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



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

First Sunday of Lent

Melrose Office:

FAIH

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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

By appointment only. 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.

<u>Baptism</u>

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

Greenwald Office:

Hours: Tuesdays 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Office Phone: 320-987-3205 Email: stjohn1@meltel.net Website: www.oneinfaith.org Mailing Address: PO Box 136 211 2nd Ave. N. Greenwald, MN 56335

Carol Winter: Administrative Assistant, GR/MG/SH



St. Cloud Diocese Website www.stclouddiocese.org

††Juana Álvarez &

Demecio Ramírez

Saturday, 5:00 pm †Randy Piper/For the Peopole

*Sunday, 10:00 am ††Norbert & Leona Schaefer

††Adolph Wensmann &

Mary Winters/All School

††Rafael & Vicenta Barragán

†Gene Waldorf Anniversary

Roger & Joyce Welle Family

Locnikar Family

ST. MARY - Melrose

Friday, 8:30 am

Friday, 8:15 am

Monday, 6:30 pm Misa en Español

Tuesday, 7:30 am †Dorine Wiebolt

Wednesday, 7:30 am †Bob Kemper

Thursday, 7:30 am †Ann M. Roehrl

Sunday, 12:30 pm Misa en Español

Wednesday, 8:15 am[†]Deceased of the

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Saturday, 4:00 pm †Deceased Members of the

*Mass will be livestreamed. Visit Church of St.

Thursday, 8:15 am †Rich Rademacher

Tuesday, 8:15 am †Virgil Boecker

Sunday, 10:00 am †Dennis Ritter

Mary, Melrose Facebook page.

Sunday, 8:00 am For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

SACRED HEART - Freeport

February 21, 2021

Freeport Office:

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Office Phone: 320-836-2143 Email: triparish@albanytel.com Website: www.sacredheartfreeport.com Facebook: Tri Parish Mailing Address: PO Box 155 Freeport, MN 56331

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ACC Mass Schedule/Intention ~ February 22-28, 2021

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tuesday, 8:00 am †Christ Wander Sunday, 10:00 am †Lisa Schoenberg

St. ANDREW - Greenwald Thursday, 8:00 am †Dennis Schwieters Saturday, 4:00 pm †Marie "Mayme" Imdieke

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

Wednesday, 8:00 am †Ken Welle Sunday, 8:00 am †Sylvester Klaphake



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

- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in the church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in the church in Melrose.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English at church in St. Rosa.

Adoration at Sacred Heart - Freeport on Fridays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

<u>Weekly Stewardship</u>

Total	\$7,234.00
Regular Adult Offering	5,156.00
Loose	320.00
Child Envelopes	2.00
New Church (actual funds)	785.00
Votive Candles	153.00
Curtains	200.00
St. Cloud Catholic Magazine	405.00
Support a Child	10.00
Cemetery Lot	200.00
Initial Offering	3.00
Rectory Fund	0.00
St. Mary's School Endowment	\$20.00

Rectory Fund Collected to Date.....\$40,000.00

Finance Council will meet on February 25 at 5:30 pm at St. Mary's Church.

Parish Council will meet on February 25 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Church.

Starting February 22, the Church of St. Mary will be open 7:00 am - 7:00 pm every day. Volunteers have come forward to expand the hours for everyone to be able to spend time in prayer and reflection. The administration doors must be used for entering and exiting the building, unless a Mass is scheduled. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Craig Maus, 320-980-5271.

<u>St. Mary's Calendar Raffle</u>

Sponse	Sponsor this week: Freeport State Bank				
02-14	\$75	Sara & Matt Heinen - Albany			
02-15	\$25	Joyce Terwey - Melrose			
02-16	\$25	Marlene Doetkott - Melrose			
02-17	\$50	Fr. Marv - Melrose			
02-18	\$ \$25	David Thieler - Melrose			
02-19	\$25	Carole Anderson - Melrose			
02-20	\$25	Victor & Florence Middendorf - Melrose			

If you need Candlemas, you can pick one up at St. Mary's Church or if you want us to deliver to your parish, call St. Mary's Parish Office 320-256-4207 and leave you name and parish. The donation for a Candlemas is \$7.

