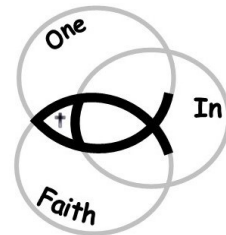


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December 26, 2021

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No Adoration

Sacred Heart - Freeport

Friday, December 31

New Parishioners

Please contact the respective parish office to register.

Leaving Our Parish?

If you are leaving our parishes, please call the respective parish office so we can update our census.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline

Tuesday before 9:00 am

Email announcements to:

bulletin@catholic-centered.org

Confession Times

◆Fridays 7:45 am Sacred Heart

◆Saturdays 3:30 pm Immaculate Conception

◆Or by appointment. Call the respective parish office.

Marriage

Couples are to begin preparation 6-12 months in advance and **must** call Deacon Ernie before setting a date. Diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism

St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Andrew, St. John: Call Deacon Ernie.

Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Rose of Lima: Call Freeport Office.

RCIA

Call Deacon Ernie if you are interested in the RCIA program.

Deacon Ernie Kociemba 320-248-5124

Email: kociemba@meltel.net

ACC MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTION ~ DECEMBER 27, 2021 – JANUARY 2, 2022

ST. MARY - Melrose

Mo 6:30 pm Misa en Español
†Alejo Álvarez
†Maria Luisa Ambriz
Tu 7:30 am †Eddie Blenker
We 7:30 am †Michelle Aman
Th 7:30 am †Thomas Kluempke
Fr 8:30 am **NO MASS**
Sa 5:00 pm †Lynn Ersland
*Su 10:00 am †Herbert Salitros
†Edward Windsperger
Su 12:30 pm Misa en Español
†Gomecindo Botello
†Jovita Becerra

SACRED HEART - Freeport

We 8:15 am †Lori Scherping
Fr 8:15 am **NO MASS**
Su 8:00 am ††Hilda & Joseph Overman

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Th 8:15 am Living/Deceased Catholic
Order of Foresters Members
Sa 4:00 pm **NO MASS**
Su 9:00 am For the People

ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tu 8:15 am †Joyce Kleve Middendorf
Su 10:00 am †Greg Hartung

ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tu 8:00 am †Peter Waldorf
Su 10:00 am †Philip Theiler

ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Th 8:00 am †Dorine Wiebolt
Sa 4:00 pm †Herman Nietfeld

ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

We 8:00 am †Eugene Yarke
Su 8:00 am †Angie Meyer



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

Solemnity of Mary Mass Times, Intentions, & Locations: Please see page 7.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE (M)*Physical Address:* 755 Kraft Drive SE; Melrose, MN 56352**Weekly Contributions**

Total.....	\$64,742.71
Regular Adult Offering.....	20,609.92
Loose.....	890.79
Votive Candles.....	202.00
Support a Child.....	16.00
Phase II.....	13,270.00
Thanksgiving (All).....	10,825.00
Immaculate Conception.....	130.00
Christmas.....	1,475.00
Christmas Flowers.....	435.00
Religious Retirement.....	468.00
Rectory Fund.....	15,750.00
Giving Tree.....	435.00
Initial Offering.....	19.00
St. Cloud Visitor.....	17.00
Emergency Fund.....	200.00

St. Mary's School Endowment.....	\$0.00
Rectory Fund Collected to Date.....	\$62,200.00
Phase II Building	\$27,957.85
Giving Tree Total.....	\$2,670.00

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**Sponsor this week:** *Econ-O-Wash Laundromat & State Farm*

12-19	\$25	Carol & Butch Klaphake - Melrose
12-20	\$25	Rhonda Uphus - Melrose
12-21	\$25	Kevin Sieben - Melrose
12-22	\$50	Gerald Klasen - Prescott
12-23	\$25	Max Kemper - Melrose
12-24	\$25	Doreen Schwieters - Belgrade
12-25	\$350	Tammy Koetter - Melrose

***Died in the hope of Resurrection...*** †Florence Hinnenkamp, 89***Baptized in Christ...*** Grady Arthur Hukriede**Do You Enjoy Taking Notes...** St. Mary's is looking for someone to take minutes at Parish Council meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month and submit to the parish office. Call the Melrose Office if interested.**Stewardship Committee** We are processing the commitment cards. After the first of the year we will be contacting those that have signed up for various ministries. We welcome yet those who have not dropped off their commitment card, and we will process those as we receive them. Again many thanks!! ~The Stewardship Committee**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART - FREEPORT (FR)***Physical Address:* 106 3rd Avenue NE; Freeport, MN 56331 *Church Basement 320-836-2191***◆◆◆◆◆Weekly Stewardship◆◆◆◆◆**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$3,459.31
Plate.....	291.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$3,750.31

