



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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

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

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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 St. Andrew

◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception

◆Saturdays 4:30 pm St. Mary

◆Sundays 11:00 am 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.



Understanding the Resurrection

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." John 20:1-2

Have you ever misunderstood something, even when your intentions were good? We all experience moments when we act with love but still get things wrong. Even our good actions are rarely perfect.

On that first Easter morning, before the sun rose, Mary Magdalene offers an example of this. She got some things right—her love and devotion to Jesus were sincere—but she did not yet understand the full reality of what she witnessed. Though the other Gospels mention other women at the tomb, John highlights Mary. Saint Augustine suggests that this is because she was “undoubtedly the most fervent in love” with Christ.

When Mary Magdalene saw the stone rolled away, her love compelled her to act immediately. Saint John Chrysostom says she “ran to the disciples with all the speed of love.” Her fervor drove her to tell Simon Peter and John what she had seen, showing us how love urges us to seek God without delay.

Despite her deep love, Mary misunderstood the meaning of the empty tomb. Her emotional response—“They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him”—reveals her struggle to grasp the mystery unfolding before her. Like many of us, she was driven by emotion rather than a deeper trust in God.

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ APRIL 6 - 12

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en español
†Francisco Gonzalez
Tu 8:00 am †Mildred Wiechmann
We 8:00 am †Jeanette Barth
Th 8:00 am †Lawrence & †Melania Wenning
*Fr 8:30 am SM School Mass
†Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
Sa 5:00 pm †Richard & †Dolores Hiltner
*SU 9:00 am †Beatrice Rademacher
Su 11:30 am Misa en Español
Por el Pueblo

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Sa 4:00 pm Special Intention

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Su 10:00 am For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Gary Rush
Su 10:00 am †Kathleen Meyer

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am SJS School Mass
†Deceased Relatives of
David & Marilyn Welle
Sa 4:00 pm †Herb Bertram

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Maureen Luetmer
Su 8:00 am †Raphael & †Dolores Imdieke

St. Mary - Melrose
First Thursday of the month 6:30 pm
in Spanish (en Español)
and
Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 am

Sacred Heart - Freeport
Adoration is suspended
until further notice due to painting
of the interior of the church.



SACRED HEART - Freeport

Tu 8:15 am †Deceased Members of Herman
& Helen Middendorf Family
We 8:15 am SH School Mass
†Lawrence & †Laura Scherping
†LaVern Scherping
Th 8:15 am †Norbert & †Marilyn Schaefer
Fr 8:15 am †Bernie Laing
Su 8:00 am †Werner Ostendorf Anniversary

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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish News:

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

A Huge Thank You to sacristans, music ministers, liturgical ministers, art and environment helpers, vigil hospitality bakers & servers, and to all who worshipped with us and helped make Holy Week a beautiful and prayerful celebration!



Marriage & Natural Family Planning: Happy Easter! Happy Spring! This time of year, we celebrate new life! And we are increasingly aware of God's plan for us. Consider learning Natural Family Planning. It is a wonderful way for couples to cooperate with nature and God's plan as they effectively achieve or postpone pregnancy. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm 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 1 1/2 to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Go and Make Disciples Everyone in grade 11 through adult is invited to a monthly Faith Formation event from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Sacred Heart School in Freeport. We will have snacks and discuss various Catholic topics. Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, April 8. Come and bring a friend for a fun filled faith enrichment night.

The Shepherd is Calling at the Mike and Alice Westrich Farm. All are welcome, especially elementary-aged kids and their families, to come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, first by understanding more what it means to be a shepherd of sheep! Activities include prayer, skits, crafts, Scripture and hands-on time with lambs. Saturday, April 25, 1:00 - 6:30 pm. Mass held at 4:00 pm with a hog roast to follow. Guests may bring a dish to share. Free will offering is accepted at the event or if you would like to give a gift now to support the event, you can do so at: stedio/pay. Please select other donation and in blank box type Vocations. Address: 1652 Abbey Road, Burtrum, MN 56318. RSVP by Friday, April 10 at https://stedio.org/event/the-shepherd-is-calling-2026/.



