



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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

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

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Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Faith Formation: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

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 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.

FACING THE HORROR OF MY SINS



Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband and come back.” The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus answered her, “You are right in saying, ‘I do not have a husband.’ For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.” John 4:16-18

Today, we are given the beautiful story of Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s Well. The story begins with Jesus resting by the well, for He was “tired from his journey.” A Samaritan woman approaches the well at noon, during the heat of the day, most likely to avoid the scorn of the other women who looked down on her. Jesus then does something that greatly surprises her: He asks her for a drink of water.

Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans, yet Jesus was willing to drink from her utensil. When she questioned Him about this, Jesus responded, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

The “living water” Jesus desired to give her was the spiritual gift of grace to renew and refresh her soul. His divine eyes enabled Him to see her spiritual hunger, and His compassion filled Him with a desire to free her from her many burdens.

The passage above might sound harsh at first: “For you have had five husbands...” Why would Jesus bring up this woman’s humiliating situation? Because she had clearly been searching for fulfillment throughout her life, engaging in one failed marriage after another. Now, she was living with a man who was not her husband, a reality that left her dry and thirsty.

By speaking this way to the woman, Jesus lets her know that He knows all about her, loves her, and longs to fill her with the satiation she has been searching for throughout her life. He does not judge or condemn her; He invites her to experience the freedom He longed to bestow upon her. After the encounter, the woman left the well overjoyed and even left her water jar behind, symbolizing that she was no longer thirsty—spiritually speaking. She then confidently went to the people of the town and said, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?”

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ADORATION

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm **No hay Misa en español**
 Tu 8:00 am †Jerome A. Cremer
 We 8:00 am †Harriette Scherer
 Th **8:30 am** †Jeanette Hoppe
 *Fr 8:30 am **No School**
 †Jeffrey Hinnenkamp
 Sa 5:00 pm †Dennis & †Crescentia Kraemer
 *Su 9:00 am For the People
 Su 11:30 am **Misa en Español**
 †Maximino y †Daniel Montañez

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am **SH School Mass**
 †Vern & Kevin Stroeing
 Fr 8:15 am †Blake Hemker
 Special Intention Meaghan & Ryan Hickman
 Su 8:00 am For the People

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am †Norbert & †Helen Holdvogt
 Sa 4:00 pm †Eric & †Joe Mergen

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Anthony Rolfes
 Su 10:00 am †Boni Stoermann

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Darwin & †Marcy Kulzer
 Su 10:00 am †Kathleen Meyer

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am **SJSA School Mass**
 †David Walz
 Sa 4:00 pm †Allie Roering

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Maureen Luetmer
 Su 8:00 am †Francis Meyer

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)
 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.



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

ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

One In Faith ACC Employment Opportunity...

WE ARE HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM

•Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
 The Church of St. Mary's, Melrose, is seeking a full-time Director to oversee K-12 Faith Formation, Sacrament Preparation, and Youth Ministry. Applicants must be practicing Catholics in good standing, experience in teaching faith formation at different grade levels, able to meet diocesan Safe Environment requirements, and available for flexible scheduling (may include some evenings/weekends). Reliable transportation is required and salary is based on experience. For information or to apply: oif@stmarysofmelrose.org

•Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry (DFFYM)
 Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima is seeking a PT/FT DFFYM. Individuals interested in this position are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to ahoeschen@catholic-centered.org. For more information, please contact Amy Hoeschen, PO Box 155, Freeport, MN 56331 or call 320-836-2143.

Lenten Book Study Join us this Lent as we read Bishop Barron's "What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed." We meet Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm in the Tri-Parish Office. We will be reading the following chapters each week: March 8 - Chapter 3 Sections 3 and 4, March 15 - Chapter 4, March 22 - Chapter 5, March 29 - Chapter 6. Books are free and available at Freeport, New Munich and St. Rosa parishes. **All are welcome!**

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: stcdio/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://stcdio.org/event/the-shepherd-is-calling-2026/>.