Other Donations

Votive.....	\$97.19
Christmas Flowers.....	20.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes.....	10.00
Building/Maintenance.....	100.00
School Support.....	100.00

**Christmas Flower Memorials** Thank you to everyone who made donations for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Much beauty was added to the church this Christmas season. A list of those remembered by the donors can be found in the back of the church.**Parish Events**

Tu 12/28	6:00 pm	NO Bible Study
Tu 12/28	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Tu 12/28	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We 12/29	10:00 am	NO Bible Study
Fr 12/31	7:45 am	NO Individual Confessions
Fr 12/31	9:00 am	NO Adoration

2022 Calendars are available in the back of the church.**Limestone Repair and Maintenance** The limestone and exterior of the church needs upkeep. This spring we hope to begin this project. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this much needed restoration of our 100+ year old church, maintaining what our forefathers gave us for generations to come.**HISTORY OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

The Catholic Church observes many important feasts during the Twelve Days of Christmas. This includes the feasts of Saint Stephen, Saint John the Apostle, the Holy Innocents, and the Holy Family. However, none of these feasts are as important as the one observed on the eighth day of Christmas — the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

In the early centuries, Christmas was originally celebrated on January 6, along with the Feast of the Epiphany. After Christmas started to be celebrated with its own day and feast on December 25, the octave or eighth day of Christmas took on a new meaning. Celebrating the feast of the Mother of God, Mary, on January 1, became a common tradition in the East and most of the West. As this holiday was never officially established by the Church in the universal calendar, celebrating the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus Christ took the place of the Solemnity of Mary on January 1.

When the Novus Ordo was introduced, the liturgical calendar was revised, and the Feast of the Circumcision was sidelined in favor of reviving the ancient practice of the Solemnity of Mary. Thus, January 1 was once again dedicated to the Mother of God, and this time as a universally celebrated feast.

The Church has deemed the Solemnity of Mary a holy day of obligation. This day reminds Christians of the role she played as a Blessed Virgin, which eventually led to their salvation. After all, the birth of Christ wouldn't have been possible without Mary.

Source: [SOLEMNITY OF MARY - January 1, 2022 - National Today](#)

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - NEW MUNICH (NM)*Physical Address:* 650 Main Street; New Munich, MN 56356 *Church Basement 320-837-5217*

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆Weekly Stewardship◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,872.85
Plate.....	128.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,000.85

Other Donations

Building/Maintenance.....	\$97.50
Immaculate Conception Envelopes.....	120.00
Votive.....	116.00
Religious Retirement.....	100.00
Christmas Flowers.....	210.00
Christmas.....	700.00
Thanksgiving.....	450.00



Baby Shower for Jesus The Christian Women of Immaculate Conception will be sponsoring a "Shower for Baby Jesus" during the month of December. There will be a bassinet in the front of the church throughout the Christmas season. Please donate new or like-new items for ages 1 through 4, which will be taken to Options for Women in Sauk Centre after Christmas. Thank you. May you all have a very blessed Christmas.

Winter Raffle Please return your raffle tickets. Unsold/Sold tickets and money can be returned to Worms Lumber, New Munich Gas & Grocery, or the parish office in Freeport by Thursday, December 30. All tickets must be accounted for, consequently, if you cannot sell the ticket(s), please return them as soon as possible. Additional tickets can be picked up at Worms Lumber, New Munich Gas & Grocery, or by calling Richard Sand at 320-250-2357. The drawing will be held on January 8, 2022 following the 4:00 pm Mass.

