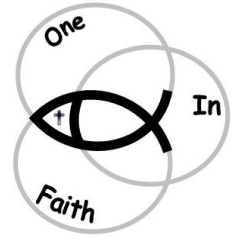


# ONE IN FAITH Area Catholic Community of



**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**



**Fr. Marvin Enneking, Pastor, Fr. Daniel Walz, Pastor, Fr. Arockiya Newton, Parochial Vicar**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 20, 2020**

## Melrose Office:

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**Please see page 7 for the Solemnity of  
Mary Eve and Day Mass schedule.**

## 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

By appointment only. 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

## Christmas Masses

### (Vigil) Thursday, December 24:

4:00 pm—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*  
†Rita Blommel  
4:00 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose* For the People  
4:00 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill* †Werner Gruber  
5:00 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*  
††Ed & Carmella Worms  
6:30 pm—*St. Mary (Spanish), Melrose*  
†Rafael Barragan  
7:00 pm—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*  
†Eileen Schiemann  
9:00 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*  
††Sam Schneider & Amy Granby  
9:00 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose* †Dolores Hiltner

### Friday, December 25:

8:00 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*  
For the People  
8:00 am—*St. Mary, Melrose*  
†Juliana Kettler  
9:00 am—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*  
†Elmer Wolbeck  
9:00 am—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*  
†Perry Meyer  
10:00 am—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*  
††Urban & August Toenies  
10:30 am—*St. Mary, Melrose*  
†Lorraine Tiemann



## ACC MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTION ~ DECEMBER 21-27, 2020

### ST. MARY - Melrose

Monday, 6:30 pm Misa en Español Por la familia Martinez Sanchez  
Tuesday, 7:30 am †Norma Westendorf  
Wednesday, 7:30 am †Ernest Meyer  
Thursday, 7:30 am **NO MASS**  
Friday, 8:30 am **NO MASS**  
Saturday, 5:00 pm †Lucille Mae Moore  
Sunday, 10:00 am †Donald Hinnenkamp/  
For the People  
Sunday, 12:30 pm Misa en Español  
†Eusevio Melchor Neri

### SACRED HEART - Freeport

Wednesday, 8:15 am †Lori Scherping  
Friday, 8:15 am **NO MASS**  
Sunday, 8:00 am For the People

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - New Munich

Thursday, 8:15 am **NO MASS**  
Saturday, 4:00 pm †Kevin Preusser

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA - St. Rosa

Tuesday, 8:15 am †Gerald Arnzen  
Sunday, 10:00 am †Joan Dobmeier Anniversary

### ST. MICHAEL - Spring Hill

Tuesday, 8:00 am †Marge Heinen  
Sunday, 10:00 am †Monica Barten

### ST. ANDREW - Greenwald

Thursday, 8:00 am **NO MASS**  
Saturday, 4:00 pm ††Clarence & Gary Winter

### ST. JOHN - Meire Grove

Wednesday, 8:00 am †Dennis Ritter  
Sunday, 8:00 am †Raphael Imdieke

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

<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$14,379.00</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	7,732.00
Loose.....	232.00
Child Envelopes.....	0.00
New Church (actual funds).....	4,120.00
Christmas.....	580.00
Thanksgiving.....	610.00
Guadalupe.....	154.00
Catholic Charities.....	100.00
Nativity Set.....	150.00
Immaculate Conception.....	180.00
Religious Retirement.....	157.00
Initial Offering.....	12.00
Support a Child.....	65.00
St. Cloud Visitor.....	17.00
Environment Fund.....	270.00
<b>St. Mary's School Endowment.....</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Baptized in Christ:**

Riley Paul Hartung

**Died in the Hope of Resurrection:**

Dolores Hiltner, 87

Adolph Wensmann, 83

Randall Pieper, 67

Anyone wishing to donate toward the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please put an envelope in the collection with "Christmas Flowers – In Memory Of." We will be accepting donations until Sunday, December 20. – Thank you.