Due to the excessive sunlight coming into the fireside rooms at certain times of the day, blinds have been measured and ordered. These blinds will help shade when there are events in the fireside rooms, such as weddings and funerals. Please consider contributing to the blinds, as this is an additional cost to the parish. Funds needed for the blinds are just under \$9,000. You can mark the donation – "blinds" and receive credit for your generosity. We have members of the parish who have graciously offered to help hang them, so we are saving the labor costs. Thank you to all those who have helped so far with this project.

If you are considering giving a contribution through your IRA, please be sure to use the new Church address: 755 Kraft Drive SE, Melrose, MN 56352. You will also want to remind your bank to reference who it is for on the check, so that proper credit can be given. Thank You!

Church of the Sacred Heart - Freeport (FR)

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

Weekly Stewardship			Parish Events	
Adult Envelopes Plate Total Weekly Contributions	,	Other DonationsVotive\$61.Central MN Catholic Magazine225.Building/Maintenance10.	.10 .00 .00	 Tu 02/23 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR We 02/24 10:00 am Bible Study We 02/24 7:00 pm Faith Formation We 02/24 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Fr 02/26 9:00 am Stations of the Cross & Adoration
Amount Needed for Budget** This Week's Surplus/(Deficit) Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5,399.00 (3,150.00) \$(13,027.10)	Basement Remodel	.00 52	Fr 02/26 9:00 am Stations of the Cross & Adoration Sa 02/27 9:00 am Dairy Princess Social

Sacred Heart Church Basement Remodeling Project After many years of discussion, the church basement remodeling project is moving forward. The project will include new flooring, upgraded restrooms, upgraded ceiling and lighting, addition of storage rooms, and an alternative heating system. The project is estimated at \$350,000. Private donations of \$250,000 have already been committed. The basement will be off limits once this project begins. This may cause some inconveniences but in the long run will be well worth it. A start date has not yet been determined but looking at a possible start date the end of February or early March. Please watch the bulletin for updates. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please send donations to the Tri-Parish Office, PO Box 155, Freeport, or put an envelope marked basement remodeling project in the weekend collection. Thank you in advance for all your support and patience during this project. ~*The Finance Council*

Our focus this Lenten season will be Humility, Sacrifice, and Service. First we will focus on Humility - the English word humility is derived from a Latin root which means close to the earth. It is a relational word, and calls for action. It means willingly giving up your place, emptying yourself, for another. "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." (Sirach 3:17,18)

Also in the back of Church you will find Rice Bowls for the poor. Please take one home and remember the poor all over the world throughout the Lenten season.



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH (NM) Physical Address: 650 Main Street; New Munich, MN 56356 Church Basement 320-837-5217				
Weekly Stewardship				Parish Events
Adult Envelopes	\$1,966.00	Other Donations		Tu 02/23 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
Plate	137.00	School Support	\$20.00	Tu 02/23 7:10 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR We 02/24 10:00 am Bible Study - FR
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,103.00	Building/Maintenance	25.00	We 02/24 7:00 pm Faith Formation - FR
		Central MN Catholic Magazine	185.00	Th 02/25 Stations of the Cross following Mass
Amount Needed for Budget**	\$3,404.00			Sa 02/27 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,301.00)	**Total year budget is spread equally	over 52	
Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(16,890.65)	weeks, including Holy Days		

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (NM) (CONTINUED)

Steeple/Roof Repair Fundraiser Immaculate Conception Church's steeple needs a major repair. The estimate to repair is \$50,000. So far \$31,005 has been raised towards this fund. There is still a ways to go. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this needy cause.



February Church Cleaners Diane Boeckers, Char Mayers, Sheila Humbert, Barbara Moll. Please contact each other to arrange times to do the cleaning. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month. If you have questions, contact Jackie Massmann at 651-214-0270.

New Munich Christian Women are collecting Pennies for "Water For

Life." Pennies will be collected during the Lent season. The money collected goes to Catholic Relief Services. Additional information has been posted on Christian Women Bulletin Boards at each entrance. Please drop pennies off at Parish Office or call Jackie Massmann at 651-214-0270. Thank you in advance for your support.