Parish News:

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

- Weekday Masses**--in light of Fr. Dan's health, he met with the leadership of the 3 parishes, and it was decided that to aid with his healing it would be best to change the start date of moving all weekday Masses (Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and St. Rose of Lima) to Freeport. This will begin April 7, 2026.
- Forty Cans For Lent** St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus will again be sponsoring the Forty Cans For Lent program. This program donates food items and/or cash to the Melrose Food Shelf. There are totes in each of the three churches in the Tri-Parish where you can place your items or cash. This is a great way for you to make a difference for those that are in need! The Knights of Columbus would like to Thank You for any donation that you can make! May your Lenten Journey bring you closer to God!

- Healing the Whole Person The 8-Part Group Series** Video Series by Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. Come experience 8 talks, community reflections, and healing and restoration. If you have any questions about the retreats, contact Janice at 320-640-7623 or at healing@spiritandsaints.org. Registration can also be done at: <https://forms.gle/NZkuqkG6xUnXy4mw7>.
- Little Falls** Mondays for 4 weeks (with the possibility of 8 weeks) April 13, 20, 27 and May 4 starting at 7:00 pm at John Paul II Center, 108 3rd St NW, Little Falls. Register by Friday, April 3 so workbooks can be ordered \$20/person.
- Holdingford** 3 day weekend retreat April 17-19 (all 8 videos) Friday 3:00 - 8:30 pm, Saturday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm at the Gathering Barn, 35204 County Road 155, Avon. Register by Wednesday, April 8 so workbooks can be ordered \$50/person (includes meals).
- St. Cloud** 4 Saturday mornings from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (All 8 videos) April 25, May 2, 16, and 30 at Christ Church Newman Center, 396 1st Ave. S, St. Cloud. Register by Wednesday, April 15 so workbooks can be ordered \$20/person.

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

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

Total.....	\$11,751.00
Regular Adult Offering	9,077.00
Plate/Loose	1,120.00
Designated Funds	1,554.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle



03-01	\$25	Sara Budde, Melrose
03-02	\$25	Louis Van Beck, Elrosa
03-03	\$25	Ronald Loxtercamp, Melrose
03-04	\$25	Anthony & Gladys Meyer, Melrose
03-05	\$25	Rich & Charlene Van Drehle, Melrose
03-06	\$25	Henry Middendorf, Melrose
03-07	\$25	Adeline Silbernick, Sauk Centre



Fellowship... Fellowship... We will be serving cookies and refreshments after Masses on Sunday, March 15. Plan to stay and enjoy! *Due to Golden Ladle Soup Cook Off there will not be cookies and refreshments served after Mass Saturday, March 14 but please join us at the Legion in Melrose for soups, breads and desserts.

Blessed Bakers is a group of bakers that, when called upon, are willing to bake for parish events such as After-Mass Hospitality or other occasions. Funerals are not included in this ministry. People are asked to furnish a few dozen cookies or a pan of bars about three or four times a year. Together we make this world a little sweeter!

- If you are currently part of this ministry, please assist the volunteer coordinator by letting her know whether you are able to provide baked goods for the requested date. Thank you for your cooperation!
- If you would like to become a Blessed Baker, please contact the parish office for more information.

St. Mary's Lector Training Session will be held on Sunday, March 8th after the 9 am Mass and on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm. Lectors, please choose one session or contact Sarah Woeste (256-9516) to set up an alternate time to meet.



FACING THE HORROR OF MY SINS

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Each of us needs to see ourselves in this woman. Our sins fill us with shame. The guilt of our hidden sins weighs us down, leaving us thirsty. If we can identify with this sinful woman, then we can also expect the same depth of compassion from Jesus. Too often, we hide our sins, even from ourselves, justifying our actions, downplaying them, or ignoring them. That is not the path to freedom. Freedom only comes by allowing our Lord to reveal our sins to us, facing them, and encountering God's abundant mercy.

Reflect today on the importance of opening your eyes to see the reality of your sins. Don't run from your past—confront it, understand it, confess it, and receive the living water of mercy. The holier you become, the more clearly you will see even the smallest sins you have committed. That is good. It is necessary if we want to be healed and refreshed by God. Imitate this sinful woman today. God is never ashamed of us. Let the shame and guilt dissipate within God's abundant mercy so that like this woman, you will know that God knows you through and through and loves you despite your sin.