The Christian Women of St. Mary's have set up a baby cradle in the Gathering Space and are seeking donations for infants through toddlers. They will be dropped off at the Options for Women in Sauk Centre. Thank you for your generosity.

Anyone interested in taking over the positions of the fraternal secretary, President, Sec. treasurer, Vice President and other offices of the St. Bernard/St. Elizabeth Society of Melrose, please contact Leonard Hinnenkamp 320-256-3538.

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle****Sponsor this week: CAP Enterprises, Insurance Solutions**

12-13	\$25	Tony & Carol Niehaus - Melrose
12-14	\$25	Aaron Grays - St. Louis Park
12-15	\$25	Joe Rueter - Sauk Centre
12-16	\$25	Krista Thull - Maple Grove
12-17	\$25	Maria Maleska - Melrose
12-18	\$25	Frank Maleska - Melrose
12-19	\$25	Rita Ritter - Melrose

**Church of St. Mary Parish Council Message...**

- **"Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."** – Philippians 2:4
- As we continue to gather and worship together, it is very important that we be as safe as possible. It is required for all who enter and are in our worship and gathering spaces and office for *any* reason to comply with the recommendations of the MDH and CDC. **This includes wearing a mask and social distancing.**
- By being safe and respecting others in our community, we are an example of God's love.
- We are grateful that our Church – which is God's house and our home – is an example of our love for one another.
- **"Hearing packs" for sound amplification.**
- There is new technology available in our new worship space for those who need amplification of sound. These "hearing packs" are available to use during Mass. These packs fit in the ear and bring the adjustable sound directly from the microphone to the ear. Please see Morgan, our parish's Director of Music and Liturgy, prior to Mass regarding specifics and instructions.

**Parish Council Message** For now, our beautiful church will be open when the parish office is open, locked when the office is closed. When the season changes, we hope to increase the open hours of the church, even when the parish office may be closed. The Parish Council is exploring options for the security of our church. Some parishes utilize reliable volunteers to lock and unlock their church. Would that work for St. Mary's on the days the parish office is closed? Please prayerfully consider if you might be available for this important ministry in service to our parish. Contact Craig Maus with questions or sign up. Thank you.

**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.....	\$5,087.00	<b><u>Other Donations</u></b>	
Thanksgiving.....	30.00	Votive.....	\$133.75
Christmas.....	410.00	Religious Retirement.....	30.00
Plate.....	1,528.00	Christmas Flowers.....	370.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$7,055.00</b>		

Amount Needed for Budget**...	\$5,399.00	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit)...	1,656.00	
<b>Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$(27,178.11)</b>	

**Parish Events**

We 12/23 10:00 am Bible Study  
Fr 12/25 **NO** Adoration

**Baptized in Christ**

- We welcome **Parker James Dingmann**, the son of Tiffany Dingmann, to our parish. Parker James was baptized on December 8.
- We welcome **Lindy Faith Engelmeyer**, the daughter of Jamie & Amy Engelmeyer, to our parish. Lindy Faith was baptized on December 13.

**Christmas Carols** will be sung 20 minutes prior to Christmas Eve Mass and 10 minutes prior to Christmas Morning Mass.

**Snowblower** A big THANK YOU to Pete Heidgerken for heading up a fundraiser for a snowblower for the skid loader. THANK YOU to all the community members who donated towards this cause. All the funds were raised, and the new snowblower is scheduled to arrive soon.



**Thank you** to the Blommel family for their donation of \$1,000 towards the cemetery fund in memory of Maurus and Rita Blommel.

**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.....	\$2,729.00	<b>Other Donations</b>	
Thanksgiving.....	770.00	Building/Maintenance.....	\$280.00
Christmas.....	225.00	Christmas Flowers.....	240.00
Plate.....	176.00	Cemetery Upkeep.....	250.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$3,990.00</b>	Religious Retirement.....	65.00
Amount Needed for Budget**.....	\$3,404.00	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit).....	496.00		
<b>Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$(26,220.65)</b>		

**Parish Events**

We 12/23 10:00 am Bible Study - FR

**ADVENT 4: Love**

**December Church Cleaners** DeAnna Massmann and Christie Zink. Please contact each other to arrange times to do the cleaning. If you need additional information or any concerns, please contact Linda Schmiesing 320-836-2675, Judy Gaebel, or Elmer Boecker 320-250-0089. Thank you for being "God's Housekeepers" for our church this month!

