

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

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

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 2025

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

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

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#### Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

#### **Confession Times**

7:45 am	Sacred Heart
3:30 pm	Immaculate Conception
3:30 pm	St. Andrew
4:30 pm	St. Mary
ointment.	Call the Parish Office.
	3:30 pm 3:30 pm 4:30 pm

#### <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 & 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.



"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:38-40

At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus agonized in prayer and was arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the Garden. As He descended, He encountered "the whole multitude of his disciples" who "began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen." They then cried out: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." They met Him within eyeshot of the gate of the city of Jerusalem. This must have left the Twelve in amazement.

Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. But they were not amazed with joy. Their amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation. Jesus' response was very clear: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" That begs the question: If these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most certainly they would have! They did so just several days later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds.

Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint John and a few others remained. Therefore, when Jesus died on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds, this prophecy of His came true. "And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised" Matthew 27:51–52.

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God. There is an important lesson to learn from these two moments from that first Holy Week. At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, there were many who offered Him praise. It's easy to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and when many others are doing so. Contrast this with the end of Holy Week when Jesus was persecuted and killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and ending their worship of our Lord. For that reason, the stones did cry out and the earth quaked.

April 13, 2025

# ACC Mass Times and Intentions $\sim \text{April } 14 - 20$

A	CC Mass Times and Inte	NTIO	$NS \sim A$	pril 14 - 20	Adoration
St. MARY - Mo         6:30 p.           Tu         8:00 a           We         8:00 a	<ul> <li>Misa en Español</li> <li>†Sergio Hernandez Chavez</li> <li>†Joanne Butkowski</li> </ul>	Імма Th Fr #Sa Su	CULATE C 8:15 am 3:00 pm 8:30 pm 9:00 am	ONCEPTION - New Munich NO MASS Good Friday Service Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday For the People †Norbert & †Helen Holdvogt	<i>St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa</i> First Tuesday of the month 7:00 - 8:00 am <i>Immaculate Conception - New Munich</i> First Thursday of the month
#*Th 6:30 p *Fr 12:00 p Fr 6:30 p #*Sa 8:30 p	<ul> <li>†Grant Lindberg</li> <li>m Good Friday Service</li> <li>m Viernes Santo (en Español)</li> </ul>	Tu Fr	<b>ROSE OF I</b> 8:15 am <b>1:30 pm</b> 10:00 am	JIMA - St. Rosa †Tony Kerfeld Good Friday Service †Mildred Toenyan	7:00 - 8:00 am <b>St. Mary - Melrose</b> First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm in Spanish (en Español)
*Su 10:00 a Su 12:30 p	<ul> <li>†Richard &amp; †Dolores Hiltner</li> <li>†Donna Kociemba</li> </ul>	Tu Fr	<b>IICHAEL</b> • 8:00 am <b>3:00 pm</b> 10:00 am	- <b>Spring Hill</b> †Clarence Bertram <b>Good Friday Service</b> †Al & †Leona Bertram	Sacred Heart - Freeport No Adoration Friday, April 18
SACRED HIWe8:15 aTh7:00 pt	†Viola Borgerding		<b>ANDREW -</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> 4:00 pm	<b>Greenwald</b> Holy Thursday †Vivian Bertram NO MASS	
Fr         12:15 pr           Su         8:00 a		Su St. J We	8:00 am OHN - M 8:00 am	†Marilyn Lieser eire Grove †Deceased Relatives of Ray & Carol Schneider	
# Incens	e may be used during Mass	Fr #Sa Su	1:00 pm 8:30 pm	Good Friday Service Easter Vigil †Aloysius "Al" Luetmer	*Mass will be livestreamed. Visit: <u>oneinfaith.org</u> for the YouTube link

# **ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Parish News:**

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

•Holy Week Liturgies This coming week we bring out the most valued treasures of our Church, our most wonderful liturgies! Please make every effort to join us.

•Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Unique components to this liturgy are the presentation of oils blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass, the washing of the feet, and the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the place of repose. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass at St. Mary and St. Andrew until 10:00 pm.

•Good Friday The Passion of the Lord This liturgy has three major components: the liturgy of the word which includes the reading of the Lord's passion and death, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion.

• Easter Vigil The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. On Saturday, April 19, at 8:30 pm a bilingual liturgy will be held at St. Mary's and an English liturgy will be held at St. John the Baptist. There are four main parts to the Vigil.

