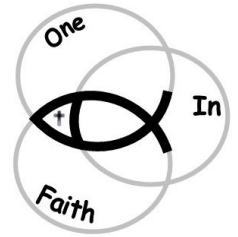


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**St. Mary - Melrose, Sacred Heart - Freeport
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St. Andrew - Greenwald, St. John - Meire Grove**



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Adoration

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

New Parishioners

Please contact the respective parish office to register.

Leaving Our Parish?

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

Bulletin Announcement Deadline

Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements to:

bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

♦Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart

♦Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception

♦Or by appointment. Call the respective parish office.

Marriage

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

Baptism

St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John: Call Deacon Ernie.

Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima: Call Freeport Office.

RCIA

Call Deacon Ernie if you are interested in the RCIA program.

Deacon Ernie Kociemba 320-248-5124

Email: kociemba@meltel.net

ACC MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTION ~ FEBRUARY 14-20

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
††Javier & Elias Acevedo
Tu 7:30 am †Kary Mollner
We 7:30 am †Rose Ann Lemly
Th 7:30 am †Gerald Sonnen
Liv./Dec. Norbert & Eleanor Schwieters
Fr 7:30 am †Marcella Hinnenkamp
Sa 5:00 pm ††Ray & Lorraine Frericks
For the People
*Su 10:00 am ††Helen & Frank Gruber
Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
†Salvador Sanchez
†Julia Cervantes

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Al Mayers
Fr 8:15 am †Alma Schulte Anniversary
Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am ††Clarence & Joe Von Wahlde
Sa 4:00 pm †Chuck Nathe

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Caroline Engelmeyer
Su 10:00 am ††Joe & Gertie Hellmann

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Hortense Walz
Su 10:00 am †Christ Wander

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Jim Frieler
Sa 4:00 pm ††Allen & Dorothy Lembeck

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Lydia Zenzen
Su 8:00 am †Jerry Sonnen



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

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)*Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE; Melrose, MN 56352***Weekly Contributions**

Total.....	\$9,571.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	7,302.00
Loose.....	950.00
Phase II.....	990.00
Designated Funds.....	329.75

St. Mary's School Endowment.....	\$75.00
Phase II Building	\$109,111.75

Christian Women Rescheduled the February meeting to March 15 at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

02-06	\$25	Victor Tschida - Melrose
02-07	\$25	Alice Berens - Long Prairie
02-08	\$25	Merle & Marilyn Meyer - Danbury
02-09	\$50	Tim & Ari Rahn - Melrose
02-10	\$25	Anna Mae Denne - Akeley
02-11	\$25	Lyle & Ellie Olmscheid - Melrose
02-12	\$25	Karen Mueller - Melrose



Full-Time Custodian Wanted St. Mary's Church is seeking applications for a full time custodian. The custodian is responsible for the effective and efficient operation and maintenance of the church and school buildings, grounds, and equipment. A boiler license is required, or applicant must be willing to obtain one.

Interested persons must complete an application which is available at the parish office. Open until filled.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART - FREEPORT (FR)*Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE; Freeport, MN 56331 Church Basement 320-836-2191***♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦Weekly Stewardship♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$5,761.38
Plate.....	506.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$6,267.38

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$570.61
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	25.00
Easter.....	100.00
Easter Flowers.....	10.00
Thanksgiving.....	100.00
Christmas.....	100.00
Christmas Flowers.....	10.00
Building/Maintenance.....	125.00
Mission Sunday.....	25.00
Limestone Repair.....	100.00

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

**Parish Events**

Tu 02/15	6:00 pm	Bible Study
Tu 02/15	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 02/16	10:00 am	Bible Study
We 02/16	6:00 pm	Grade 2 Faith Formation
We 02/16	7:00 pm	Faith Formation
Fr 02/18	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr 02/18	9:00 am	Adoration
Su 02/20	7:00 pm	"500" Card Party

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome **Aaron & Ashley Burg** and their children, Adien, Andrina, Avery, Amery, and Abram, to our parish.

