

$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

April 6, 2025

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SCANDALIZED BY MERCY

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. John 8:1-3

What a painful and humiliating experience this must have been for this woman! Fortunately, the Savior of the World was there to care for her and to help her navigate this situation through His abundant mercy. Though she was a sinner, God's mercy offered a remedy for her sin and its consequences.

Interestingly, this story is not included in some of the most ancient manuscripts of the Gospel of John. Saint Augustine believed that it was excluded by some of the early copyists of this Gospel because they were moral rigorists and were scandalized by the depths of Jesus' mercy. They feared that if this incredible act of mercy was conveyed to others, it would lead to a relaxation of moral rules.

The scribes and Pharisees who brought this woman to Jesus also appeared to be scandalized by Jesus' mercy. Thus, the depths of mercy offered to this woman was one of many occasions in which Jesus was merciful to a point that was hard for the people to comprehend.

How about you? How far are you willing to go when it comes to mercy? It is easy for us to resort to condemnation when we see the sins of others. We might feel justified in condemning them and even obliged to do so out of a desire to condemn sin itself. But Jesus' action shows that the sin must not be equated with the sinner. Sin must be condemned and was condemned by our Lord when He said to this woman, "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Though He condemned her sin, he did not condemn *her: "Neither do I condemn you."*

The mercy of God is incomprehensible. For example, recall that Jesus cried out from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Imagine the surprise that the first hearers of those words would have had. How could this man ask that God forgive the people who were murdering Him? Perhaps the only person who truly understood this prayer of mercy from the Cross was Jesus' own mother as she stood there gazing at Him with love.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Office Phone: 320-256-4207 Fr. Mitchell Bechtold: 320-256-9512 mlbechtold@outlook.com Fr. Oswaldo Roche: 320-256-9513 froswaldo@stmarysofmelrose.com Office Email: pam@stmarysofmelrose.com Website: www.oneinfaith.org Facebook: Church of St. Mary, Melrose Mailing Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE Melrose, MN 56352

Freeport - New Munich - St. Rosa 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.org Facebook: Tri Parish Mailing Address: PO Box 155 Freeport, MN 56331

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.

<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.

<u>Anointing of the Sick,</u> <u>Homebound Communion</u> <u>Pastoral Visitation</u> 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.

April 6, 2025

ACC Mass Times and Intentions $\sim $ April 7 - 13						Adoration	
ST. 1	Mary - M	Ielrose	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich			St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa	
Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Francisco Gonzalez	Th Sa	8:15 am 4:00 pm	†Ralph Rademacher Anniversary †Norb & †Lou Humbert	First Tuesday of the month 7:00 - 8:00 am	
Tu	8:00 am	†Ralph Inderrieden		1	*Nathan Roering	Immaculate Conception - New Munich	
We	8:00 am	†Jeanette Barth †Steven Petermeier	Sт. Tu	Rose of I 8:15 am	L IMA - St. Rosa †Chad Toenyan	First Thursday of the month 7:00 - 8:00 am	
Th *Fr	8:00 am 8:30 am	†Eymard & †Lucille Orth SM School Mass	Su	10:00 am	†Wilfred Kerfeld	St. Mary - Melrose	
		†Rich Boeckermann †Brady Rademacher	Sт. Tu	MICHAEL 8:00 am	- Spring Hill †Melvin Schulzetenberg	First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm in Spanish (en Español)	
Sa *Su	5:00 pm 10:00 am	†Bernie Arceneau †Vic & †Dorine Sunderman	Su	10:00 am	†Clix & †Ivy Schwieters	Sacred Heart - Freeport	
Su	12:30 pm	Misa en Español †Odaliz Orozco Acevedo	Sт. Th	ANDREW - 8:00 am	- Greenwald SJSA School Mass	Adoration with Praise and Worship Music Wednesday, April 9 5:30 - 8:30 pm	
SAC	SACRED HEART - Freeport			4:00 pm	†Asha Gregory †John Van Drehle	Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	
We	8:15 am	SH School Mass †Lawrence & †Laura Scherping	Sa	noo piii	†Marian Van Drehle †Alan Van Drehle	and the second	
Fr Su	8:15 am 8:00 am	Riehm Family For the People	Sт. We	John - M 8:00 am	eire Grove †Sam Schneider		
,		will be livestreamed. aith.org for the YouTube link.	Su	8:00 am	†Amy Granby For the People	The second	