My Lord and Source of Living Water, my soul is often dry and empty. I long for satiation and fulfillment. Please forgive me for trying to fulfill my soul through sin. I repent of my sins and ask You to reveal to me the full depth of those sins. As You do, please give me the grace I need to repent with all my heart so that I can be filled with Your abundant mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

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

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

Total.....	\$5,691.82
Regular Adult Offering	5,155.46
Plate	221.80
Votive	33.00
Building/Maintenance	10.00
School Support	10.00
Bishop's Overseas Appeal	10.00
Church Painting	50.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine	25.00
Easter Flowers	175.00
Rice Bowl	1.56

Parish Events

Su	03/08	1:00 pm	Lenten Book Study - Tri-Parish Office
Mo	03/09		Church Painting Continues
Tu	03/10	2:45 pm	SHS Strings Practice
We	03/11	6:00 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-6
We	03/11	7:00 pm	Festival Chair Meeting
Fr	03/13	7:45 am	Individual Confessions
Fr	03/13		NO Adoration
Su	03/15	8:00 am	Youth Choir Sing at Mass
Su	03/15	9:00 am	Catholic United Financial Meeting
Su	03/15	1:00 pm	Lenten Book Study - Tri-Parish Office

May He Rest in Peace Our parish offers prayers and sympathy to the family of †**David "Dave" Humbert**, who passed away Friday, February 27. His funeral was celebrated at Immaculate Conception, New Munich on Tuesday, March 3.

Repainting Project All the work at this point is taking place from the deck level 25 feet up in the air to the ceiling. Repairs have been made and painting and stenciling have begun.



Quarterly Meeting Catholic United Financial PVT #101 will be holding a quarterly meeting on Sunday, March 15 at 9:00 am in the Sacred Heart Church Basement. Rolls and coffee will be served. All members are invited to join us for a short business meeting followed by discussion of activities for the year. We welcome any new ideas! Hope to see you there.

Prayer Requests...

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

Banns of Matrimony:

- I Sarah Barnard♥James Thomas, 3-28 SR
- II Alyssa Tasto♥Luke Reber, 3-21 SR

For the Sick: Mary Krueger, 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 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.....	\$3,573.92
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,751.92
Plate	396.00
Building/Maintenance	120.00
School Support	50.00
Bishop's Overseas Appeal	20.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine ...	100.00
Holy Land	20.00
Easter	50.00
Easter Flowers	66.00

Parish Events

Su 03/08 10:00 am	Private Event
Su 03/08 1:00 pm	Lenten Book Study - FR
Mo 03/09 9:30 am	Diocesan Meeting
Tu 03/10 9:00 am	Quilting
We 03/11 9:00 am	Quilting
We 03/11 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
Th 03/12 8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Th 03/12 9:00 am	Quilting
Th 03/12 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Fr 03/13 7:00 pm	Communal Confessions
Sa 03/14 3:30 pm	Individual Confessions
Su 03/15 1:00 pm	Lenten Book Study - FR

Elevator and Expansion Update:

The loan to the New Munich Investors is down to \$100,000. The entire project cost was \$1,119,314.31. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to helping get this paid off.

Thank You to the Catholic United Financial Council #42 for their donation to the Faith Formation program and matching grant totaling \$3,000.

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total.....	\$2,884.71
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,354.71
Plate	480.00
Central MN Catholic Magazine ...	50.00

Parish Events

Su 03/08 1:00 pm	Lenten Book Study - FR
Tu 03/10 8:45 am	Stations of the Cross
Tu 03/10 9:00 am	Quilting
Tu 03/10 7:00 pm	Choir Practice
We 03/11 6:00 pm	FF Grades 1-6 - FR
Fr 03/13 7:30 pm	Rosary
Su 03/15 1:00 pm	Lenten Book Study - FR



Quilting has begun in the church basement. All are welcome. Lunch provided. We will likely be quilting well into April.

