of the created angels were cast out of Heaven to roam the earth. These demons act under the direction of the highest fallen angel, Satan. Thus, according to the passage above, it was Satan himself who tempted Jesus in the desert. Additionally, Jesus permitted the good angels to minister to Him in His human nature. These acts reveal the perfection of the virtue of humility within the humanity of our Lord.

According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, angels were created for three primary reasons. The first is for the purpose of worship. Worship of God brings about communion with God and enables perfect love to flow back and forth from God to each angelic being. Second, angels enact the will of God in all things. This includes the implementation of the laws of nature and the imparting of the grace that Christ won on the Cross. Third, God uses angels as messengers. Scripture records various ways that the angels spoke to the prophets, to our Blessed Mother, to Saint Joseph and to others. Saint Thomas Aquinas also believed that each of us is given a particular guardian angel whose role is not only to protect us but also to communicate the will of God to us.

As God, Jesus was the Creator of all angelic beings with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, Jesus was the recipient of both the ministry of the good angels and the attacks of the fallen angels. By humbly subjecting Himself to the natural powers of these angelic creatures, Jesus was also teaching us that we must do the same.

One of the primary natural powers of both the good and bad angels is the power of influence and suggestive thought. Angelic beings have the ability to put before your imagination ideas meant to either influence you for the good (the good angels) or to deceive you and lead you into sin (the bad angels). These communications are real, and we should be aware of them. In his book, *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola devotes much time and energy to the ministry of angels. He teaches how

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SACRED HEART - Freeport

Elmer & Florence Austing Family

†Lisa Fleischhacker

SJSA School Mass

Peter Van Beck

†Luella Marthaler

†Dolores Imdieke

†Dec./Liv. Members of

St. Mary's Mission Society

††Henry & Marie Kampsen

ADORATION ACC Mass Times and Intentions \sim February 19 - 25 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich** ST. MARY - Melrose St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa 6:30 pm Misa en Español Th 8:15 am *†*Kim Fuechtmann Mo Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am [†]Sergio Hernandez Chavez 4:00 pm For the People Sa **Immaculate Conception - New Munich** Tu 8:00 am †Charlie Gebeke ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 am 8:00 am **SM School Mass** We Tu 8:15 am [†]Doug Ackerman [†]Arthur Hinnenkamp St. Mary - Melrose Th 8:00 am ††Norbert & Leona Schaefer †James Lyon First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm 10:00 am †Deceased Members of the †††Richard, Rosie, & Dale Van Beck Su *Fr 8:30 am in Spanish (en Español)

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

St. Andrew - Greenwald

St. John - Meire Grove

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





ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Annual Women's Lenten Retreat: March 9 Join Deb Rudolph, Retreat Leader, on a "Journey of a Woman's Life: Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith." That is the theme of the annual St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat to be held Saturday, March 9 at St. Martin's Parish in St. Martin. Following registration at 8:30 am, Deb will kick off the Retreat at 9:00 am; Fr. Edward Vebelun, OSB will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am; followed by lunch/social, and conclusion of presentation. Registration is \$20 by March 1. See stclouddccw.org for more information.

†††Dick, Rose, & Dale Van Beck

For the People

Misa en Español

†Ramon Ramirez

SH School Mass

[†]Leo Borgerding

[†]Dorothy Hollenkamp

†Robert "Bob" Hoeschen

†Jan Barth

*Mass will be livestreamed. Visit:

oneinfaith.org for the YouTube link.



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

Young Adult Group will be meeting on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm at the Parish Office in Freeport. We will be looking at the second section of As The Father Has Sent Me, So I Send You, a pastoral letter by Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC.

BINGO Please join the Tri-Parish Confirmation Class on Sunday, February 25 at Sacred Heart Church Basement for Bingo. Free lunch from 12:00 - 1:00 pm with a purchase of a card. Bingo will start promptly at



1:00 pm. Cash prizes. \$10 per card for 20 games plus 2 black-out games. No checks or credit cards please. All proceeds will be divided between Katie Berg and the Aaron and Kim Schmitz Family.



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

40 Days for Life Come boldly with confidence. Join us for prayer, fasting and peaceful witness February



14 - March 24, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm at Planned Parenthood, 451 East St. Germain St., St. Cloud. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! For more information or questions, contact Judy judy4life@meltel.net or 320-453-7592 or Jan hoelscherhorj@charter.net or 320-253-1779.

