



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 20, 2025

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

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

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Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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.

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.



The Message of the Angels

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Matthew 28:1-4

The angels of God have been present at the most significant moments of human history. There are numerous mentions of angels in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, the Incarnation of the Savior of the World was announced by an archangel. Myriads of angels were present at His birth. An angel spoke to Saint Joseph on four different occasions. As Jesus began His public ministry and overcame the temptations of the devil in the desert, angels from Heaven came to minister to Him. When Jesus prayed in solitude, especially during His agony in the garden, He was comforted by angels. At the empty tomb, it was an angel who first announced the good news that our Lord had risen. And at the end of time, it will be the angels of God who bring forth God's justice.

Today's angelic salutation to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary at the empty tomb should teach us that the message of the Resurrection is among the most important lessons we can ever learn. Furthermore, the message of this angel, given to these holy women, was intended not only for them, it is also spoken to us today.

The angel made an appearance that depicts absolute power and sanctity. He arrived with the speed of lightning. His countenance was radiant with Heavenly light. He instantly moved the large stone and sat upon it, pointing these holy women to the empty tomb. Today, if we have the eyes of faith, we will also receive an interior revelation from Heaven, just as these women did. Though we will not see with our eyes what they saw, we will see and hear through faith all that was spoken to them.

The message of the Resurrection of Christ is being spoken to you today. Do you hear

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ACC MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS ~ APRIL 21 - 27

ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo	6:30 pm	Misa en Español †Manuela Tapia
Tu	8:00 am	†Betty Goebel
We	8:00 am	†Jean Hellermann
Th	8:00 am	†Bernadette Arceneau
*Fr	8:30 am	SM School Mass †Eddie, †Jeffrey, & †Mark Bussmann
Sa	5:00 pm	First Communion Mass †Lawrence, †Millie, & †Duane Mueller
*Su	10:00 am	First Communion Mass For the People
Su	12:30 pm	Misa de Primera Comunión en Español †Florentino Montanez Arroyo

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We	8:15 am	SH School Mass †Judith Vos & Family
We	6:30 pm	Faith Formation Families
Fr	8:15 am	†Betty Goebel
Su	8:00 am	†Glen & †Betty Wilwerding †Jackie Wilwerding

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th	8:15 am	†Joe & †Eric Mergen
Sa	4:00 pm	†Christopher Welle

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu	8:15 am	†Betty Goebel
Su	10:00 am	For the People

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu	8:00 am	†Bernice Welle
Su	8:00 am	†Lloyd Lucken

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th	8:00 am	SJSA School Mass †Luella Marthaler †Joan Marthaler Gerads
Sa	4:00 pm	†Dan Schoenberg

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We	8:00 am	†Aloysius Luetmer Family
Su	10:00 am	SJSA First Communion Mass †Deceased/Living Members of St. John's Catholic United Financial

St. Rose of Lima - St. Rosa

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

Immaculate Conception - New Munich

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

St. Mary - Melrose

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

Sacred Heart - Freeport

No Adoration Friday, April 25



*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 ~

•**Sacrament of First Eucharist** We invite you all to help celebrate the sacrament of First Eucharist with our St. Mary's School and Faith Formation families at the weekend Masses next weekend:

Saturday, April 26, 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 27, 10:00 am & 12:30 pm

We know that these Masses take a little bit longer, but we appreciate everyone who is there to support and celebrate these young people as they enter more deeply into the Body of Christ that is our church community!

•**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!

•**Votives:** If you wish to purchase votive candles to burn at home, you can stop by the office. They are \$4 each.



Sunday Mass Time Switch: Please note that the weekend of April 26 and 27 the 8:00 am Mass will be in Spring Hill and the 10:00 am Mass in Meire Grove for First Communion.