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			Parish Events
Adult Envelopes Plate Total Weekly Contributions		Other DonationsCentral MN Catholic Magazine\$70.00Building Project	We $02/24 \ 10:00$ am Bible Study - FR
Amount Needed for Budget** This Week's Surplus/(Deficit) Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,995.00 (992.00) \$16,375.12	Total Due + Interest \$14,062.52 **Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	We 02/24 7:00 pm Faith Formation - FR Fr 02/26 7:30 pm Rosary

The St. Rose Christian Women are sponsoring a collection of new or gently used items and cash for Pathways for Homeless Youth and Service for Homeless Youth. These two programs work together to serve homeless youth ages 16-25 who have limited family support with Street Outreach for basic needs, Youth House, and Scattered Site Programs assist youth with finding affordable housing, basic life skills, managing a budget, searching for employment, among many other things. The two programs are in need of anything that can help people live on their own - Food gift cards, phone cards, diapers and baby supplies, baby clothing up to size 5T, cleaning supplies for their apartments, garbage bags, toilet paper, paper towels, bath towels, wash clothes, kitchen towels, dishes, pots and pans, laundry quarters, laundry detergent, canned chicken, can openers, gas cards, hair conditioner, and paper towels. For more information, check out pathways4youthmn.org or ccstcloud.org/services/housing/homeless-youth. There will be a box in the gathering area at church. Thank you so much for considering the needs of youth without healthy supports in their lives!

St Rose of Lima Festival News We are seeking a third couple to join the festival committee. If anyone is interested or has further questions, please call Sara Arvig 320-333-6221, Scott Wiechman 320-285-3060, Chris

Atkinson 763-221-4172, or Lisa Atkinson 763-300-0065. St. Rose Quilters Quilting has started. Come quilt anytime during the week or join the group on Mondays starting at 9:00 am. As usual, everyone is welcome.

New this year, bring you own lunch. Call Sara Arvig to schedule your groups to quilt 320-333-6221.



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

Weekly Stewardship

Total	\$769.60
Regular Adult Offering	512.00
Plate/Loose	100.00
Votives	87.60
Misc. Donation	50.00
St. Cloud Visitor	20.00

Baptized in Christ:

Leo Arthur Kalthoff

St. Mary's Mission and St. Michael's Men's Society please put your dues in an envelope marked Mission Dues or Men's Society Dues in the collection basket. Thank you.

St. Michael's Parish is looking for a custodian. Please contact a Parish Council member or Tony Gruenes if you are interested.

If you need Candlemas, you can pick one up at St. Mary's Church or if you want us to deliver to your parish, call St. Mary's Parish Office 320-256-4207 and leave you name and parish. The donation for a Candlemas is \$7.

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, February 28 - 10:00 am

- (L) Ralph Klassen (U) Rick Terres & Robert Van Drehle
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Dennis Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
- (HK-Feb. 21-28) Deanna Welle, Diane Welle, & Donna Welle

Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.

The Parking Lot where the school was, was finished last fall. We would like to Thank Duane Moscho, Kevin Klaphake, Steve Lembeck, Melvin Kalthoff, & John Schulzetenberg for doing the dirt work. This spring the gravel will be soft, until it sets up. We will seed the grass when it is ready. Any questions call Duane Moscho at 320-266-6878.



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

Weekly Stewardship

Total	\$1,055.50
Regular Adult Offering	810.00
Plate/Loose	38.00
Votives	32.50
Ash Wednesday	15.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00
St. Cloud Visitor	60.00

If you've ever wanted to do some volunteer ministry, please consider leading the rosary before mass. Volunteers are needed to lead the people in prayer. Please call 987-3329. Thank you.

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Liturgical Ministries - Saturday, February 27 - 4:00 pm

(L) Herman Lensing
(U) Harold Rademacher & Roger Schoenberg
(HK-Feb.) *Angie Kulzer, Julie Kulzer, Rose Lensing, Mariann Lucken, Rita Mehr, and Lorene Meyer
Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.