Parish News:

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

- •Men's Group will begin meeting again tonight, Sunday, February 18 at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.
- •Needed: Sacristans The three parishes in our community are in need of sacristans. Sacristans are called to "prepare the feast and celebration" through the preparation and purification of Eucharistic vessels. Sacristans also perform other duties done behind the scenes that are essential to the orderly celebration of Mass. Sacristans are also needed for weekday, First Saturday, and Funeral Masses. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a sacristan for your parish. Contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested or have questions.
- •Ministry Help Needed We are looking for help with Mass ministries. There are many opportunities for you to help with the Mass. You can be a sacristan and be behind the scenes setting up and taking down for Mass. You can share the Word of God by becoming a lector. You can be commissioned to distribute communion by being an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. There is also need for servers, ushers and rosary leaders. Please prayerfully consider taking on one of these rolls. Contact your parish office if you are interested in helping with any of these ministries.

Join a Historic Journey to Eucharistic Consecration At critical times throughout Salvation History, God's people have



been invited to consecrate themselves. We are at one of those critical times in history, and consecrating ourselves, our families, our country, and indeed, the whole world to the Eucharist may make all the difference. Sign up for BEST LENT EVER and be one of the first people in history to go on this journey! The program will guide you through the book, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. You can

sign up and order the book at https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html.

Lenten Enrichment Materials and Lent Brochures which include schedules for Easter Triduum, confessions, and more are available in the back of the churches. Feel free to take anything that will help you on your faith journey this Lent.

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

Total	\$10,905.45
Regular Adult Offering	8,372.00
Plate/Loose	1,018.00
Designated Funds	1,515.45

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

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02-17	\$25	Agnes Fuechtmann - Sauk Centre	

Baptized in Christ... Harper Grace Rieland

Christian Women Meeting St. Mary's of Melrose Christian Women will meet Tuesday, February 20, at 6:00 pm in the conference room at the church.



The Scriptures This Week Year B, Weekdays - Cycle II

Мо	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	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	
	1 Pt 5:1-4	Mt 16:13-19
Fr	Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26
Sa	Dt 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48
Next	t Sunday - Second Sunday of Lent	
	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18	Rom 8:31b-34
		Mk 9:2-10

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Communal Celebration with Individual Confession

•Friday, March 8—7:00 pm—Sacred Heart, Freeport •Wednesday, March 20— 5:00 & 7:30 pm—St. Mary, Melrose FORGIVEN •Thursday, March 21-7:30 pm-St. Andrew, Greenwald

Individual Celebration

- Fridays of Lent-7:45 am-Sacred Heart, Freeport
- •Saturdays of Lent-3:30 pm-Immaculate Conception, New Munich
- •Saturdays of Lent-3:30 pm-St. Andrew, Greenwald
- •Saturdays of Lent-4:30 pm-St. Mary, Melrose
- •Saturday, March 2 before and after First Saturday Mass-Sacred Heart, Freeport
- •Friday, March 22-5:30 pm-St. Mary, Melrose
- •Friday, March 22-7:30 pm-St. Michael, Spring Hill
- •Monday, March 25-5:30 pm-St. Mary, Melrose
- •Monday, March 25-7:30 pm-St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
- •Or by appointment; Call Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143

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

********** Weekly Offerings **********			
Adult Envelopes	\$7,178.54		
Plate	377.00		
Total Weekly Contributions	\$7,555.54		
Other Donations Votive School Support Central MN Catholic Magazine Building/Maintenance	\$146.01 100.00 400.00 145.00		

Parish Events

Su	02/18	7:00 pm	Men's Group
Tu	02/20	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	02/21	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
We	02/21	5:30 pm	Adoration
We	02/21	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	02/21	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
We	02/21	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group
Fr	02/23	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	02/23	9:00 am	Adoration
Fr	02/23	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	02/23	2:00 pm	SHS Stations of the Cross
Su	02/25	12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo
Su	02/25	7:00 pm	Men's Group

Your Help Is Needed 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.