Parish News:

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

- Weekday Masses Just a reminder that beginning Tuesday, April 7, all weekday Masses for the Tri-Parish will be celebrated at Sacred Heart, Freeport.
Easter Flower Memorials Thank you to all who made donations for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The churches were very jubilant as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! If you would like a list of those remembered by the donors, please contact the Tri-Parish Office or check the Tri-Parish website.
Funeral Subs Needed We are in need of parishioners, men and women, to be on a sub list for serving the meal for funerals. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a funeral sub. Contact the Parish Office in Freeport to sign up by April 15.
Weekday Ministers and Adorers The Tri-Parish is looking for individuals who would be willing to be a sacristan, server, rosary leader, or lector at the weekday (Tuesday through Friday) Masses, as well as adorers for Adoration which is held on Fridays from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. If you have an interest in these ministries and would be willing to help out, please contact the parish office in Freeport. We are willing to work around your schedule, so even if you can only help out once a month, please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talent with the parish.

West Central Deanery Spring Gathering April 20, 2026 Saint Boniface Parish 501 Main Street, Cold Spring MN 56320 Registration begins at 5:30 pm. Communion and Prayer Service at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a light supper \$6 with friends old and new. Speakers, information, All Things New questions. For reservations and more information contact Jean Hopfer, 320-837-5239 or email ecthull@albanytel.com by April 15. Sponsored by West Central Deanery. Hosted by Centered on Christ ACC, Saint Boniface Parish.

First Friday Adoration at the Capitol Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference staff First Fridays April 10, and May 1 at the capitol March - May. Adoration available 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Capitol Vault. Visit www.MNCatholic.org/events to RSVP and get a free parking pass as well as directions. Questions call Minnesota Catholic Conference 651-227-8777.




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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$12,707.50
Regular Adult Offering	10,433.00
Plate/Loose	1,418.00
Designated Funds	856.50

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



03-29	\$25	Mary Kay Ersland, Grey Eagle
03-30	\$25	Jose Jesus Martinez, Melrose
03-31	\$25	Mary Pfannenstien, Melrose
04-01	\$25	Glen Klaphake, Melrose
04-02	\$25	Dan & Shar Gohl, Grey Eagle
04-03	\$25	Melissa & Brad Budde, Shakopee
04-04	\$25	Mel Roehrl, Melrose

Died in the Hope of Resurrection...

†Anthony "Tony" Niehaus, 95

Hospitality Please join us for cookies and refreshments after all Masses April 11 and 12.

St. Mary's Mission Society will meet on Wednesday, April 8 at St. Mary's Church at 8:45 am in the gathering area. All are welcome!



Understanding the Resurrection

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Jesus was certainly not displeased with her misunderstanding, as Scripture identifies her in [John 20:11-17](#) as the first to whom He appeared. When she encountered the risen Christ, she initially mistook Him for the gardener, indicating that her understanding of the Resurrection was still unfolding.

Despite that, Jesus met her where she was and guided her toward deeper faith. This reminds us that our emotions, though good, must be purified by faith, allowing love to mature into greater trust and understanding.

Reflect today on Mary Magdalene's experience on Easter morning. Like her, we are called to seek our Lord with fervor, even when our understanding is incomplete. And like her, we can trust that Jesus will meet us where we are, gently leading us into deeper faith. As we celebrate the Resurrection, pray that your love, with all its emotions, may be more fully purified by grace, so that you, too, will encounter Christ with renewed understanding and joy.

My resurrected Lord, I love You deeply but acknowledge that my love must be further purified by faith so that I will understand You and Your will more clearly. As I grow in understanding of the many divine mysteries You reveal to me, help my love to grow so that I may more perfectly imitate the pure love You desire of me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offerings ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$5,531.46
Regular Adult Offering	4,190.46
Plate	233.00
Votive	53.00
School Support	45.00
Easter Envelopes	250.00
Easter Flowers	35.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	50.00
Home Missions	25.00
Rice Bowl	25.00
Holy Land	25.00
Church Painting Project	600.00

Parish Events

Su	04/05	11:00 am	Private Event
Mo	04/06		Church Painting Continues
Mo	04/06	6:30 pm	Youth Night at SHS Gym
Tu	04/07	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
We	04/08	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grade 2
We	04/08	7:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 7-10
We	04/08	7:00 pm	Go & Make Disciples
Fr	04/10	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/10		NO Adoration
Su	04/12	2:00 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday - SR

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 19. The theme of the parade is 250 Years of America. If you are interested in having a float in the parade, contact Andy Grieve at 320-260-5615 or email freeportmnparade@gmail.com. More details about the event to follow.

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 24. 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.

Attention St. Joseph Society Members Your raffle tickets are available for pickup in the church basement. 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 13.

