



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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

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

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email information to: bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

- ◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception
- ◆Saturdays 3:30 pm St. Andrew
- ◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary
- ◆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.



*Becoming
"Fully
Awake"*

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, *"Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."* But he did not know what he was saying. Luke 9:32-33

As we are presented with this glorious event of the Transfiguration this Sunday, there are numerous lessons we can learn from it. The passage above presents us with two particular lessons.

First, Peter and his companions were overcome by sleep while Jesus was transfigured in glory and conversing with Moses and Elijah. This line could suggest many things. It could mean that Peter was weak and more concerned with his human condition than he was with attentiveness to the important journey he was invited to take with our Lord. It could reveal a kind of spiritual sloth. It is easy in life to become weary of the journey and to become drowsy at the times that we should be most attentive to our Lord. For example, think about any time when you knew you should pray but instead, sat daydreaming or distracted, or chose to fill that time with something mindless. Peter and his companions, therefore, teach us that it is easy for us in our fallen human nature to "doze off" during those times when God wants to speak to us, especially while at Mass.

Another interpretation of this line comes from the Church Father, Saint Ambrose. He suggests that this sleep of Peter and his two companions was primarily a result of them encountering "the incomprehensible brightness of the Divine nature." As Jesus was transfigured, the initial vision was too much for them to comprehend, and so this vision began with them asleep as a symbol of the fact that we are all incapable of seeing the glory of God in our weakened state. But then they became "fully awake," which implies that it took time for them to open their eyes to see the glory of God. This lesson teaches us that we all must wake up and work to become fully awake if we are to see the glory of God as He reveals Himself to us.

After becoming fully awake and encountering the incomprehensible brightness of the divine nature, Peter says, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." The Gospel writer then goes on to say that Peter "did not know what he was saying." Again, if we turn to Saint Ambrose, he points out that Peter's experience is commendable because he not only had earnest feelings but also took the initiative of good deeds. He wanted to build three tents so

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 17 - 23

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Maria Vargas Aguilera
 †Maria Concepcion Perez Zavala

Tu 8:00 am **NO MASS**
 We 8:00 am **NO MASS**
 Th 8:00 am **NO MASS**
 *Fr 8:30 am **SM School Mass**
 †Bernie Arceneau
 For the People

Sa 5:00 pm For the People
 *Su 10:00 am †Dolores Maleska
 Su 12:30 pm **Misa en Español**
 †Abelardo Botello Lopez
 †Alfredo Botello Hernandez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
 †Cyrilla Michael

Fr 8:15 am †Sue Worms Anniversary
 Su 8:00 am †Ed Hennen

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Mary Ann Zierden Anniversary
 Sa 4:00 pm For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Claude Toenyan Anniversary
 Su 10:00 am †Deceased/Living Members of
 St. Rose Catholic United Financial

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Henry & †Ida Schaefer
 Su 10:00 am †Lisa Schoenberg

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †Deceased Relatives of
 David & Marilyn Welle

Sa 4:00 pm †Al & †Leona Bertram

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Su 8:00 am †Dolores Imdieke

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

First Tuesday of the month
 7:00 - 8:00 am

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

First Thursday of the month
 7:00 - 8:00 am

St. Mary - Melrose

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Adoration with Praise and Worship Music
 Wednesday, March 19 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Adoration with Praise & Worship Music Wednesday, March 19 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Come spend time with the Lord in Adoration and music.



BINGO Please join us for BINGO at St. Mary's Church in Melrose on March 23 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Cash and meat prizes. Free lunch includes hot turkey sandwich, chips, pickle and cookie. Beverages are available for sale. Variety of games such as Good Neighbor Bingo and Blackout. There will also be a quilt raffle. Fun for the entire family. Sorry, no checks, cash only. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's Mission Society of Melrose.

Lenten Mini-Retreat... For those who have previously made a Central Minnesota TEC weekend, you are invited to a Lenten Mini-Retreat March 29 - 30 at the TEC Center in Little Falls. The retreat will focus on the 3 pillars of Lent--prayer, fasting and almsgiving. For more information, visit the following link or contact the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KXUuUMOMxqREANiqXLclxI4ah_t4l-eg1PHK1fDCmnM/viewform?edit_requested=true.