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February 18 - 25

Tuesday 2-20	8:45 am St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa 🦊
Wednesday 2-21	9:00 pm Sacred Heart, Freeport
	7:00 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich
	7:15 pm St. Mary, Melrose
Wednesday 2-21	7:30 pm St. Michael, Spring Hill
Wednesday 2-21	7:30 pm St. Andrew, Greenwald
Thursday 2-22	8:45 am Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Friday 2-23	9:00 am Sacred Heart, Freeport
Friday 2-23	2:00 pm St. Andrew, Greenwald
	(Led by SJSA Students)
Friday 2-23	6:30 pm St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)

Church of Immaculate Conception Physical Address: 650 Main Street

New Munich, MN 56356 Church Basement 320-837-5217

**** Weekly Offering ****			
Adult Envelopes	\$2,025.62		
Plate	287.00		
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,312.62		
Other Donations			
Boiler	\$30.00		
Building/Maintenance	87.50		
School Support	70.00		
Central MN Catholic Magazine	270.00		

Parish Events

Su	02/18	10:00 am	Private Event
Su	02/18	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu	02/20	9:00 am	Quilting
We	02/21	9:00 am	Quilting
We	02/21	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
We	02/21	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We	02/21	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
We	02/21	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Th	02/22	7:00 am	Adoration
Th	02/22	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th	02/22	9:00 am	Quilting
Th	02/22	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sa	02/24	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su	02/25	12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo - FR
Su	02/25	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR

Welcome to our Parish... We would like to welcome the following to our parish. •Leon & Susan Feldewerd •Jacob Feldewerd •Carter Feldewerd •Hallie Feldewerd

Heating Update Thank you to the New



Munich Lions for their generous donation of \$5,000 towards the new boiler. Donations of \$23,330 have come in towards the \$54,000 project. Thank you to all who have donated to this cause.

Attention Sewers: The New Munich Christian Women are doing a sewing project for the St. Cloud V.A. Hospital (making Neck Pillows) and are looking for any women who would like to help. Many types CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17 St. Rosa, MN 56331 Church Basement 320-836-2537

**** Weekly Offering ****			
Adult Envelopes	\$1,384.62		
Plate	278.41		
Total Weekly Contributions	\$1,663.03		

Other Donations

Central MN Catholic Magazine.... \$75.00

Parish Events

Su	02/18	11:00 am	Catholic United Financial Meeting & Breakfast
Su	02/18	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR
Tu	02/20	7:00 am	Adoration
Tu	02/20	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu	02/20	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu	02/20	5:30 pm	Quilting
We	02/21	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Gr. 2 - FR
We	02/21	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
We	02/21	7:00 pm	Young Adult Group - FR
Fr	02/23	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su	02/25	12:00 pm	Confirmation Bingo - FR
Su	02/25	7:00 pm	Men's Group - FR



Festival Quilts For those who work during the day and wish to quilt, come Tuesday evenings. A light supper of

soup will be provided at 5:30 pm. With quilting to follow until about 8:00 pm. A seasoned quilter will be available to guide beginners and provide basic supplies. NOTE: No evening quilting February 27.

Pathways 4 Youth During the month of

February, St. Rose Christian Women are doing a donation drive for the Pathways 4 Youth Program. This is a resource center for youth ages 16-24 experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the St. Cloud area. They offer a safe, secure, non judgmental space and services to meet individuals' needs and to support their growth. They also assist youth with area resources and building connections within the community. There will be a tote for greatest need donations in the Gathering Area. Please reference the list on the tote for their needs. For any monetary donations, please send to St. Rose Christian Women, c/o Sarah Herdering 41404 Co Rd 167, Melrose, MN 56352. Thank you!

women who would like to help. Many types of material can be used cotton, cotton/polyester, any type of soft material. The pattern is available. We also will collect scraps of batting to stuff the pillows from anyone who has accumulated some from previous projects. We plan to have a get together to do the stuffing after the little pillow coverings have been sewn. They also have needs for catheter bags. So, if any of our parishioners would care to help with this project, please contact Jean Hopfer at 320-837-5239 for additional information.



Annual Church Cleaning Since the dust has settled and the construction is coming to an end, we have lots of cleaning to do. "Annual Church Cleaning" Thursday, February 22 beginning at 9:00 am and work until around 8:00 pm, giving those who have jobs a chance to come and help for a couple hours as they are able. Lists are available indicating what needs to be done. Please bring a bucket and rags. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Those families who are

unable to help clean are asked to donate \$10 toward the cost of the lunch and cleaning supplies. Donations can be dropped off in the church basement or put in the collection basket marked for church cleaning. Thank you for helping to maintain our beautiful church. We welcome guys and gals. Many hands make for less hard work. $\sim St.$ Ann's Christian Women Committee

New Addition Update Flooring is being installed and finishing work on the interior is underway. Currently, we are just shy of \$956,000 towards the 1-million-dollar goal. Please prayerfully consider helping the parish reach this.