1.Service of Light: The liturgy will begin outdoors with the Service of Light, including the blessing of the new fire, the preparation of the new Paschal candle, the procession into the church and sharing the Light of Christ, and the Exsultet (the Easter Proclamation), an ancient hymn of praise to the Risen Christ and our hope in salvation.

2.Liturgy of the Word: The vigil readings capture the faithful promises of God throughout the history of our salvation, from the beginning. We hear the Creation Story; the foreshadowing of Jesus' sacrifice in the story of Abraham and Isaac; the parting of the Red Sea to free

#### **Parish News:**

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

- •Congratulations First Communicants We are happy to welcome the following students to the Table of our Lord as they celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 6 at a special Mass. Your joy and smiling faces reminded us of how special the Gift of our Lord in the Eucharist is. Sacred Heart: Maya Burg, June Ettel, Reigna Feldewerd, Sawyer Hartung, James Heinen, Abraham Herdering, Madalyn Hiltner, Lucas Hoeschen, Zaila Kabore, Bennett Lieser, Carson Nietfeld, Beau Scherping, Emmett Scherping, Lewis Scherping, Grace Shaw, Isabelle Tschida, Maverick Von Wahlde, Kyle Weisbrich, Adeline Wensmann, Connor Zenner Immaculate Conception: Daniel Gaebel, Cecilia Holdvogt, Nora Poepping, Aria Schulzetenberg, Lydia Serocki, Beckett Thull St. Rose of Lima: Zoey Rakotz, Colton Salber, Emery Wegleitner, Anthony Wiechman, Loren Wiechman, William Wiechman St. Michael: Amelia Spanier
- •Fulfill Your Lenten Almsgiving by supporting the Melrose Food Shelf through the Knights of Columbus Forty Cans For Lent food drive! There are donation totes in each of the Tri-Parish Churches. Thank You!
- •Funeral Subs Needed We are in need of parishioners, men and women, to be on a sub list for serving at funerals. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a funeral sub. Contact the Parish Office in Freeport to sign up by Wednesday, April 16.

Israel from slavery; and the promises of the prophets. Listen for the constant theme of water, since all of this leads to Baptism as our share in the risen life of Jesus, as proclaimed in the Gospel and the return of the Alleluia after our Lenten penance. This year we will hear readings from Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, Romans & Luke. These Scriptures help us to meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time. 3.Baptismal Liturgy: This year we do not have any candidates for Baptism. At St. Mary's we will welcome 6 candidates for Confirmation and

full communion. The Baptismal liturgy will consist of the blessing of the new water, the renewal of our baptismal promises, and sprinkling with blessed water, celebration of Reception and the Rite of Confirmation.

4.Liturgy of the Eucharist: The Mass continues, with special prayers inserted during the Eucharist Prayer. The whole Church is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through his death and resurrection. After Communion, we conclude with a solemn blessing and sung dismissal, sending us forth with the Easter Alleluia echoing in our hearts.

A reception will follow the Easter Vigil at St. Mary's. Please join us to welcome the new members of our community and to celebrate Easter joy.

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

#### **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** Weekly Offerings **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

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Total	 	\$7,292.16
Regular Adult Offering	 	4,755.00
Plate/Loose		
Designated Funds	 	1,160.00

#### St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

04-06 04-07 04-08	\$25 \$25 \$25	Pete Terres, Jr Melrose Marlene Klasen - Melrose Melissa Leukam - Sauk Centre	
04-09 04-10 04-11	\$25	Isaac Schmidt - New Munich Linda Keller - Melrose Paula Lange - St. Cloud	
04-12	\$25	Adam Viere - Melrose	

**Christian Mothers Meeting...** Melrose Christian Mothers will meet at St. Mary's Church next Tuesday, April 15, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

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As we enter this Holy Week, consider whether you are more like the "whole multitude" of Jesus' disciples who praised Him when it was easy and popular, or whether you are more like our Blessed Mother and Saint

John who remained faithful to Him when it was anything but popular to do so. Do you persevere in your praise and adoration of God during difficult times? Or do you allow fear of what others may say, fear of rejection and other forms of humiliation to deter you from your sacred calling?