Embroiderers Needed If you enjoy embroidering or appliquéing, the festival quilting group would like assistance with dish towels. You can stop at the Tri-Parish Office entryway and pick up a packet to complete and return. The packets will have 7 dish towels and applique patterns. Please sign the towels out and return to the parish office when complete. Thank you!



CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

CHURCH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

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

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

Physical Address: 102 St. Michael Avenue N.
Spring Hill, MN 56352

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,409.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,803.92
Plate	386.00
Building/Maintenance	120.00
Holy Land	10.00
Rice Bowl	10.00
Easter Flowers	60.00
Easter Envelopes	20.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,054.16
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,155.08
Plate	514.08
Easter Flowers	85.00
Easter Envelopes	100.00
Catholic Relief Services	200.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$2,433.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	916.00
Plate/Loose	142.00
Fuel Fund	30.00
Maintenance Fund	710.00
Easter	600.00
Easter Flowers	25.00
Catholic Relief Services	10.00

Parish Events

- Mo 04/06 6:30 pm Youth Night @ SHS Gym - FR
- We 04/08 6:00 pm FF Grade 2 - FR
- We 04/08 7:00 pm FF Grades 7-10 - FR
- We 04/08 7:00 pm Go & Make Disciples - FR
- Sa 04/11 3:30 pm Individual Confessions
- Su 04/12 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Sunday - SR

Parish Events

- Mo 04/06 6:30 pm Youth Night @ SHS Gym - FR
- Tu 04/07 9:00 am Quilting
- We 04/08 6:00 pm FF Grade 2 - FR
- We 04/08 7:00 pm FF Grades 7-10 - FR
- We 04/08 7:00 pm Go & Maked Disciples - FR
- Fr 04/10 7:30 pm Rosary
- Su 04/12 5:30 am Breakfast Setup
- Su 04/12 8:30 am St. Rosa Lions' Breakfast
- Su 04/12 12:00 pm Breakfast Cleanup
- Su 04/12 2:00 pm Divine Mercy Sunday
- Mo 04/13 7:00 pm Christian Women Meeting

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, April 12 - 10:00 am

- (S) Stella & Jameson Schoenberg
- (L) Gary P. Lieser
- (U) Jeff Lieser & Roger Meyer
- (EM) (B) Melvin Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) Allen Lieser & Gary P. Lieser
- (Sacristan) John & Sharon Schulzetenberg
- (RL) Kathy Welle
- (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer
- (HK: April 5 - 18) Ruth Heinen, Grace Hopfer, & Jeanette Kalthoff

Wedding... Congratulations to **James & Sarah (Barnard) Thomas** who were married at St. Rose of Lima on Saturday, March 28. May God bless you with many years of happiness together.

God's Housekeepers for the month of April: *Tami Funk, Michelle Wenker, Terri Hoppe, Amy Van Beck, Karen Sand, and Stacy Hoppe. 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.

St. Rosa Christian Women Spring Meeting is set for Monday, April 13 at 7:00 pm in the Church basement. Hope to see you there!

Bake Sale On April 12, the St. Rosa Christian women will be hosting a bake sale at the Lions Breakfast. Please drop off your baked items in the gathering area by 8:15 am on April 12.

A Vice President is still needed for our St. Rose Christian Women. Please prayerfully consider and reach out to Sarah Toenyan if you would like to fill this position.

Rosary Rally Please join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 11, at St. Michael's Church.

Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale

St. Michael's Catholic United will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale on Sunday, April 12 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Spring Hill Church basement.

Cash Raffle Tickets have been distributed. Please return the ticket stubs, money & any unsold tickets to Sue Meyer, Karen Rademacher or Duane Moscho or put in the St. Michael's collection marked "Cash Raffle" by Sunday, April 5. If anyone wants more raffle tickets contact Sue, Karen or Duane. Thank you for your participation.