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

**Christmas Carols** will be sung 10-15 minutes prior to Christmas Eve Mass and 10-15 minutes prior to Christmas Morning Mass.

**Steeple/Roof Repair Fundraiser** Immaculate Conception Church's steeple needs a major repair. The estimate to repair is estimated at \$50,000. So far \$24,695 has been raised towards this fund. There is still a ways to go. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this needy cause.



**Thank You** from Melrose Area Food Shelf! The Christian Women of Immaculate Conception delivered your donation totaling 120 pounds of food with other household products and \$50 in cash donations. Melrose Area Food Shelf gives each one of you a heartfelt thank you for your generous support! We appreciate you!!!

**Catholic United Financial Calendar Raffle Winners:** Congrats to the winners.

12-01 \$40 Darin & Stacy Funk	12-07 \$40 Gerry Holdvogt	12-13 \$100 Tom Wiechmann	12-17 \$40 Roger & Sharon Meyer
12-02 \$40 Austin Rieland	12-08 \$100 Sheila Humbert	12-14 \$40 Naomi Holdvogt	12-18 \$40 Kelly Thielen
12-03 \$40 Steve Sand	12-09 \$40 Ashley Feldewerd	12-15 \$40 Georgine Nathe	12-19 \$40 Dan Frieler
12-04 \$40 Tom Fuechtmann	12-10 \$40 Henry Pohlmann	12-16 \$40 Amanda & Karl Rademacher	12-20 \$100 Dave Ehlet
12-05 \$40 Tim Gaebel	12-11 \$40 Marvin Thielen		
12-06 \$100 Paula Schwieters	12-12 \$40 Maurice Mayers		

**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.....	\$1,690.00	<b>Other Donations</b>	
Thanksgiving.....	100.00	Christmas Flowers.....	\$40.00
Christmas.....	100.00	Votive.....	158.00
Plate.....	78.00	Religious Retirement.....	210.00
<b>Total Weekly Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,968.00</b>		
Amount Needed for Budget**.....	\$1,995.00	<b>Building Project</b>	
This Week's Surplus/(Deficit).....	(27.00)	Total Due + Interest.....	\$14,062.52
<b>Fiscal YTD Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$707.12</b>	**Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks, including Holy Days	

**Parish Events**

Tu 12/22 7:30 pm Choir Practice  
 We 12/23 10:00 am Bible Study - FR  
 We 12/23 7:30 pm Choir Practice



**Christmas Carols** will be sung 15 minutes prior to Christmas Eve Mass and 15 minutes prior to Christmas Morning Mass.

**Melrose Food for Thoughts Program** The St. Rose of Lima Christian Women were unable to host our fundraiser for the Food for Thoughts program. We would like to provide them with a cash donation by the end of the year. Donations can be designated in the collections or sent to Diane Herkenhoff treasurer. Thank you.

**The Christian Women of St. Rose** have set up a bassinet at the church entrance to collect new or like new infant and toddler items to be taken to Options for Women in Sauk Centre after Christmas. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Elevator** The elevator is temporarily out of service at St. Rose of Lima Church. We hope to have this up and running before Christmas. Sorry for any inconveniences this may cause. Watch the Tri Parish Facebook page and your emails for updates.

**Fourth week of Advent:** O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,354.00</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	439.00
Plate/Loose.....	20.00
Fuel Fund.....	2,050.00
Thanksgiving.....	250.00
Fall Fund.....	555.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	10.00
Immaculate Conception.....	60.00

**St. Michael's Parish** is looking for a custodian. Please contact Tony Gruenes if you are interested at 987-3591.

**Church of St. Michael, Spring Hill** will have a Ceremony of Carols beginning at 3:35 pm on 12/24/2020.

**St. Mary's Mission and St. Michael's Men's Society** please put your dues in an envelope marked Mission Dues or Men's Society Dues in the collection basket. Thank you.

**Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, December 27 - 10:00 am**

(L) Katherine Orbeck  
 (U) Nick Waldorf & Bob Welle  
 (RL) Tony & Mary Gruenes  
 (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff  
 (HK-Dec. 13-20) Sharon Schulzetenberg & Doreen Schwieters  
**\*\*Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.\*\***

**Liturgical Ministries - Christmas Eve, December 24 - 4:00 pm**

(L) Ralph Klassen, (U) Steve Welle & Cyril Winter, (RL) Kathleen Meyer, (CC) Stan Heinen & Melvin Kalthoff

**Liturgical Ministries - Solemnity of Mary, December 31 - 8:00 pm**

(L) Pete LeClaire, (U) Hugo Wuertz & Peter Wuertz, (RL) Marilyn Gruber, (CC) Peter Wuertz & Roger Meyer

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

<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,790.25</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	1,560.00
Plate/Loose.....	10.00
Votives.....	9.25
Donation.....	20.00
Immaculate Conception.....	90.00
Christmas Flowers.....	40.00
Thanksgiving.....	31.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	30.00

**SJSA 30th Steak and Wine - February 13** This year's Steak and Wine will look different from years past. Some details of the event are still being planned, but the auction will be online. We are looking for donations; if interested in donating, contact Kate Kelzer at [kakelz86@gmail.com](mailto:kakelz86@gmail.com) or call SJSA school at 987-3133. Quilt chances are also available for \$1.00 each from SJSA parents and at school. Check church bulletins, the school's website, and the SJSA Facebook page for future information about this event.

**Anyone wishing to donate** toward the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please put envelope in collection with "Christmas Flowers - In Memory Of" Thank you.

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

(L) Herman Lensing  
 (U) Jon Worms & Jeff Ahrens  
 (HK-Dec.) \*Rita Frieler, Kathy Gilk, Linda Heinze, Becky Hoffmann, Deb Imdieke, Carol Inderrieden  
**\*\*Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.\*\***

**Liturgical Ministries - Christmas Day, December 25 - 9:00 am**

(L) Linda Wenker  
 (U) Gary Bertram & Dan Boecker

**Liturgical Ministries - Solemnity of Mary, January 1 - 9:00 am**

(L) Peter Van Beck  
 (U) Jim Braun & Paul Buermann

**St. Andrew's Parish** is looking for a volunteer to represent our parish on the ACC committee. Meetings are every 2 months and include 2 members from each of the 7 parishes in the cluster. If you are willing to serve on this committee, please contact Fr. Marv Enneking at: [mgenneking@gmail.com](mailto:mgenneking@gmail.com).

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

<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$15,227.25</b>
Regular Adult Offering.....	2,212.00
Children.....	0.25
Plate/Loose.....	70.00
Votives.....	107.00
Thanksgiving.....	500.00
School Subsidy.....	475.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	80.00
Christmas Flowers.....	150.00
Christmas.....	200.00

**Anyone wishing to donate** toward the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please put envelope in collection with "Christmas Flowers - In Memory Of" Thank you.

**St. John's Parish** is looking for a janitor, and if they have any questions to contact Tom Loxtercamp at 987-3233.

**Liturgical Ministries - Sunday, December 27 - 8:00 am**

(L) Doug Meyer  
 (U) Gene Imdieke, Herb Imdieke, & Jerry Imdieke  
 (HK-Dec.) \*Sharon Imdieke, Ann Brang, Janice Funk, Kathy Illies, Darlene Imdieke, Joni Imdieke  
**\*\*3 ushers needed to cover all doors - be sure to find a replacement if you won't be there.\*\***  
**\*\*Until further notice, there will be no Servers, Gift Bearers, or Eucharistic Ministers at Mass.\*\***