St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial – Due to COVID-19, St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial has decided to cancel the Annual Matching Grant Breakfast. Letters have been sent out to the parishioners requesting donations representative of the amount normally spent on tickets, bake sale, etc. These donations will be eligible for up to \$1000 in Matching Grant Funds from Catholic United Financial. All Proceeds will go to St. Andrew's Parish. Donations can be put in the collection addressed to St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial. Any and All donations are welcome.

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

Weekly Stewardship		Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, February 28 - 8:00 am
Total	\$1,114.00	(L) Doug Meyer
Regular Adult Offering	894.00	(U) Karl Meyer, Kurt Meyer, & Marvin Meyer
Children	5.50	(HK-Feb.) *Sheri Luetmer, Irene Marthaler, Charlene Meyer, Sue Meyer, and
Plate/Loose	46.00	Geri Meyer
Votives	38.50	**3 ushers needed to cover all doors - be sure to find a replacement if you won't
Fuel Fund	50.00	be there.**
St. Cloud Visitor	80.00	**Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.**

Due to Covid19 the Annual Chicken Supper at St. John's Church in Meire Grove has been cancelled. The RAFFLE will still be held with the drawing on Sunday, March 28th in the church basement after the 8:00 am Mass. The raffle has been changed to \$5.00 per ticket. A donation letter request and raffle tickets will be distributed to parishioners on February 21.

St. John's Parish is looking for a Janitor and if they have any questions to contact Tom Loxtercamp at 987-3233.

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"I am the way and the truth and the life." Jesus

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Formación de Fe (Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald, Spring Hill)

• Primera Reconciliación/Primera Comunión:

- Próxima clase: Sábado 6 de marzo a las 10:00 am Iglesia de Santa María. Sólo para estudiantes.
- ♥ Grados 1, 3-8:
 - Durante el mes de febrero, complete el tour de la iglesia del Sagrado Corazón (FR), la Inmaculada Concepción (NM) o la Santa Rosa de Lima (SR) y su paquete/asignación de nivel de grado para el mes.
- ♥ Grado 9: Durante el mes de febrero, complete el recorrido por la iglesia de Santa María (M) o St. Michael (SH) y el paquete/asignación de grado 9 para el mes.
- Grado 10: Próxima clase: Miércoles 3 de marzo a las 7:00 pm. Reúnete en la Iglesia de Santa María. Estudiantes y padres.

Recordatorio Debido a las nuevas regulaciones del COVID-19, requerimos el uso de mascara cuando atendamos a la Misa en la Iglesia.

El rosario en español se rezara los jueves a las 6:30 pm. Después del rosario tendremos la comunidad de Oración Santa María, dirigida por el Señor Oscar Nolasco. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

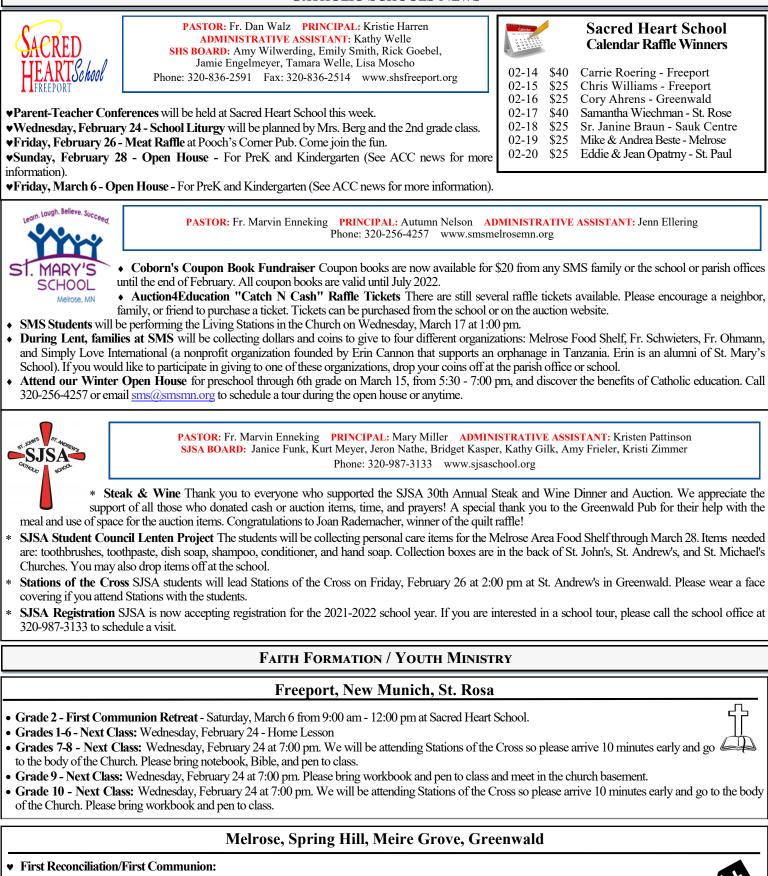
A partir del 22 de febrero, la Iglesia de Santa María estará abierta todos los días de 7:00 am a 7:00 pm horas. Los voluntarios se han presentado para ampliar las horas para que todos puedan pasar tiempo en oración y reflexión. Las puertas de administración deben utilizarse para entrar y salir del edificio, a menos que se programe una misa. Si está interesado en ser parte de este ministerio, comuníquese con Craig Maus, 320-980-5271.