Bake Sale St. Anne's Christian Women will hold a bake sale in conjunction with the New Munich Lion's Breakfast on Sunday, March 3. Parish members with the last names beginning with A-M 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 \$10. Thank you for your support.



FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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

******** Weekly Offering ********

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Total	\$1,304.00
Regular Adult Offering	867.00
Children	8.00
Plate/Loose	62.00
Votives	109.00
Fuel Fund	105.00
Maintenance	5.00
St. Cloud Magazine	20.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal	128.00

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, February 25 - 10:00 am

(S) Sam Orbeck & Kenny Niehoff
(L) Katherine Orbeck
(U) Conrad Gruber & Stan Heinen
(EM) (B) Stan Heinen
(EM) (C) Jeanette Kalthoff & Melvin Kalthoff
(Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Mark Schoenberg & Rick Terres
(HK: February 18 - March 2)
Kathy (Ron) Welle, Tia Welle, & Jennifer Wilson

Sausage and Ham Supper Sunday, March 3 in the church basement. Serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Sponsored by Spring Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club, and St. Michael's Parish. Adult tickets are \$10. Children's tickets (\$3 ages 6-12) are sold at the door. Each family is asked to bring a pan of bars.

Here is a follow up to our ACC Pastoral Visit with Bishop Neary and the link to view the presentation from the One in Faith ACC Pastoral Council.

https://stcdio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/One-in-Faith-ACC-Presentation-Final.pdf

Pastoral Visit with Bishop Neary November 2023

This was our inaugural Pastoral Visit with Bishop Neary. These three Area Catholic Communities (ACC) joined Bishop Neary and other pastoral leaders: Harvest of Hope (Albany, Avon, St. Anthony, St. Martin), Northern Cross (Butler, Dent, Perham Rush Lake and One in Faith (Freeport, Greenwald, Meire Grove, Melrose, New Munich, Spring Hill, St. Rosa).

The goals of these visits are:

- To build bridges for a thriving mission across parishes in an ACC.
- To develop ACCs as learning communities through listening and dialogue.
- To offer radical hospitality to nurture relationships between Bishop Neary, the diocesan staff and ACC pastoral leadership.

We began our morning at the Cathedral of Saint Mary with Bishop Neary's opening remarks and six priorities, a video presentation on Bridge-Builders for a Thriving Mission and the Celebration of the Eucharist. Bishop Neary's six priorities (in no particular order) are: thriving mission.org

- 1. The well-being, support and enrichment of the diocesan pastoral team.
- 2. Care for the priests of the diocese
- 3. Seeing synodality as a model for the Church and the Diocese of Saint Cloud
- 4. Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Saint Cloud
- 5. The Latino presence in the Diocese of Saint Cloud
- 6. Strategic planning for the next phase of our ACCs.

In the afternoon, each ACC presented their story in 20–30-minute segments. To view the ACC PowerPoints, visit: www,thrivingmission.org.

Each ACC named one common activity that they have done as an ACC, for example:

Harvest of Hope: BINGO post-pandemic. The parishes rotated hosting BINGO and it has generated a sense of community. They also introduced trivia questions about each parish to strengthen a sense of community history.

Northern Cross: Deacon Mark Stenger's fundraiser, and Chubby Sunday which is a soup and chili cooking contest.

One in Faith: Nurturing a Eucharistic Spirituality such as Divine Mercy Sunday, outdoor Assumption Mass with Bishop Neary, Corpus Christi procession.

Thanks to all who filled out an evaluation afterwards. What are people saying about our day together?

Honestly, the entire day was wonderful! The best part for me was the personal interaction and discussions with Bishop Neary, the diocesan staff, and the people from the other ACCs present.

BRIDGE-BUILDERS for a

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The best part was hearing from other ACCs and how they are growing, learning and being challenged. Sort of interesting that some issues were common to all of them - but how different solutions were applied.

I think it really opened the eyes of some ACC pastoral council members and made them feel like they made a difference.