West Central Deanery Spring General Meeting West Central Deanery women and Spiritual Advisors are invited to the Spring general meeting Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at St. Mary Help of Christians Church, 24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN. Registration begins at 5:30 pm with Mass at 6:00 pm. A light supper (\$6) will be served followed by a short meeting and speakers. Please RSVP for the meal, Contact Jean Hopfer, President, 320-837-5239 ecthull@albanytel.com.

Chili/Chicken Soup Supper The Immaculate Conception St. Joseph's Society will be holding its annual chili and chicken soup supper on Thursday, April 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the church basement in New Munich. Tickets: Adults \$10, Children 5-12 \$6, Under 5 free.



Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: The Lord is risen! Blessings to you and those you love on this most holy of days.

Parish News:

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

•**Easter Flower Memorials** Thank you to all who made donations for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The church looks 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.

•**May Ministry Schedule** was mailed or emailed to all ministers. It is also available on the Tri-Parish website. If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, please find a replacement. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with your parish.

•**Directory** for Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima coming soon. Please watch the bulletin for more information in the near future.

•**Tootsie Roll Fundraiser** The St. Joseph the Worker Council Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser will take place after the April 26/27 weekend Masses. All of the proceeds will help support the Special Olympics and WACOSA programs in the local area. Thank you for your support!



Thank You to Freeport State Bank for sponsoring a trip for SJSA and Sacred Heart students to see the movie, *King of Kings*, at the Main Street Theatre in Sauk Centre on Wednesday, April 16. The students all enjoyed the movie and their treats! We are so grateful for your support each year to treat our kids to an experience.

Castaway Recap An all time high number of students from the One In Faith ACC attended Castaway this year. We were represented by 50 students from grades 9 - 12, 16 adult chaperones and work crew, and 1 priest who all gathered with others from around the diocese for a 3-day weekend retreat experience. Thank you to everyone in all seven parishes for your support and prayers. A special thank you to the adults who gave of their time to make this happen: Elisha Seanger, Alyssa Hoeschen, Quentin Van Beck, Katie Roerick, Cindy Hemmesch, Jess Reed, Randy & Cheryl Hellermann, Ralph & Linda Van Beck, Luke Dehmer, Zachary Thell, Tim & Beth Koshenina, Erika Hoppe, Greg Eynck, & Fr. Mitchell.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Physical Address: 755 Kraft Drive SE
Melrose, MN 56352

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

Total	\$12,978.57
Regular Adult Offering	9,997.00
Plate/Loose	1,561.32
Designated Funds	1,420.25

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

04-13	\$25	Lynn Rademacher - Melrose
04-14	\$25	Sharon Rose - Melrose
04-15	\$25	Don & Sharon Klumpke - Melrose
04-16	\$25	Mike (Olivia) Klasen - Burtrum
04-17	\$25	St. Mary's Church
04-18	\$25	Doug & Amy Kloth - Melrose
04-19	\$25	Chuck & Bev Winter - Greenwald

**Died in the Hope of Resurrection...**

†Terry Wander, 55 †Ralph Duevel, 69
†Reilene "Rae" Kuzma, 75 †Maria Becerra Ambriz, 73

Thank You to the St. Mary's Mission Society for their donation to the St. Mary's Church Emergency Outreach Fund. It is very much appreciated.

St. Mary's Garage Sale On Thursday, May 1, in conjunction with the Melrose city wide garage sales, St. Mary's Catholic Church is having a garage sale at the old parish rectory. We will be selling those household items that are no longer needed. Volunteers are going to be needed to help prepare for, and run, the sale. If you are able to help, please call Pam at the parish office.

Thank You to the St. Mary's Mission Society and Elisha Seanger for their generous donations to be used to defray the cost of Castaway chaperones and provide student grants. These donations not only helped our students who attended, but also decreased the cost to the parish.