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Thank You! I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who helped and donated to the Bingo Fundraiser. Everyone who has said a prayer, sent cards, visits, etc. I am truly blessed to have all of you. Thank you to everyone! ~Alec Beuning

Adoration with Praise & Worship Music Wednesday, April 9 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Come spend time with the Lord in Adoration and music.

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.



Reconciliation Services that were scheduled at St. Mary, Melrose for Wednesday, April 2 at 4:30 and 7:00 pm have been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 9 at St. Mary, Melrose at 4:30 and 7:00 pm.

Chrism Mass for the Diocese of St. Cloud will be held Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud. This solemn liturgy takes place once a year at the Cathedral, during which Bishop Neary will consecrate the holy oils (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism) used in parishes of our diocese throughout the coming year.

Special Prayer Service Abbot Douglas and the monks of Saint John's Abbey invite you to take part in a special prayer service at the Abbey Church on Saturday, April 12, the evening before Palm Sunday. Beginning at 7:00 pm, the service, with its special music and prayer setting, is an opportunity to enhance the beginning of your Holy Week. A reception will follow in the Great Hall, and will include light refreshments. Please join us for this special vigil service, on Saturday, April 12, at 7:00 pm. And feel free to bring a friend or two. All are welcome.

Parish News:

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

- •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.

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 parishes. We cannot leave our Lord alone.

needed around the clock. Sign-up sheets are available in all three **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.



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.

03-30

\$25

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

************** Weekly Offerings **************

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Total Regular Adult Offering		 	\$ 10,707.91
Regular Adult Offering		 	 8,413.00
Plate/Loose		 	 1,124.91
Designated Funds		 	 1,170.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

CALENDAR RAFFIE

03-31	\$25	Susan Myers - Melrose
04-01	\$25	Vera Ritter - Melrose
04-02	\$25	John Fischer - Freeport
04-03	\$25	Joyce Richmond - Melrose
04-04	\$25	Harold & Joan Rademacher - Greenwald
04-05	\$25	Mike & Laura Revering - Melrose

Meghan Klaphake - Brooten

Baptized in Christ... Eleanor Irene Hellermann

St. Mary's Mission Society meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at St. Mary's Church at 8:45 am. All are welcome!

Hospitality Weekend will be April 12-13 after all 3 Masses. Come and enjoy!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Communal Celebration with Individual Confession

•Sunday, April 6—7:00 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove* •Wednesday, April 9—4:30 & 7:00 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*

Individual Confession

•<u>Fridays</u> of Lent—7:45 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport* •<u>Saturdays</u> of Lent—3:30 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich* •<u>Saturdays</u> of Lent—3:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*

•Saturdays of Lent—4:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*

•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 John Baptist de la Salle,</i> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62	Priest) Jn 8:12-20			
Tu	Lenten Weekday Nm 21:4-9	Jn 8:21-30			
We	Lenten Weekday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Jn 8:31-42			
Th	Lenten Weekday Gn 17:3-9	Jn 8:51-59			
Fr	Lenten Weekday (Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and M Jer 20:10-13	<i>fartyr)</i> Jn 10:31-42			
Sa	Lenten Weekday (Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest) Ez 37:21-28	Jn 11:45-56			
Next Sunday - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord					
	Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49	Phil 2:6-11			

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART Physical Address: 106 3rd Avenue NE Freeport, MN 56331 Church Basement 320-836-2191

******** Weekly Offerings \$4,088.15 Total. \$4,088.15 \$3,330.85 Plate. 285.30 285.30 Votive. 192.00 \$100.00 Easter Flowers 180.00

