



ONE IN FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. ANDREW—GREENWALD, ST. JOHN—MEIRE GROVE,
ST. MARY—MELROSE & ST. MICHAEL—SPRING HILL
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 9, 2018

Parish Council message

● The Parish Council, Church Building Team, Finance Council and St. Mary's School Board are working hard on the Church of St. Mary Parish and St Mary's School projects. As mentioned previously, these include the construction of new parish worship and gathering space facilities and the remodeling of a school locker room space into a catering kitchen along with ongoing and new school maintenance activities.

● The Parish Council is grateful for all of the volunteer work and commitment occurring within our parish including to our school. The SMSB, school families, faculty and staff have done an excellent job in continuing this important part of our parish's mission.

● The Parish Council is grateful to the volunteers who prepare the school gym for Mass each weekend. This behind the scenes work is an example of "us being Christ for each other". THANK YOU (you know who you are:) !!!

We are companions on the journey!

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ONE IN FAITH COMMUNITY MASS SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 10 - 16, 2018

MELROSE—Church of St. Mary

Monday, 6:30 p.m.	Misa en Español
Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.	Intention Jody Wehlage
Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.	†John "Hank" Westerhaus
Thursday, 7:30 a.m.	†Mary Lou Walz
Friday, 8:30 a.m.	†Rueben Zenzen / All School
Saturday, 5 p.m.	†Don Frie
Sunday 8 a.m.	For the People
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	†Victor Detloff / Pine Villa
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	††Norbert & Leona Schaefer
Sunday, 12:30 p.m.	Misa en Español

GREENWALD—Church of St. Andrew

Thursday, 8 a.m.	†Verena Schaefer
Sunday, 8 a.m.	†Perry Meyer

MEIRE GROVE—Church of St. John

Wednesday, 8 a.m.	†Sylvester Nietfeld
Saturday, 4 p.m.	††Clarence & Clara Frieler / bilingual
Guadalupe Celebration	
3 p.m. singing;	
3:30 rosary	
4 p.m. Mass / bilingual	
After Mass: potluck in the church basement	

SPRING HILL—Church of St. Michael

Tuesday, 8 a.m.	† Anton Wegleitner
Thursday, 8 a.m.	††††Elmer Otte, Allen Nathe, John Koopmeiners, Tony Poepping
Friday, 8 a.m.	†Marchelle Athmann Lieser
Sunday, 10 a.m.	†Lisa Schoenberg

Sacrament of Penance - Saturday evening before the 4 p.m. Mass at St. John's, Meire Grove

Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. **St. Mary's School gym.**
 Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. **St. John's, Meire Grove**

CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE

Baptized in Christ

Ariel Elizabeth Klaphake

Servers Schedule

Saturday, 5 p.m.—Jesenia Garcia, Lauren Beuning

Sunday, 8 a.m.—Rylie Frieler, Max Wehlage

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—Connor Anderson, Nathan Welle

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle**Sponsors this week: Freeport State Bank**

12/02 Wif & Bernette Finken, Melrose—\$25

12/03 Jean Zenzen, Melrose—\$25

12/04 Pat Seanger, Melrose—\$25

12/05 Tom & Joni Maleska, Melrose—\$25

12/06 Joe Prodinsky, Melrose—\$25

12/07 Ray Primus, Melrose—\$25

12/08 Ken Wood, Melrose—\$125

Baptism class - Deacon Ernie will be offering a baptism class on December 11, 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's, Greenwald. Pre-registration is required by calling 256-4207.

St. Mary's Mission Society - meet December 11, 10:30 at the Melrose Senior Center.

Healing Hearts Suicide Loss Support Group - meet December 18, 7 p.m., at St. Mary's School

Raffle Calendars - Please help us make this another successful event. Additional calendars are available at the parish office and Melrose offices of the Central MN Credit Union and the Freeport State Bank.

On Liturgy – 'Tis the Season --Chris Calderone

Is decorating on your mind? From houses and yards to cookies and candies, decorating is integral to the Christmas season, and for many it is as spiritual a practice as any prayer service at church. It is no secret that the Church has its own traditions of decorating, which "heightens the awareness of the festive, solemn, or penitential nature of the seasons". (BLS 123) The Advent and Christmas seasons are marvelous examples, as each bring forth their own unique signs and symbols. For long-standing churches, such decorations might maintain their "traditional" location and usage for decades, (the same may be true in our homes!). However, in the context of building a new church, much like moving into a new home, we may be at a loss for where and how to decorate.

