

ONE IN FAITH COMMUNITY OF

ST. Andrew-Greenwald, St. John-Meire Grove, St. Mary-Melrose & St. Michael-Spring Hill

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 4, 2016

Message from the Steering Committee...

What we know: The items removed from the church after the fire, that had been stored in a Hutchinson warehouse, have been moved back home to Melrose. With the decision to move the contents home, the Parish Council has made the decision to purchase new pews. The existing pews are now owned by the insurance company. Contact Chris O'Hagen for more information at 612-207-2941.

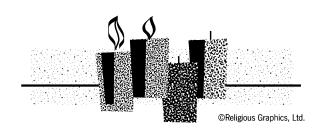
On Friday, Dec. 2 the Steering Committee, Murray, BBC and Ray Primus (a parish trustee) are scheduled to meet with Bishop Kettler. Fr. Marv has told me Bishop Kettler wishes to be involved in our process going forward and offering his assistance to St. Mary's. We will be awaiting Bishop Kettler's suggested direction following this meeting.

I would like to remind the people of the parish to try to keep the rumors at a minimum. I told you from day one that the Steering Committee's job was to prepare and present and that is what we will do under my leadership. Remember no decision has been made at this point in time. We are awaiting our meeting with Bishop Kettler on Friday.

Watch the website for updates.

Your continued prayers for guidance of the Holy Spirit are truly appreciated.

Rick Klaphake, chair of Steering Committee



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ONE IN FAITH COMMUNITY MASS SCHEDULE

DEC. 5 - 11, 2016

MELROSE—Church of St. Mary

MG (Meire Grove); SMS (St. Mary's Gym) Monday, 6:30 p.m. Misa en Español (SMS) Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. †Albert Welters (SMS) Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. †Lois Primus (SMS)

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. †LaVonne Nelson (SMS)/All School

Friday, 7:30 a.m. †Clara Rahn (SMS) Saturday, 5:00 p.m. †Cassidy Kraker (SMS)

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe /

Mass in Spanish (MG)

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. For the People (MG)

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. †Alcuin Kortenbusch (Pine Villa) Sunday, 10:30 a.m. ††Stan & Bernice Schmidt (MG)

Sunday No Misa en Español

GREENWALD—Church of St. Andrew

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, 11 a.m. Dec. relatives of Vivian Bertram/*All School*

Saturday, 8 p.m. †Kurt Nathe

MEIRE GROVE—Church of St. John

Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, 8 p.m. ††Victor & Bertha Schoenberg

Sunday, 8 a.m. †Pauline Imdieke

SPRING HILL—Church of St. Michael

Tuesday, 8 a.m. †Dan Spanier

Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, 8 p.m. †Rev. Joseph Miller Sunday, 10 a.m. †Lisa Schoenberg

Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

Note: Change in location - Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m. and

7:30 p.m. will be at **St. Mary's School Gym** Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at **Greenwald**

The rosary will be prayed before the 8:30 a.m. All-School Mass on Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, for the intention of St. Mary's Parish and the restoration/construction of the church.

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CHURCH OF ST. MARY - MELROSE

Baptized in Christ

Evelyn Ann Hellermann

Died in the Hope of Resurrection

Lou Ann "Lou" Middendorf, 78. Carol Prodinsky, 68.

Kindly remember them in your prayers.

Liturgy

Parish Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the St. Mary's School Music Room.

Musicians for the weekend of Dec. 10/11

5 p.m. - Cantor; 8 a.m. - Meire Grove Musicians;

10:30 a.m. - Celebration Singers

Servers Schedule

Saturday, 5 p.m.—Mason Heidgerken - SMS

Sunday, 8 a.m.—Meire Grove servers - St. John's - MG

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—Ellie Heller - MG

Weekdays, