



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

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 12, 2026

Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor
Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, Pastor
Fr. Oswaldo Roche, Parochial Vicar

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

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Freeport, MN 56331

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 St. Andrew
- ◆ Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆ Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆ Sundays 11:00 am 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.**

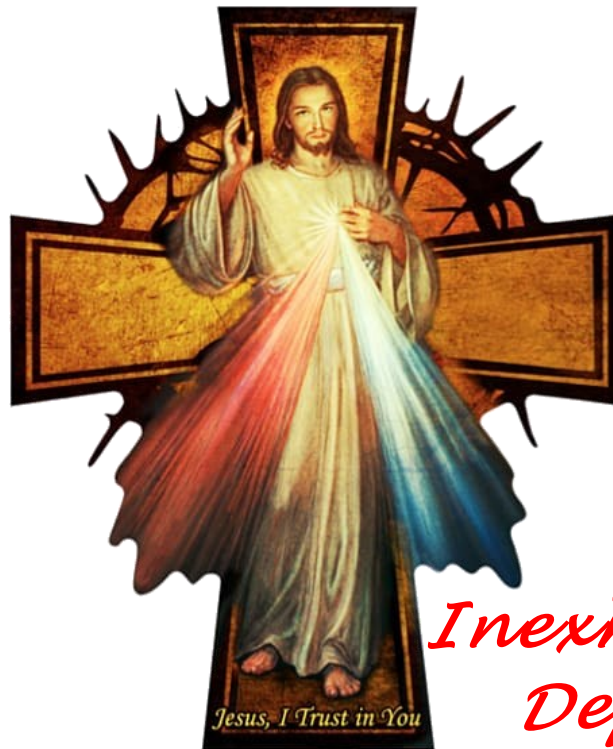
*Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism & OCIA

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

Anointing of the Sick **Homebound Communion** **Pastoral Visitation** **Joining/Leaving a Parish**

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



*The
Inexhaustible
Depths of
Divine Mercy*

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31

Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through that belief you will inherit eternal life? Belief begins with an intellectual assent but must continuously deepen. The belief Saint John speaks of in today's Gospel is one that draws us deeper into the mystery of Christ's Paschal Mystery—His Life, Death, and Resurrection—so as to receive the gift of His abundant and transforming Mercy.

Today is the eighth day of Easter. The Church, in Her wisdom, celebrates the most important days of the liturgical year for eight days. Historically, there were a number of feasts celebrated with octaves: Easter, Epiphany, Corpus Christi, Ascension, All Saints, and in some locales, the Sacred Heart and various Marian feasts. After Vatican II, the Church focused on two—Christmas and Easter—so as to give greater emphasis to the core of the Paschal Mystery.

In the year 2000, the Octave of Easter took on a new focus when Pope John Paul II instituted the Solemnity of Divine Mercy on the eighth day of Easter. This was done in response to Jesus' personal request, communicated to the Church through a humble cloistered Polish nun. Canonized in 2000, she is known as Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.

Between 1931 and 1938, Sister Faustina received numerous mystical visions that she recorded in six notebooks, now referred to collectively as *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. Almost two years before her death, Sister Faustina recorded the following entry in her diary:

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en español
†Odaliz Orozco Acevedo
Tu 8:00 am †Rita Feldewerd
We 8:00 am †Norbert & †Leona Schaefer
Th 8:00 am †Rita Feldewerd
*Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass
†Todd Bussmann
Sa 5:00 pm For the People
*Sa 9:00 am †Roman & †Lydia Schulzetenberg
Su 11:30 am Misa en Español
†Francisca Becerra

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm For the People
ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa
Su 10:00 am †Beatrice & †Sherwin Tschida
ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill
Tu 8:00 am †Kathleen Meyer
Su 10:00 am †Deceased Relatives of St. Michael's
Catholic United Financial Members

St. Mary - Melrose
First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español) and
Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 am

Sacred Heart - Freeport
Adoration is suspended
until further notice due to painting
of the interior of the church.

SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu 8:15 am †Lavern Koopmeiners
†Dorene Stueve
†Joyce Eveslage
We 8:15 am SH School Mass
†Viola Zwack-Beutz Anniversary
Th 8:15 am †Al, †Lorraine, & †Stan Schaefer
Fr 8:15 am †Viola Meyer Anniversary
Su 8:00 am †Glen & Betty Wilwerding
†Jackie Wilwerding

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJSA School Mass
†Alcuin Illies
Sa 4:00 pm †David Walz
ST. JOHN - Meire Grove
We 8:00 am †Norm Wehlage
Su 8:00 am †Sister Suzanne Slominski, OSB



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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

•Thank You to 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 churches.



The Shepherd is Calling at the Mike and Alice Westrich Farm. All are welcome, especially elementary-aged kids and their families, to come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, first by understanding more what it means to be a shepherd of sheep! Activities include prayer, skits, crafts, Scripture and hands-on time with lambs. Saturday, April 25, 1:00 - 6:30 pm. Mass held at 4:00 pm with a hog roast to follow. Guests may bring a dish to share. Free will offering is accepted at the event or if you would like to give a gift now to support the event, you can do so at: stcdio/pay. Please select other donation and in blank box type Vocations. Address: 1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum, MN 56318. RSVP by Friday, April 10 at https://stcdio.org/event/the-shepherd-is-calling-2026/.

West Central Deanery Spring Gathering April 20, 2026 Saint Boniface Parish 501 Main Street, Cold Spring MN 56320 Registration begins at 5:30 pm. Communion and Prayer Service at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a light supper \$6 with friends old and new. Speakers, information, All Things New questions. For reservations and more information contact Jean Hopfer, 320-837-5239 or email ecthull@albanytel.com by April 15. Sponsored by West Central Deanery. Hosted by Centered on Christ ACC, Saint Boniface Parish.

First Friday Adoration at the Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference staff First Friday, May 1 at the capitol in St. Paul. Adoration available 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Capitol Vault. Visit www.MNCatholic.org/events to RSVP and get a free parking pass as well as directions. Questions call Minnesota Catholic Conference 651-227-8777.



Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: If you have yet to see our 2026 Video, please take a moment to learn more about ministries that form agents of compassion and build the kingdom of God right here in Central Minnesota. Visit: https://youtu.be/IfuRqczTnDI

Parish News:

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

- Friday Adorers The Tri-Parish is looking for individuals who would be an adorer for Adoration which is held on Fridays from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Sacred Heart, Freeport. If you are willing to help out, please contact the parish office in Freeport. We are willing to work around your schedule, so even if you can only help out once a month, please prayerfully consider spending time with our Lord.
•Easter Flower Memorials Thank you to all who made donations for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The churches were very jubilant as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! If you would like a list of those remembered by the donors, please contact the Tri-Parish Office or check the Tri-Parish website.
•Funeral Subs Needed We are in need of parishioners, men and women, to be on a sub list for serving the meal for funerals. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a funeral sub. Contact the Parish Office in Freeport to sign up by April 15.

Marriage & Natural Family Planning: Happy Easter! Happy Spring! This time of year, we celebrate new life! And we are increasingly aware of God's plan for us. Consider learning Natural Family Planning. It is a wonderful way for couples to cooperate with nature and God's plan as they effectively achieve or postpone pregnancy. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health - Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at uphus.nfp@gmail.com or 320-290-8751. The class is approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



Spring Mission Rally sponsored by the Diocese of St. Cloud Mission Office. Join others Thursday, April 30 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, St. Cloud, MN from 7:30 am-1:00 pm. The day will begin with registration and fellowship followed by Mass with Bishop Neary, meetings with missionaries, a tasty hot lunch, discussion and reflection, fair trade sales, and more. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Mission Office at 320-251-1100 by Monday, April 20. Cost is \$10 per person.