Parish Events

Su	04/06	10:00 am	First Communion Mass
Su	04/06	11:00 am	Private Event
Su	04/06	1:00 pm	Lenten Study in the Sacristy
Mo	04/07	6:30 pm	Youth Pizza Night
We	04/09	1	No Stations of the Cross
We	04/09	5:30 pm	Praise & Worship Adoration
We	04/09	6:00 pm	Elementary Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	04/09	6:15 pm	FF Gr. 9 Journey with Jesus - St. Francis
We	04/09	6:45 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-8
We	04/09	7:00 pm	Shadow Stations in SHS Gymnasium
Th	04/10	1:30 pm	Shadow Stations in SHS Gymnasium
Th	04/10	6:00 pm	FF Gr. 10 Chrism Mass - St. Cloud
Fr	04/11	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/11	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Fr	04/11	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration Starts
Sa	04/12	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration Ends
Su	04/13	1:00 pm	Lenten Study

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 pat-



terns. Please sign the towels out and return to the parish office when complete. Thank you!

One in Faith ACC Schools Gift Card Programs

A gift card rebate program that allows you to purchase your everyday items with gift cards and earn money for our area Catholic schools without paying any extra money!

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

*Gift Cards are great gift ideas!

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Physical Address: 650 Main Street

New Munich, MN 56356 Church Basement 320-837-5217

Parish Events

Su	04/06	10:00 am	First Communion Mass - FR
Su	04/06	1:00 pm	Lenten Study in the Sacristy - FR
Mo	04/07	6:30 pm	Youth Pizza Night - FR
We	04/09	5:30 pm	Praise & Worship
		_	Adoration - FR
We	04/09	6:00 pm	Elem. FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We	04/09	6:15 pm	FF Grade 9 Journey with
			Jesus - St. Francis
We	04/09	6:45 pm	FF Grades 7-8 - FR
Th	04/10	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th	04/10	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Th	04/10	6:00 pm	FF Gr. 10 Chrism Mass - FR
Fr	04/11	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration Starts - FR
Sa	04/12	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration Ends - FR
Sa	04/12	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su	04/13	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR

God's Housekeepers for the month of April: *Stacy Hoppe, Tami Funk, Michelle Wenker, Terri Hoppe, Amy Van Beck, and Karen Sand. The first person on the list should contact the others to schedule a cleaning time. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month.

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.

Public Rosary...

We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for. *All are invited and welcome!*

- Sundays at 7:30 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Mondays at 7:00 am in the church in Meire Grove.
- Tuesdays at 7:00 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.

ONE IN FAITH SUNDAY BULLETIN

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

******** Weekly Offering ********

Total	\$2,539.65
Regular Adult Offering	1,889.23
Plate	383.42
Votive	202.00
Easter Flowers	55.00
Building/Maintenance	10.00

Parish Events

Su	04/06	8:30 am	Lion's Breakfast
Su	04/06	10:00 am	First Communion Mass - FR
Su	04/06	1:00 pm	Lenten Study in the
		•	Sacristy - FR
Mo	04/07	6:30 pm	Youth Pizza Ňight - FR
Tu	04/08	8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu	04/08	9:00 am	Quilting
We	04/09	5:30 pm	Praise & Worship
		•	Adoration - FR
We	04/09	6:00 pm	Elem. FF Grades 1-6 - FR
We	04/09	6:15 pm	FF Grade 9 Journey with
		1	Jesus - St. Francis
We	04/09	7:00 pm	FF Grades 7-8 - FR
Th	04/10	6:00 pm	FF Gr. 10 Chrism Mass - FR
Fr	04/11	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration Starts - FR
Fr	04/11	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Fr	04/11	•	No Rosary
Sa	04/12	9:00 am	24 Hour Adoration Ends - FR
Su	04/13	10:00 am	Family Gathering
Su	04/13	1:00 pm	Lenten Study - FR
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Baptized in Christ... We welcome Linus James Lehner, the son of Michael & Jessica Lehner, to our parish. Linus James was baptized on Sunday, March 23.