May They Rest in Peace...

Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the families of:

•†**LaVern "Vern" Scherping**, who passed away Thursday, February 3. A Memorial Funeral Mass was held here on Tuesday, February 8.

•†**Marjorie "Margie" Beste**, who passed away Friday, February 4. A Memorial Funeral Mass was held here on Wednesday, February 9.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH (NM)*Physical Address: 650 Main Street; New Munich, MN 56356 Church Basement 320-837-5217***♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦Weekly Stewardship♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,005.96
Plate.....	139.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,144.96

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$177.50
Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	50.00
Window Book.....	5.00
Cemetery.....	25.00

Parish Events

Mo 02/14	5:00 pm	New Munich Fire Department Meeting
Tu 02/15	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 02/15	6:00 pm	Bible Study - FR
We 02/16	9:00 am	Quilting
We 02/16	10:00 am	Bible Study - FR
We 02/16	6:00 pm	Grade 2 Faith Formation - FR
We 02/16	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
Th 02/17	9:00 am	Quilting
Sa 02/19	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Quilting... We will continue quilting on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 9:00 am until we are through. If you do not sew, we would appreciate volunteers to bring lunch.



CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA - ST. ROSA (SR)*Physical Address:* 28905 County Road 17; St. Rosa, MN 56331 *Church Basement 320-836-2537*◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆**Weekly Stewardship**◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,957.69
Plate.....	240.25
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,197.94

Other Donations

Central MN Catholic Magazine.....	\$25.00
Votive.....	152.00

Dish Towels... We are planning on selling dish towels at our festival again this year, so if anyone is interested in embroidering them, they are in the new addition of the church. They have been cleaned and are ready for sewing.

Parish Events

Tu 02/15	9:00 am	Quilting - Group 3
Tu 02/15	6:00 pm	Bible Study - FR
We 02/16	10:00 am	Bible Study - FR
We 02/16	6:00 pm	Grade 2 Faith Formation - FR
We 02/16	7:00 pm	Faith Formation - FR
Fr 02/18	6:00 pm	Groom's Dinner
Fr 02/18	6:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Fr 02/18		NO Rosary
Sa 02/19	6:45 am	Wedding Pictures
Sa 02/19	1:00 pm	Kerfeld/Lehner Wedding

Quilting Group 3 will be quilting Tuesday, February 15. Lunch is provided by the group. All are welcome. Please call 320-333-6221 to schedule your groups to quilt.

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL (SH)***Physical Address:* 102 St. Michael Avenue N; Spring Hill, MN 56352 *Church Basement 320-987-3405***Weekly Contributions**

Total.....	\$423.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	230.00
Children.....	1.00
Plate/Loose.....	59.00
Fuel Fund.....	13.00
St. Cloud Magazine.....	120.00

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

Rosary Rally Please join us on Saturday, February 19 at 10:00 am at St. Michael's Church for a Rosary in honor of Saint Jacinta and Saint Francisco. This is the Saturday nearest to their feast day.

Year-end Contribution Statements are in the back of church, please pick yours up. If not picked up by today, remaining envelopes will be mailed.

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, February 20 - 10:00 am

(S) Sam Orbeck & Jack Orbeck (L) Lisa Wuertz
(U) Cyril Winter & Hugo Wuertz (EU) (B) Jeanette Kalthoff
(Sacristan) Sharon & John Schultzetzenberg
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
(HK - Feb. 6-13) Deanna Welle, Diane Welle, & Donna Welle

Baptized in Christ...Hudson David Burg



Thank You... The family of Mary Ann Terres would like to express our sincere thanks to Father Marv, Jane Bertram, Laura Wuertz, and the St. Michael's choir for the beautiful funeral Mass honoring our mother. We also wish to thank the funeral group for their time and effort to serve the delicious lunch.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)*Physical Address:* 211 W 2nd Avenue N; Greenwald, MN 56335 *Church Basement 320-987-3160***Weekly Contributions**

Total.....	\$1,279.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	865.00
Plate/Loose.....	24.00
School Subsidy.....	10.00
St. Cloud Magazine.....	180.00
Cemetery Plot.....	200.00

31st Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction for SJSA will be February 12 at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$30 and are available at the door. Live auction will be Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 pm.