Annual St. Mary's Parish Raffle will be coming soon in conjunction with RiverFest on Saturday, June 28. Watch for the flyer in your mailbox in the next couple weeks. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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

Banns of Matrimony:

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Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

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

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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

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

Total	\$4,455.85
Regular Adult Offering.....	3,514.85
Plate.....	431.00
Votive.....	70.00
School Support	30.00
Building/Maintenance	50.00
Easter Envelopes	330.00
Catholic Home Mission	10.00
Holy Land	10.00
Rice Bowl	10.00

Parish Events

Su	04/20	11:00 am	Private Event
Tu	04/22	10:00 am	Werner Ostendorf Visitation & Funeral
Tu	04/22	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - NM
We	04/23	6:30 pm	Faith Formation End of Year Mass/Fellowship
Th	04/24	4:00 pm	Viola Zwack-Beutz Visitation
Fr	04/25	2:00 pm	Private Event
Fr	04/25	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	04/25		No Adoration
Fr	04/25	10:30 am	Viola Zwack-Beutz Visitation & Funeral
Sa	04/26	10:00 am	Private Event
Su	04/27	9:00 am	St. Joseph's Society Annual Meeting

May They Rest In Peace Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the families of:

†**Werner Ostendorf**, who passed away Sunday, April 13. His funeral will be celebrated here on Tuesday, April 22.

†**Viola Zwack-Beutz**, who passed away Monday, April 14. Her funeral will be celebrated here on Friday, April 25.

Special Thank You from Sacred Heart Lent/Easter Liturgy to the Sacred Heart Christian Woman for their generous donation to upgrade the Easter wreaths.



St. Joseph Society Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, April 27 after the 8:00 am Mass in the church basement. Coffee, rolls, and juice will be served. Please return **all sold and unsold tickets and money** to the Parish Office in Freeport or drop them in the collection no later than Wednesday, May 14.



Daily Rosary Sponsoring The Freeport Christian Women are sponsoring the Daily Rosary on KASM 1150AM during the week of April 21-27. Please tune in at 6:00 pm to hear the rosary.

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 freeportmnparade@gmail.com. More details about the event to follow.

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.



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.



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
Church Basement 320-987-3405

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$3,148.27
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,478.77
Plate.....	312.00
School Support	100.00
Building/Maintenance.....	257.50

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,349.72
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,664.23
Plate.....	392.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine ...	25.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
School Support	145.00
Rice Bowl	113.49

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$744.50
Regular Adult Offering.....	605.00
Children	8.50
Plate/Loose	131.00

Parish Events

Tu 04/22	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.
We 04/23	6:30 pm	Faith Formation End of the Year Mass/Fellowship - FR
Th 04/24	5:00 pm	St. Joseph's Society Chili/Chicken Soup Supper
Sa 04/26	3:30 pm	Individual Confessions

Parish Events

Tu 04/22	9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 04/22	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg. - NM
We 04/23	6:30 pm	Faith Formation End of the Year Mass/Fellowship - FR
Fr 04/25	7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 04/27	8:30 am	Youth Choir Practice
Su 04/27	11:00 am	Baptism

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, April 27 - 8:00 am

(S) Olivia Kalthoff & Stella Schoenberg
(L) Gary P. Lieser
(U) Steve Welle & Hugo Wuertz
(EM) (B) Jeanette Kalthoff
(EM) (C) Melvin Kalthoff & Allen Lieser
(Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
(RL) Marilyn Gruber
(CC) Amy Orbeck & Marvin Rademacher
(HK: April 20 - May 3) Melissa Frieler, Sandra Gruber, & Ruth Heinen

Chili/Chicken Soup Supper...
Thursday, April 24. See ACC news for details.

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.



Quilting... The last date of scheduled quilting will be Tuesday, April 22.



The St. Rose Christian Women would like to thank everyone that volunteered and supported our Spring Bake Sale on Sunday, April 6. It was a great success. The generosity is greatly appreciated and all the proceeds will be going to the Pro-Life Billboard. Thank you!

Church Cleaning St. Rose Christian Women will get together Monday, May 5 to clean the Church. We are starting at 4:30 pm, but welcome volunteers anytime that works in your schedule! We will have pizza around 5:30 pm. This invitation is open to more than the Christian Women, so please bring others! Many hands make light work!

