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ST. MARY—MELROSE & ST. MICHAEL—SPRING HILL**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 22, 2020**



**Church of St. Mary Parish Council Message...**

- In light of the recent recommendations regarding large gatherings including Mass attendance by the Diocese of St. Cloud along with the Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health, the Church of St. Mary will now include our weekly Parish Council Message in the following venues: *One in Faith Bulletin*, [www.oneinfaith.org](http://www.oneinfaith.org) and Facebook.
- We are hopeful that this change will allow us to continue our Christian mission to be Church and Christ for each other through these challenging times.
- Please reach out to parish leadership if you have any questions.

**Church Building Team update.**

- New construction continues on schedule.
- The 5 beautiful bells were removed from our fire-damaged church structure on Wednesday, 3/11/2020. The four smallest bells will be refurbished by the Verdin Bell Company in Cincinnati Ohio. These four bells will be very visible in the Bell Tower of our new Church. (See photo above.) The largest bell is being stored and will be re-purposed after Phase One of construction is completed.
- Work continues on bringing our beautiful, commissioned Corpus from Germany. Stay tuned.
- The Dedication Committee met this week with Aaron Carpenter of the Diocese of St. Cloud to begin discussion of the Dedication Process for our new Church. Stay tuned regarding parishioner involvement in this process. Your talents and involvement will be needed.
- Check out the New Church Computerized “Fly Through Video” on [www.oneinfaith.org](http://www.oneinfaith.org). Click on the Church of St Mary Parish Council Tab.

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**420 2nd St. SE  
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**Bishop Kettler: Public Masses in diocese suspended through April 13**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

After much prayer and consultation with members of my staff, and in light of the latest recommendations from state and federal health authorities for slowing the rapid spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and protecting the people of our communities, I have made the difficult decision to suspend all public weekday and weekend Masses in the Diocese of Saint Cloud, effective immediately through Easter Monday, April 13. All Catholics in the diocese remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during this time.

Further:

I will celebrate the Chrism Mass privately with the deans. They will distribute the holy oils to the parishes in their deaneries at a later time. We hope to livestream the Mass on our diocesan Facebook page.

Baptisms should be rescheduled. If a wedding needs to take place, a dispensation needs to be granted by the bishop. Funeral Masses during this time are prohibited; only graveside services are allowed. A memorial Mass should be scheduled for a later date after April 13.

Confirmations during this time period remain cancelled. My office will contact parishes to reschedule.

All public Holy Week liturgies, including Good Friday services, are cancelled. For specific details regarding liturgies, pastors should consult the “Liturgical Guidelines During the Time of Suspension of Masses” provided by the diocesan Office of Worship.

Our churches will remain open for prayer and the sacrament of reconciliation on a schedule determined by the pastor. Social distancing should be encouraged — at least 6 feet between people in prayer and/or waiting to receive the sacrament.

All parish events of 50 people or more should be cancelled, per the guidelines of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This includes parish breakfasts and fish fries; drive-through and pick-up options only are acceptable. People who are at a higher risk for contracting the illness — the elderly and those with underlying health conditions — should avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.

If any changes to this approach are warranted in the next few weeks, I will notify pastors.

While the threat in your community may not be readily visible, it is very real. I believe these steps are necessary during this national emergency to protect human life and uphold the common good — two foundational principles of Catholic social teaching. While it may seem counterintuitive, we stay in solidarity with one another at this time by staying apart.

This outbreak has caused much fear and anxiety, and I share those same feelings. I haven’t experienced anything like this in my 50 years of priesthood.

But we can take comfort in knowing that Jesus never leaves our side. He offers us the grace we need to make our way through this present challenge.

“Take courage,” he reminds us. “It is I; do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27).

The measures we are taking don’t mean that we will stop providing pastoral care. My staff and I are committed to helping our parishes and the people of our diocese navigate through this crisis. It will require everyone — diocesan staff, pastors, lay staff and volunteers, parishioners of all ages — to be creative in how we might offer alternative prayer and faith enrichment opportunities, particularly during Holy Week. We must work to make Christ present in other ways in our homes and through our charitable efforts.

I encourage you — individually or as a family — to read and pray over the Sunday Scripture readings and watch our diocesan TV Mass. It is available online at <http://worship.stcdio.org/tv-mass>, where you will also find a list of channels on which it airs. My staff is working on additional prayer and faith formation opportunities that could be offered online during this holy season.

These will be publicized in various ways, including on the diocesan website: [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org).

**CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE**

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**

**Sponsors this week: *Econ-O-Wash Laundromat & State Farm***

- 03/15 Ron & Cindy Middendorf, Melrose—\$25
- 03/16 Jessica Blenker, Freeport—\$25
- 03/17 Ken or Dar Douvier, Melrose—\$25
- 03/18 Rebecca Hooper, Melrose—\$25
- 03/19 Joe & Tricia Klaphake, Melrose--\$25
- 03/20 Ruth Traeger, Melrose—\$25
- 03/21 Wyatt Drossel, Melrose—\$25

**Parish Council** - meet March 26, 6:30 p.m. at the rectory.

**Finance Council** - meet March 26, 5:30 p.m. at the rectory.

**BINGO** at St. Mary's School in Melrose **CANCELED**

**From the Mission Office:** We are sorry to announce that due to the recent health concerns, it has been decided to **postpone** the delegations from Maracay and Homa Bay, as well as the Spring Mission Rally and Partnership Reunion. Thank you for all that you have done in the support of these events and activities.

**We have CANCELED the Palm Sunday Vigil event** that St. John abbey had planned for April 4. Due to the ongoing concern about the Coronavirus.

**I share with you the prayer** that Archbishop Jose Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, recently shared, seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,  
 Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
 We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
 We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
 as you did at the wedding in Cana.  
 Pray for us, loving Mother,  
 and gain for our nation and world,  
 and for all our families and loved ones,  
 the protection of your holy angels,  
 that we may be spared the worst of this illness.  
 For those already afflicted,  
 we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
 Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
 wipe away their tears and help them to trust.  
 In this time of trial and testing,  
 teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient  
 and kind.  
 Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.  
 We come to you with confidence,  
 knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
 health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
 Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
 keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
 help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
 +Donald J. Kettler  
 Bishop of Saint Cloud

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Grades 1-11 and First Reconciliation/First Communion—  
 —Classes **canceled** at this time. Please watch the bulletin  
 and Remind for updates.

**Stewardship Church of St. Mary**

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,862.70</b>
Regular Adult Offering .....	4,855.00
Loose.....	424.03
Child Envelopes .....	3.00
New Church (actual funds) .....	2,918.41
Sponsor a Child .....	6.00
CRS .....	5.00
St. Cloud Visitor .....	34.00
Eastern Europe .....	15.00
Easter.....	200.00
Food Shelf Collection .....	402.26

**St Mary's School Endowment..... \$40.00**

**The Catholic Relief Services Collection to Help Jesus in Disguise.** This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**St. Mary's School News**

St. Mary's School will be closed to all visitors until March 30. Items can be left on the table in the entryway for pickup. Parents and students will be able to pick up and drop off homework in the entryway of the school. Each class will have their own crate with the name of each student on a folder.  
 Due to the coronavirus distancing precautions, the following events have been **canceled** until March 30:  
 Boy Scouts  
 Just for Kix  
 Choir practice  
 Faith Formation classes  
 Mission Bingo  
 Christian Women Breakfast  
 We are continuing to pray for our St. Mary's families, community and our nation.

**The Church of Saint Mary in Melrose, MN is seeking to hire a full-time Director of Liturgy and Music**, to begin as soon as possible. The ideal candidate has skill, experience, and passion for collaborative leadership in a vibrant and diverse Catholic faith community. Liturgical opportunities for leadership include coordinating liturgical ministries, meeting with couples and families for wedding and funeral preparations, and collaborating with staff and volunteers in the planning and preparation of liturgies for solemnities, feasts, sacraments, and services throughout the liturgical year. Musical opportunities for leadership include maintaining music resources, directing the Parish Choir, Youth Choir, and Children's Choir, and service leadership as needed. Master's degree in field of theology, liturgical studies, and/or sacred music preferred, as well as prior experience in professional parish ministry. Submit cover letter and resume to the parish office: 402 2nd St. SE, Melrose, MN 56352. [stmarys@stmarysofmelrose.com](mailto:stmarys@stmarysofmelrose.com) -320-256-4207. his position is open until filled – thank you!!

**St Mary's Parish Office** will be open from 10a.m. - 12 p.m. until further notice.

**This week's bulletin** is available at the Parish Office porch.

**CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW  
GREENWALD**

**Stewardship Church of St. Andrew**

<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,949.00</b>
Reg. Adult Offering .....	990.00
Children .....	3.00
Plate/Loose .....	39.00
Votives.....	29.00
Fuel Fund.....	70.00
Ash Wednesday .....	325.00
School Subsidy .....	5.00
Stole Fee .....	100.00
Easter Flowers .....	120.00
Rice Bowl .....	80.00
St. Cloud Visitor .....	20.00
Food Shelf.....	168.00

**(HK-April)** Patricia Murphy, Rose Lensing, Mariann Lucken, Rita Mehr, Lorene Meyer, Doris Nathe.

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**Firearms safety class** for Green Grove Rod and Gun Club scheduled to start on Monday, March 30, 2020 is **CANCELED**

**SJSA St. John's-St. Andrew's School News**

**St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School** is closed until Friday, March 27th and will follow all Melrose District and State of Minnesota plans for re-opening or continued school closure due to the COVID-19 virus. The staff has put a distance learning plan in place for our students. Staff are in the building for limited hours. We have designated times for parents picking up educational materials.