The best part was the preparation we did as an ACC. It gave us a chance to recall all that had been and the value of what we are doing together.

The interaction with Bishop Neary. He is very personable. I liked the round table discussions at the end, interacting with various ACC's.



Here is a summary of the strengths and challenges presented:

Strengths	Challenges
People: Sense of community, volunteerism, strong faith	Lack of faith involvement and Mass attendance
People seem to bounce around the parishes comfortably	Communication, communication, communication
 An example of early wins at Harvest of Hope: Early success - Rural Life Celebration Separate but unified faith formation programs: this year share a common theme. Common Confirmation standards Sacramental Preparation (Baptism, Weddings) Shared funeral resources 	Fear of losing parish identity dissolving parish councils a concern for people.
Catholic Schools	Finding new volunteers the same people always seem to step up.
Beginning to see the value of shared events	Rotating clergy every weekend can create a sense of inconsistency.
Strengthening ACC identity	Energy devoted to pastoral care with multiple parishes.

We ended the day with a synodal listening process with mixed groups from the different ACCs. We asked two questions: What is the Holy Spirit calling the Church in Central Minnesota to? How can we strengthen co-responsibility for the mission? (Spoiler alert: it seems some people did not understand this question, and we will adjust the question for our next Pastoral Visit). Below is a summary:

- Bring more joy to our ACCs. Get out of our comfort zone and be disciples.
- Welcome and invite those who are 'hanging around' or lost at the margins.
- Frustration with the diocese and understanding the vision of ACCs.
- A strong call for more formation in the teachings and rules of the faith, a desire to hold on to tradition.
- A call for clarity and boldness in leadership leadership that offers clear answers and guidance to people.
- We still need to tackle evangelization and ministry with our Hispanic people.
- I am from an ACC with 2 pastors. It is confirmed to me at this meeting, for the ACC model to work well, each ACC needs to have 1 pastor with parochial vicars under them.
- Encourage the diocese to communicate with the ACC, rather than individual parishes. This will reflect the ACC structure.

Postscript

The Pastoral Visits with Bishop Neary were coordinated by Brenda Kresky, director, Planning Office and Barbara Sutton, director, Bridge-Builders for a Thriving Mission. We are genuinely grateful for the efforts and commitments of these Area Catholic Communities. They are designed so that we might all be a learning community, month after month. Learning together equips us to be stewards of the mission and better able to serve one another. This was our first and the evaluations concur with what we felt, that this is a wonderful and hospitable opportunity to expand our ministry. There are still some wrinkles to iron out in our day, and we appreciate the feedback such as timing of sessions, awkward transitions, making theological language accessible, better sound system, and the sun in our eyes! Blessings on this Advent season.

For an ACC consultation contact info@thrivingmission.org

renda Kresky Barbara a. Sutton BRIDGE-BUILDERS for a Unriving MISSION

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

******** Weekly Offering ********

Total	\$1,405.00
Regular Adult Offering	970.00
Plate/Loose	82.00
Votives	4.00
Fuel Fund	100.00
School Subsidy	5.00
St. Cloud Magazine	60.00
Bishop's Annual Appeal	184.00

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, February 24 - 4:00 pm

(S) Logan Frieler & Megan Frieler
(L) Cassandra Kettner
(U) Jeff Ahrens & Jason Barten
(GB) Dave & Doris Nathe
(EM) (B) Kris Winter
(EM) (C) Mary Opatrny & Clarine Beier
(HK - February) *Clarine Beier, Lisa Bertram, Joyce Bertram, Kathy Buermann, Sara Dehmer, & Rita Eveslage



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

•The Melrose Senior Center invites quilters any afternoon starting at 1:00 pm. February 21, Wednesday

•<u>Quilting</u> at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

February 23, Friday

•<u>Fish Fry</u> at the Melrose American Legion. These are now "all you can eat!" Please joining us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated! **February 28, Wednesday**

•<u>Quilting</u> at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All are welcome.

March 1, Friday

•<u>Fish Fry</u> at the Melrose American Legion. These are now "all you can eat!" Please joining us from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is appreciated! **March 2, Saturday**

• <u>St. Mary's Catholic School's 22nd Annual</u> <u>Auction 4 Education</u> will be held at the Legion. The theme this year is Down on the Farm.