April 6, 2025

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

******** Weekly Offering ********

Total	\$971.00
Regular Adult Offering	861.00
Plate/Loose	85.00
Maintenance Fund	20.00
Catholic Relief Services	5.00

Liturgical Ministries Palm Sunday Mass Sunday, April 13 - 10:00 am

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
(L) Pete LeClaire & Gary P. Lieser
(U) Rick Terres & Robert Van Drehle
(EM) (B) Conrad Gruber
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Sandra Gruber & Kathy LeClaire
(HK: April 13-19) Liz Bertram, Sherry Bertram, & Lisa Feldewerd

Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale on Sunday, April 6, Spring Hill Church basement from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm hosted by Catholic United Financial.



Rosary Rally Please join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 12, at St. Michael's Church.

Bake Sale Today, Sunday, April 6 the Christian Women will be hosting a bake sale at the Lions Breakfast.

Quilting... The quilters in St. Rose will be quilting at least until Tuesday, April 15. With the possibility of a quilt left for Tuesday, April 22.



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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 how deeply you understand God's mercy. Do you rejoice when mercy is offered to another? Or do you find yourself condemning? Our Lord said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." None of us are without sin; therefore, none of us has the right to cast a stone at another. Allow the apparent scandal of God's mercy to challenge you so that you come to not only understand God's infinite mercy but also to act as an instrument of that mercy to everyone.

Most loving and compassionate Lord, tax collectors and sinners were drawn to You. They found in You someone Who could free them from the burdens they carried within. Please help me to see myself as one of those humble souls in need of You and Your mercy. I reject my pride that leads me to self-justification and pray for humility so that I can come

to You and gladden the Heart of the Father in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

******** Weekly Offering ********

Total	\$2,169.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,775.00
Plate/Loose	
Votives	33.00
Catholic Relief Services	25.00

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, April 12 - 4:00 pm

(S) Zachary Rieland
(L) Herman Lensing & Isaiah Gilk
(U) Duane Frieler & Steve Gilk
(GB) Jason & Angie Barten
(EM) (B) Herman Lensing
(EM) (C) No Precious Blood
(HK - April) *Bridget Kasper, Deb Keller, Cassandra Kettner, and Doris Kraemer

EASTER PROGRAM

Presented by SJSA School

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

EASER

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Week of April 7 - 13



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4-08 Tuesday	8:45 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
4-09 Wednesday	1:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Living Stations)
		(Presented by St. Mary's Students)
4-09 Wednesday	7:00 pm	SHS Gym, Freeport (Shadow Stations)
		(Presented by 6th Grade Students)
4-09 Wednesday	7:15 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
		(Led by Faith Formation Families)
4-09 Wednesday	7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
4-10 Thursday	8:45 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
4-10 Thursday	1:30 pm	SHS Gym, Freeport (Shadow Stations)
	-	(Presented by 6th Grade Students)
4-11 Friday	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport
4-11 Friday	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)
4-11 Friday	7:00 pm	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
4-12 Saturday	4:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose

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

******** Weekly Offering ********

Total	\$1,405.00
Regular Adult Offering	1,020.00
Plate/Loose	119.00
Votives	
Catholic Relief Services	215.00

Liturgical Ministries Palm Sunday Mass Sunday, April 13 - 8:00 am

(S) Mya Nathe & Tyler Nathe
(L) Kurt Meyer & Rita Meyer
(U) Jayme Klaphake & Tom Loxtercamp
(GB) Daryl & Abby Zenzen
(EM) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
(HK - April) *Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer, Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Heidi Meyer, and Karen Meyer

Thank You to all who supported our spring fundraiser. It was a great success. The Bake Sale and Bingo brought in over \$2,000. The Raffle almost \$12,000 for a net profit of almost \$14,000. Raffle winners are posted on the One in Faith website as well as on the church entrances. Special thanks to the Catholic United Financial Officers for preparing a delicious lunch.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

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



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

03/30	\$25	Todd Pakiz - New Prague
03/31	\$25	Ryan Walters - Minneapolis
04/01	\$25	Heather Eisenschenk - Cold Spring
04/02	\$25	Amanda Krippner - Kimball
04/03	\$25	Donna & Bob Worms - Melrose
04/04	\$25	Steve Notch - Freeport
04/05	\$25	Lisa Moscho - Freeport