Parish Events

Tu 12/28	6:00 pm	NO Bible Study - FR
Tu 12/28	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting - SR
We 12/29	10:00 am	NO Bible Study - FR
Sa 01/01	3:30 pm	NO Individual Confessions



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Catholic United Financial Calendar Raffle Winners:

12/1	\$40	Pam Broughton
12/2	\$40	Megan Strand Preston
12/3	\$40	Janet Fuechtmann
12/4	\$40	Jean Hopper
12/5	\$100	Dan Schultzenberg
12/6	\$40	Laura Hoppe (Jim)
12/7	\$40	Missy Stanley
12/8	\$100	Eric Schwieters
12/9	\$40	Jess Solum
12/10	\$40	Amanda Maus
12/11	\$40	Bud Ostendorf
12/12	\$100	Tom Neal
12/13	\$40	Tatum Holdvogt
12/14	\$40	Tanya Christenson
12/15	\$40	Joyce Schulzenberg
12/16	\$40	Sheila Humbert
12/17	\$40	Phil Poepping
12/18	\$40	Tim Thielen
12/19	\$100	Lori Sand

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

◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆Weekly Stewardship◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,737.69
Plate.....	1,207.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$2,994.69

Other Donations

Christmas Flowers.....	\$45.00
Thanksgiving.....	100.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	100.00

Parish Events

Tu 12/28	6:00 pm	NO Bible Study - FR
Tu 12/28	7:10 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tu 12/28	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
We 12/29	10:00 pm	NO Bible Study - FR
Fr 12/31	7:30 pm	NO Rosary



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Jesus have mercy on us
Holy Mother of God pray for us
St. Joseph protect us



Jesus, Mary, and Joseph save us

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL - SPRING HILL (SH)*Physical Address:* 102 St. Michael Avenue N; Spring Hill, MN 56352 *Church Basement 320-987-3405***Weekly Contributions**

Total.....	\$4,535.35
Regular Adult Offering.....	474.00
Children.....	5.00
Plate/Loose.....	36.00
Cemetery Fund.....	70.00
Fuel Fund.....	176.00
Spring Hill Rec - Fuel Fund.....	1,000.00
Gravity Box - Grain.....	1,014.35
Thanksgiving.....	200.00
Christmas.....	260.00
Immaculate Conception.....	20.00
Religious Retirement.....	30.00
Donation.....	1,000.00
Stole Fee.....	250.00



Thank you to the Spring Hill Rec Club for their donation to the Fuel Fund.

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, January 1 - 9:00 am

(S) Celia Shoenberg & Gabby Schoenberg (L) Katherine Orbeck
 (U) Volunteers (EU) (B) Allen Lieser
 (Sacristan) Lisa Feldewerd (RL) Marilyn Gruber
 (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, January 2 - 10:00 am

(S) Paige Gruber & Devin Orbeck (L) Gary P. Lieser
 (U) Melvin Kalthoff & Jim Klassen
 (EU) (B) Darlene Schoenberg
 (Sacristan) Ruth Heinen
 (RL) Kathy Welle
 (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff
 (HK - Dec. 26-Jan.2) Rhonda Sunderman, Bre Terres, & Brenda Terres

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW - GREENWALD (GW)*Physical Address:* 211 W 2nd Avenue N; Greenwald, MN 56335 *Church Basement 320-987-3160***Weekly Contributions**

Total.....	\$1,013.00
Regular Adult Offering.....	720.00
Plate/Loose.....	20.00
Votives.....	3.00
Immaculate Conception.....	50.00
Christmas Flowers.....	120.00
Organ Donations.....	100.00

Liturgical Ministries Friday, December 31 - 4:00 pm

(S) Zachary Rieland & Taylor Young (L) Peter Van Beck
 (U) Volunteers (GB) Ron & Carol Winter
 (EU) (B) Herman Lensing

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, January 1 - 4:00 pm

(S) Isaiah Gilk & Jackson Gilk (L) Kathy Gilk
 (U) Herman Lensing & Tim Lucken
 (GB) Jon & Laurel Worms
 (EU) (B) Kris Winter
 (HK-January) *Patricia Murphy, Lorene Meyer, Doris Nathe, Sandy Niehoff, Alma Nietfeld, & Janice Nietfeld

The 31st Annual Steak and Wine Dinner and Auction for SJSA will be February 11 & 12, 2022 at the Greenwald Pub. Tickets are \$30 and will be available soon. Watch future announcements for more information. Live auction will be Saturday, February 12. Online auction with fewer items will run from February 3-10. If you would like to donate to the auction, contact one of the people listed below. The poster deadline is January 4. Steve and Katie Hellickson, auction chairs (320) 491-2849, Adam and Jenny Kalthoff, auction co-chairs (320) 290-1489, Dustin and Asha Gregory, auction co-chairs (320) 333-6277.



St. Andrew's Parish has purchased a new electric piano/organ for on the choir. If you'd like to donate toward the organ, please put it in an envelope and mark it Electric Piano/Organ. Thank you!