March 3, Sunday

•<u>Sausage and Ham Supper</u> in the Spring Hill church basement. Serving from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Sponsored by Spring Hill Baseball Team, Recreation Club, and St. Michael's Parish. Adult tickets are \$10. Children's tickets are sold at the door. CHURCH OF ST. JOHN Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S. Meire Grove, MN 56352 Church Basement 320-987-3631

******** Weekly Offering ********

Total	\$1,356.25
Regular Adult Offering	1,105.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	182.00
Votives	44.00
School Subsidy	5.00
St. Cloud Magazine	20.00

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, February 25 - 8:00 am

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk
(L) Jim Leukam
(U) Nick Kelzer & Jayme Klaphake
(GB) Daryl & Abby Zenzen
(EM) (B) Daryl Zenzen & Nick Kelzer
(EM) (C) Jim Leukam & Char Meyer
(HK - February) *Heidi Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, & Brenda Nathe

Save The Dates: More details to follow. •<u>Sunday, April 14</u> - Spring Fundraiser Bake sale, bingo, and parish raffle. •<u>Sunday, June 2</u> - Corpus Christi Mass and procession led by Bishop Patrick Neary.



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Pennies for Water-For-Life: New



Munich Christian Women are again collecting Pennies for Water for Life (this project

has been done in past years). If you have been saving them for a long time or just have a small stash on hand, you can contact one of your Christian Women officers who will take them off your hands. The money from the collection goes to Catholic Relief Services who provide education on basic sanitation & management of their water systems to provide clean water to those in need in Africa, Asia, and Latin American countries. Water-for-Life projects respond to Christ's compelling reminder that those who thirst will indeed be blessed and satisfied. NCCW has been involved with helping CRS for over 35 years. There are 4 "Works of Peace" that Christian Women have been supporting. Pennies will be collected until approximately Monday, April 1. Pamphlets with additional information are available in the rear of the church or contact 320-837-5045. Thank you in advance for your support.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

•Grados 1, 3-6 Próxima clase: Miércoles 21 de febrero de 6:00 a 7:00 pm en la Iglesia de Santa María. Alumnos y padres.

•Vía Crucis a las 7:15 pm. Todos están invitados.

•Jovenes de Uno en la Fe, en los grados 6-12 están invitados a venir a resbalarse en trineo con el ministerio de juventud a el Cornerstone Pines Tree Farm el Domingo 25 de Febrero. Nos resbalaremos en trineo, tendremos aperitivos junto a una fogata y usaremos su capilla para un momento de oración. estamos planeando salir de la iglesia de Santa Maria a las 2:00 pm y regresar a las 5:00 pm. Las formas de permiso pueden ser recogidas en cualquier iglesia de Uno en la Fe y regresadas a más tardar el 23 de Febrero en las oficinas parroquiales de Melrose o Freeport, o en el salón de Mrs. Hellermann en la escuela secundaria o en el salón de Ms. Amanda en la escuela católica.

•Vea el Ministerio Juvenil de ACC para información juvenil.

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



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

¿Están buscando un fin de semana perfecto? ¿Un fin de semana para acercarse más? ¿Quieren aprender una técnica de comunicación que le permita a cada pareja explorar áreas importantes de su relación en un espíritu de amor y comprensión? Un fin de semana del Matrimonial Encuentro Mundial es exactamente lo que buscan. Se pueden escapar de las distracciones de la vida cotidiana y concentrarse en su matrimonio. Los proximos fines de semana son Marzo 22 -24 en Valley City, ND y Abril 27-28 en Owatonna, MN. Para aplicar visite http:// ncmarriagediscovery.org/faqs-es.php o para más información pónganse en contacto con Diego y Claudia Gonzalez: 704-698-1010 o Claudiagg@ymail.com.

Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: Jaycie Scherping. Joe Soenneker, Ethan Zink, Lynn Bussmann MacRae, Joe Salina, Fran Hinnenkamp, Kyle Lieser

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- •Grade 1, 3 6 Next Lesson: Wednesday, February 21. Home Lesson.
- •Grade 2: Next Class: Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the Parish Office in Freeport.
 - •First Communion Retreat: Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church Basement.
- •Grade 7-10: Next Class: Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. Meet in your classroom.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

•Grades 1, 3-6 Next Class: Wednesday, February 21 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.

•Stations of the Cross at 7:15 pm. All are invited.