Eucharistic Adoration: Consider taking an hour to come adore and be with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. The Tri-Parish invites all the faithful for a special opportunity to kick off Holy Week and grow in relationship with God. Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, April 11 after the 8:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport and extend through the night until Saturday, April 12 at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed around the clock, particularly after 1:00 pm on Friday. Sign-up sheets are available in all three parishes. We cannot leave our Lord alone.



Encounter Jesus On The Road To Calvary Need Some Direction In Your Life? We invite you to join us as "companions" to encounter Jesus on the road to Calvary in this live production. Experience Holy Week in a new light. Performances are: April 9 at 7:00 pm, April 11 at 7:30 pm, April 12 at 7:30 pm and Palm Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church (44055 Hwy 238, Freeport).

Parish News:

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

•**Forty Cans For Lent** St. Joseph the Worker Council Knights of Columbus will be supporting the Melrose Food Shelf during this Season of Lent with their Forty Cans For Lent food drive. There will be totes in each of the Tri-Parish churches for you to place food items. Please consider donating to this worthy cause as we try to collect 500 pounds of food! Thank You.

Lenten Enrichment Materials and Lent Brochures

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

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 Thursday, March 20 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!



Stewardship as a Way of Life "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - (Genesis 15:7) Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

*Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352*

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$6,954.00
Regular Adult Offering	5,422.00
Plate/Loose	936.00
Designated Funds	596.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

03-09	\$25	Robert & Edna Kramer - Melrose
03-10	\$25	JoAnn Nieland - Melrose
03-11	\$25	Paul Meier - Commerce Township, MI
03-12	\$25	Dave & Bernie Sieben - Melrose
03-13	\$25	Jodi Westermeyer - Melrose
03-14	\$25	St. Mary's Church
03-15	\$25	Barry Hellermann - Melrose



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that Jesus, Moses and Elijah would remain with them. But another Church father points out that Peter "did not know what he was saying" because he did not, at that time, realize that it was indeed his mission to build a dwelling place for Jesus, the Law and the Prophets. It was his mission to build the Church, which was to be the future dwelling place of God on earth and the place in which we will encounter God throughout life.

You, too, are entrusted with the responsibility of building up the structure of the Church on earth so that many may encounter the full glory of God. This will only happen if you continually seek to become fully awakened to the glory of God as He reveals Himself to you and, in the joy of that encounter, go forth to build up God's Church by your earnest desire and intentional acts of charity.

Reflect, today, upon Peter and his two companions, James and John. Prayerfully ponder them asleep as Jesus was transfigured in glory. Reflect upon them waking up and beginning to realize what was taking place before them. Consider Peter's excitement and amazement and the effect that had on him. And then ponder how these disciples eventually did go forth to build the Church, the house of God, so that they and many others would come to meet Christ. Pray that the witness of these disciples will inspire you to follow in their footsteps.

My Transfigured Lord, the glory that shone forth from Your divine face in radiance must have been beyond human description. Your true glory in Heaven is something that I hope to one day behold. Please instill in me a desire to more fully understand Your glory and to work tirelessly to be an instrument of that glory to all I meet. Jesus, I trust in You.

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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 Caveny	320-248-8830
Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink	320-837-5321
St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren	320-333-8461
St. Michael - Sharon Schulzetenberg	320-248-7702
St. Mary's	320-256-3878

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

*Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2191*

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ **Weekly Offerings** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$8,400.20
Regular Adult Offering.....	4,485.85
Plate.....	381.00
Votive.....	125.00
School Support.....	1,000.00
Easter	1,050.00
Easter Flowers	228.00
Ash Wednesday—Food Shelf	840.35
Holy Land	10.00
Catholic Relief Services	215.00
Building/Maintenance	55.00
Rice Bowl	10.00

Parish Events

Su	03/16	9:00 am	Catholic United Financial Quarterly Mtg.
Su	03/16	1:00 pm	Lenten Study
Mo	03/17	7:00 pm	Festival Chair Meeting
Tu	03/18	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
We	03/19	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
We	03/19	5:30 pm	Praise and Worship Adoration
We	03/19	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	03/19	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
Th	03/20	7:00 pm	OCIA Meeting
Fr	03/21	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	03/21	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	03/21	9:00 am	Adoration
Sa	03/22	9:00 am	First Communion Retreat
Su	03/23	1:00 pm	Lenten Study

Welcome to our Parish... We welcome Scott and Holly Groetsch, and their children, Ryan and Ellery, to our parish.