Looking For Donations... St. Andrew's Parish has purchased a new electric piano/organ. Donations so far total \$1,320, total cost of the piano/organ was \$3,329. Please consider giving to the piano fund and put it in an envelope marked "Piano/Organ." Thank you for all the donations so far!

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, February 19 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk (L) Kathy Gilk
(U) Chuck Winter & Dale Winter
(GB) Eric & Sara Dehmer
(EU) (B) Herman Lensing
(HK-February) *Mary Opatrny, Kristin Pattinson, Joan Rademacher, Rose Ann Rademacher, Joyce Schoenberg, & Sharon Schwieters

**St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial #324 Matching Grant Breakfast**

St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial is sponsoring a Matching Grant Ham & Eggs Breakfast, also serving sweet rolls and fried potatoes on Sunday, February 13 at the Greenwald Pub (handicap accessible). Serving from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Eligible for matching Grant up to \$1,000 by Catholic United Financial. Sales Representative Tim Parks 320-351-3535.

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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE (MG)*Physical Address:* 20 State Highway 4 S; Meire Grove, MN 56352 *Church Basement* 320-987-3631**Weekly Contributions**

Total.....	\$2,239.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,590.00
Children	5.25
Plate/Loose.....	76.00
Votives.....	48.00
Fuel.....	200.00
School Subsidy.....	80.00
Steeple Lighting.....	60.00
St. Cloud Magazine.....	180.00
Cemetery Donation.....	200.00

Save the Date: Sunday, April 3 at 1:00 pm Bingo – cash or ham prizes. Parish Raffle Drawing and Bake sale.

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, February 20 - 8:00 am

(S) Luke Meyer & Miranda Meyer (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Richard Imdieke & Nick Kelzer
 (GB) Dan & Char Meyer
 (EU) (B) Karl Meyer & Char Meyer
 (HK-February) *Cindy Schneider, Karen Schneider, Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernick, Julie Wehlage, & Geri Primus

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HISPANIC MINISTRY

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

•**Grados 9 - 10: Próxima clase:** Miércoles, 16 de Febrero, 2022, 7:15 - 8:30 pm - Iglesia de Santa María. Estudiantes y algunos padres. Tema de la noche: Aprendiendo sobre el Credo: ¿Quién es Jesús?

•**Confirmación:** Miércoles, 23 de Febrero, 2022 - 7:00-8:30 pm Iglesia de Santa María. Práctica de confirmación para la liturgia de Confirmación el 6 de Marzo. Estudiantes y padrinos (si es posible, sería bueno que el padrino pudiera asistir, pero si el padrino es de fuera de la ciudad, solo pida a otro adulto que venga con el estudiante y pídale que le dé información sobre la liturgia para el padrino).

Misa y Bendición para los Matrimonios por el Obispo Donald Kettler Sábado, 14 de Mayo a la 1:00 pm en la Iglesia de St. María en Melrose.

 **Rosario y Oración** con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los siguientes tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. Dirigida por el Señor Oscar Nolasco. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