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN - MEIRE GROVE (MG)*Physical Address:* 20 State Highway 4 S; Meire Grove, MN 56352 *Church Basement 320-987-3631***Weekly Contributions**

Total.....	\$4,112.25
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,525.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose.....	90.00
Votives.....	37.00
Fuel Fund.....	245.00
Immaculate Conception.....	10.00
Thanksgiving.....	20.00
Christmas Flowers.....	235.00
Christmas.....	1,450.00
Athletic Club - Christmas.....	500.00

Liturgical Ministries Saturday, January 1 - 9:00 am

(S) Morgan Funk & Paige Funk (L) Kurt Meyer
 (U) Volunteers
 (EU) (B) Jim Leukam & Dan Meyer

Liturgical Ministries Sunday, January 2 - 8:00 am

(S) Luke Meyer & Miranda Meyer (L) Char Meyer
 (U) Andrew Primus & John Primus
 (GB) Nicholas & Kate Kelzer
 (EU) (B) John Nathe & Abby Zenzen
 (HK-January) *Virginia Meyer, Heidi Meyer, Martha Meyer, Rita Meyer, Brenda Nathe, & Virginia Nathe

Team Leader/Raffle Committee Meeting... There will be a meeting of the Team Leaders of St. John's Society, Catholic United Financial, and the Raffle Committee to discuss our fundraisers for 2022 in the church basement immediately after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Please plan to attend if you are an officer/team leader. There will be coffee and muffins served.



Thank you to the Athletic Club for their Christmas Donation.


HISPANIC MINISTRY

Uno en Fe ~ Formación de Fe y Ministerio Juvenil (Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald, Spring Hill)

- **Descansó de Navidad:** 23 de Diciembre, 2021 - 2 Enero de 2022.
- **Solemnidad de María** - 1 de Enero

Misa y Bendición para los Matrimonios por el Obispo Donald Kettler Sábado 29 de Enero a la 1:00 pm en la Iglesia de Santa María de Melrose.

Padre Omar Guanchez y el comité Kinonia en Español te invitan a un **Retiro de Invierno**. Llamado "Jesús vino a Salvarte" Sábado 22 de Enero de 1:00 pm a 8:30 pm. En el Chávez Event Center, 220 1st Ave S. Long Prairie, MN 56347, nos acompañara Mario Alberto Pérez, artista Católico. No te lo pierdas. Para cualquier pregunta llama al 320-335-1981

 **Rosario y Oración** con la comunidad de Oración Santa María los siguientes tres jueves del mes a las 6:30 pm. Dirigida por el Señor Oscar Nolasco. ¡Todos son bien venidos!

Habrá Adoración al Santísimo cada Primer Jueves del Mes a las 6:30 pm.

Jesús ten piedad de nosotros
Santa Madre de Dios ruega por nosotros
San José protégenos



Jesús, María y José sálvanos

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



PASTOR: Fr. Dan Walz **PRINCIPAL:** Kristie Harren
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SHS BOARD: Amy Wilverding, Emily Smith, Nick Shaw,
Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho
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- ♥ We wish to extend a sincere note of thanks and appreciation to everyone for all you do to support Sacred Heart School throughout the school year.
- ♥ **Sacred Heart School Students and Staff** are on Christmas break this week. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3.



Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

12-19	\$25	Kevin & Karen Wensman - Melrose
12-20	\$25	Scott Thelen - New Munich
12-21	\$25	Kevin Welle - Waite Park
12-22	\$25	Kyle Rademacher - Freeport
12-23	\$25	Matthew Rademacher - Freeport
12-24	\$150	Kim Gerads - Rochester
12-25	\$250	Jenny Lieser - St. Joseph



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Autumn Nelson **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Jenn Ellering
Phone: 320-256-4257 www.smsmelrosemn.org

- ♦ **St. Mary's Staff and Students** would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- ♦ **Starting in January SMSS4Kids** will be sold the second weekend of the month in the gathering space of the Church after the 10:00 am Mass.
- ♦ **Thank you** for your participation in collecting socks this Advent season for the Melrose Food Shelf, Eagle's Healing Nest, Place of Hope, and Anna Marie's Alliance.