<u>Easter Triduum Schedule</u> **Incense may be used during Mass				
Holy Thursday (April 17) Mass of the Lord's Supper				
**6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Biligual Mass) Livestream			
7:00 pm	Sacred Heart, Freeport			
**7:30 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald			
Good Friday (April 18) The Passion of the Lord				
12:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose Livestream			
12:15 pm	Sacred Heart, Freeport			
1:00 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove			
1:30 pm	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa			
3:00 pm	Immaculate Conception, New Munich			
3:00 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill			
6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Liturgy)			
Holy Saturday	(April 19) Easter Vigil			
**8:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Bilingual Mass) Livestream			
**8:30 pm	Immaculate Conception, New Munich			
**8:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove			
Easter Sunday	(April 20) Resurrection of the Lord			
8:00 am	Sacred Heart, Freeport			
8:00 am	St. Andrew, Greenwald			
9:00 am	Immaculate Conception, New Munich			
10:00 am	St. Mary, Melrose Livestream			
10:00 am	St. Michael, Spring Hill			
10:00 am	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa			
12:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish Mass)			

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- •Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class: Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 pm. Classroom Lesson. Meet in the parish office.
- •Grade 2: Next Class: Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 pm. Meet at the parish office.
- •Grades 7-8: Next Class: Wednesday, April 9. Meet in the gym. Please arrive by 6:45 pm as we will be attending Shadow Stations at 7:00 pm. After Shadow Stations there will be a classroom lesson.
- •Grade 9: Next Class: Wednesday, April 9. Meet in the Sacred Heart Parking Lot. Please arrive by 6:15 pm as we will be attending Journey with Jesus to Calvary in St. Francis.
- •Grade 10: Next Class: Thursday, April 10. Meet in the Sacred Heart Parking Lot. Please arrive by 6:00 pm as we will be attending the Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud.

Service Project:

•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: www.sacredheartfreeport.org. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, April 9.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: <u>faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com</u>

•Confirmation: NO Class on Wednesday, April 9.

•First Communion: Next Class: Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 - 10:30 am at St. Mary's School (not the church due to a funeral). Students only.



- •Shadow Stations will take place on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm in the gym and Thursday, April 10 at 1:30 pm in the gym. All are welcome!
- •Congratulations to all the 2nd Graders in the Tri-Parish that received their First Holy Communion today, Sunday, April 6. May God bless you always!
- ◆SHS will have their Remembrance Mass on Wednesday, April 9 for the 2nd graders. All are welcome.
- **◆1st and 2nd Graders** will go to the St. John's Arboretum on Thursday, April 10.
- ◆2nd through 6th Graders will attend a Great Theatre Production of Mary Poppins on Tuesday, April 15.
- ◆SHS Designer Purse Bingo will be on Saturday, April 12 at the Freeport Community

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



- •All are invited to the Living Stations presented by St. Mary's School students on Wednesday, April 9, at 1:00 pm in the church.
- •2-6 Graders will go to Confession this coming week.
- •St. Mary's Kindergarten Roundup is set for Friday, April 11. Students will spend the day in activities from 8:00 am to 2:45 pm. If you have a prospective kindergartener for the 2025-2026 school year and haven't already enrolled, contact us by calling 320-256-4257.
- •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.

Center. Doors open at 3:00 pm with vendors, food, drinks and of course bingo starting at 5:00 pm. There will also be door prizes, 50/50, bucket raffles and more! Tickets are available at the door for \$35. Don't miss out on a super fun night.

- ◆A Big Thank You to everyone who donated to the Big Buck Bingo event in support of the Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund. The day of the event they raised roughly \$20,000 and our endowment fund is now at \$1.2 million thanks to MANY sponsors. Again, thank you ALL for your support to Sacred Heart School!
- •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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

◆Toddler Open House will take place on Thursday, May 1. More details to come.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- ◆Pizza Making & Games Monday, April 7 from 6:30 - 7:45 pm at Sacred Heart Church Basement. Sponsored by the Tri-Parish Youth Group. Join us as we make homemade pizzas and play games. Any students in grades 6-12 are able to attend. Permission forms are on the Tri-Parish website: www.sacredheartfreeport.org.
- ◆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.