**The Message of the Angels** cont'd from page 1

it? Do you comprehend the voice of this angel from Heaven? If you do, the first thing you will hear are the words, "Do not be afraid!" Fear is one of the greatest obstacles to the reception of the Word of God in our lives. The evil one sows fear; the angels of God dispel it. So begin by considering whether fear clouds your ability to receive the Word of God.

The angel then said, "I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified." In other words, these women had not yet understood the Resurrection. They were still seeking the dead body of our Lord. Similarly, we often find ourselves focusing upon our losses, sufferings and trials. As a result, it can be difficult for us to see the ways that our Lord desires to transform the crosses in our lives and bring from them the glory of the Resurrection. The angel then said, "He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." When we allow God to transform every cross in our lives, those crosses and sufferings disappear as they give way to the new life God brings forth from them.

Finally, the angel tells the women, "Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead...'" When we come to faith in the death and Resurrection of Christ, we cannot keep it to ourselves. We must go forth and proclaim the Resurrection of Christ to others. It cannot be contained.

Reflect, today, upon the most glorious, awe-inspiring, life-changing message of Christ's Resurrection. If you find that you do not understand this message, then this Easter Season is an important time for you. It must be a time in which you dispel any fear that clouds your thinking. It must be a time when you listen most attentively in faith. It must be a time when you hear God speak to you about His glorious triumph over sin and death. It must be a time when you more fully penetrate the mystery of the Resurrection. And it must be a time when you recommit yourself to go forth and share that message with others. Listen to the angels of God. Receive their message and allow Christ's Resurrection to change your life forever.

Most holy angels of God, please come to me, speak to me and reveal to me the most glorious message of the Resurrection of Christ. Lord, I pray that my heart be freed of all fear and that my mind be opened to all that You wish to reveal to me. I do believe in the glory of Your Resurrection; help me to believe with all my heart and to proclaim that truth to others. Jesus, I trust in You.

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CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,034.09
Regular Adult Offering	2,670.00
Plate/Loose	173.00
Votives	19.00
Easter Flowers	55.00
Rice Bowl	47.09
Maintenance Fund	5.00
School Subsidy	5.00
Good Friday	5.00
Catholic Relief Services	5.00
Easter	50.00

Liturgical Ministries**Saturday, April 26 - 4:00 pm**

(S) Sophia Kasper & Lydia Kasper
(L) Julie Kulzer
(U) Pat Keller & Herman Lensing
(GB) Mathew & Bridget Kasper
(EM) (B) Mary Opatrny
(EM) (C) Herman Lensing
(HK - April) *Bridget Kasper, Deb Keller,
Cassandra Kettner, and Doris Kraemer

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$4,757.75
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,489.00
Plate/Loose	441.00
Votives.....	81.00
School Subsidy	100.00
Catholic Relief Services	20.00
Easter	125.00
Rice Bowl	1.75
Community Park Donation	2,500.00

Liturgical Ministries
First Communion Mass
Sunday, April 27 - 10:00 am

(S) Carter Kelzer & Logan Kelzer
(L) First Communion Candidates
(U) Kurt Meyer & Marvin Meyer
(GB) First Communion Candidates
(EM) Abby Zenzen, Daryl Zenzen,
Nick Kelzer, & Jim Leukam
(HK - April) *Irene Marthaler, Char Meyer,
Sue Meyer, Geri Meyer, Heidi Meyer, and
Karen Meyer

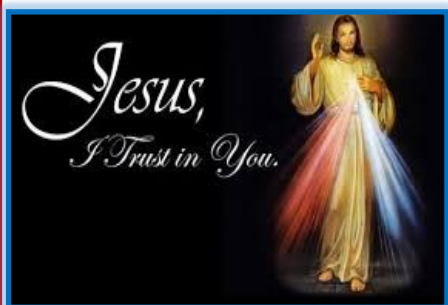
HISPANIC MINISTRY

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 preparación.