**Liturgical Ministries - Christmas Eve, December 24 - 9:00 pm**

(L) Rita Meyer, (U) Tom Loxtercamp, Dean Meyer, & Doug Meyer

**Liturgical Ministries - Solemnity of Mary, January 1 - 9:00 am**

(L) Karen Meyer, (U) Elmer Meyer, Karl Meyer, & Kurt Meyer

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

**Formación de Fe (Melrose, Meire Grove, Greenwald, Spring Hill)**

**FELIZ NAVIDAD Y FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!**

**Primera Reconciliación/Primera Comunión: Próxima Clase:** Sábado, 9 de enero - más detalles por venir pronto. Estamos esperando las directrices COVID de la Diócesis.

**Grados 1, 3-8, 10:**

- Durante el mes de Diciembre, complete la visita a la iglesia de St. Michael (SH) y su paquete / tarea de nivel de grado para el mes.

**Grado 9**

- **PRÓXIMA CLASE:** 20 de enero a las 7:00 pm a través de Zoom para estudiantes y padres.

**Recordatorio** Debido a las nuevas regulaciones del COVID-19, requerimos el uso de mascarara cuando atendamos a la Misa en la Iglesia.

**El Rosario** en español se rezara los jueves a las 6:30 pm.

**Cualquiera que desee donar Flores de Navidad** en memoria de un ser querido, por favor ponga un sobre en la colecta con "Flores de Navidad - En memoria de". Aceptaremos donaciones hasta el Domingo 20 de Diciembre. - Gracias.

**Mensaje del Consejo Parroquial de la Iglesia de Santa María...**

- **"Todo el mundo debe mirar hacia fuera no sólo por sus propios intereses, sino también por los intereses de los demás."** – Filipenses 2:4
- A medida que continuamos reuniéndonos y adorando juntos, es muy importante que estemos lo más seguros posible. Es necesario para todos los que entran y están en nuestros espacios de culto y reunión y oficina por cualquier razón para cumplir con las recomendaciones del MDH y cdc. **Esto incluye usar una máscara y distanciamiento social.**
- Al estar seguros y respetando a los demás en nuestra comunidad, somos un ejemplo del amor de Dios.
- Estamos agradecidos de que nuestra Iglesia, que es la casa de Dios y nuestro hogar, sea un ejemplo de nuestro amor el uno por el otro.
- **"Paquetes auditivos" para amplificación de sonido.**
- Hay nueva tecnología disponible en nuestro nuevo espacio de adoración para aquellos que necesitan amplificación de sonido. Estos "paquetes auditivos" están disponibles para su uso durante la misa. Estos paquetes caben en el oído y traen el sonido ajustable directamente desde el micrófono al oído. Por favor, consulte a Morgan, director de música y liturgia de nuestra parroquia, antes de la misa sobre detalles e instrucciones.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS



**PASTOR:** Fr. Dan Walz **PRINCIPAL:** Kristie Harren  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Kathy Welle  
**SHS BOARD:** Amy Wilwerding, Emily Smith, Rick Goebel,  
 Jamie Engelmeyer, Tamara Welle, Lisa Moscho  
 Phone: 320-836-2591 Fax: 320-836-2514 www.shsfreeport.org

♥ **Sacred Heart School students and staff** extend wishes for a blessed and peace-filled Christmas Season to all. Our gift to you is a virtual presentation of this year's Christmas Program - "Covid Christmas." Check the school website or Facebook page for the presentation which we hope will bring your hearts to an appreciation of the real meaning of Christmas.

♥ **Last day of classes** before Christmas will be Friday, December 18. Classes resume on Monday, January 4, 2021.