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

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


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

Total.....	\$23,191.00
Regular Adult Offering	4,190.00
Designated Funds	2,741.00
Easter	16,260.00

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

Total.....	\$16,652.21
Regular Adult Offering	1,725.46
Easter Plate	378.00
Votive	413.00
Building/Maintenance	300.00
School Support	510.00
Easter Vigil Plate	182.75
Easter Envelopes	10,258.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00
Home Missions	10.00
Painting	2,300.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
Rice Bowl	240.00
Holy Land	280.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle




04-05	\$300	Cheryl Wiechman, Freeport
04-06	\$25	Mary Ann Pflipsen, Melrose
04-07	\$25	Marvin & Edna Goebel, Albany
04-08	\$50	Gail Schlicht, Melrose
04-09	\$25	Trisha & Jason Kraemer, Melrose
04-10	\$25	Mary Ann Wenker, Melrose
04-11	\$25	Deb & Bob Niehaus, Melrose

Baptized in Christ...
 ♥Payton Jay Mix Duevel ♥McKenzie Ann Bussmann

Parish Events

Su	04/12	2:00 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday - SR
Mo	04/13		Church Painting Continues
Tu	04/14	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
Tu	04/14	7:00 pm	Finance Meeting
We	04/15	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Fr	04/17	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/17		NO Adoration
Sa	04/18	9:00 am	First Communion Retreat
Mo	04/20	6:30 pm	Youth Night @ SHS Gym

The Inexhaustible Depths of Divine Mercy
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On one occasion, I heard these words: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (Diary #699).

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Andrew Hinman, and his son, Emmitt, to our parish.

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.

Save the Date... The Sacred Heart Parish festival will be Sunday, July 19. The theme of the parade is 250 Years of America. If you are interested in having a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email freeportmnparade@gmail.com. More details about the event to follow.



When we reflect on this beautiful private revelation in the light of today's Gospel, we are invited to consider that even though the Gospels present us with all we need to know in order to come to faith in Christ and share in the new life He bestows, the treasure of His Divine Mercy is inexhaustible. Just as "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book," so also the depths of His ongoing work, His Divine Mercy, will only be seen in Heaven.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a day on which we are to profess our belief in this Mercy. To do so, we must ponder these inexhaustible treasures, probe their depths with the aid of Saint Faustina's private revelations, and then allow our Lord to reveal them to us within the depths of our souls.

Reflect today on the infinite and inexhaustible treasures found in the Person of Christ and His Divine Mercy. His Mercy draws us into countless unrecorded and glorious graces that we are called to receive and rejoice in. Believe in His Mercy. Be open to it. Call upon it today, and receive it more abundantly.

Most Merciful Jesus, Your mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, I pray that You will pour out Your Mercy upon me and on the whole world. Fill us with the grace You won through Your Paschal Mystery so that all people will come to believe in You as their Lord and God. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$12,030.42
Regular Adult Offering.....	641.92
Easter Plate	530.00
Building/Maintenance	300.00
School Support	25.00
Rice Bowl Plate	661.75
Holy Land Plate	602.00
Easter Vigil Plate	182.75
Easter Envelopes	7,736.00
Holy Land	574.00
Rice Bowl	777.00

Parish Events

- Su 04/12 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Sunday - SR
- We 04/15 7:00 pm FF Grades 7-10 - FR
- Th 04/16 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- Sa 04/18 9:00 am First Communion Retreat - FR
- Sa 04/18 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
- Mo 04/20 6:30 pm Youth Night @ SHS Gym - FR

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Olivia Lorraine Eckblad** and **Gwendolyn Mary Eckblad**, the daughters of Adam & Jennifer Eckblad, to our parish. Olivia Lorraine and Gwendolyn Mary were baptized on Saturday, April 4.

Grant & Amy Johnson, to our parish. Maeve Marie was baptized on Saturday, April 4.

Thank You to everyone who helped quilt this year. We are happy to say the quilts are finished.

Bake Sale On April 12, the St. Rosa Christian women will be hosting a bake sale at the Lions Breakfast. Please drop off your baked items in the gathering area by 8:15 am on April 12.

St. Rosa Christian Women Spring Meeting is set for Monday, April 13 at 7:00 pm in the Church basement. Hope to see you there!