Apelación Anual del Obispo Gracias a todos los que respondieron al Fin de Semana del Compromiso con un regalo para los ministerios



que nos apoyan la vida. Si aún no ha hecho un regalo, puede llevar su sobre a misa, visitar <u>www.stcdio.org/annualappeal</u> o enviar un regalo por correo a: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



- Next Class: Saturday, March 6 at 10:00 am St. Mary's Church. Students only.
- ♥ Grades 1, 3-8:
 - During the month of February, complete the Sacred Heart (FR), Immaculate Conception (NM), or St. Rose of Lima (SR) church tour and your grade level packet/assignment for the month.
 - Grade 9: During the month of February, complete the St. Mary (M) or St. Michael (SH) church tour and the grade 9 packet/assignment for the month.
- ♥ Grade 10: Next Class: Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm. Meet at St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Lent Materials A variety of materials, including books, brochures with schedules for Masses, confessions, and Stations of the Cross, and other items, are available in the back of the churches. Feel free to pick up what you need to enhance your Lenten experience this year.

Bible Study meets every Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Fr. Dan is leading the study of the Gospel of Mark.

House Blessings There are openings to have your house blessed by Fr. Dan. Contact the Freeport Office if you are interested.

Our One in Faith ACC Leadership Team met on February 10. Our main discussion centered on youth ministry, which is a top priority in our ACC. Kent Schmitz from the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office was here. Upon a recommendation from Mr. Schmitz, we will be forming a Youth Ministry Core Group, made up of 2 people from each of our 7 parishes and Mr. Schmitz. This group will explore youth ministry options that would be best suited for our ACC, beginning with a meeting in early March. We are looking for people from all 7 parishes who have a genuine interest in our youth who could serve in this Core Group. Might this person be you? Please consider serving in this important role. Contact Jane Salzl, <u>fredsfarm@meltel.net</u>, with questions or to volunteer. Thank you!

The Annual Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial is heading into the last week at Sacred Heart School. The final sale date is Sunday, February 28. If you haven't already gotten your chances, ask any Sacred Heart School family or stop in the office at Sacred Heart School this week. They will also be available after all the Masses in the Tri-Parish on Sunday, February 28.

Open House at Sacred Heart School is planned for Sunday, February 28



from 9:00 - 11:00 am and Friday, March 5 from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Prospective families of children entering PreK and Kindergarten as well as grades 1-6 are invited to come and check out our programs. If you would like to see and visit our school on either of these 2 days, please call the t 320.836-2591 to set up a time

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Save the date for St. Mary's Catholic School 19th Annual Auction 4 Education Saturday, March 6.

 February 20 - Check out Auction Items at <u>https://one.bidpal.net/smsmelrose/welcome</u>.



- February 27, 9:00 am Online Auction Begins
- February 28 March 6 Keeping bidding and watch for outbid text alerts on any Silent Auction and Classroom Projects you want to secure!
- Saturday, March 6th
 - 6:30 Auction begins
 - 7:00 Raffle drawing
 - 7:15 Classroom projects start closing-staggered times
 - 9:00 All bidding closes
 - 11:59 Every Bid Counts and Cash Donations close
- Food: Several local businesses are offering dine in or take-out specials to ensure a special evening for you and our community. Please support these local businesses who are generously donating back to St. Mary's.