Youth Ministry

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

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

◆One in Faith Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to come sledding with Youth Ministry at Cornerstone Pines Tree Farm on Sunday, February 25. We'll be sledding, having snacks over a bonfire, and using their chapel on the hill for prayer time. Plan to leave from St. Mary's Church at 2:00 pm and return around 5:00 pm. Permission slips can be picked up at the back of all churches and returned by Friday, February 23 to either the Melrose or Freeport parish offices, Mrs. Hellermann's room in the high school or Ms. Amanda's room at St. Mary's School. ◆Castaway Retreat for Grades 9-12: Friday - Sunday, March 22 - 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for 51 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. Cost - \$210 (\$110 is nonrefundable deposit) Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143, or Pam Pundsack at pam@stmarysofmelrose.org or 320-256-9503 if you are interested in attending.

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<u>King's House</u> <u>Christ the King Retreat Center</u> in Buffalo holds retreats throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the

retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit <u>www.kingshouse.com</u>.

- •Women's Silent Retreat February 23-25 (Weekend)
- •Lenten Day of Prayer for Men & Women February 28 (Wednesday)
- •Men's Silent Retreat March 8-10 (Weekend)
- •Women's Day of Retreat March 9 (Saturday)
- •Women's Silent Retreat March 12-14 (Midweek)
- •"Jesus Heals" Men & Women March 15-17 (Weekend)
- •Lenten Silent Midweek for Men & Women March 19-21 (Midweek)
- •Palm Sunday Retreat for Men & Women March 22-24 (Weekend)

Adoration at the State Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference on Friday, March 1 anytime from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Governor's Dining Room in the Minnesota State Capitol. Visit <u>https://www.mncatholic.org/events</u> for more information.

Bishop's Annual Appeal May this season of Lent provide you added time for prayer and reflection. We ask you to please take a moment to pray for the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the vital ministries it supports.



Elliptical Theology: Revelation, Theology, and Human Experience William J. Cahoy, Ph.D. Drawing on the reality of the Incarnation and the geometry

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY SEMINARY of the ellipse, we will reflect on revelation as the Word of God and work of the Spirit; the unavoidable role of human experience, thought, and language in receiving, expressing, and understanding that revelation; and what this means for our theology, doctrine, liturgy, practice, and spirituality. Friday, March 1 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Emmaus Hall, St. Johns's University. There is no fee, but you are asked to register at www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, by calling 320-363-3560, or email: theologyday@csbsju.edu.

"I Establish My Covenant With You." If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 320-251-5001 or Julie.Jacobs@gw.stcdio.org.

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.

One In Faith ACC Catholic School Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

+22nd St. Mary's Annual Auction 4 Education is March 2 at the



American Legion. Food is served with free will offering from 5:30 - 8:30 pm; turkey and pulled pork sandwiches, salads, chips, and dessert. Cash Crop Raffle drawing is at 7:00 pm. Classroom projects will be on the live auction at 8:30 pm. Virtual

auction is open February 25 through March 2. All items will be available to view and pick up at the American Legion. Entertainment at 5:30 pm by the "Teachers and the Preacher – Sing-a-long" and 7:30 pm by Rueben Nathe and Brady Van Drehle. Dress in your best "Down on the Farm" attire. Please join us for an evening to celebrate and support St. Mary's School! Visit our auction website for details. <u>http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose</u>

Join us at this fundraiser for a great meal and lots of fun. All are welcome! CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS

PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Amy Van Beck SHS BOARD: Nick Shaw, Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lindsay Frieler, Jenelle Herkenhoff, and Julie Job Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514 www.shsfreeport.org