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

Ministerio Juvenil ACC

•**Retiro de Castaway para los grados 9-12:** Aún hay tiempo para inscribirse en Castaway. El retiro será del 25 al 27 de Marzo en el Castaway Club en Detroit Lakes, MN. Costo - \$180. Se debe pagar un depósito no reembolsable de \$100 al momento de la inscripción. El espacio es limitado. Castaway ha sido una experiencia energizante para nuestra joven Iglesia en la Diócesis de St. Cloud por más de 48 años. Este retiro es un fin de semana lleno de oración poderosa, historias divertidas, orador inspirador, música increíble, Misa y muchas oportunidades para el crecimiento de la fe. Reúnase con más de 300 personas y haga nuevos amigos, tómese el tiempo para relajarse, reír, comer comida fantástica y renovar su espíritu mientras fortalece su relación con Dios. Si un estudiante da positivo por Covid antes de partir para el evento, se reembolsará la totalidad de la tarifa de inscripción. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en los anuncios de las 7 parroquias. Póngase en contacto con Chrystal Sand en csand@catholic-centered.org o 320-836-2143 o Elisha Seanger 320-429-0234 si tiene preguntas.

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

FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY**Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa Faith Formation**

- **Grades 1, 3 - 6: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 16 - Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 16 at 6:00 pm. Meet at Sacred Heart Parish Office.
- **Grades 7 - 10: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 16 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Meet in the body of the church. Bring your bible, notebook, and pen.

**Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove Faith Formation**

- ♦ **Grades 9 - 10: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 16 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm. Meet at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents. Topic of the evening: Learning about the Creed: Who is Jesus.
- ♦ **Confirmation: Next Class:** Wednesday, February 23 Students and mentor/sponsor from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. **Confirmation practice for the Confirmation liturgy on March 6.** If possible it would be good if sponsor could attend, but if sponsor is from out of town, then just have another adult come with student and ask them to give information about the liturgy to sponsor.

ACC Youth Ministry

- ♦ **Castaway Retreat for Grades 9 - 12:** There is still time to register for Castaway. The retreat will be March 25-27 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN. Cost - \$180. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration. Space is limited. Castaway has been an energizing experience for our young Church in the Diocese of St. Cloud for over 48 years. This retreat is a weekend filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speaker, awesome music, an incredible Mass, and many faith-growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and make new friends, take time to relax, laugh, eat fantastic food, and renew your spirit while strengthening your relationship with God. If a student tests positive for Covid prior to leaving for the event, the entire registration fee will be refunded. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards of all 7 parishes. Contact Chrystal Sand at csand@catholic-centered.org or 320-836-2143 or Elisha Seanger 320-429-0234 with questions.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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

- ♥ **Parent/Teacher conferences** are being held this week at Sacred Heart School.
- ♥ **SHS Kindergarten students** are celebrating their 100th day of school. Along with celebrating 100 days of school, they are sponsoring a Food Drive, hoping to collect at least 100 food items for the Food Shelf in Melrose.
- ♥ **Wednesday, February 16 - All School Mass** will be planned by Mr. Kuechle and the 3rd grade students.
- ♥ **Thursday, February 17 - Birthday Dinner** for February and August birthdays.
- ♥ **Friday, February 18 & Monday, February 21 - No School**



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

02-06	\$25	Jim Feldewerd - Melrose
02-07	\$25	Sharon Linn - Albany
02-08	\$25	Nikki Schaefer - Paynesville
02-09	\$25	Dana Tschida - Baxter
02-10	\$25	Julie Gerads - Melrose
02-11	\$25	Ruth Wieling - Melrose
02-12	\$25	Joe Hennen - Freeport



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

- ♦ **Attend our Winter Open House** for preschool through 6th grade on Monday, March 14 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm, and discover the benefits of Catholic education. Call 320-256-4257 or email sms@smsmn.org to schedule a tour during the open house or anytime.
- ♦ **Halos to Arvig** for the gift of \$1,217 from their School Partnership Program. If you're an internet customer, sign up for the School Partnership Program, and Arvig will donate \$1 each month to St. Mary's School at no additional cost to you. If you're currently participating in the program, you do not need to sign up again. <https://www.arvig.net/supportyourschool>
- ♦ **Parents with Prospective Little Saints** (3-5 year olds) for the 2022 - 2023 school year are asked to call 320-256-4257. Registration for Preschool - sixth grade will begin in March. If you are new to the community or just considering sending your child to St. Mary's School, please call to schedule a visit or to receive registration materials.
- ♦ **Catch-N-Cash** raffle tickets will be sold after Masses for the month of February.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Kristen Pattinson
SJSA BOARD: Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Bridget Kasper, Amy Frieler, Kristin Zimmer, Kate Kelzer, Trista Roelike
 Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