PASTOR: Fr. Marvin Enneking **PRINCIPAL:** Mary Miller **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Kristen Pattinson
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Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

- **Christmas break** is December 23 - January 2. Classes resume Monday, January 3.
- **Aluminum Can Recycling** The aluminum can recycling trailer for SJSA is in the south parking lot of St. John's Church in Meire Grove. Thank you for recycling with SJSA!
- **Happy New Year!**

FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY

Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa Faith Formation

- **Grades 1-6:** Next Class: Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00 pm - Classroom Lesson. **Note Location Change:** Meet at Sacred Heart Parish Office.
- **Grade 2:** Next Class: Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00 pm. **Note Location Change:** Meet at Sacred Heart Parish Office.
- **Grades 7-9:** Next Class: Wednesday, January 12 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Meet in the body of the church. Bring your bible, notebook, and pen.
- **Grade 10: Confirmation Student and Parent Interviews:** Wednesday, January 5. Please see mailing or contact Chrystal at the office for scheduled time.



Melrose, Spring Hill, Greenwald, Meire Grove Faith Formation

- ♦ **Christmas Break:** December 23, 2021 - January 2, 2022.
- ♦ **Solemnity of Mary** - January 1

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Office Closures The Melrose and Freeport Parish Offices will be closing at 12:00 pm on Friday, December 31.



Bible Study is Cancelled for the next two weeks. It will resume on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, January 12 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Prayer Requests for the Sick At the end of December, the prayer requests for the sick will be cleared out. If you would like to be added back to the prayer list, please email bulletin@catholic-centered.org or call one of the parish offices.

Sacred Heart School is seeking a long-term maternity substitute teacher beginning approximately March 1. A qualified individual must have a Minnesota teacher's license and be strong in his/her Catholic Faith as the position is for 2nd grade and involves preparation for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Contact Mrs. Kristie Harren: email at kharren@shsfreeport.org or call 320-836-2591.

**NOW
HIRING**

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 John 3:1 During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received: being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members, and friends that you love them - every day! Also, pray for those people who are different than you, those who you may not like, or those who go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.



Sacred Heart School Raffle Calendars At the time the bulletin went to print, we had some calendars left to sell. If you're looking for a last minute Christmas gift over the weekend, call Kathy Welle at 320-333-3551 to see if any calendars are still available. The drawing for the year will be held at Sacred Heart School on Tuesday, December 28.

"Amazing Grace" Retreats at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo are held throughout the year. Enhance your faith life with one of the retreats below. For more information or to register, please call 763-682-1394 or visit www.kingshouse.com.

- Men's Silent Retreat January 14-16 (Weekend)
- Men's Silent Retreat January 21-23 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat January 28-30 (Weekend)
- Men's Silent Retreat February 4-6 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat February 25-27 (Weekend)
- Women's Silent Retreat March 1-3 (Lenten Midweek Ash Wednesday)

Christ is born! Our mission is to be His heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. The ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal are at the heart of this mission. They provide assistance, education, and pastoral care to people throughout our diocese. Please consider a gift at 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 life 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.cmttec.org. Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open to both your (age 16+) as well as adults and is located just north of Little Falls.

House Blessings Call the Tri-Parish Office in Freeport if you are interested in having your house blessed by Fr. Dan.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of Advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are February 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and February 18-20, 2022 in Windom, MN. For more information, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.



Do you know God's plan for your marriage? Natural Family Planning is a reliable and trustworthy way to regulate fertility, is easy to learn, and can be a source of unity for couples. A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Sauk Centre on Monday, January 17 at St. Paul's Church or CentraCare Health – Sauk Centre Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Jill and Isaac Uphus at 320-290-8751 or uphus.nfp@gmail.com. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



Prayer for Our New Bishop.... Bishop Donald Kettler turned 75 in November 2019, and according to tradition, submitted his request for retirement. A replacement bishop will be appointed by Pope Francis and may take some time. We pray for Bishop Kettler, for his replacement, and for all involved in the selection process.

Heavenly Father, You sent Jesus to shepherd Your people and the Holy Spirit to make Your people one. Look with favor upon those who will select our new bishop. Give them Your vision and let their judgment be clear. Speak Your will to them. We thank You for our past shepherds and the blessings they have been for the people of this diocese. Lord, send Your Holy Spirit to anoint our new bishop that he may continue the work of renewal in the Church, and unite our parishes, priests, and people in love, truth, and wisdom. Give him a true shepherd's heart like that of Jesus, that he may give strength to the weak, heal the broken hearted, console the lonely, bring back the wandering, and be a power against the evil of our day.

In the powerful name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Knights of Columbus December 2021 Calendar Raffle Winners

12-20	\$20	Brenda Goebel
12-21	\$40	Ashley Herdering
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