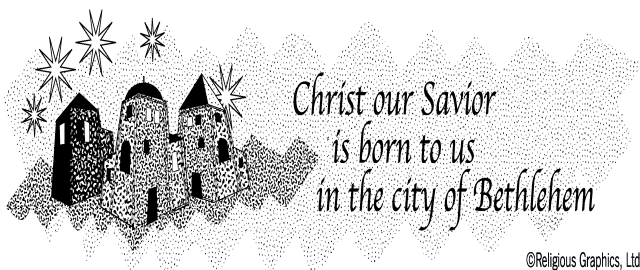




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ST. ANDREW—GREENWALD, ST. JOHN—MEIRE GROVE,
ST. MARY—MELROSE & ST. MICHAEL—SPRING HILL
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 23, 2018

Parish Council message

During this Christmas Season we celebrate the birth of Christ. We are grateful that we are able to share this joyous event together as a parish. We wish all of our parish family a blessed, safe and healthy Christmas!!!



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ONE IN FAITH COMMUNITY MASS SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 24 - 30, 2018

MELROSE—Church of St. Mary

All St. Mary's Parish Christmas Masses will be celebrated at St. John's in Meire Grove

Christmas Eve

3:30 p.m.

4 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

8 a.m.

Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, 5 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

Music & Readings

Christmas Eve Mass

Misa en Español

Christmas Mass

†Virgil Hinnenkamp

†Matthew Meyer

†Roger Engelmeyer

†Leo A. Meyer

For the People

†Don Krebs / **Pine Villa**

†John Braun

Misa en Español

GREENWALD—Church of St. Andrew

Christmas Day

Tuesday, 9 a.m.

Thursday, 8 a.m.

Sunday, 8 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Special Intention for Jody Wehlage

††Ray & Mary Ann Barten

MEIRE GROVE—Church of St. John

Christmas Eve

8:30 p.m.

9 p.m.

Wednesday, 8 a.m.

Saturday, 4 p.m.

Christmas Music begins

†† Sam Schneider & Amy Granby

†Margie Leukam Jones

†Raphael Imdieke

SPRING HILL—Church of St. Michael

Christmas Eve

3:20 p.m.

4 p.m.

Thursday, 8 a.m.

Friday, 8 a.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Christmas Music begins

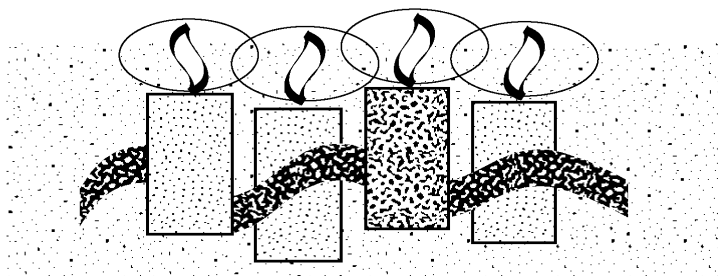
For the People of the Parish

††††Elmer Otte, Allen Nathe,

John Koopmeiners, Tony Poepping

†Virginia Borgerding

†Mike Heinen



CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE

Died in the Hope of Resurrection

Alverna McLanahan, 88.
Yvette Terhaar, 93.
Bernice "Bernie" Wiehoff, 87.

Servers Schedule

Saturday, 5 p.m.—Stacy Timp, Alexis Bauman
Sunday, 8 a.m.—Tom & Judy Kluempke
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—Chloe & Alexa Schaefer

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsors this week: Melrose Main Street Repair, Inc., Munson Feed Company, Inc.

12/16 Linda Meyer, Grey Eagle—\$25
12/17 John & Marie Silbernagel, Melrose—\$25
12/18 Briana & Carl Worms, Melrose—\$25
12/19 Fr. Gabriel Walz, Staples—\$25
12/20 Gabe / Dawn Carrillo, Duluth—\$25
12/21 Dick Koll, Melrose—\$25
12/22 Melvin & Kathy Klasen, Melrose—\$25

The Melrose Knights of Columbus

The next meeting will be held on January 17th in the community room of the Rose View Manor in Melrose. The Knights of Columbus Choir led by Steven Mages will sing for the 8:00 A.M. Mass on December 30th in Melrose. Practice for those singing will be held at 7:15 A.M..