An important lesson for us to learn from Jesus' depth of mercy is that, at first, it will most likely scandalize us also. Mercy to this extent is supernatural. It challenges our natural reason and calls us to a new way of thinking and relating to others. The only way to overcome the "scandal" we might feel in the face of God's mercy is to live it ourselves. Doing so will require that we put on new eyes to see sin, mercy and forgiveness through the eyes of God. If doing so shakes you to the core of your being, that might be a good sign. Are you allowing the apparent scandal of God's abundant mercy to transform you so that it is no longer a shock or scandal to you, but is experienced as good and holy and from the Heart of our God?

Reflect, today, upon these two contrasting moments of that first Holy Week. Join, today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King. As you do, turn your eyes to the King Whom you worship. Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His death. Commit yourself to fidelity, especially when it is hard to do so. Do not waver in your commitment. Look at the love in the heart of Jesus' own mother and pray to her that you will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our Lord, lest the stones be forced to cry out in your place.

Most glorious King, You were fittingly worshiped and adored as You entered Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. I commit myself to that adoration and praise, and I pray that I will honor and love You, not only when it is easy but also when it is unpopular. May I never allow fear to deter me from my love of You and follow You all the way to the glorious throne of Your Cross. Jesus, I trust in You. CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331 Church Basement 320-836-2191

<b>***********</b> Weekly Offerings <b>**********</b>			
Total	\$5,282.86		
Regular Adult Offering	3,816.85		
Plate	765.00		
Votive	476.01		
Easter Flowers	65.00		
Building/Maintenance	160.00		

### Parish Events

Su	04/13	1:00 pm	Lenten Study Choir Practice
Tu	04/15	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	04/16	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
We	04/16	6:45 pm	Youth Event - NM
Fr	04/18	-	No Individual Confessions
Fr	04/18		No Adoration
Su	04/20	11:00 am	Private Event

**St. Joseph Society Annual Meeting** will be held Sunday, April 27 after the 8:00 am Mass in the church basement. Coffee, rolls, and juice will be served.

**Grand Raffle Donations** We are in the process of collecting donations for the Sacred Heart Parish Grand Raffle. If any individual or business would be interested in donating a cash prize for the raffle, please contact the office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 by Friday, April 25. Any donation of \$100 or more will be listed on the raffle ticket as a prize. All other donations will be used to offset advertising and printing costs.



**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 20, 2025. The theme of the parade is Minnesota Winter. If you are interested in having a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email <u>freeportmnparade@gmail.com</u>. More details about the event to follow.

**Embroiderers Needed** If you enjoy embroidering or appliquéing, the festival quilting group would like assistance with dish towels. You can stop at the Tri-Parish Office entryway and pick up a packet to complete and



return. The packets will have 7 dish towels and applique patterns. Please sign the towels out and return to the parish office when complete. Thank you!

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

#### **Individual Confession**

- •Monday, April 14-5:30 pm-St. Mary, Melrose
- •Monday, April 14-7:30 pm-St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
- •Or by appointment; Call Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143

#### **ONE IN FAITH SUNDAY BULLETIN**

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

<b>****</b> Weekly Offering <b>****</b>			
Total	\$3,702.27		
Regular Adult Offering	2,923.77		
Plate	346.00		
School Support	80.00		
Easter Envelopes	25.00		
Building/Maintenance	327.50		

#### **Parish Events**

Su	04/13	1:00 pm Lion's K	ids' Easter Event
Su	04/13	1:00 pm Lenten St	tudy - FR
Tu	04/15	6:30 pm Catholic O	rder of Foresters Mtg.
We	04/16	6:45 pm Youth Ev	vent
We	04/16	7:00 pm Stations of	of the Cross
Sa	04/19	No Indiv	idual Confessions

Elevator & Expansion Update... Thank you to all those who have made contributions to this fund. Currently, there is \$225,000 remaining in loans. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this fund.



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

### **\*\*\*\*** Weekly Offering **\*\*\*\***

Total	<b>\$4,236.73</b> 3,769.23
Regular Adult Offering	3,769.23
Plate	
Votive	48.00
Easter Flowers	85.00
Easter Envelopes	

# **Parish Events**

Su	04/13	10:00 am	Family Gathering
Su	04/13	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR
Tu	04/15	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu	04/15	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu	04/15	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	04/16	6:45 pm	Youth Event - NM
Fr	04/18	5:00 pm	Setup for Easter Party
Fr	04/18	-	No Rosary
Sa	04/19	8:00 am	Setup for Easter Party
Sa	04/19	10:00 am	Jaycees Kids' Easter Party

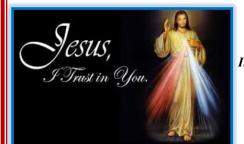
Thank You to Devin & Elisha Kemper for volunteering to join us in being the third chair couple for the festival.