**3rd Annual One In Faith ACC*****Divine Mercy Sunday...***

Please join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday service at St. Michael's Church in Spring Hill on Sunday, April 27. This is our third annual ACC Divine Mercy Sunday event and we 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 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Individual Confessions from 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm
(Sung by the St. Michael's Choir)
Closing of Adoration at 4:00 pm
Social in the church basement

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Easter - Sunday, April 27. (The Novena began on Good Friday, April 18.) 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. One should make a good confession on or before Divine Mercy Sunday. For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday, visit thedivinemercy.org website. Please see the insert in last week's bulletin for more information.

**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!**



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FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: csand@catholic-centered.org

- Grade K-10:** Mass, 2025-2026 Faith Formation Registration and Family Fellowship Night, Wednesday, April 23, Sacred Heart Church. We will begin with Mass at 6:30 pm followed by registration and fellowship. VBS registration will also be available this evening.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

Contact Information: faithformation@stmarysofmelrose.com

- First Communion Families:** We are excited to celebrate with you! Please arrive to the Mass you have selected for your child. Saturday, April 26, 5:00 Mass or Sunday, April 27, 10:00 am Mass or Sunday, April 27, 12:30 pm Mass - at least 20-30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. There are a few things we will run through prior to the start of Mass. Following Mass, there will be a group photo taken at the altar with Father as well as a reception in the Gathering Space following the photo.

YOUTH MINISTRY

One in Faith ACC Youth Ministry:

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

- ♥**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. If you are interested in attending, 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.
- ♥**Bible & Breakfast** Students in grades 7-12 are invited to enjoy scripture and breakfast with peers at the Melrose Area High School Media Center. We will meet on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00 am. If there is no school or a late start, we will not meet. To register contact Chrystal at 320-266-5554.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz
PRINCIPAL: Kristie Harren
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
 Amy Van Beck
SHS BOARD:
 Myranda Beuning, Julie Job,
 Ben Kalthoff, Tamara Welle,
 Lindsay Frieler, and Jenelle Herkenhoff
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:
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 Jenn Lubarski, Cindy Hemmesch,
 Jake Primus, and Pat Christenson
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PASTOR: 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

- ♥We want to wish you all a very **Happy Easter!**
- ♥**SHS DOES Have School** on Tuesday, April 22. Even though the Melrose district does NOT have school.
- ♥**PreK Field Trip** to Wheels and Cogs in Hutchinson on Tuesday, April 22.
- ♥**SHS Move Up Day** will be on Wednesday, April 23. The Kindergarteners for next year will come and see what a day in the life of a kindergartener looks like and all other classes will move up one grade in the morning to get a feel for next year.
- ♥**We want to thank everyone** for all their donations for our Lenten project - Stoves for Guatemala. As of last week we collected many items and almost \$1,700 in cash donations. Thank you all for your generosity during this Lenten season.
- ♥**We are Looking for Volunteers** for next school year. If you are interested in helping out at SHS, please contact the school at 320-836-2591. Here are a few areas where we may need volunteer help - reading with students, teacher's aide, lunch room help, toddler center help, kindergarten centers, recess, etc.

SAVE THE DATES:

- ♥**Toddler Center Open House** will take place on Thursday, May 1 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.
- ♥**SHS Spring Fling** will take place on Friday, May 9 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

- ♦**Happy Easter** from everyone at St. Mary's School—may your day be filled with peace and blessings.
- ♦**Thank You**, Stearns Electric and their Operation Round Up program, for their \$500 donation that went towards the acoustics in the gym.
- ♦**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.
- ♦**Sixth Grade will host A Festival Of Nations** in St. Mary's School Gym on Friday, May 2. Community members are welcome to visit the festival from 10:15 - 11:00 am and 1:00 - 2:15 pm. All are welcome.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