**Food Shelf Collection** - SJSA staff will pick up the food shelf collection boxes on March 31st and deliver them to the Melrose Food Shelf. Thank you for your generosity.

**Kindergarten Round-Up** is still scheduled for Monday, March 30th and Preschool Open House for April 1st. If these dates need to be changed due to a continued closure, the school will contact the pre-registered families directly regarding new dates. Stations of the Cross for Friday, April 3rd is **canceled**.

**Passion Play** - We are very sad that we have to **cancel** our Passion Play scheduled for April 7th and 8th. We know that many of you look forward to this performance. Mrs. Kasper, Mrs. Schmiesing and the 3rd - 6th graders have already put a lot of time in practicing and we are all disappointed. Our hope is that the students can sing some of the songs at a later event in the school year.

**CHURCH OF ST. JOHN  
MEIRE GROVE**

**Stewardship—Church of St. John**

<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,978.00</b>
Reg. Adult Offering .....	1,175.00
Children .....	1.50
Plate/Loose .....	130.00
Votives.....	48.50
Fuel Fund.....	125.00
Stole Fee .....	200.00
Easter Flowers .....	50.00
Food Shelf.....	248.00

**(HK-April)** Charlene Meyer, Darlene Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Karen Meyer, Martha Meyer.

**St. John's Parish Council** – meeting on March 24 at 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**The Annual Meeting** of the Meire Grove Athletic Club has been **CANCELED**

**You can still purchase a park paver.** We will be repairing the decks and painting the existing park structure and merry-go-round and installing the pavers to the history bench this spring. Check out the engraved pavers in the church basement. Call 987-3424 or 987-2889.

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

**Meire Grove Chicken Dinner**, Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020 has been **CANCELED**

**All Donations to the respective parish, please mail to the parish office at : 20 State Hwy, 4S Meire Grove Melrose, MN 56352**

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**YOU ARE INVITED**

**March/April: Melrose American Legion fish fry's CANCELED.**

**March 29: St. Mary's Mission Society, Bingo, CANCELED.**

**March 29 – St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Spaghetti Dinner, CANCELED**

**April 5 – St. John's, Meire Grove Chicken Dinner, -CANCELED**

**St. Rosa Lions breakfast for March 29 is CANCELED.**

**CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL  
SPRING HILL**

**Stewardship Church of St. Michael**

<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,459.61</b>
Reg. Adult Offering .....	812.00
Children .....	16.00
Plate/Loose.....	1.00
Votives.....	48.00
Fuel Fund.....	137.00
St. Cloud Visitor .....	20.00
Ash Wednesday .....	20.00
Rice Bowl .....	10.00
Food Shelf.....	67.00
Belgrade Co-op Dividend .....	328.61

**(HK)** Betty Orbeck, Kim Orbeck, Mary Ann Orbeck.

**Cash Raffle Tickets** have been distributed. Please return the ticket stubs, money, and any unsold tickets to: Sue Meyer, Duane Moscho, Karen Rademacher, Schwagel Store, or put in the collection marked for Cash Raffle Tickets by March 22. Thank you for your participation.

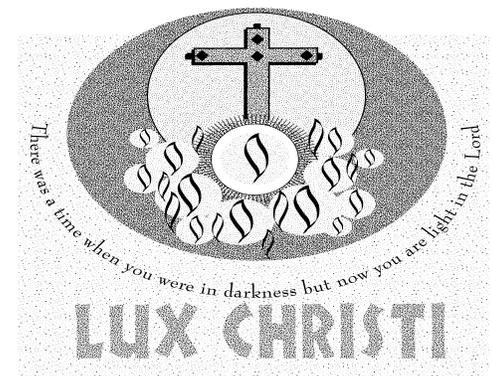
**St. Michael's Parish Catholic United Financial Spaghetti Dinner** – Sunday, March 29 **has been postponed** until a later date. Watch the bulletin for further information.

**\*\* If anyone is interested** in helping with the ministries at Mass on Sundays, you can contact the parish office on Tuesday evenings from 5 pm – 7 pm or contact Fr. Marv. **Please give this some consideration!!**

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