May She Rest in Peace... Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**Viola Borgerding**, who passed away Thursday, March 6. Her funeral was celebrated here on Friday, March 14.

Attention St. Joseph Society Members Your raffle tickets are available for pickup in the back of the church. Please return **all sold and unsold tickets and money** to the Parish Office in Freeport or drop them in the collection no later than Wednesday, May 14.

Public Rosary...

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for.

All are invited and welcome!



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

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,728.67
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,274.77
Plate.....	360.40
Easter Flowers.....	160.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	210.00
Building/Maintenance.....	37.50
Ash Wednesday—Food Shelf.....	686.00

Parish Events

Su 03/16	9:00 am	Private Event Setup
Su 03/16	11:00 am	Private Event
Su 03/16	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR
We 03/19	5:30 pm	Praise and Worship Adoration - FR
We 03/19	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 03/19	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Th 03/20	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th 03/20	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Th 03/20	7:00 pm	OCIA Meeting - FR
Fr 03/21	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sa 03/22	9:00 am	First Communion Retreat - FR
Sa 03/22	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Sa 03/22	5:00 pm	St. Joseph Society Meeting
Su 03/23	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR

St. Joseph Society Annual Meeting
will be on Saturday, March 22 after 4:00 pm
Mass in the church basement.

Parish Seamstresses and Crafters

This year the Parish & Quilt Raffle will be on June 7, so it is time again to plan for the "Quilt & Fancy Work" raffle. If any of you have fancy or crafty items (doilies, afghans, towels, etc.) to donate for the raffle – please call or contact Jean Hopfer, Quilt Raffle Chm. 320-837-5239 before Thursday, April 3, so we will have time to get the raffle tickets printed with the information on them and have them ready to send out with the parish raffle tickets. Thanks in advance for sharing your talents to contribute to the Christian Women's main source of funds. Also, if anyone would like to donate cash toward the expenses of the quilt, we'd appreciate that very much.

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Physical Address: 28905 County Road 17
St. Rosa, MN 56331
Church Basement 320-836-2537

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,797.33
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,366.23
Plate.....	317.10
Catholic Relief Services.....	495.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine....	75.00
Ash Wednesday—Food Shelf.....	524.00
Building/Maintenance.....	10.00
Special Needs.....	10.00

Parish Events

Su 03/16	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR
Tu 03/18	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu 03/18	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 03/18	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 03/19	5:30 pm	Praise and Worship Adoration - FR
We 03/19	6:00 pm	FF Grade 2 - FR
We 03/19	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-10 - FR
Th 03/20	9:00 am	St. Loretta's Mission Quilting & Meeting
Th 03/20	7:00 pm	OCIA Meeting - FR
Fr 03/21	7:30 pm	Rosary
Sa 03/22	9:00 am	First Communion Retreat - FR
Su 03/23	11:00 am	Baptism
Su 03/23	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR

St. Loretta's Mission Quilting and Meeting Thursday, March 20 in the St. Rose church basement. Quilting beginning at 9:00 am with potluck lunch provided at 12:00 pm. Meeting at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to both the quilting and the meeting. You don't have to be a member to attend either or both.

Spring Meeting... St. Rosa Christian Women Spring Meeting is set for Monday, March 31 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.