- **SJSA is now taking registration** for the 2022-2023 school year. We are always happy to welcome new families. Please call the school at 320-987-3133 for more information and questions.
- **Penny Wars** SJSA students raised \$639.02 for the American Red Cross. The students "Penny War" was their service project for Catholic Schools Week.
- **Tuesday, February 15** School Board Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- **No School** at SJSA and the Melrose District Friday, February 18 and Monday, February 21 (President's Day).



"Blessed are you when people hate you, ... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name... on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Mary's Auction4Education is March 5 at the Legion. Food is served with free will offering from 5:30-8:30 pm; turkey and pulled pork sandwiches, salads, baked beans, chips, and cupcakes. Catch N Cash Raffle drawing is at 7:00 pm. Classroom projects will be on the live auction at 8:30 pm. Virtual auction is open February 27 and closes March 5. All items will be available to view and pick up at the Legion. Entertainment at 5:30 pm is the "Teachers and the Preacher – Sing-a-long" and 7:30 pm is Rueben Nathe and Brady Van Drehle. Please join us for an evening to celebrate and support St. Mary's School! Visit our auction website for details. <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the people who came out to give the precious gift of life on February 1. The American Red Cross blood drive at the Freeport Community Center had a great turn out with 54 units of blood collected. That is an awesome amount. These units of blood will help many people. A great HUGE thank you to my workers who volunteer their time year after year. See you August 16. ~Janet Butkowski

Now Hiring St. Mary's School is seeking applicants for a full-time administrative assistant with immediate employment. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for the effective and efficient operation of the school office and should have a solid understanding of school office procedures. If interested please send a letter of interest, resume, and two letters of recommendation to: Autumn Nelson St. Mary's School 320 5th Ave. SE Melrose, MN 56352 or email anelson@smsmn.org.



Catholic Men's Conference 2022 This event will be held February 26 at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell. This year's theme is "Saint Joseph's Men." Our keynote speaker will be Monsignor Thomas Richter, pastor of Queen of Peace Church in Dickinson, ND. Cost is \$35. Details will be posted on our website as they become available: <https://stdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2022/>. Registration is now open at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMC2022>.

A Divine Design: Marriage and Natural Family Planning! Natural Family Planning cooperates with nature and God's plan for married love. It's effective, healthy, and marriage building. Sauk Centre on Monday, February 21 & March 21 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 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



Apples and Oranges? An Interreligious Approach to Loving God and Neighbor The reality of religious pluralism that there are many religions, that many good and sincere people practice these many religions, and that these many religions will remain many—invites us to grow in our love for God and neighbor by encountering what is true, good, and holy in these traditions. But where and how do we begin this interreligious learning? With examples from Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism, we will explore the possibilities religious pluralism and comparative theology provide. Friday, February 18, presentation from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Synchronous Event. Free event. Registration is required please call 320-363-3560, email theologyday@csbsju.edu or visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday.

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



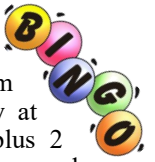
Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, February 16 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. We will study the readings and Gospel for Sunday, February 20. All are welcome.

"Amazing Grace" Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo are held throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com.

- Women's Silent Retreat February 25-27 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat March 1-3 (Lenten Midweek Ash Wednesday)
- Married Couples Weekend March 4-6 (not a silent retreat)
- Men's Silent Retreat March 11-13 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat March 15-17 (Midweek)

Please Join the Tri-Parish Confirmation Class

on Sunday, February 27 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 Rachael Zink and Nick Rothstein.