Astron: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold PRINCIPAL: Mary Miller ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Kristen Pattinson SJSA BOARD: Kathy Gilk, Adam Kalthoff, Kate Kelzer, Kurt Meyer, Trista Roelike, Jenny Wilson, and Kristi Zimmer Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

- "Camp Kindergarten" Kindergarten Roundup is Monday, April 7 from 7:45 am - 2:30 pm. Prospective kindergarteners will spend the day in kindergarten with the current class. A healthy snack and hot lunch are provided. Call the school at 320-987-3133 to register.
- •SJSA School Board Meets Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 pm in the school basement.
- •SJSA will Participate in the Minnesota Statewide Tornado Drill on Thursday, April 10 at 1:45pm as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week.
- •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.

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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.

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: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

Stewardship as a Way of Life "...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ ... "- (Philippians 3:8) The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

Time to Expand Your Circle of Friends?



Try a TEC Retreat. "God has a wonderful way of connecting the dots in our lives to people that will honor who we are, right where we are" (Tiffany Wilson). A TEC retreat will expand your circle of friends with those who will lift you up, support you, encourage you, and bring you closer to God. Come

meet some new friends. Register for one of our three-day TEC retreats. www.cmtec.org. Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open to both youth (age 16+) as well as adults and is located just north of Little Falls. Next retreat is April 11-13.

Natural Family Planning... God's Plan for Marriage: Natural Family Planning! NFP Natural 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 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!

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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

•The New Munich Area Veterans are planning to place a spring order of granite pavers to be installed as part of our veterans memorial in New Munich. All veterans of any military branch living or deceased who have served honorably are eligible. A paver can be purchased in honor of a family member or friend. Our order deadline is Thursday, May 1. For more information please call 320-250-6288 or by US mail to New Munich Area Veterans PO Box 134, New Munich, MN 56356 or email: ssworms@meltel.net.

April 6, Sunday

• Matching Grant Breakfast from 9:00 am -12:30 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Elrosa. Adults-\$10, Students 6 - 11-\$5, 5 and under-Free. Sponsored by St. James - Elrosa Catholic United Financial.

• Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale hosted by St. Michael's Catholic United Financial. Serving from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Spring Hill Church basement.

• Chicken & Ham Dinner hosted by the Holidingford Knights of Columbus 9307 at the Pelican Lake Ballroom, St. Anna. Serving from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Prices: Adults \$15, Children ages 5-12 \$10. Take outs available.

April 9, Wednesday

 Melrose Area Senior Citizens Soup Luncheon serving from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in the Melrose Senior Activity Center, located in the Melrose City Office. Free will offering, all are welcome!

April 11, Friday

•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.

◆Smelt & Fish Fry from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Upsala. Adults: \$18, Ages 5-12: \$8, 4 & under: Free. Cash raffle drawing at 7:30 pm. Dine -in or carry-out.

<u>All You Can Eat</u> 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 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

April 12, Saturday

•Palm Braiding with Lois Maciej and Caramel Roll Sales Pre-Order at St. Stephen Parish Hall in St. Stephen. Two classes from 12:30 - 2:30 pm or 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Pre-registration is required if you would like to make a Palm Fan so supplies can be ordered. An adult must accompany a child. Last day to register for Palm Fan and order caramel rolls is Sunday, April 6. Sign up call the St. Stephen Parish office at 320-251-1520.

April 13, Sunday

• Spring Sausage Supper 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 13, Sunday Cont'd.

•43rd Annual St. Martin Baseball Breakfast Fundraiser 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! Fun for the whole family!

April 18, Friday

<u>All You Can Eat</u> 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!

April 19, Saturday

◆Annual Easter Egg & Bake Sale 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

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



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