04/13	\$40	Judy Hennen/Kate Gillespie - Freeport
04/14	\$25	Lea Tepfer - Port Orchard, WA
04/15	\$25	Tom & Rita Middendorf- Freeport
04/16	\$25	Robert & Judy Wehlage - Melrose
04/17	\$40	Sharon & Gary Thelen - Freeport
04/18	\$40	Jerry & Tami Westerberg - Long Prairie
04/19	\$25	Keith Sand - New London

- ♦**Happy Easter** from the staff and students at SJSA.
- ♦**No School at SJSA** April 17 - 22 for Easter break. School resumes Wednesday, April 23.
- ♦**Congratulations to our Second Graders** who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 27 at 10:00 am at St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Students receiving the Sacrament are Willow Bueckers, Ryan Hellickson, Lukas Kalthoff, Oliver Kasper, Lucas Kelzer, Grace Meyer, Jameson Schoenberg, and Taya Zimmer.
- ♦**Sunday Mass Time Switch:** Please note that the weekend of April 26 and 27 the 8:00 am Mass will be in Spring Hill and the 10:00 am Mass in Meire Grove (First Communion).
- ♦**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 will celebrate Grandparent's Day** on Thursday May 1. Bishop Neary will celebrate Mass with us at 8:00 am with a reception and bingo at the school afterwards.



ONE IN FAITH ACC NEWS CON'T FROM PG 2

Theology on Draft Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to an evening to learn and share faith, fellowship, food and refreshments. The event will be held on April 24 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Great River Bowl in Sartell. Bishop Patrick Neary, CSC will speak on "Young Adults as Missionary Disciples Leading the Church." Appetizers will be served, and participants may purchase refreshments.

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. 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday at the Cathedral Celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave 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. Our first speaker is Leah Brix. She is a published author of [St. Joseph's Hammer](#) and the co-founder of Catholic Country Chronicles. She is passionate about the Catholic Faith and making it accessible to everyday people. The second speaker is Fr. Doug Liebsch from the All Called to Christ ACC. Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, April 27, from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. There will be Adoration and an opportunity for reconciliation.



Catholic Century Farm Award The Diocese of Saint Cloud would like to honor Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more. Farm families who meet the criteria will be honored by the Bishop, with a certificate and special award for their home. Registration deadline is July 1 for presentation in August. If you, or someone you know, has a Catholic Century Farm, visit <https://stcdio.org/rural-life/> for more information and to apply to be honored for your century or more of farming with faith!

Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/4-22-25/.

The Scriptures This Week Year C, Weekdays - Cycle I

Mo	Monday within the Octave of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33	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 - Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19	Jn 20:19-31

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

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 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.

April 25, Friday

♦ **Spaghetti Supper** at St. Edward's in Elmdale. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Free will offering. Take out available.

♦ **St. Augustine Men's Group Spaghetti Dinner and Meat Raffle** from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Augustine, St. Cloud. Prices: Adults \$10 presale \$12 at the door, Kids \$5 presale \$7 at the door.

April 27, Sunday

♦ **Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast** at the Melrose American Legion serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Dine in or take out. Adults \$12. Children ages 5-10 \$6. Children ages 4 and under are free.

♦ **53rd Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper** sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Christian Mothers & Women, and the St. Anthony Parish, St. Anthony. The cost is \$11.50 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children's tickets are sold at the door for \$6 for ages 6 to 12. Children ages 5 and under are free. Serving from 3:00 - 8:30 pm.

April 30-May 3

♦ **Melrose Area Festival of the Arts** The Melrose Area Arts Council invites local artists to participate, display, demo and/or sell your artwork at the upcoming Melrose Area Festival of the Arts. Quilters are also invited to participate in the Quilt Display, which will once again be set up in the Melrose Area Senior Activity Center. The festival is a way to show off local talent in many areas. Visit MAAC's website melroseareaartscouncil.org or call 320-250-4933.

May 1, Wednesday

♦ **Feet First Clinic** at the Senior Center in Freeport. Everyone must call to make an appointment 320-836-2450. Free will offering.

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