~Devin & Christine and Michael & Jessica



# **3rd Annual One In Faith ACC Divine Mercy Sunday...**

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday service at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill on Sunday, April 27. This is our third 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 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Individual Confessions from 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm

(Sung by the St. Michael's Choir) Closing of Adoration at 4:00 pm

Social in the church basement

#### What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Easter - Sunday, April 27. (The Novena began on Good Friday, April 18.) 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. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information.

#### **CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL** Physical Address: 102 St. Michael Avenue N.

Spring Hill, MN 56352 Church Basement 320-987-3405

#### **\*\*\*\*** Weekly Offering **\*\*\*\***

Total	\$13,062.00
Regular Adult Offering	882.00
Plate/Loose	160.00
Catholic Relief Services	20.00
Parish Raffle	12,000.00
Plate/Loose Catholic Relief Services Parish Raffle	160.00 20.00

### **Liturgical Ministries Good Friday Service** Friday, April 18 - 3:00 pm

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg (L) Lisa Wuertz & Ralph Klassen (U) Nick Waldorf & Bob Welle (EM) (B) Sandra Gruber (EM) (C) No Precious Blood (Sacristan) Kathy Welle (RL) No Rosary (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff

#### **Liturgical Ministries Easter Sunday Mass** Sunday, April 20 - 10:00 am

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg (L) Pete LeClaire

(U) Chico Welle & Ron Welle

(EM) (B) Ruth Heinen

(EM) (C) Stan Heinen & Grace Hopfer

(Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg

(RL) Kathy Welle

(CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer

(HK: April 20 - May 3) Melissa Frieler, Sandra Gruber, & Ruth Heinen



•To everyone who helped make our spaghetti dinner fundraiser a big success! •To everyone who supported our parish cash raffle. The winners were:

- \$1,000 Gerald Lieser
- \$500 Brenda Gamradt
- \$500 Nicole Nugent
- \$250 Ruth Moscho
- \$100 Mark Schoenberg
- \$100 Bre Terrace
- \$100 **Doreen Schwieters**
- \$100 Gladys Orbeck
- \$100 Curt Spanier
- \$100 Marv Rademacher
- \$100 Mary Nietfeld
- \$100 Bryce Gruber
- \$100 Gib Schoenberg
- \$100 Allen Lieser



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

#### **\*\*\*\*** Weekly Offering **\*\*\*\***

Total	\$1,255.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,010.00
Plate/Loose	71.00
Votives	34.00
Easter Flowers	120.00
Rice Bowl	20.00

#### **Liturgical Ministries Holy Thursday Mass** Thursday, April 17 - 7:30 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk (L) Kathy Gilk & Linda Heinze (U) Peter Heinze & Al Inderrieden (GB) Clarine Beier & Mary Opatrny (EM) (B) Kris Winter (EM) (C) Mary Opatrny

#### **Liturgical Ministries Easter Sunday Mass** Sunday, April 20 - 8:00 am

(S) Leo Kasper & Clara Kasper (L) Cassandra Kettner (U) Herb Inderrieden & Matthew Kasper (GB) Jim & Sheryl Braun (EM) (B) Mike Barten (EM) (C) Clarine Beier (HK - April) \*Bridget Kasper, Deb Keller, Cassandra Kettner, and Doris Kraemer

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Week of April 14 - 16

4-15 Tuesday 8:45 am St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa 4-16 Wednesday 9:00 am Sacred Heart, Freeport 4-16 Wednesday 7:00 pm Immaculate Conception, New Munich (Led by the Tri-Parish Youth) 4-16 Wednesday 7:30 pm St. Michael, Spring Hill

### Prayer Requests...

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

For the Sick: Shirley Laing, Lori Austing, Sandy Welle, Beatrice Massmann, Dorothy Schneider, Tony Niehaus

#### **Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:**

Sacred Heart - Judy Cav	/eny	
-	320-248-8830	
Immaculate Conception	- Bernice Zink	
_	320-837-5321	
St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren		
-	320-333-8461	
St. Michael - Sharon Sc	hulzetenberg	
	320-248-7702	
St. Mary's	320-256-3878	