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$1,254.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	767.00
Plate/Loose	324.00
Cemetery	100.00
Maintenance Fund	50.00
Rice Bowl	3.00
Eastern Europe	10.00

Liturgical Ministries

Sunday, March 15 - 10:00 am

- (S) Stella & Jameson Schoenberg
- (L) Pete LeClaire
- (U) Tyler Bertram & Conrad Gruber
- (EM) (B) Adam Kalthoff
- (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
- (Sacristan) Kathy Welle
- (RL) Marilyn Gruber
- (CC) Doreen Schwieters & Tom Stalboerger
- (HK: March 8 - 21) Jane Bertram, Liz Bertram, & Sherry Bertram



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners!

03/01	\$25	Tony Belle - St. Cloud
03/02	\$25	Sarah Herdering - Melrose
03/03	\$25	Gary Bielejeski - Morehead City, NC
03/04	\$25	Emily Forney - St. Paul
03/05	\$25	Judy Merwin - Freeport
03/06	\$25	Joe Soenneker - Melrose
03/07	\$25	Alice Hoeschen - Freeport



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lenten
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Service



YOU ARE FORGIVEN

Communal Celebration with Individual Confession

- Sunday, March 8—2:00 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
- Friday, March 13—7:00 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*

Individual Confession

- Fridays of Lent—7:45 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*
- Saturdays of Lent—3:30 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*
- Saturdays of Lent—3:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- Saturdays of Lent—4:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*
- Saturday, March 14—9:00 am—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*
- Saturday, March 21—9:00 am—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*
- Saturday, March 28—9:00 am—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*
- Or by appointment; Call Melrose Office 320-256-4207 or Freeport Office 320-836-2143



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

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

Immaculate Conception, New Munich

- Thursday: 7:45 am
- Saturday: 3:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa

- Tuesday: 7:45 am
- 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

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

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

HISPANIC MINISTRY

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$3,889.00
Regular Adult Offering	2,790.00
EFT	850.00
Plate/Loose	84.00
Votives	20.00
Maintenance Fund	125.00
Catholic Magazine	20.00

◆◆◆◆ Weekly Offering ◆◆◆◆

Total	\$7,228.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	6,745.00
Children's	1.00
EFT	140.00
Plate/Loose	174.00
Votives	38.00
School Support	20.00
Rice Bowl	75.00
Eastern Europe	35.00

 **Habr  Adoraci n al Sant simo**
 cada Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.



Liturgical Ministries
Saturday, March 14 - 4:00 pm
 (S) Aubrey Stepan & Emily Stepan
 (L) Julie Kulzer
 (U) Ron Winter & Bob Worms
 (GB) Alan & Sand Niehoff
 (EM) (B) Clarine Beier
 (EM) (C) No Precious Blood
 (HK - March) *Deb Imdieke, Carol Inderrieden, Ronnie Inderrieden, & Bridget Kasper

Liturgical Ministries
Sunday, March 15 - 8:00 am
 (S) Faith Meyer & Grace Meyer
 (L) Missy Illies
 (U) Elmer Meyer & Karl Meyer
 (GB) Martha Meyer & Family
 (EM) Abby Zenzen & Daryl Zenzen
 (HK - March) *Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Cindy Schneider, & Karen Schneider

Parish Finance Meeting will be in the SJSA School Basement on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 pm.

Stewardship as a Way of Life:
"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1
 God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

 **Bake Sale & Bingo** Sunday, March 22, at St. John the Baptist church. Bake Sale immediately following the 8:00 am Mass. Bingo starts at noon - \$15 for 20 games; prizes include turkeys, hams and cash. Lunch starting at 11:00 am included in the cost of Bingo. Raffle drawing: Tickets \$20 each; Grand prize = \$2,000