Happy Easter

HE IS RISEN

The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Monday within the Octave of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-23	Mt 28:8-15
Tu	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Acts 2:36-41	Jn 20:11-18
We	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Acts 3:1-10	Lk 24:13-35
Th	Thursday within the Octave of Easter Acts 3:11-26	Lk 24:35-48
Fr	Friday within the Octave of Easter Acts 4:1-12	Jn 21:1-14
Sa	Saturday within the Octave of Easter Acts 4:13-21	Mk 16:9-15
	Next Sunday - Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 2:42-47	1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

II Tami Rademacher♥Adam Helmin, 4-18 St. Mary's Cathedral

For the Sick: Joyce Houser, Lyle Gross, Dorothy Schneider, Len Frieze, Fr. Roger Klassen, Michelle Russel

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 ST. ANDREW
Physical Address: 211 W 2nd Avenue N.
 Greenwald, MN 56335

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN
Physical Address: 20 State Highway 4 S.
 Meire Grove, MN 56352

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,815.83
Regular Adult Offering	465.00
EFT	850.00
Plate/Loose	177.00
Votives	10.00
Rice Bowl	63.83
Maintenance Fund	145.00
Easter Flowers	105.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,669.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,020.00
EFT	140.00
Children's	0.50
Plate/Loose	298.00
Votives	41.00
Easter	150.00
Easter Flowers & Environment	20.00

Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, April 11 - 4:00 pm
 (S) Noah Dehmer
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) Peter Heinze & Al Inderrieden
 (GB) Robert & Judy Wehlage
 (EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
 (EM) (C) Kris Winter & Mike Barten
 (HK - April) *Cassandra Kettner, Doris Kraemer, Julie Kulzer, & Rose Lensing

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, April 12 - 8:00 am
 (S) Faith Meyer & Grace Meyer
 (L) Doug Meyer
 (U) Don Schneider & Ken Schneider
 (GB) Denis & Emily Schneider
 (EM) Char Meyer, Dan Meyer, Karl Meyer, & Sue Meyer
 (HK - April) *Linda Schneider, Joy Silbernick, Julie Wehlage, Abby Zenzen, Janice Funk, & Darlene Imdieke



Volunteers Needed We are looking for people who are interested in being on the Parish Merger transition team for St. John's. This will likely be a 15-month commitment. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

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

- April 6, Monday**
 ◆ Monday Night Al-Anon For Family & Friends of Alcoholics at the Avon City Hall 140 Stratford St. E, Avon, MN from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Email mondayanon78@gmail.com for more information.
- April 8, Wednesday**
 ◆ April Soup Luncheon Last one until Fall! Sponsored by the Melrose Area Senior Citizens will be held from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at the Melrose Area Senior Center, located in the lower level of the Melrose City offices. Freewill offering, all are welcome!
- April 11, Saturday**
 ◆ Concert with Vocal Essence and organist Greg Zeleck at Saint John's Abbey at 4:00 pm in the Abbey Church for an afternoon of exceptional music and community.
- April 12, Sunday**
 ◆ St. Rosa Lions Fundraiser Breakfast Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the St. Rose of Lima Church Basement, St. Rosa. Adult Tickets \$12. Children's tickets sold only at the door ages 5-10 \$5 and ages 0-4 are free. Proceeds will go to Lions Eyesight, Hearing, and local community projects.
 ◆ Melrose Boy Scout Troop 68 Pancake, Sausage, & Egg Breakfast at the Melrose American Legion. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm dine in or take out! Adults: \$12. Children 5-10: \$6. Children 4 and younger are free.
 ◆ Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale St. Michael's Catholic United will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Spring Hill Church basement.
- April 16, Thursday**
 ◆ Freeport Senior Citizens Meeting at 12:00 pm at the Freeport Senior Center. All area seniors welcome. 500 cards and Bingo will be played.
- April 19, Sunday**
 ◆ 3rd Annual Arts & Craft Fair at St. Francis Xavier Parish School Gym 308 2nd St. N, Sartell, MN from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Over 40 area artists and crafters. Food available for purchase. Handcrafted artwork and crafts.



4th Annual One In Faith ACC
Divine Mercy
Sunday...

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday service at St. Rose of Lima church, St. Rosa on Sunday, April 12. This is our fourth annual ACC Divine Mercy Sunday event and hope to continue this feast day in the future to recognize the graces granted by our Lord. Please feel free to come for a portion of, or all of the events in the afternoon.

Schedule of Events:

- Adoration*
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Individual Confessions*
2:15 pm - 4:00 pm
- Divine Mercy Chaplet*
sung at 3:00 pm
- Closing of Adoration*
4:00 pm
- Social* in the church basement

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?
 Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Easter - Sunday, April 12. (The Novena begins on Good Friday, April 3.) The great promise of this day is the forgiveness of all sins and punishment due to sin for anyone who would go to Confession and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on this very special Feast Day. According to the Divine Mercy Productions, one may receive the Sacrament of Confession twenty days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday, visit thedivinemercy.org website. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information.

"Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." Acts 10:40-41

The first disciples were people who witnessed the risen Christ in the flesh. The author of Acts emphasizes that they ate and drank with the risen Christ. How we take care of each other "in this life" is an important part of our spiritual life.

Stewardship is not about having pious thoughts, but about making life better for others in the flesh.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1, 3-6: No Class** We hope to see you at our end of the year Mass, fellowship, and registration night on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception in New Munich.
- **Grade 2: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 8 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Students will meet in their classroom.
- **Grades 7-10: Next Class:** Wednesday, April 8 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Students will meet in their classroom.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Grades 9-10: Next Class:** Wednesday April 8 from 7:15 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

Contact Information:

youthministry@catholic-centered.org or faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- **Youth Night Students in grades 9-12** are invited to join our Youth Leadership Team this Monday, April 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sacred Heart School Gym for our next Youth Night! We will spend the evening playing games, listening to music, and praying both as a group and individually. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



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



PASTOR: Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
PRINCIPAL: Autumn Nelson
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Briana Worms
SMS BOARD: Jenn Lubarski, Cindy Hemmesch, Jake Primus, Pat Christenson, Lindsey Gruber, and Greta Rademacher
 Phone: 320-256-4257
www.smsmelrosemn.org



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

- ♥ **No School** Monday, April 6.
- ♥ **We would like to wish you all** a very Happy Easter!
- ♥ **SHS** will hold a **Parent Forum** on Monday, April 13 to discuss the Anxious Generation book. All are welcome!
- ♥ **Kindergarten** will go on a **field trip** to the Children's Museum on Friday, April 17.
- ♥ **Designer Bingo** Sacred Heart School is hosting their Designer Bingo on Saturday, April 18! Tickets are available online and Bingo packets will be available at the door. (sold separately) Contact the school office for details and more information 320-836-2591. If you don't have access to get your event ticket online, you can contact the office to reserve your event ticket.
- ♥ **SHS second graders** will have their First Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 18 in the SHS Gym.
- ♥ **Move up Day** at SHS is on Tuesday, April 21.

- ♦ **Wishing you a joyful and blessed Easter** from all of us at St. Mary's School—may the hope of the Resurrection fill your hearts with peace and renewed joy.
- ♦ **Three staff from St. Mary's** will attend the NCEA Convention (National Catholic Educational Association) in Minneapolis, April 7-9.
- ♦ **School Board Elections** will take place at Mass on April 18 & 19.

- **No School** at SJSA Monday, April 6.
- **Happy Easter** from the students and staff at SJSA.
- **Kindergarten Round - Up** Join us for a jungle themed kindergarten round - up! Swing, roar, and explore -- discover kindergarten at St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School. Monday, April 13 from 7:45 - 2:30 pm. RSVP to the school office at 320-987-3133.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

03/29	\$40	Alphonse Brenny - Foley
03/30	\$25	Mike Moscho - Freeport
03/31	\$25	Andrew Brown - East Bull Lake
04/01	\$25	Marge Engelmeyer - Freeport
04/02	\$40	Tom & Rita Middendorf - Freeport
04/03	\$40	Matt & Kayla Frieler - Freeport
04/04	\$25	Spencer Winter - Monango, ND



Public Rosary...

We have much to pray for and even more to be thankful for.
All are invited and welcome!

St. Mary, Melrose

- Weekdays & Saturdays a half hour before Mass
- Wednesday: 1:00 pm
- Thursday (Spanish): 6:30 pm (Except the 1st Thursday)

Sacred Heart, Freeport

- Tuesday: 7:45 am
- Wednesday: 7:45 am
- Thursday: 7:45 am
- Friday: 7:45 am
- Sunday: 7:30 am

Immaculate Conception, New Munich

- Saturday: 3:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa

- Friday: 7:30 pm
- Sunday: 9:30 am

St. Michael, Spring Hill

- Tuesday: 7:30 am
- Sunday: 9:30 am

St. Andrew, Greenwald

- Thursday: 7:40 am
- Saturday: 3:40 pm

St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove

- Sunday: 7:30 am
- Monday: 7:00 am

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Spring Mission Rally sponsored by the Diocese of St. Cloud Mission Office. Join others Thursday, April 30 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, St. Cloud, MN from 7:30 am-1:00 pm. The day will begin with registration and fellowship followed by Mass with Bishop Neary, meetings with missionaries, a tasty hot lunch, discussion and reflection, fair trade sales, and more. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Mission Office at 320-251-1100 by Monday, April 20. Cost is \$10 per person.



Humane Vitae Award The Diocese of Saint Cloud presents annually the Humane Vitae Award to a person(s) who has demonstrated extraordinary courage in promoting Natural Family Planning and the teachings of Humane Vitae. If you know someone who has promoted the benefits of Natural Family Planning, submit your nominee by writing a descriptive essay (500 words or less) of his/her qualifications. Nominations are due April 27, 2026. More information can be found at <https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/> or by emailing omf@gw.stcdio.org. The Humane Vitae Award will be presented on July 23, 2026 at the Humane Vitae Mass and Award Reception at Saint Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud.

Made in the Image of God: Seeing Ourselves and Others as the Body of Christ All are invited to join in this diocesan retreat on Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm at the Centre for Christ in Sauk Centre. This year's retreat, "Made in the Image of God: Seeing Ourselves and Others as the Body of Christ," will focus on how we care for ourselves and how we serve community, recognizing both as our call in the One Body of Christ. The day will include fellowship, reflection talks, and time to spend in individual reflection and prayer. Registration is \$35, including refreshments and lunch. Space is limited, so register before Wednesday, April 8 online at: <https://forms.office.com/r/5j1rZUfWYz>.

Marriage Encounter Spring is a sign of new growth, begin tremendous new growth in your marriage by attending the April 18-19 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org. A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other! If you have any questions, please call Mary Jackson at: 651-454-3238.



Introducing the Diocesan Care for Creation Guide In line with one of Bishop Neary's priorities, the diocese is proud to offer a Care for Creation guide. The document includes a message from Bishop Neary, theological foundations for care for creation and practical and prayerful ideas to incorporate as individuals/families, faith communities and schools, as well as resources. Find it online at <https://stcdio.org/care-for-creation>.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral Celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday was originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her visions of Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church. This year we are happy to announce two speakers at the event. Chris True will give his testimony on his Catholic Faith, and Fr. Jeremy Ploof will give a meditation. Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, April 12, from 1:00-3:00 pm. There will be Adoration and an opportunity for reconciliation.



Save the Date: 2026 Rural Life Celebration This year's Rural Life Celebration will take place on Sunday, August 16 beginning at 1:30 pm at the Moenkedick Family Farm in rural Perham. The event will include Mass on the farm with Bishop Neary, the annual Catholic Century Farm and Rural Business Awards presentations, refreshments and family-friendly activities.



Be a Totus Tuus Leader Are you in college and considering your summer plans? Consider being a Totus Tuus leader for the Diocese of St. Cloud. You would be a "missionary to the youth" in central Minnesota. The program is just two months long so you would still get some needed rest and family time yet it offers an opportunity for a summer of growing in your own faith and in deeper love of Jesus. We offer a stipend of \$500/week. Please visit this site for more info and to sign up: <https://stcdio.org/vocations/totus-tuus/leaders/>.

Rural Life Awards: The Office of Social Concerns is now taking applications for the diocese's annual Catholic Century Farm Awards and nominations for the Rural Business Award. If your family, neighbors or members of your ACCs have been working the same land for 100 years or more, or if you know a Catholic business-owner in the diocese who lives out their Catholic faith in how they run their business and treat their employees and customers, please visit the Rural Life section of the Social Concerns website for requirements and application/nomination forms: <https://stcdio.org/rural-life> or reach out to JoAnn.Braegelmann@gw.stcdio.org with questions.



Low Gluten Hosts are available for individuals that have a gluten intolerance. Please note, these hosts still contain gluten, less than 0.001% gluten, and are not completely gluten free. If you would like to have more information about the low gluten hosts, please contact the Parish Office in Freeport or Melrose. When you are planning to have a low gluten host for Mass, it will be necessary to have the host within a pyx (the parish can provide a pyx) and placed upon the altar for consecration. You will need to let Father know that you are present prior to Mass, and that you will be in his Communion line.

Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: As we celebrate our risen Lord, may our hearts be filled with hope, peace, and renewed joy, and may His mercy inspire us to care for one another with generous love. Please accept our deepest gratitude to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries this year. As of March 23, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2026 has raised total cash and pledges of \$806,852 toward our goal of \$1,550,000 (52.05%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 4,006 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



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 weekend is April 17-19.



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