SMS\$4Kids We have a variety of local and national gift cards available to **SMS** purchase. We will be selling scrip after Masses the first weekend of every month. These work great for gifts but also to do your everyday shopping. If you have questions, call the school office at 320-256-4257. We appreciate your support.

40 Days for Life St. Cloud Lenten Campaign February 17 to March 28. Daily Prayer Vigil held from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday - Friday on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. For more information, contact Judy



Haag judy4life@meltel.net or call 320-453-7592. We welcome/encourage parish or student or family groups any hours that work for them. Call Judy for help lining up something for your group out on the site or "just come & pray."

Loot for Learning Do you head to Charlie's Café every Sunday after Mass,

or do you visit Freeport Gas and Grocery or Schmidty's for pizza on Friday? Stock up on gift certificates to cover the cost of those weekly visits, and you will be supporting the students of Sacred Heart School. For every gift certificate purchased, businesses have agreed to donate a portion of the sales back to Sacred Heart School. You get the full value of the certificate, a great meal, and have made a difference to the students of Sacred Heart School. What a great way to make a BIG impact with just a small amount of extra effort!

Catholic Men's Conference This year our annual Men's Conference will still occur, but we will hold it virtually on Saturday, February 27 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The format for the conference will have a different style because it will be online. We will have different men briefly present the Gospels from the six Sundays in Lent. Each of their presentations will last about 15-20 minutes and then reflection questions will be provided for prayer and contemplation after each presentation. Bishop Kettler will welcome us and open in prayer, and he will also conclude the morning and close our conference with prayer. The conference will have the feel of a small retreat, and the goal is for the participants to have a better understanding of the Lenten Sunday Gospels.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Thank you to everyone who responded to Commitment Weekend with a gift for ministries supporting our lives. If you haven't yet made



a gift, you can bring your envelope to Mass, visit <u>www.stcdio.org/</u> <u>annualappeal</u> or mail a gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Stewardship as a Way of Life *"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God…"* - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill his plan for us.

St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial – Due to COVID-19, St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial has decided to cancel the Annual Matching Grant Breakfast. Letters have been sent out to the parishioners requesting donations representative of the amount normally spent on tickets, bake sale, etc. These donations will be eligible for up to \$1000 in Matching Grant Funds from Catholic United Financial. All Proceeds will go to St. Andrew's Parish. Donations can be put in the collection addressed to St. Andrew's Catholic United Financial. Any and All donations are welcome.

Prayer for Our New Bishop Bishop Donald Kettler turned 75 last November, and according to tradition, submitted his request for retirement. A replacement bishop will be appointed by Pope Francis and may take some



time. We pray for Bishop Kettler, for his replacement, and for all involved in the selection process.

Heavenly Father, You sent Jesus to shepherd Your people and the Holy Spirit to make Your people one. Look with favor upon those

who will select our new bishop. Give them Your vision and let their judgment be clear. Speak Your will to them. We thank You for our past shepherds and the blessings they have been for the people of this diocese. Lord, send Your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of renewal in the Church, and unite our parishes, priests, and people in love, truth, and wisdom. Give him a true shepherd's heart like that of Jesus, that he may give strength to the weak, heal the broken hearted, console the lonely, bring back the wandering, and be a power against the evil of our day. In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Honoring Marriage Day This event will be held on Saturday, May 1 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud at 1:00 pm for couples celebrating their 5, 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60 plus anniversaries. Call your respective parish if you wish to sign up for this event.

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED)

The Common Thread of Holy Saturday: How a Trauma Lens Can Unite and Strengthen our Catholic Church Many people spend Holy Saturday (trauma's aftermath), by getting ready for Easter Sunday (triumphal new life), which reflects our overall unease with trauma (Good Friday). Trauma and its aftermath are viewed as something to "get over" as soon as possible, otherwise we risk shame and stigma. We forget: the resurrected Christ still carried his wounds. This presentation will explore the aftermath of trauma, and how use of a trauma lens can serve as powerful witness. We will discuss pastoral responses that help or hurt and will close with a look at what a trauma-responsive Catholic Church might look like. Thursday, March 4 Webinar presentation from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Natural Family Planning: Good for the Body, Great for the Soul!