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

March 8, Sunday
 ◆ Freeport Lions Annual Breakfast held at the Freeport Community Center. Serving from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Adults \$10. Children ages 5-10 \$5. Children ages 5 and under are free. Proceeds go towards Freeport Lions Club community projects.
 ◆ All You Care to Eat Breakfast at Holy Spirit Church 2405 Walden Way St. Cloud, MN. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Adults \$12. Children ages 5-12 \$6. Children 4 and under are free.
March 11, Wednesday
 ◆ March Soup Luncheon 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! Anyone who would like to donate a soup or bread, please contact Ruth Traeger at 320-492-4583.
March 13, Friday
 ◆ Fish Fry at Melrose American Legion Post 101. Serving from 4:30 - 7:30 pm, take outs available. Doors open at 3:00 pm.
 ◆ All You Can Eat Fish Fry at Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 113 Broadway Street W, Rockville. Serving from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Dine-in or Drive-Thru Available. Adults: \$15. Children ages 5-12: \$10. Children ages 4 and under are free. Raffle tickets available during the fish fry. \$10 per ticket. Only 800 sold. \$4,000 in cash prizes!
 ◆ Lenten Fish Fry at Sts. Peter and Paul's Church basement 10495 Golden Spike Road Foley, MN. Serving from 4:00 - 6:30 pm. Drive Thru available. Adults: \$15. Children ages 6-10: \$7. Children 5 and under are free.

◆ Lenten Fish Fry at St. Anthony Parish Center 2410 1st Street N., St. Cloud, MN. Serving from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Take out dinners are also available. Adults: \$15. Children ages 6-12: \$10. Children 5 and under are free. Building has an elevator located in the northwest corner of the building by door #4.
March 15, Sunday
 ◆ Free will Offering Fundraising Breakfast at St. Stephen Church Parish Hall 103 Central Ave S. St. Stephen, MN. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Proceeds will go to Poor Clares Monastery, Sauk Rapids.
 ◆ All You Care to Eat Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish Center 2405 1st St. N., St. Cloud, MN. Serving from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Adults \$12. Children grades 7-12 \$6. Children PreK-6 are free.
 ◆ 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.
 ◆ Holy Spirit Parish's Bouja Fundraiser A healthy, meaty, vegetable stew - ready to serve! \$20 per gallon, \$10 per half gallon. Pre-purchase tickets: Holy Spirit website: spiritandsaints.org, Holy Spirit Parish office: 2405 Walden Way, The Boot Shack: 2221 Roosevelt Rd (the week prior) and The Bouja Shack: 1615 - 11th Ave. S. St. Cloud, Saturday mornings from 7:30 am - 9:00 am prior to each "Bouja Sunday" and "Bouja Sunday" beginning at 7:00 am until sold out. Drive-thru pick-up Bouja Sunday at The Bouja Shack from 8:30 am - 11:00 am. Gift certificates are available at the parish office. For more information call 320-251-3764.

FAITH FORMATION

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa:

Contact Information: faithformation@catholic-centered.org

- **Grades 1-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 11 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Students will meet in their classrooms.
- **Grades 7-10: No Class:** Wednesday, March 11. Next Class will be Wednesday, March 18.

Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove:

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- **First Communion: Next Class:** Sunday, March 8, 10:00 - 11:15 am. St. Mary's Church. Students and parents.
- **Grades 1, 3-6: Next Class:** Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm: Game night at Roseview Manor for those families who have signed up to volunteer at this session.
- **Grades 9/10 - Next Class:** Wednesday, March 11, 7:15 - 8:30 pm. St. Mary's Church. Students and some parents.

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- ♦ **SHS School Board Met** on Thursday, March 5.
 - ♦ Sacred Heart will have **Conferences** the week of March 9 - 12.
 - ♦ **No School** on Friday, March 13 due to conferences.
 - ♦ The **Kindergarten Class** will present their Top 20 program and Superkids Parade on Friday, March 20.
- LOOKING AHEAD:**
- ♦ **Shadow Stations** will be on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, March 26 at 1:30 pm. All are welcome!
 - ♦ **PreK will have a field trip** on Tuesday, March 31.

- ♦ All are invited to the **Living Stations** being presented by St. Mary's School students on Wednesday, March 18, at 1:00 pm in the church.
- ♦ **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for Monday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 26.
- ♦ **No School** Friday, March 27.
- ♦ **During Lent**, families at SMS will collect dollars and coins to donate to four organizations: Melrose Food Shelf, Fr. Newton, Food for Thought, and Simply Love International. If you would like to donate to one of these organizations, please drop your coins off at the parish office or school.