### Sacred Heart School Calendar Raffle Winners

12-13	\$20	Luke Wilwerding - Albany
12-14	\$20	LeRoy Blommel - Grey Eagle
12-15	\$20	Jessica Newbauer - St. Cloud
12-16	\$20	Chad Nord - Blackduck
12-17	\$20	Lori Lemm - Avon
12-18	\$20	Loren Goebel - Freeport
12-19	\$20	Sara Arvig - Grey Eagle



**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. Watch for the SMS Christmas Variety Show on the SMS Facebook page or website this week.

♦ **Starting in January** SMS\$4Kids will be sold the first weekend of the month in the gathering area of the Church.

♦ **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  
**SJSA BOARD:** Janice Funk, Kurt Meyer, Jeron Nathe, Bridget Kasper, Kathy Gilk, Amy Frieler, Kristi Zimmer  
 Phone: 320-987-3133 www.sjsaschool.org

\* **SJSA 5 and 6 Grade Podcast** - Check out the December student podcast on the St. John's - St. Andrew's School Facebook page. This month's podcast includes the 3-6 graders playing "Joy to the World" on the bell chimes.

\* **The 3-6 Graders** received the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Newton on December 10.

\* **Aluminum Can Recycling** - SJSA received a check for \$112.80 for aluminum can recycling. Thank you to all who recycle with SJSA. The recycling can trailer is in the south lot of St. John's Church in Meire Grove.

\* **SJSA Christmas Break** is December 23-January 1. School resumes January 4.

\* **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at SJSA!**

\* **SJSA 30th Steak and Wine - February 13** This year's Steak and Wine will look different from years past. Some details of the event are still being planned, but the auction will be online. We are looking for donations; if interested in donating, contact Kate Kelzer at [kakelz86@gmail.com](mailto:kakelz86@gmail.com) or call SJSA school at 987-3133. Quilt chances are also available for \$1.00 each from SJSA parents and at school. Check church bulletins, the school's website, and the SJSA Facebook page for future information about this event.

## FAITH FORMATION / YOUTH MINISTRY

*Director of Faith Formation:* Amy Hoeschen *Asst. Director of Faith Formation:* Chrystal Sand

## Freeport, New Munich, St. Rosa

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- **Grades 1-6 - Next Class:** Wednesday, January 6 - more details to come soon. We are waiting on COVID guidelines from the Diocese.
- **Grades 7-10 - Classes Suspended** in person until 2021. More details to come soon. We are waiting on COVID guidelines from the Diocese.



## Melrose, Spring Hill, Meire Grove, Greenwald

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- ♥ **First Reconciliation/First Communion: Next Class:** Saturday, January 9 - more details to come soon. We are waiting on COVID guidelines from the Diocese.
- ♥ **Grades 1, 3-8, 10:** During the month of December, complete the St. Michael (SH) church tour and your grade level packet/assignment for the month.
- ♥ **Grade 9: Next Class:** January 20 at 7:00 pm via Zoom for students and parents.



## ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

**Bulletin Deadline Change** Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, all bulletin notices must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, December 21 and Monday, December 28.

**Office Holiday Hours** are as follows:

	December 24	December 25	December 31	January 1
Melrose	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Freeport	Open 9-Noon	Closed	Open 9-Noon	Closed

**Bible Study** Everyone is invited to join us in studying the Gospel of Mark. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. Bring a Bible, pen, and notebook. Childcare is available. Contact the Freeport office by Tuesday at 12:00 pm if you need childcare.

**Updated White Advent Brochures** with confessions opportunities and Mass times are available in the back of all the churches in our ACC.

**Advent Enrichment Materials** are available in the back of all the churches in our ACC.

**House Blessings** If you are interested in having Fr. Dan bless your home, contact the Freeport office to sign up. He is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**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](mailto:bulletin@catholic-centered.org) or call one of the parish offices.

**The Christian Women of St. Mary's** have set up a baby cradle in the Gathering Space and are seeking donations for infants through toddlers. They will be dropped off at the Options for Women in Sauk Centre. Thank you for your generosity.

**Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest** The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph the Worker Council #16455 is sponsoring the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest. Information can be found on the church bulletin boards in Freeport, New Munich, and St. Rosa. You can also contact Richard Sand 320-250-2357. No matter how different our world might be looking right now, one thing is for certain, Christmas is coming, and Christ will always be with us. We encourage all students to participate in this activity to show the true meaning of Christmas! Deadline to submit posters is December 21. Thank You, Grand Knight Richard Sand

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** Candle of Love (purple) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. John 3:16

**The St. Mary's School 19th Annual Auction4Education** will consist of a cash raffle and a virtual auction held on March 6, 2021 with a theme of "Fishing in the Dark." Please contact a SMS parent or the school to purchase a "Catch-N-Cash" \$100 raffle ticket to win a grand prize of \$20,000! We will also be hosting a virtual live auction; see our site for more details or to make a donation: <http://www.bidpal.net/smsmelrose>.



**Sacred Heart School Raffle Calendars & Cash Raffle Tickets** Sacred Heart School Families are selling the Calendars for \$25 and Cash Raffle Tickets for \$100. Both of these sales are an important part of our fundraising budget for the year. The Calendar Raffle ends on Sunday, December 27, but the Cash Raffle Sales will continue through January 22. If you would like to purchase calendars or Cash Raffle tickets for last minute Christmas gifts, call the school office through Tuesday, December 22. After that date, connect with Kathy Welle at 836-2201 or cell 320-333-3551.



**Bishop's Annual Appeal** Blessings to you and those you love on this fourth Sunday of Advent. As we celebrate the birth of our savior, let us remember that even in difficult times there is much to be grateful for, and know that you are being lifted up in prayer. We are the Church together!

**SMSS4Kids** We have a variety of local and national gift cards available to purchase. We will be selling these after Masses at St. Mary's the month of December. We will then sell these after Masses the first weekend of every month. These work great for gifts but also to do your everyday shopping. If you have questions, call the school office at 320-256-4257. We appreciate your support.



**Piano for Sale** - Looking for a piano? Immaculate Conception updated their piano and has their previous piano up for sale. One of the speakers is out, but the piano is still in great condition for someone who is learning to play or practice. If you are interested, please contact Amy at the Tri-Parish office, 320-836-2143.

**Loot for Learning** Merry Christmas! Are you hosting a Christmas or New Year's party? Get all your groceries and supplies with prepaid gift cards through the Loot for Learning program. Gas cards for Schmidt's and Sinclair, as well as Coborn's/CashWise, Teal's Market, Fleet Farm, Walmart/Sam's Club, Uptown Hair Studio, MelBelle's Hair Gallery, Scheels, and more can be purchased at Décor and More or at Sacred Heart School. What a great way to support Sacred Heart School without it costing you any more than you would have spent anyway! Make your purchases mean more with the Loot for Learning program!





## ONE IN FAITH AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS (CONTINUED)

**Public Rosary** will be prayed weekly. We have many intentions to pray for and much to be thankful for. All are invited and welcome!

- Wednesday at 1:00 pm in English in our new church in Melrose.
- Thursday at 6:30 pm in Spanish in our new church in Melrose. There will be no rosary on Christmas Eve.
- Friday at 7:30 pm in English in the Church gathering space in St. Rosa. There will be no rosary on Christmas Day.

**Face Coverings** With regard to public liturgies, the Governor's executive order **requires** that people coming to Mass wear a face covering upon entering the church, during Mass, and when exiting the building. The order grants some exemptions from the mandate, including children ages 5 and under and people who are unable to wear or tolerate a face covering due to medical or mental health conditions or other reasons (Minnesota Department of Health Stay Safe MN Guidance for Gatherings: Faith-based Communities, Places of Worship, and Ceremonies July 28, 2020).



**Virtual Christmas Masses** There are many opportunities for participating in Christmas Mass virtually. The Church of St. Mary, Melrose plans to livestream all four of their English Christmas Masses (Eve and Day). Check the Church of St. Mary, Melrose Facebook page for the links. The Diocese of St. Cloud has recorded a Christmas Mass with Bishop Donald Kettler that will be available online at [www.stcloud.org/TVMass](http://www.stcloud.org/TVMass). This Mass will also air on Community Connection (Arvig) Channel 14 at 9:00 am on Friday, December 25.