We will explore "seasonal decorations" from the perspective of the Church and the perspective of parishes in the coming weeks. The Church has written much about sacred art and furnishings, but in regards to seasonal decorations, we are given more "best practices" than "hard rules". As an example, the Church recommends no specific place for an Advent Wreath within the worship space, just that it be visible to the entire assembly and unobtrusive to the liturgy. (BB 1512) Best practices depend on each church: some find that suspending the wreath from the ceiling accomplishes this best, while others find that a stand works well. The Church also gives little direction on nativity scenes other than barring them from the sanctuary. (BB 1544) Churches that have an adequate gathering space might develop the "best practice" of allowing the assembly to enjoy the nativity scene there. More next week!

Stewardship Church of St. Mary

Total	\$12,675.19
Adult Offering.....	9,400.00
Loose	663.19
Children	1.00
Sponsor a Child	11.00
Religious Retirement	35.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
Catholic Charities	20.00
Thanksgiving.....	2,525.00

St. Mary's School Endowment **\$5,000.00**

Support the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

**St. Mary's School News**

Students at St. Mary's School will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week.

We received a \$30.00 check for Loaves for Learning.

Please continue to collect Box Tops for Education and drop them off at school or in the collection baskets at Church.

St. Mary's Christmas Program! Marit Elliot Performing Arts Center, Melrose Area School, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m

Catered Kitchen: This past week the floor was poured. We will be adding a floor-mounted access door in the boys locker room to access the crawl space with this project. The large roll-up doors may be cut in next week.

Fire Alarm System: We have put in a fire alarm system that will dispatch to 911 if we have a fire in our school. Halos to Melrose Electric for donating the electrical work.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's Catholic School 17th Annual Auction 4 Education, Saturday, March 2nd, at the Melrose American Legion. Any questions please contact the school.

If you have new or gently used cribbage, checker, chess boards or rubix cubes please send or drop them off at St. Mary's School. We are going to be using them before school with the students.

Guatemalan Coffee: Enjoy for yourself or as a gift. This delicious, fresh coffee comes in ground or bean in the varieties of French, Medium, Dark or Decaf. Cost is \$13.

For all One in Faith Community....

Honoring Marriage Day will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud on May 4, for couples celebrating, 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage in 2019. Couples fitting this criterion please call Jean to register at the parish office at 320-256-4207.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW GREENWALD

Stewardship Church of St. Andrew

Total	\$1,682.00
Reg. Adult Offering	1056.00
Children	5.00
Plate/Loose	60.00
Votives	20.00
School Subsidy	100.00
Stole Fee	100.00
Thanksgiving	341.00

Liturgical Ministries – Liturgical Ministries – Sunday, December 16, 8 a.m. – (S) Ryan Young, Taylor Young; (L) Peter VanBeck; (U) Bob Worms, Jon Worms; (GB) Ron & Carol Winter; (EM) (B) Jane Welle

Tuesday, Dec. 11: Parish Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Finance Council meets at 7:00 p.m.

Santa is coming to Greenwald on Saturday, December 8, 1 p.m. in the Rec building.

Treats, prizes & rides. Sponsored by the Greenwald Rec Club. Everyone is invited!



St. John's/St. Andrew's School News

Mark your calendar: SJSA presents the Christmas program Bows of Holly on Thursday, December 20th at 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's Church in Greenwald. All are welcome. Refreshments in the school basement after each performance.

STEAK AND WINE February 16, 2019 at the Greenwald Pub - serving from 5:00-8:30 pm - steak, walleye or grilled chicken breast. Live music by Donny Brang from 5:00-7:30 pm, Live auction starting at 8:30 pm, Dinner tickets are \$25.00 each - available at QPC, the Greenwald Pub, Freeport State Bank (Greenwald location) or by calling the school office at 987-3133. If anyone is interested in donating an auction item, please contact Kate Kelzer at 320-493-2606.

Scrip for sale-SJSA has a variety of Scrip gift cards for sale. We have several \$5 and \$10 cards that make great stocking stuffers! Stop by the school office to check out the available gift cards!

Incentive Programs-Big G Box Tops for Education, Country Hearth Bread Labels, Kwik Trip Milk Caps-Please place items in the collection boxes in back of St. John's, St. Andrew's, and St. Michael's or drop them off at the SJSA office.