Bake Sale On Sunday, April 6 the Christian Women will be hosting a bake sale at the Lions Breakfast. Please drop off your baked items by 9:00 am on Sunday, April 6.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,702.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	832.00
Children	8.00
Plate/Loose	156.00
Votives	156.00
Fuel Fund.....	120.00
Maintenance Fund	200.00
Ash Wednesday	210.00
Catholic Magazine	20.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, March 23 - 10:00 am

(S) Kenny Niehoff
(L) Gary P. Lieser
(U) Melvin Kalthoff & Jim Klassen
(EM) (B) Mark Schoenberg
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) Kathy Welle
(RL) Kathy Welle
(CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
(HK: March 16-29) Linda Athmann, Kim Barten & Krystal Barten

Rosary Rally Please join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 22, at St. Michael's Church.



Cash Raffle Tickets have been distributed. Please return ticket stubs, money, and any unsold tickets to Sue Meyer, Karen Rademacher or Duane Moscho or put in the St. Michael's collection marked "cash raffle" by Sunday, March 30. If anyone wants more raffle tickets contact Sue, Karen, or Duane. Thanks for your participation.

**Spaghetti Dinner...**

St. Michael's Catholic United Financial is hosting a spaghetti dinner Sunday, April 6 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm in Spring Hill Church basement

STATIONS OF THE CROSS**Week of March 17-23**

3-18 Tuesday	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
3-19 Wednesday	9:00 pm	Sacred Heart, Freeport
3-19 Wednesday	7:15 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Led by Faith Formation Families)
3-19 Wednesday	7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
3-19 Wednesday	7:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
3-20 Thursday	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
3-21 Friday	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
3-21 Friday	2:00 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald (Led by SJSA Students)
3-21 Friday	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)
3-21 Friday	7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
3-22 Saturday	4:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose

**SHADOW STATIONS**

Presented by the 6th Grade Class from Sacred Heart School
Wednesday, April 9—7:00 pm—Sacred Heart School Gymnasium
Thursday, April 10—1:30 pm—Sacred Heart School Gymnasium

LIVING STATIONS

Presented by St. Mary's School
Wednesday, April 9—1:00 pm—St. Mary, Melrose

EASTER PROGRAM

Presented by SJSA School
Tuesday, April 15—1:00 pm & 7:00 pm—St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove



CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$764.00
Regular Adult Offering	590.00
Plate/Loose	122.00
Votives	12.00
Catholic Magazine	40.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, March 22 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Matthew Dehmer & Noah Dehmer
(L) Linda Heinze
(U) Gary Bertram & Eric Dehmer
(GB) Jon & Laurel Worms
(EM) (B) Kris Winter
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(HK - March) *Linda Heinze, Deb Imdieke,
Carol Inderrieden, & Ronnie Inderrieden

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN**

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,356.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	865.00
Children	0.25
Plate/Loose	410.00
Votives.....	36.00
Maintenance Fund	50.00
Fuel Fund	200.00
Ash Wednesday	540.00
Catholic Magazine	20.00
Rice Bowl	170.00
Central & Eastern Europe	65.00

Liturgical Ministries**Sunday, March 23 - 8:00 am**

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
(L) Jim Leukam
(U) Daryl Zenzen & Chad Funk
(GB) Marvin & Karen Schneider
(EM) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
(HK - March) *Kate Kelzer, Amy Klaphake,
Ruth Klaphake, Mary Kay Leukam, Theresa
Loxtercamp, & Sheri Luetmer

Raffle Tickets Please return raffle tickets and money to any of the boxes near the 3 church entrances. There are extra tickets attached to the return boxes if you are able to sell more tickets!

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Retiro de Cuaresma: La Iglesia de Santa María estará ofreciendo un retiro en Español el día 29 de marzo de 8:00 am a las 4:00 pm el costo del retiro es de 25 dólares. Si usted está interesado o interesada hable con el diácono Jorge Carrillo después de misa o hable a la oficina parroquial.

Preparación bautismal: se ofrecerá la preparación prebautismal el próximo sábado 22 de marzo a las 12:00 pm.