**Merry Christmas**

### Sacrament of Confession

#### Individual Celebration:

Tuesday, December 22—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*  
—before & after 8:15 am Mass  
Tuesday, December 22—7:30 pm—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*  
Tuesday, December 22—7:30 pm—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*  
Wednesday, December 23—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*  
—before & after 8:15 am Mass  
Wednesday, December 23—7:30 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*  
Wednesday, December 23—7:30 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*  
Or by appointment, contact the respective office.

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

#### (Vigil) Thursday, December 31:

4:00 pm—*Immaculate Conception, New Munich*  
5:00 pm—*St. Mary, Melrose*  
8:00 pm—*St. Michael, Spring Hill*

#### Friday, January 1:

8:00 am—*Sacred Heart, Freeport*  
8:00 am—*St. Andrew, Greenwald*  
9:00 am—*St. John the Baptist, Meire Grove*  
10:00 am—*St. Rose of Lima, St. Rosa*  
6:30 pm—*St. Mary (Spanish), Melrose*



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### St. Joseph the Worker Council #16455 Calendar Raffle Winners 2020

12-14	\$20	Richard Nienaber
12-15	\$40	Bob Harren
12-16	\$60	Isaac Herkenhoff
12-17	\$20	Chris Atkinson
12-18	\$40	Deacon Rick Scherping
12-19	\$20	Ben Ettle
12-20	\$100	Rick Goebel

### The Scriptures This Week

#### Year B, Weekdays - Cycle I

<b>Mo</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a	Lk 1:39-45
<b>Tu</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
<b>We</b>	Mal 3:1-4,23-24	Lk 1:57-66
<b>Th</b>	<b>Christmas Eve - Vigil</b> Acts 13:16-17,22-25	Is 62:1-5
	<b>Christmas Eve - Night</b> Ti 2:11-14	Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
<b>Fr</b>	<b>Christmas Day - Dawn</b> Ti 3:4-7	Is 9:1-6
	<b>Christmas Day - Day</b> Heb 1:1-6	Lk 2:1-14
<b>Sa</b>	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59	Is 52:7-10
		Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14
<b>Next Sunday—</b>	Sir 3:2-6,12-14	Mt 10:17-22
		Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
	Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3	Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40
		Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19
		Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40

### Prayer Requests...

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

#### May They Rest in Peace:

†Dolores Hiltner, †Adolph Wensmann, †Randall Pieper

#### For the Sick:

Cindy Fleischhacker, Walter & Laura Beuning, Alma Schulte, Laura Hoppe, Gloria Schneider, Judy Ritter, Kristin Kerfeld, Joyce Schmidt, Laura Beuning, Larry Mareck, Arliss Notch, Arlene Amzen, Frances Fischer, Jesse Job, Dorothy Feldewerd, Harold Stangler, Lornie Middendorf, Luci Christanson, Abby Gertken, Larry Gaebel, Nick Hoppe, Walter Beuning, Glen Bueckers, Mary Ann Zierden, Dick Austing, Sue Worms, Joan Schliet, Ashtyn Fiedler

#### Contact Persons for Prayer Line Requests:

- Sacred Heart - Jennie Hiltner.....836-2528
- Immaculate Conception - Bernice Zink.....837-5321
- St. Rose of Lima - Kayla Harren.....333-8461
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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

#### December 31, Thursday

♦St. Stanislaus Church in Sobieski is having a cash/gun raffle at \$5.00 a ticket. Drawing is December 31, 2020 at 6:00 pm, prizes totaling \$6,400. Make checks payable to St. Stanislaus Church, in memo area put "cash/gun raffle." Address: 9406 Church Circle, Little Falls, MN 56345. Lived streamed at [www.triparishcatholiccommunity.org](http://www.triparishcatholiccommunity.org).

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