A Vice President is still needed for our St. Rose Christian Women. Please prayerfully consider and reach out to Sarah Toenyman if you would like to fill this position.

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$13,880.63
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,978.08
Easter Plate	723.05
Building/Maintenance	210.00
Easter Vigil Plate	182.50
Holy Land Plate	414.00
Holy Land	905.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine ...	25.00
Easter Envelopes	6,965.00
Rice Bowl	1,468.00

Parish Events

- Su 04/12 5:30 am Breakfast Setup
- Su 04/12 8:30 am St. Rosa Lions Breakfast
- Su 04/12 12:00 pm Breakfast Cleanup
- Su 04/12 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Sunday
- Mo 04/13 7:00 pm Christian Women Meeting
- Tu 04/14 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- We 04/15 7:00 pm FF Grades 7-10 - FR
- Fr 04/17 7:30 pm Rosary
- Sa 04/18 9:00 am First Communion Retreat - FR
- Mo 04/20 6:30 pm Youth Night @ SHS Gym - FR

Baptized in Christ... We welcome **Maeve Marie Johnson**, the daughter of

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$9,861.51
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,095.00
Children's	8.00
Plate/Loose	169.00
Fuel Fund	530.00
Maintenance Fund	650.00
Easter	6,344.51
Holy Land	65.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, April 19 - 10:00 am

- (S) Kenny Niehoff & Hank Primus
- (L) Darlene Schoenberg
- (U) Robert Van Drehle & Nick Waldorf
- (EM) (B) Karen Rademacher
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
- (HK: April 19 - May 2) Jenny Kalthoff, Luann Kalthoff, & Shirley Klaphake

Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale

St. Michael's Catholic United will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale on Sunday, April 12 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Spring Hill Church basement.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

April 12, Sunday

- ◆**St. Rosa Lions Fundraiser Breakfast** Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima Church Basement, St. Rosa. Adult Tickets \$12. Children's tickets sold only at the door ages 5-10 \$5 and ages 0-4 are free. Proceeds will go to Lions Eyesight, Hearing, and local community projects.
- ◆**Melrose Boy Scout Troop 68 Pancake, Sausage, & Egg Breakfast** at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm dine in or take out! Adults: \$12. Children 5-10: \$6. Children 4 and younger are free.
- ◆**Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale** St. Michael's Catholic United will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Spring Hill Church basement.

April 16, Thursday

- ◆**Freeport Senior Citizens Meeting** at 12:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 cards and Bingo will be played.
- April 19, Sunday**
- ◆**3rd Annual Arts & Craft Fair** at St. Francis Xavier Parish School Gym 308 2nd St. N, Sartell, MN from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Over 40 area artists and crafters. Food available for purchase. Handcrafted artwork and crafts.
- April 21, Tuesday**
- ◆**Pro-Life Essentials** with Cathy Blaeser MCLL Co-Executive Director. Join us at The Gathering Place, St. Francis Xavier Parish 219 2nd St. N., Sartell, MN. Every parishioner is welcome! Sponsored by St. Monica Christian Women.

April 26, Sunday

- ◆**54th Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper** Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Christian Mothers & Women and the St. Anthony Parish, Saint Anthony - State Highway 238. Serving from 3:00 - 8:30 pm. Adults \$11.50 in advance or \$12 at the door. Children tickets are sold at the door. Ages 6-12 \$6 and children ages 5 and under are free.
- ◆**St. Anthony's Spring Fiesta** at St. Anthony's Parish Center 2410 1st St. N, St. Cloud, MN. Serving from 4:00 - 7:30 pm. Adults: \$11. Children ages 6-12: \$5. Cash and quilt raffle \$10 per ticket.



CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW
Physical Address: 211 W 2nd Avenue N.
 Greenwald, MN 56335

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$9,604.00
Regular Adult Offering	110.00
Votives	45.00
Holy Land	384.00
School Support	100.00
Easter	8,965.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, April 18 - 4:00 pm

(S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
 (L) Herman Lensing
 (U) Herb Inderrieden & Herman Lensing
 (GB) David & Marilyn Welle
 (EM) (B) Clarine Beier
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - April) *Cassandra Kettner, Doris Kraemer, Julie Kulzer, & Rose Lensing

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN
Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.
 Meire Grove, MN 56352

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$6,462.18
Regular Adult Offering.....	535.00
Children's	1.00
Plate/Loose	384.00
Votives	75.18
Easter	4,750.00
Rice Bowl	30.00
Holy Land	662.00
Easter Flowers	25.00

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, April 19 - 8:00 am

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk
 (L) Kurt Meyer
 (U) Marvin Schneider & Matt Silbernick
 (GB) Don & Cindy Schneider
 (EM) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (HK - April) *Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernick, Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, Janice Funk, & Darlene Imdieke

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them all according to each one’s need.”

Acts 2:44-45

The early church practiced the purest form of stewardship. Their generosity was a realization that all they had belonged to God and it was entrusted to them for the sake of others.

Volunteers Needed We are looking for people who are interested in being on the Parish Merger transition team for St. John’s. This will likely be a 15-month commitment. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.



4th Annual One In Faith ACC
Divine Mercy
Sunday...


Please join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday service at St. Rose of Lima church, St. Rosa on Sunday, April 12. This is our fourth annual ACC Divine Mercy Sunday event and hope to continue this feast day in the future to recognize the graces granted by our Lord. Please feel free to come for a portion of, or all of the events in the afternoon.

Schedule of Events:

- Adoration*
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Individual Confessions*
2:15 pm - 4:00 pm
- Divine Mercy Chaplet*
sung at 3:00 pm
- Closing of Adoration*
4:00 pm
- Social* in the church basement

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Easter - Sunday, April 12. (The Novena began on Good Friday, April 3.) The great promise of this day is the forgiveness of all sins and punishment due to sin for anyone who would go to Confession and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on this very special Feast Day. According to the Divine Mercy Productions, one may receive the Sacrament of Confession twenty days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday, visit thedivinemercy.org website.

 **Public Rosary...**

We have much to pray for and even more to be thankful for.
All are invited and welcome!

<p>St. Mary, Melrose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekdays & Saturdays a half hour before Mass • Wednesday: 1:00 pm • Thursday (Spanish): 6:30 pm (Except the 1st Thursday) <p>Sacred Heart, Freeport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday: 7:45 am • Wednesday: 7:45 am • Thursday: 7:45 am • Friday: 7:45 am • Sunday: 7:30 am <p>Immaculate Conception, New Munich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday: 3:30 pm 	<p>St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday: 7:30 pm • Sunday: 9:30 am <p>St. Michael, Spring Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday: 7:30 am • Sunday: 9:30 am <p>St. Andrew, Greenwald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday: 7:40 am • Saturday: 3:40 pm <p>St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday: 7:30 am • Monday: 7:00 am
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Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:
 III Tami Rademacher♥Adam Helmin, 4-18
 St. Mary’s Cathedral

For the Sick: Bethany Downs, Joyce Houser, Lyle Gross, Dorothy Schneider, Len Frieze, Fr. Roger Klassen, Michelle Russel

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

Sacred Heart:	
<i>Judy Caveny</i>	320-248-8830
Immaculate Conception:	
<i>Bernice Zink</i>	320-837-5321
St. Rose of Lima:	
<i>Kayla Harren</i>	320-333-8461
St. Michael:	
<i>Sharon Schulzetenberg</i>	320-248-7702
St. Mary’s	320-256-3878

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: No Class** We hope to see you at our end of the year Mass, fellowship, and registration night on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception in New Munich.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 15 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Students will meet in their classroom.

He is Risen, Alleluia!