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

#### **\*\*\*\*** Weekly Offering **\*\*\*\***

Total	\$3,308.00
Regular Adult Offering	2,460.00
Plate/Loose	238.00
Votives	50.00
School Subsidy	35.00
Catholic Relief Services	115.00
Easter Flowers	100.00
Steeple Lighting	60.00
Community Park Donation	250.00

#### **Liturgical Ministries Good Friday Service** Friday, April 18 - 1:00 pm

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk (L) Karen Meyer & Missy Illies (U) Dean Meyer & Doug Meyer (GB) No Gift Bearers (EM) Nick Kelzer & Jim Leukam

#### **Liturgical Ministries Easter Vigil Mass** Saturday, April 19 - 8:30 pm

(S) Cole Funk & Luke Funk (L) Jim Leukam (U) Elmer Meyer & Karl Meyer (GB) Jamey & Shannon Groetsch (EM) Char Meyer, Dan Meyer, Karl Meyer, & Sue Meyer (HK - April) \*Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Heidi Meyer, and Karen Meyer



# HISPANIC MINISTRY



El viacrucis: Estaremos conmemorando el viacrucis en español el Viernes Santo (18 de abril) a las 5:00 pm. Si el clima lo permite realizaremos las estaciones en el estacionamiento de la Iglesia. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Preparación bautismal: La clase de preparación bautismal ya se realizó el sábado pasado. Si aún hay personas interesadas en la preparación bautismal hable con el diácono Jesús Hernandez después de misa para registrarse para la próxima sesión de clases que se llevará a cabo en el mes de Mayo.

### Orden de iniciación cristiana para

adultos: se invita a todas las personas que no han recibido ningún sacramento de iniciación (bautismo. confirmación у



primera comunión) o personas que deseen convertirse en Católicos a que hablen con el Jorge Carrillo diácono para pedir información sobre el programa y comenzar a planear sus preparacion.





# Sacred Heart School **Calendar Raffle Winners!**

04/06	\$25	Brian Ettel - Sauk Rapids
04/07	\$25	Carl Schulzetenberg - Freeport
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- 04/08 \$25 Tony Klasen- Melrose
- 04/09 \$25 Sarah Burg - Watkins 04/10 \$25
- Adam Stovall Pawcatuck, CT 04/11 \$25 Cindy Anderson Weisbrich - St. Cloud
- 04/12 \$25 Emily Stone Kandiyohi

#### The Scriptures This Week Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

	Mo	Monday of Holy Week		
٦		Is 42:1-7	Jn 12:1-11	
	Tu	Tuesday of Holy Week		
		Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	
Ì	We	Wednesday of Holy Week		
I		Is 50:4-9a	Mt 26:14-25	
I	Th	Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)		
I			a, 6a, 8b-9 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21	
I		Evening Mass of the Lord	<u>S Supper:</u> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	
I	Fr	• Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)		
I		Is 52:13—53:12	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42	
I	Sa	Holy Saturday		
I		Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2		
I		Ex 14:15—15:1	Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4	
I		Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28	Rom 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12	
I	Nex	Next Sunday - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Solemnity)		

the Resurrection of the Lord (Solemnity) Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

# FAITH FORMATION

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

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

•Grade K-10: Mass, 2025-2026 Faith Formation Registration and Family Fellowship Night, Wednesday, April 23, Sacred Heart Church. We will begin with Mass at 6:30 pm followed by registration and fellowship. VBS registration will also be available this evening.

•Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class: Wednesday, April 16. Home Lesson. <u>Service Project:</u>

•Egg Dying Service Project for Grades 6-12 Wednesday, April 16 from 6:45 - 8:15 pm at Immaculate Conception Church basement. Permission forms are available on the Tri-Parish website: <u>www.sacredheartfreeport.org</u>. If you would like to join us, please reach out to Chrystal.

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

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- •All Grades: See the bulletin for times for Holy Week liturgies.
- •Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class: Wednesday, April 16 from 6:00 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. We'll be doing a Food Shelf project.

•Grades 7-8: Service Project: Road ditch cleanup Wednesday, April 16 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Meet at St. John's Church parking lot, Meire Grove.

#### PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Amy Van Beck SHS BOARD: Myranda Beuning, Julie Job, Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle, Lindsay Frieler, and Jenelle Herkenhoff www.shsfreeport.org School Phone: 320-836-2591 Toddler Center Phone: 320-836-2585

- ◆2nd through 6th Graders will attend a Great Theatre Production of Mary Poppins on Tuesday, April 15.
- •Lenten Project SHS will be collecting money, school supplies, basic toiletries, and toys for Stoves for Guatemala as their Lenten Project. Any money or items you would like to donate can be brought to Sacred Heart School. We have already received over \$1,000 in donations. Thank you so much!
- •Thank You to everyone who helped with our production of Shadow Stations this past week. It is always a wonderful, moving presentation and we appreciate all the volunteers and staff that help make this a successful event.
- •We are Looking for Volunteers for next school year. If you are interested in helping out at SHS, please contact the school at 320-836-2591. Here are a few areas where we may need volunteer help - reading with students, teacher's aide, lunch room help, toddler center help, kindergarten centers, recess, etc.

# **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS**



- •Over Easter Break, the gym will receive a fresh coat of paint. This summer, we're excited to move forward with the installation of acoustic panels to help reduce noise and improve sound quality in the space. Thanks to your generosity, we've already raised \$7,250 of the \$14,000 needed to complete the project. We are still gratefully accepting donations to help us reach our goal.
- •2nd Graders will Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on April 26 & 27. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of becoming Disciples of Christ.
- **Pizza Pick Up** is Wednesday, April 16, from 3:00 5:00 pm at the school gym.
- •There are Still Openings for prospective 2025-2026 Little Saints. This program is for 3 and 4 year olds (preschool program) and 4 and 5 year olds (prekindergarten program). If interested, call 320-256-4257 or email <u>anelson@smsmn.org</u>.We are also taking registration for K-6.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:**

Contact Information: youthministry@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

◆NCYC The Diocese of Saint Cloud will be bringing a group to Indianapolis, Indiana November 19 - 23 for NCYC 2025: I Am | Yo Soy. NCYC is a time for high school youth from around the nation to gather and celebrate being Catholic through prayer, Mass, and activities. The cost to attend is \$940. Deadline to register is Tuesday, April 15. Registration forms are available on the parish websites. Contact Chrystal Sand at 320-836-2143 or csand@catholic-centered.org, or Pam Pundsack at 320-256-9503 or pam@stmarysofmelrose.org with questions.

◆Bible & Breakfast Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.



- •SJSA is Selling Harry's Pizza Friday, April 11 - Thursday, May 8. 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 17 from 9:00-10:00 am in the school basement. It is time to stock up for summer! Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.
- •SJSA Students will Present Living Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, April 15 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Refreshments will be served after each program. All are welcome.
- •No School at SJSA April 17 22 for Easter break. School resumes Wednesday, April 23.
- •Congratulations to our Second Graders who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 27 at 10:00 am at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Students receiving the Sacrament are Willow Bueckers, Ryan Hellickson, Lukas Kalthoff, Oliver Kasper, Lucas Kelzer, Grace Meyer, Jameson Schoenberg, and Taya Zimmer.
- •Sunday Mass Time Switch: Please note that the weekend of April 26 and 27 the 8:00 am Mass will be in Spring Hill and the 10:00 am Mass in Meire Grove (First Communion).

♥We Want to Wish you all a very Blessed Holy Week!

◆Last Week we Celebrated our Paraprofessionals at SHS! We are extremely grateful to have such wonderful help in a variety of classrooms at Sacred Heart. We want to thank you for your dedication to the students and SHS.

◆ Due to Holy Week and Easter we will not have school on Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21. SHS <u>DOES</u> have school on Tuesday, April 22. LOOKING AHEAD:

- ♥ PreK Field Trip to Wheels and Cogs on Tuesday, April 22.
- ▼Toddler Open House will take place on Thursday, May 1. More details to come.

SHS Move Up Day will be on Wednesday, April 23.SHS Spring Fling will take place on Friday, May 9.

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**Parish Office Closure** The Melrose and Freeport Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, April 18.



**Colored Easter Eggs for Sale:** Order your dyed Easter Eggs to support our Tri-Parish Youth. \$10.00 per dozen. Call the Parish Office in Freeport at 320-836-2143 to place your order.