Aluminum Cans- Please place your aluminum cans in the recycling trailer in the St. John's Church parking lot.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN MEIRE GROVE

Stewardship—Church of St. John

Total	\$1,664.75
Reg. Adult Offering	890.00
Children	2.00
Plate/Loose	107.75
Votives	40.00
School Subsidy	45.00
Fuel Fund	300.00
Thanksgiving	280.00

Liturgical Ministries –Saturday, December 15, 4 p.m. – (S) Justine Meyer, Luke Meyer; (L) Jim Leukam; (U) Jeron Nathe, John Nathe; (GB) Gary & Irene Marthaler; (EM) (B) John Nathe, Abby Zenzen

We will be having **BINGO on December 27th**, in the Meire Grove church basement along with the raffle drawing. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Please join us for some family fun the Thursday night between Christmas and New Year's.

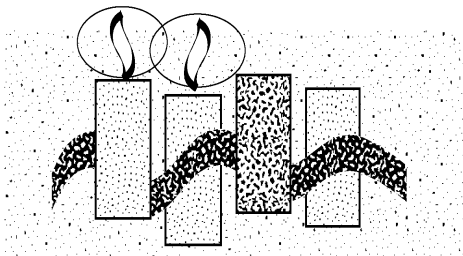
Joint St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Society annual meeting is scheduled for Monday night, December 10th, at 8 pm in the St. John's church basement.

Both societies are in need of a Vice-President and Treasurer. Please consider one of these positions. Come join us for refreshments, door prize drawing and Christmas cheer!

St John's Parish Raffle tickets have been distributed to parishioners. If anyone is interested in a ticket, please contact a parishioner or if you are in need of more tickets, contact Joy Silbernack (987-3210) or Sheri Luetmer (987-3416). Tickets are \$20.00/each. The drawing will be held on Thursday, 12/27/2018 at 8:00 PM in the Meire Grove Church Basement.

Raffle Payout will be: Grand Prize: \$2,000
2nd Prize - \$1,000 3rd & 4th Prize - \$500
5th-7th Prize - \$250 8th-10th Prize - \$100
11th-15th Prize - \$50 Thank you in advance for buying a raffle ticket and supporting our parish!

For Sale: 4 – 48" Graphite basketball backboards with break-away rims. Call 987-2889 if interested.



CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL SPRING HILL

Stewardship Church of St. Michael

Total	\$1,337.00
Reg. Adult Offering	586.00
Plate/Loose	32.00
Votives	59.00
School Subsidy	10.00
School Rent	250.00
Thanksgiving	400.00

Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, December 16, 10 a.m. – (S) Shantel Gruber, Brandon Stalboerger; (L) Lisa Wuertz; (U) Ron Welle, Steve Welle; (EM)(B) Allen Lieser; (RL) Werner & Marilyn Gruber; (CC) Peter Wuertz, Roger Meyer; (HK) Tamara Spanier, Mary Stalboerger, Nancy Stalboerger

St. Mary's Mission Christmas party - Thursday, December 13 @ 6:00 PM Potluck lunch, \$5.00 gift exchange and dues (\$3) will be collected. Hostesses will be Kathleen Meyer, Ruth Moscho, and Bernice Nathe.

Anyone interested in donating a Poinsettia for Christmas, in memory of a loved one to be placed on our altars with the crib, please try to have it at the church by Wednesday, December 19th. Just set them in the baby room. There will be cards and holders on a card table in the baby room to mark your flowers.

We will be shingling the South side of the church this fall. If you would like to donate towards the cost please put your donation in an envelope marked roof shingling and put it in the collection. Thank you !!

YOU ARE INVITED

December 13: Christmas gathering at the Melrose Senior Center. Meal at 5:30. Entertainment to follow by the Slew Foot family. RSVP to the Melrose Senior Center at 256-4278 or May Ann at 256-4435. All are welcome.

December 9th: Empty Stocking Fundraiser – Enjoy an afternoon of paper crafting and socializing at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grey Eagle, from 1-4 pm. A free will donation will be collected with proceeds going to the Grey Eagle/Burtrum Empty Stocking Program.

February 16: SJSA Steak and Wine, Greenwald Pub. Serving steak, walleye and chicken from 5:00-8:30 pm. Live music by Donny Brang. Live auction starting at 8:30 pm.

March 2nd: SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's Catholic School 17th Annual Auction 4 Education will be at the Melrose American Legion. The theme this year is The Great Outdoors!!! Questions please contact school!!!

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