Faith Formation

Thank you to all the teachers and helpers for One in Faith Gatherings, you are special people and your stewardship for your parish does not go unnoticed. God bless all the families coming to Faith Formation and Merry Christmas.

Parish Offices will be closed December 24 and 25. Merry Christmas!

On Liturgy – Signs and Symbols *--Chris Calderone*

Last week we explored some seasonal church symbols that might resonate well with one group of people but perhaps not another. We also recalled how most everyone understands the intent and meaning of a stop sign. Are there "stop signs" in churches; signs and symbols that everyone understands and resonates with? When entering a church for the first time, we may very well stop at one such symbol: the cross.

The cross might be the most universally recognized symbol of the Church, yet it is found in near-infinite shapes, sizes, and styles. The altar is another immediately recognizable symbol. Altars, however, are designed in almost as many ways as there are churches. The Church directs that altars should be made of worthy, solid, and properly constructed material. A "worthy material" might be a variety of natural stone for one community, or wood for another community. The Church also directs that sacred vessels be made of worthy material, but recognizes that materials considered worthy for patens and chalices will differ from region to region around the world. Diversity is encouraged!

Most people would find a cardboard box to be absolutely unworthy of serving as a tabernacle. It begs the question, though: what does make a tabernacle "worthy"? Is it gold? Is it large? Is it accessible? Or is it more of the environment that surrounds the tabernacle? What is worthy?

What signs and symbols point you towards God, who first comes to us not as a mighty king but as an infant lying in a lowly manger? Can God be found even in a straw of hay? As Christmas dawns this week, let us consider how we find God's extraordinary grace even in the ordinary.

Stewardship Church of St. Mary

Total	\$23,859.00
Adult Offering.....	5,477.00
Loose	158.00
New Church	16,000.00
Sponsor a Child	205.00
All Saints	20.00
Children	24.00
Religious Retirement	1,015.00
Immaculate Conception	45.00
Thanksgiving.....	50.00
Christmas.....	865.00

**St. Mary's School News**

The students and staff of St. Mary's School wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We are looking for someone who would like to volunteer to make the school 3 sets of angel wings. Contact the school if interested 256-4257.

We are looking for a volunteer to help with lunch on Wednesdays from 11:45-12:30. The volunteer would be responsible for helping to serve lunch and wash tables after lunch. If interested please call the school. 256-4257

Save the date for St. Mary's Catholic Schools Week Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019 at the Melrose American Legion. All are welcome!

Mark your calendar: March 2, 2018 Auction for Education

Raffle Calendars - If you have not returned your Raffle Calendars, there is still time to do so. Additional calendars are available at the parish office and Melrose offices of the Central MN Credit Union and the Freeport State Bank. All Raffle Calendars need to be returned by December 30th to be eligible for the drawing on December 31st. Please help us make this another successful event.

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.

Bulletin Advertising: There are still spots open on the back of the bulletin. If interested please call Sheryl at the Melrose parish office, 256-4207. \$225 buys the you the spot for the year.

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.

AVE, MARIA
gratia plena
Dominus tecum

Hail, Mary
full of grace
the Lord is with thee

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW GREENWALD

Stewardship Church of St. Andrew

Total	\$2,090.75
Reg. Adult Offering	1,585.00
Children	7.00
Plate/Loose	214.75
Votives	14.00
Immaculate Conception	120.00
Fuel Donation	40.00
Christmas Flowers	75.00
Retirement Fund	35.00

Liturgical Ministries – Tuesday, December 25, 9 a.m. – (S) Tommy Ahrens, Carter Braun; (L) Mike Barten; (U) David Bertram, Gary Bertram; (GB) Jeff & Wanda Ahrens; (EM) (B) Clarine Beier; (W) Herman Lensing, Rita Mehr

Liturgical Ministries – Sunday, December 30, 8 a.m. – (S) Karlyann Boecker, Bella Braun; (L) Herman Lensing; (U) Mike Barten, Dan Boecker; (GB) Jason & Angie Barten; (EM) (B) Dustin Gregory

Anyone wishing to donate toward the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please put envelope in collection with “In Memory Of (name).” Thank you!