- ♦ **Thank You** to everyone who supported the 35th Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction. The event raised \$69,686.82 for SJSA. A shout out to SJSA parents for their time and effort to make this fundraiser a success. We are grateful to all of you!
- ♦ **SJSA Received a Check** for \$167.75 from aluminum can recycling. The recycling trailer is in the south parking lot of St. John's Church.
- ♦ **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are Thursday, March 12 from 2:45 - 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **No School at SJSA** Friday, March 13.
- ♦ **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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 9 - 15

Tuesday	3-10	after 8:15 am Mass	St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa
Wednesday	3-11	7:30 pm	St. Michael, Spring Hill
Wednesday	3-11	7:30 pm	St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove
Thursday	3-12	after 8:00 am Mass	St. Andrew, Greenwald
Thursday	3-12	after 8:15 am Mass	Immaculate Conception, New Munich
Friday	3-13	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Melrose (Spanish)
Saturday	3-14	4:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose



LIVING STATIONS

Presented by St. Mary's School

Wednesday	3-18	1:00 pm	St. Mary, Melrose
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SHADOW STATIONS

Presented by the 6th Grade Class from Sacred Heart School

Wednesday	3-25	7:00 pm	Sacred Heart School Gymnasium
Thursday	3-26	1:30 pm	Sacred Heart School Gymnasium

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presented by St. John's St. Andrew's School

Tuesday	3-31	1:00 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald
Tuesday	3-31	7:00 pm	St. Andrew, Greenwald



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Journey with Jesus to Calvary St. Francis of Assisi will be performing "Journey with Jesus to Calvary" again this year. The performance lasts about 75 minutes and covers the events from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It's an event you don't want to miss! Performance times are Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 pm. The address for St. Francis of Assisi is 44055 Hwy 238, Freeport.



A Great New Year Resolution is to TAKE time for yourself. Take time now and register for a Lenten Retreat. "Praying for the Prodigal" Lenten retreat will be held Saturday, March 14 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Morris. Speakers include Jason Prigge & Roxane Salonen, the Chaplet to St. Monica, Mass and lunch. Cost: \$30 at the door. Invite your spouse & friends. Mail checks and registration to Cindy Riedner, 306 E. 3rd St., Morris, MN 56267. Make checks payable to St. Cloud DCCW.



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.

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>.



Lenten Series Technology and Our Mental Health Looking Through the Lens of Our Faith Hosted by the St. Francis Xavier Health & Wellness Team in Sartell. Guest Speaker Bethany Tollefson DNP, MSN, RN, PHN. On the evenings of Thursday, March 12, 19, and 26. The evening will begin with the optional soup and sandwich dinner from 5:30 - 6:00 pm and conclude with the speaker from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. All are welcome! Join us for one or all of the nights. Free will offering will be accepted for dinner. St. Francis Xavier gathering space 219 2nd Street S., Sartell, MN. Sign up by calling Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org.

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, March 19 and 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 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



Seminary Visits for young men 10th grade through college. Fr. Doug, the vocations director for the Diocese of St. Cloud, will be making seminary visits. This is a unique opportunity to be immersed in an environment where everyone around you seeks to give their life to Jesus and follow him wherever he leads. On this weekend we pray hard and play hard. It is a good combo! Last date is March 15-17. You can inquire more and sign up on the bottom of our vocations page: <https://stcdio.org/vocations/>.

We are Called to Bring the Love of Christ to the World. We can help you discover how! CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 20-22, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.



Theology Day Can't make it Friday morning? We've got you covered! For the first time ever, Theology Day is coming to Tuesday nights at Emmaus Hall at St. John's University, Colleagueville! Enjoy the same thought-provoking presentations and conversation—now with another opportunity to attend. All sessions are from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Check-in at 6:00 pm. **Christian Hope: Ark, Anchor, and Action** Presenter: Fr. William Orbih, Ph. D. - Tuesday, March 10.

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. The next TEC Retreat is Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15.



The Scriptures This Week

Year A, Weekdays - Cycle II

Mo	Lenten Weekday (<i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i>) 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30
Tu	Lenten Weekday Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
We	Lenten Weekday Dn 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Th	Lenten Weekday Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Fr	Lenten Weekday Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Sa	Lenten Weekday Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent	
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38	

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