Prayers Requested for Fr. John Schwieters, OFM. Please include Fr. John Schwieters, OFM, in your prayers. In August 2021, Fr. John suffered a traumatic brain injury, a bleeding brain stroke and a cardiac event. He was hospitalized in intensive care for weeks and eventually was discharged to his Franciscan Convento (monastery) in Santerem, Brazil (on the Amazon River). He is continuing his long and slow recovery as he is cared for by his Franciscan community. His course is slow and his community is very invested in his care and improvement. Fr. John is originally from Freeport. He was ordained and said his first Mass at the Church of St. Mary in 1970. He has celebrated many Masses in our Catholic Communities over the last 50 + years. He has been serving the people of the Amazon since his ordination. Thank you for your prayers.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." Let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is February 18-20 in Windom, MN. For more information, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.



Bishop's Annual Appeal This is Announcement Weekend for the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with envelopes that will be provided at Mass or bring the envelope many of you will receive in the mail this week. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.



House Blessings... Call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan.

Public Rosary will be prayed weekly. We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for. All are invited and welcome!

- Tuesday at 7:00 am in English in the church in Melrose.
- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.



ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED)

**Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle:**

Raffle runs through February 27. Tickets sell for \$5, Prizes include \$20,000 in cash or a 2022 Ford Escape, \$5,000 Dream Vacation, Mall of America Weekend, Smart TVs, Amazon Gift Cards, & more! Catholic United Financial pays for the expenses involved with this fundraiser, and all the money raised selling tickets stays at SHS and SJSA.

Raffle tickets are available by contacting SHS & SJSA families or the school offices. (Sacred Heart families will also be selling after Masses in the Tri-Parish this weekend February 12-13 and next weekend February 19-20.)

SHS office 320-836-2591 - SJSA office 320-987-3133.

The Scriptures This Week

Year C, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop	
	Jas 1:1-11	Mk 8:11-13
Tu	Jas 1:12-18	Mk 8:14-21
We	Jas 1:19-27	Mk 8:22-26
Th	Jas 2:1-9	Mk 8:27-33
Fr	Jas 2:14-24,26	Mk 8:34-9:1
Sa	Jas 3:1-10	Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23	1 Cor 15:45-49
		Lk 6:27-38

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

February 13, Sunday

♦Greenwald Catholic United Financial Breakfast at the Greenwald Pub. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. See St. Andrew's, Greenwald section for more information.

♦Sweetheart Dance Nite Owls from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Melrose American Legion.

♦BARGO from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Melrose American Legion. Free card with drink or food purchase.

February 17, Thursday

♦Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:30 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

February 18, Friday

♦Fish Fry serving 5 - 8 pm at the American Legion.

February 20, Sunday

♦"500" Card Party at Sacred Heart Church basement in Freeport. Start time is 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served. All are welcome to join.

♦BARGO from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Melrose American Legion. Free card with drink or food purchase.

February 25, Friday

♦St. John the Baptist in Swanville has their Dinner/Auction at the Sobieski Community Center. Early-Bird Dinner Tickets are still only \$15, and you are in the \$500 and \$100 cash drawings. After Sunday, February 20 the tickets are \$20 and only so many will be sold at the door, and you will NOT be in the cash drawing. Call 320-547-2920 in the morning if you have any questions.

Prayer Requests...

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

May They Rest in Peace:

†LaVern "Vern" Scherping

†Marjorie "Margie" Beste

**Banns of Matrimony:**

II Brianna Lieser♥Adam Heinze, 2-26 SH

III Jessica Kerfeld♥Michael Lehner, 2-19 SR

For the Sick:

Rachael Zink, Nick Rothstein, Alice Doll

Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

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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! A percentage of each gift card will be donated back to the area Catholic schools. Each school has a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase.

Gift cards make great gifts!*♦ Loot for Learning (Sacred Heart School, Freeport)**

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Décor and More, Freeport

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