♥No School on Monday, February 19, Presidents' Day

- •School Liturgy on Wednesday, February 21 will be planned by Mr. Kuechle and the 3rd grade class.
- •Birthday Dinner for February birthdays will be on Thursday, February 22.
- ◆New Toddler Program We are extremely excited to inform you that Sacred Heart School is growing! We will be adding a toddler room (18 - 36 mo.) to our campus. This means we will be making a few changes, redoing a couple rooms, and using some of our current space a little more wisely. We will be looking for little ones to fill these areas and staff members to teach and care for these toddlers. Please contact the school office for more information and/or to pick up an application 320-836-2591.
- ◆Toddler, Preschool and Kindergarten Open House and Registration will take place on Thursday, February 22. We will have a parent meeting as well as tours of the school and time to answer any questions you may have. See insert for more details.
- ♦All School Stations of the Cross will be on Friday, February 23 at 2:00 pm.
- ◆**Congratulations to all Melrose Sno-Daze** royalty and thank you for stopping in to visit us as SHS!
- ◆Lenten Project Sacred Heart School will be participating in a Lenten Project supporting Heifer International <u>https://www.heifer.org/</u> <u>index.html</u>. Please consider helping our students reach their goal of raising \$2,000 during the Lenten season.
- ◆Thank you to everyone that helped make the Sacred Heart School Wine and Dine dinner and auction a success. We are happy to report that we raised \$113,000! We are so happy with the results and community support that helps ensure the future of SHS. Thank you again!

Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

02/11 \$25 Shannon Ritter - Freeport 02/12 \$25 Josh Klinkhammer - Royalton Chuck Anderson - Sauk Centre 02/13 \$25 02/14 \$40 John & Sandy VonWahlde - Freeport 02/14 \$40 Micah Gregory - Belle Plaine 02/15 \$25 Tatum & John Holdvogt - Melrose 02/16 \$25 Eric Kerfeld - Freeport 02/17 \$25 Heidi Feldewerd - Melrose



- Presidents' Day: No school on Monday, February 19.
- •During Lent, families at SMS will be collecting dollars and coins to give to four different organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Schwieters and Fr. Ohmann, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International (a nonprofit organization founded by Erin Cannon that supports an orphanage in Tanzania. Erin is an alumnus of St. Mary's School). If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, drop your coins off at the parish office or school.
- •Attend our Winter Open House for preschool through 6th grade on Monday, March 11, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm and discover the benefits of Catholic education.
- •Registration for Preschool-6th Grade is open for current SMS families and in March for those families not currently enrolled at SMS. If you are new to the community or are considering sending your child to St. Mary's School, please call to schedule a visit or to receive the new registration materials in March 320-256-4257.
- ◆If you haven't purchased your "Cash



- •Thank You to everyone who supported the 33rd annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction at the Greenwald Pub this past weekend. Thank you to Jeff and Wanda Ahrens and their staff for the use of the Pub and the delicious food! It was great fun and a real community celebration. As soon as we have final numbers, we will post them. We appreciate your support of St. John's St. Andrew's Catholic School.
- •Stations of the Cross SJSA 5th and 6th graders will lead Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 23 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. All are welcome.
- •**Registration** is now open for grades preschool - 6th for the 2024-2025 school year. If your children are not currently enrolled at SJSA, but you are interested in joining us, please call the school at 320-987-3133 to plan a school visit.
- •Mark your calendars! Kindergarten Round-up is Monday, April 8. More information will be posted in the upcoming weeks.
- •No School at SJSA on Presidents' Day Monday, February 19.

Crop'' ticket, there's still time. Or maybe you've purchased one and still want another one. Think about going in with a couple of friends on the next ticket. The winners will be chosen on March 2 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion. Visit our auction website for more details <u>https://one.bidpal.net/smsmelrose/welcome</u>



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to distinguish the lies and deceptions of the fallen angels from the consoling direction communicated by the good angels. In many ways, our Gospel passage today, by which Jesus submitted Himself to the temptations and ministry of the angels, lends

much support to the importance of trying to understand how these angelic creatures influence us. For more on this, see the book <u>Probing the Depths: Ignatian Lessons and</u> <u>Meditations Arranged According to the Liturgical Year</u>.

Reflect, today, upon the amazing truth that both angels and demons are constantly active in your life, seeking to influence you. As you ponder their spiritual role in your life, consider the various ways you can learn more about them. Speak to your guardian angel. Ask for the intercession of the highest of angels. Try to join them in their divine worship. Pray for their protection. Ask them to communicate to you the highest of truths from God. Seek to be attentive to these holy angels so that as you learn to discern their voices, you will be ready to follow the direction they give to you from God.

My Lord and Creator of All, You created the angelic order for the glorious purpose of love and worship. You also give them the mission of enacting Your holy will and communicating to us on earth. Please help me to be more aware of the deceptions of the fallen angels and the direction of the good angels. Angels of God, pray for me, protect me and guide me into God's perfect will. Jesus, I trust in You.



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