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **First Communion: Next Class:** Sunday, April 12 from 10:00 - 11:15 am at St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.
- **First Communion: Required Learning Centers:** Sunday, April 19 from 10:00 - 11:15 am at St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.
- **Grades 7-8: Service Project:** Road Ditch Cleanup Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 pm start. Meet at the Meire Grove Church parking lot. Food afterwards.
- **Grades 9-10: Last Class:** Wednesday April 15 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Wrap-up/Summary/Party. Parents: please stop by before or after class to register for next year!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
 Amy Van Beck
SHS BOARD:
 Miranda Beuning, Bethanie Ettle,
 Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle,
 Lindsay Frieler, and Chris Klaphake
www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591
 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585



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- ♥ We hope you had a **Very Blessed and Happy Easter!**
- ♥ **SHS** will hold a **Parent Forum** on Monday, April 13 to discuss the Anxious Generation book. All are welcome!
- ♥ **Kindergarten** will go on a **Field Trip** to the Children's Museum on Friday, April 17.
- ♥ **Designer Bingo** Sacred Heart School is hosting their Designer Bingo on Saturday, April 18! Tickets are available online and Bingo packets will be available at the door. (sold separately) Contact the school office for details and more information 320-836-2591. If you don't have access to get your event ticket online, you can contact the office to reserve your event ticket.
- ♥ **SHS Second Graders** will have their First Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 18 in the SHS Gym.
- ♥ **Move up Day** at SHS is on Tuesday, April 21.

- ♦ **School Board Elections** will take place at Mass on April 18 & 19.
- ♦ **Principals of the Day** Penelope and Bentley Arnzen will be the Principals of the Day on Wednesday, April 15. Agnes, Lucy, and Marcus Hemmesch will be the Principals of the Day on Thursday, April 23. Their parents purchased this experience at the Auction4Education. They will also get to meet with the Principal of the Day from Sacred Heart and SJSA.
- ♦ **2nd Graders** will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on April 25 & 26 and May 3. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of becoming Disciples of Christ.
- ♦ **Pizza Pick up** is Thursday, April 16, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm at the school gym

- **Kindergarten Round - Up** Join us for a jungle themed kindergarten round - up! Swing, roar, and explore -- discover kindergarten at St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School. Monday, April 13 from 7:45 - 2:30 pm. RSVP to the school office at 320-987-3133.
- **SJSA School Board Meets** Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm in the school basement. Please note the time change. The Board will have a school budget meeting with St. John's and St. Andrew's finance councils at 7:00 pm and continue their meeting with other school business afterwards.
- SJSA will participate in the **Minnesota Statewide Tornado Drill** on Thursday, April 16 at 1:45 pm as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week.
- **SJSA is selling Harry's Pizza** Friday, April 17 - Thursday, May 7. Please contact a current SJSA family or call the school office at 320-987-3133 to place your order. Pizza pick-up is Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 - 10:00 am in the school basement. It's time to stock up for summer! Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

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A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money!

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Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

04/05	\$250	Michael Walz - Kensington
04/06	\$25	Tara Peterschick - Albany
04/07	\$25	Deanna Keefe - Blaine
04/08	\$25	Heather Olmscheid - Melrose
04/09	\$25	Kim Kubat - Freeport
04/10	\$25	Anna Meyer - Freeport
04/11	\$25	Terry Uphus - Melrose

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Embroidered Dish Towels Do you need a bridal shower or wedding gift? Or do you need a new set of dish towels to use at home? Sacred Heart Parish has embroidered dish towels available for sale. They are \$35 for a set of seven and can be purchased at the Freeport Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1:00-5:00 pm or by calling Dolores Notch at 320-836-2450.

Introducing the Diocesan Care for Creation Guide In line with one of Bishop Neary's priorities, the diocese is proud to offer a Care for Creation guide. The document includes a message from Bishop Neary, theological foundations for care for creation and practical and prayerful ideas to incorporate as individuals/families, faith communities and schools, as well as resources. Find it online at <https://stcdio.org/care-for-creation>.