**Pray + Fast + Give****SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION****Communal Celebration with Individual Confession**

- Wednesday, April 2—4:30 & 7:00 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Friday, April 4—7:00 pm—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Sunday, April 6—7:00 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*

Individual Confession

- Fridays of Lent—7:45 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Saturdays of Lent—3:30 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- Saturdays of Lent—3:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- Saturdays of Lent—4:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Saturday, April 5 before/after First Saturday Mass—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Friday, April 11—5:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Friday, April 11—7:30 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*
- 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

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

Mo	Lenten Weekday (<i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i>)	
	Dn 9:4b-10	Lk 6:36-38
Tu	Lenten Weekday (<i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>)	
	Is 1:10,16-20	Mt 23:1-12
We	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (<i>Solemnity</i>)	
	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
	Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a	
Th	Lenten Weekday	
	Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31
Fr	Lenten Weekday	
	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mt 21:33-43, 45-56
Sa	Lenten Weekday	
	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Lent		
	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15	1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
	Lk 13:1-9	

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 19. Home Lesson.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the parish office.
 - **First Communion Retreat:** Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church Basement.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm. Bring your Bible, books, notebook, and pen. Meet in your classroom.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofamelrose.com

- **Confirmation Students: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 19 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and mentor/adult/ Every student NEEDS their mentor or an adult with them for this class as there are partner activities!
- **First Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 - 10:30 am at St. Mary's Church. Students only.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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- ♥ **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 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@stmarysofamelrose.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.

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♥ **SHS Registration** for the 2025/2026 school year PreK - 6th grade opened on Monday, March 3. Info and forms were sent home with current students last week. If you are interested in registering your child for school next year, please contact the office.

♥ **SHS Lenten Project** Students will be collecting money, school supplies, basic toiletries and toys for Stoves for Guatemala. There will be a collection at the School Masses on Wednesdays during Lent if you wish to participate in the Project.

♥ **Birthday Dinner** for March Birthdays will be held on Thursday, March 20.

♥ **The First Communion Retreat** for 2nd grade students of the Tri-Parish will be held on Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

LOOKING AHEAD:

♥ **Our 2nd graders will Celebrate** their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 6.

♥ **Shadow Stations** will take place on Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10.

♥ **SHS Designer Purse Bingo** will be on Saturday, April 12. More details to come.

♥ **Toddler Open House** will take place in April. More details to come.

♦ **The Auction4Education auctions off a reserved parking spot at the Church**, which is good for all church functions. The sign is on the right side of the parking lot as you drive near the Church. Please do not park here unless you purchased it at the auction.

♦ **All are invited to the Living Stations** being presented by St. Mary's School students on Wednesday, April 9, at 1:00 pm in the church.

♦ **During Lent, Families at SMS** will be collecting dollars and coins to give to four different organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Newton, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International. If you would like to participate in giving to one of these organizations, drop your coins off at the parish office or school.

♦ **St. Mary's Kindergarten Roundup** is set for Friday, April 11. Students will spend the day in activities from 8:00 am - 2:45 pm. Current SMS families will sign up at the end of March. If you are not currently enrolled at SMS and interested in Kindergarten Roundup, please call the office at 320-256-4257.

♦ **SJSA School Board** meets Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.

♦ **SJSA students will lead Stations of the Cross** on Friday, March 21 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. All are welcome.

♦ **Mark Your Calendars!** Kindergarten Round-Up is Monday, April 7. More information will be posted in the upcoming weeks.

♦ **Registration is Now Open** for grades preschool - 6th grade for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested in joining us at SJSA, please call the school at 320-987-3133 to schedule a visit.

♦ **Preschool for the 2025-2026 School Year** will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:45 am - 2:30 pm.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

03/09	\$25	Keith & Roxanne Pundsack - Freeport
03/10	\$25	Adam Finken - Melrose
03/11	\$25	Joe Pachman - Long Prairie
03/12	\$25	Curt & Lynn Wegleitner - Freeport
03/13	\$25	Ethan Van Beck - New Munich
03/14	\$25	Joellen Allee - Melrose
03/15	\$25	Tom & Doris Studniski - Avon



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Be Not Afraid! Of course, you don't have to have a faith crisis to attend a Koinonia retreat, some of us just like to meet new people and share our gifts and talents. Maybe that is what you like to do too. Central Minnesota

Koinonia is a Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and designed for adults. The next weekend is scheduled for March 21 - 23, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Theology Day at Saint John's University in Collegeville is a chance for people in our communities who are seeking a deeper spiritual life or understanding of their faith and its place in their everyday lives to learn from and interact with the theologians of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary. It offers a chance for these scholars to gain insights and grow in their faith, as well. Enhance your spiritual life with one of the events listed below. All events are held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Emmaus Hall. For more information or to register, please call 320-363-3560 or visit www.theologyday.com.