Learn about the benefits of Natural Family Planning (NFP) as you plan your family in harmony with nature and God's plan for marriage. NFP is effective, natural, and healthy! A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre by appointment at 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 11/2 to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Catholics at the Capitol There is no time more important than now to speak



out in defense of life and dignity at the State Capitol! Even just a handful of people can influence the laws passed by our elected officials; just imagine the impact of every Catholic voice joining together! Catholics at the Capitol is designed for YOU! Whether you are an "old

pro" in the political arena, exasperated with divisive politics, or someone who doesn't know where to begin, "CatCap" will fortify your faith, provide you with the hope needed to heal the cynicism and division in politics, and equip you to speak with your lawmakers. The event will be held on Thursday, April 15. Tickets are \$20; children and students under the age of 22 can register at no cost. A free-will offering will be accepted if you ride one of the buses provided by the Diocese of St. Cloud. Find out more information at: https://stcdio.org/ event/catholics-at-the-capitol-2021/

Have you ever stopped to think about heaven, and that everyone who is in heaven is a saint? We often think only about the canonized saints. But everyone of us was created by God to be a saint. Every Lent the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) sponsor a Lenten Retreat. This year we are sponsoring an online virtual retreat on "The Saints Within Us." The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 13, beginning at 9:00 am. To register for the retreat, go to stclouddcew.org and click on the link at the bottom of the screen. The retreat is free, but freewill donations are appreciated.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

February 26, Friday

•Fish Fry at the Melrose American Legion. Serving 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Take outs available 320-256-3581.

♦Meat Raffle sponsored by the Freeport Lions with proceeds to Sacred Heart School will be held at Pooch's Corner Pub at 6:00 pm.

March 5, Friday

•Fish Fry at the Melrose American Legion. Serving 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Take outs available 320-256-3581.

March 12, Friday

•Fish Fry at the Melrose American Legion. Serving 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Take outs available 320-256-3581.

•Meat Raffle sponsored by the Freeport Lions with proceeds to Sacred Heart School will be held at Pioneer Inn at 6:00 pm.

March 18, Thursday

•Freeport Senior Citizens meeting at 1:30 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 and bingo played.

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

Lenten Day of Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina for Men & Women, February 24

Married Couples Retreat Weekend, March 5-7 Men's Retreat Weekend, March 12-14

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs for income qualifying customers. Please contact your local EAP service provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call us at 888-931-3411. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2021 to be processed for benefits for the 2020-2021 program year. You can find more information online at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at https://mn.gov/commerce/.

Daily Readings Publications With hymnals no longer being available in churches, parishioners are looking for new ways to follow along with the Mass readings. Publications which



include the daily readings and related reflections are available for purchased subscription. Some of the publications are offering free or reduced fee trial subscriptions. Publications include Magnificat, Give Us This Day, and The Word Among Us and are available in both print and digital formats. Sign up by visiting the website below or calling the toll free number.

- Magnificat https://us.magnificat.net/home 1-866-273-5215
- Give Us This Day https://giveusthisday.org/Home 1-888-259-8470 •
- The Word Among Us https://wau.org/subscribe/ 1-800-775-9673

Radio Resources with Gabriel Media:

- Learn more about and grow in your Catholic faith! Tune in to 1180 AM KYES Catholic Talk Radio featuring Relevant Radio programming as well as local programming including Bishop Donald Kettler, local priests, and area leaders.
- For positive and encouraging music and programming for the whole family, tune into Spirit 92.9! Family Friendly listening designed to bring you closer to God.

	The Scriptures This Week						
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	Next	Sunday — Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18	Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10				

Praver Requests...

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

F<u>or the Sick:</u> Bryan Goebel, Janice Derichs, Leanard Frieze, LeRoy Wolbeck, Walter & Laura Beuning, Alma Schulte Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests: Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink......837-5321



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