Humane Vitae Award Now Receiving Nominations for the 2026 Humanae Vitae Award! Many in our diocese have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning (NFP) and the principles of Humanae Vitae. Submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). Tell us about a person(s) who has demonstrated courage to promote NFP, and to uphold the teachings of Humanae Vitae. For details, visit <https://stcdio.org/event/humanae-vitae-award-2026/contact> or contact Sheila Reineke at sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org or 320-258-7609. Send nominations before April 27 to: Office of Marriage and Family Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee 305 - 7th Avenue North, Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 or e-mail: omf@gw.stcdio.org

Made in the Image of God: Seeing Ourselves and Others as the Body of Christ All are invited to join in this diocesan retreat on Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm at the Centre for Christ in Sauk Centre. This year's retreat, "Made in the Image of God: Seeing Ourselves and Others as the Body of Christ," will focus on how we care for ourselves and how we serve community, recognizing both as our call in the One Body of Christ. The day will include fellowship, reflection talks, and time to spend in individual reflection and prayer. Registration is \$35, including refreshments and lunch. Space is limited, so register before Wednesday, April 8 online at: <https://forms.office.com/r/5j1rZUfWYz>.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral Celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday was originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her visions of Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church. This year we are happy to announce two speakers at the event. Chris True will give his testimony on his Catholic Faith, and Fr. Jeremy Ploof will give a meditation. Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, April 12, from 1:00-3:00 pm. There will be Adoration and an opportunity for reconciliation.

Time to Expand Your Circle of Friends? Try a TEC Retreat. "God has a wonderful way of connecting the dots in our lives to people that will honor who we are, right where we are" (Tiffany Wilson). A TEC retreat will expand your circle of friends with those who will lift you up, support you, encourage you, and bring you closer to God. Come meet some new friends. Register for one of our three-day TEC retreats. www.cmtec.org. Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open to both youth (age 16+) as well as adults and is located just north of Little Falls. Next retreat weekend is April 17-19.



All Things New Diocesan-wide Prayer Service All are invited to a diocesan-wide service as Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC, prays for unity for the newly merged parishes, a major milestone in the All Things New diocesan pastoral plan. The prayer service will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids on Sunday, May 3 at 7:00 pm and livestreamed at www.stcdio.org/unity-livestream/.



Save the Date: 2026 Rural Life Celebration This year's Rural Life Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 16 beginning at 1:30 pm at the Moenedick Family Farm in rural Perham. The event will include Mass on the farm with Bishop Neary, the annual Catholic Century Farm and Rural Business Awards presentations, refreshments and family-friendly activities.

Healing the Whole Person The 8-Part Group Series Video Series by Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. Come experience 8 talks, community reflections, and healing and restoration. If you have any questions about the retreats, contact Janice at 320-640-7623 or at healing@spiritandsaints.org. Registration can also be done at: <https://forms.gle/NZkuqkG6xUnXy4mw7>.

- **Little Falls** Mondays for 4 weeks (with the possibility of 8 weeks) April 13, 20, 27 and May 4 starting at 7:00 pm at John Paul II Center, 108 3rd St NW, Little Falls. Register by Friday, April 3 so workbooks can be ordered \$20/person.
- **Holdingsford** 3 day weekend retreat April 17-19 (all 8 videos) Friday 3:00 - 8:30 pm, Saturday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm at the Gathering Barn, 35204 County Road 155, Avon. Register by Wednesday, April 8 so workbooks can be ordered \$50/person (includes meals).
- **St. Cloud** 4 Saturday mornings from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (All 8 videos) April 25, May 2, 16, and 30 at Christ Church Newman Center, 396 1st Ave. S, St. Cloud. Register by Wednesday, April 15 so workbooks can be ordered \$20/person.

Marriage Encounter Spring is a sign of new growth, begin tremendous new growth in your marriage by attending the April 18-19 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org. A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other! If you have any questions, please call Mary Jackson at: 651-454-3238.



The Scriptures This Week		
Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II		
Mo	Easter Weekday (Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr) Acts 4:23-31	Jn 3:1-8
Tu	Easter Weekday Acts 4:32-37	Jn 3:7b-15
We	Easter Weekday Acts 5:17-26	Jn 3:16-21
Th	Easter Weekday Acts 5:27-33	Jn 3:31-36
Fr	Easter Weekday Acts 5:34-42	Jn 6:1-15
Sa	Easter Weekday Acts 6:1-7	Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 2:14, 22-33	1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

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