•Ancient Christian Practices to Sustain Community - Friday, March 28

Worldwide Marriage Encounter... "It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day." - husband who attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available weekends are April 5-6 in Brainerd, MN and April 25-27 in Crookston, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.



A Call to the Sacramental Life All Things New: Honoring the past, inspiring the future. One of the guiding principles of the diocesan planning process is sacramental life. We move forward as pilgrims of hope to create vibrant communities where all feel compelled to fully participate, consciously and actively, in the sacramental life of the Church. One of these sacraments, the sacrament of penance, allows us to experience the gift of God's mercy.



NATIONAL

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Year 3 – Year of Mission Pillar 4 – Eucharistic Life

The Fourth (and final) Pillar of the National Eucharistic Revival is

Eucharistic Mission, encouraging those who have encountered Jesus, who have entered into relationship with him, and whose identity has been configured to Christ to go out on mission to the world, evangelizing and bringing His love to all, especially those most in need of His mercy. Below are some ways the faithful are invited to experience this pillar.

- Discern how to pastorally invite people into a relationship with Jesus and His Church.
- Pray for a spirit of zeal and boldness to evangelize by word and deed, becoming bread broken for others.
- Find ways daily to serve others as Christ served, washing the feet of those in need.
- Live a life of sacrifice by offering your joys and struggles on the altar.
- Deepen your formation and understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in sending you out on mission.
- Commit to "Walk with One" person during this Year of Mission.

Pilgrims of Hope Lenten Retreat Schedule at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo. 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 Lenten Retreat - March 28-30 (Weekend)

•Men & Women's Silent Lenten Retreat - April 1-3 (Midweek)

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, March 25 at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/3-25-25/.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

March 20, Thursday

♦**Freeport Senior Citizens Meeting** at 1:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. Bingo and 500 will be played.

March 21, Friday

♦**"All You Can Eat" Fish Fry** 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!

♦**Fish Fry** at the Church of St. Mary, Alexandria, MN in the gymnasium. Serving from 4:30 - 7:00 pm.

♦**Lenten Fish Fry** at Sts. Peter and Pauls Church in Foley. Serving from 4:00 - 6:30 pm. Adults: \$15. Children 6-10: \$7. Children 5 and under: free. Drive thru available.

March 22, Saturday

♦**Lenten Retreat-Seven Sorrows of Mary** at All Saints - St. Mary's in Holdingford church basement. Doors open at 8:30 am with formal program starting at 9:00 am and ending at 11:30 am. The retreat will consist of a short talk on the Seven Sorrows Devotion, A talk on "Hope", in this the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary and Litany (bring your rosaries). We will have Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, refreshments, lunch, and socializing to follow after 11:30 am. All are welcome to attend and there is no charge for this event.

March 25, Tuesday

♦**Firearms Safety Informational Meeting** for Green Grove Rod and Gun Club at 6:00 pm at Meire Grove City Hall. You must attend this meeting in order to participate in the training and field day. Must be 11 years of age to participate. For questions please call Matt Silbernack 320-470-0944, Brian Schmiesing 320-293-7976, or Brian Yarle 320-267-4371.

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♦**Fish Fry** at the VFW in Osakis, MN hosted by Immaculate Conception Church. Serving from 4:30 - 7:00 pm.

March 29, Saturday

♦**Meire Grove Athletic Club Annual Meeting** will be held at CB's Bar and Grill in Meire Grove at 8:00 pm. Join us for a fun night of "baseball talk." Later on at 9:00 pm, the seven lucky winners of our raffle will be drawn. The raffle prizes range from \$599 to \$100. The cost of a ticket is \$20 and only 200 tickets will be sold. Lunch will be served after the meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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