**Tenebrae - A Tradition at St. Mary's Cathedral** Everyone is welcome at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud on Good Friday, April 18, at 8:00 pm for Tenebrae, which is Latin for shadows or darkness. At this event, participants will experience the gradual extinction of all lights in the church, symbolizing the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World, and loud noises created at the end of the service by the assembly and ministers, suggesting the earthquake described in the Passion Narratives. This is a family event and all are welcome.

**Spring Mission Rally** Come and join us for the spring mission rally on Wednesday, April 23 from 7:30 am - 1:00 pm at St. Mary's Church in Alexandria. It's a day filled with a Liturgy with Bishop Patrick Neary C.S.C; Missioners active and retired; Fellowship



and wonderful food; Fair Trade sales; Mission Group items; Mission Office connections. Registration is \$10/person. Deadline to register is Monday, April 14. Please send payment to the Mission Office 11—8th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301. Contact the Mission Office for more information or to register at 320-251-1100.

**Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults** Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at <u>ssnd.org/events/4-22-25/</u>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter... "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available weekend is April 25 - 27 in Crookston, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <u>northmnwwme.org</u> or contact Miki at <u>applications@northmnwwme.org</u> or 507-227-8229.

**Stewardship as a Way of Life** "...*I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.*" (Luke 22:34) How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so as not to cause disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

#### Natural Family Planning... God's Plan for

Marriage: Natural Family Planning! NFP follows the natural cycle God has given each woman. It has no dangerous side effects, and no harmful soul effects. NFP allows you to give yourself to your spouse



completely, freely, and faithfully. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in: Sauk Centre on Thursdays, April 17 and May 15 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at <u>uphus.nfp@gmail.com</u> 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!



**Sunday Mass Time Switch**: Please note that the weekend of April 26 and 27 the 8:00 am Mass will be in Spring Hill and the 10:00 am Mass in Meire Grove for First Communion.

**Honoring Marriage Day** is Saturday, May 3 at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell for couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60 plus anniversaries in 2025. Call your parish office with your name, number of years of marriage, and contact mailing address. The office will notify the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family in St. Cloud. You will then receive a personal invitation for the event.

### EASTER PROGRAM

Presented by SJSA School

Tuesday, April 15 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove

#### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

#### April 13, Sunday

◆<u>43rd Annual St. Martin Baseball Breakfast Fundraiser</u> serving from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at the St. Martin Parish Center. Adults: \$12 in advance, at the door: \$13 Children 6-12 \$5, Preschool Free. Curbside pickup available from 8:30 - 11:30 am.

◆<u>Ham Bingo</u> at Holy Family Church Fellowship Hall in Little Falls at 1:30 pm. 20 games for \$5. Two blackout games for \$1 a card per game. Over 22 door prizes and \$100 for blackout. Prizes for children will be drawn through out the afternoon!

◆<u>Spring Sausage Supper</u> at the St. Francis de Sales Parish Center in Belgrade, MN. Serving from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. Adults \$10, Children \$6, Ages 4 and under are free.

#### April 18, Friday

◆<u>"All You Can Eat" Fish Fry</u> hosted by the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Take outs are available. Your support is very much appreciated! All are welcome! April 19, Saturday

•<u>Greenwald Easter Egg Hunt</u> The hunt starts at 10:00 am at the Rec building. Bring your own pail. Visit with the Easter Bunny. Sponsored by the Greenwald Rec. Club.

•<u>Annual Easter Egg & Bake Sale</u> Hosted by the VFW Auxiliary #7050 Melrose at the American Legion. Bake sale begins at 8:30 am. Lunch will start being served at 11:30 am. Everyone welcome to help raise funds for our Veterans programs. Pre-orders appreciated for eggs and pies, call Rosie 320-292-0233 or Nancy 320-250-4608.

#### April 24, Thursday

◆<u>Freeport Senior Citizens meeting</u> at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played. April 25, Friday

◆<u>Spaghetti Supper</u> at St. Edward's in Elmdale. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Free will offering. Take out available. April 27, Sunday

•<u>Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast</u> at the Melrose American Legion serving from 8:30 am - 12:00p pm. Dine in or take out. Adults \$12. Children ages 5-10 \$6. Children ages 4 and under are free.

◆<u>53rd Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper</u> sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Christian Mothers & Women, and the St. Anthony Parish, St. Anothony. The cost is \$11.50 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children's tickets are sold at the door for \$6 for ages 6 to 12. Children ages 5 and under are free. Serving from 3:00 - 8:30 pm.



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