Parish Office in Greenwald will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th, and Tuesday, January 1st. Please have bulletin information to the office by Friday, December 28th.

Contribution Boxes for 2019 are available in the back of each of the respective parishes. If any changes need to be made, please call Sheryl at 980-2017.



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

We are looking for nominations for the **Distinguished Graduate Award** to be giving out at Steak and Wine. This is open to anyone who you feel is deserving of this award. Please send nominations to the school or Kate Kelzer at kaelz86@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who recycles their aluminum cans with SJSA. The cans were brought in this past week and SJSA received a check for \$133.20. The recycling trailer is located in the parking lot of St. John's Church, Meire Grove.

SJSA is on Christmas Break Dec. 21 -Jan. 1. School resumes Wed. Jan. 2. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at St. John's - St. Andrew's Catholic School.

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, Greenwald Pub, Freeport State Bank (Greenwald Branch) or call the 987-3133.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN MEIRE GROVE

Stewardship—Church of St. John

Total	\$2,196.76
Reg. Adult Offering	819.50
Children	1.25
Plate/Loose	365.00
Votives	26.01
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Retirement Fund	30.00
Fuel Fund/Athletic Club	500.00
Fuel Fund	320.00
Christmas Flowers	125.00

Liturgical Ministries –Monday, December 24, 9 p.m. – (S) Kaylee Nathe, Payton Nathe; (L) John Brang; (U) Don Schneider, Ken Schneider; (GB) Dean & Karen Meyer; (EM) (B) Karl Meyer, Char Meyer; (W) Elmer Meyer, Sue Meyer

Liturgical Ministers – Saturday, December 29, 4 p.m. – (S) Miranda Meyer, Tyler Nathe; (L) Doug Meyer; (U) Marvin Schneider, Matt Silbernack; (GB) Elmer & Virginia Meyer; (EM) (B) John Nathe, Abby Zenzen

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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.

The drawing will be held on **Thursday, 12/27/2018 at 8:00 PM** in the Meire Grove Church Basement. If you have any questions, please contact Joy Silbernack (987-3210) or Sheri Luetmer (987-3416). Thank you!

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	\$1,898.00
Reg. Adult Offering	452.00
Children	2.00
Plate/Loose	25.00
Votives	114.00
Fuel Fund	1,285.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00

Liturgical Ministries - Monday, December 24, 4 p.m. – (S) Samantha Lieser, Benjamin Welle; (L) Ralph Klassen; (U) Peter Wuertz, Randy Barten; (EM) (B) Kathy Welle; (W) Stan Heinen, Ruth Heinen; (RL) Kathleen Meyer; (CC) Dennis Orbeck, Marvin Rademacher

Sunday, December 30, 10 a.m. – (S) Luke Wuertz, Brooke Wuertz; (L) Pete LeClaire; (U) Pat Bertram, Randy Bertram; (EM)(B) Norb Waldorf; (RL) Werner & Marilyn Gruber; (CC) Dan Schwieters, Tom Stalboerger; (HK) Jenn Tschida, Renee VanDrehle, Julie Waldorf

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YOU ARE INVITED

December 27: Thursday night = Bingo! Please join us for bingo starting at 7:00 pm in the Meire Grove church basement. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Sloppy joes, chips & bars for free-will lunch. Root beer floats for sale. 20 games for \$10.00. Door prizes. Fun!

January 13: Green Grove Rod and Gun club breakfast. Serving 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Greenwald Pub. Serving ham, sausage, fried potatoes, scrambled eggs and sweet bread.

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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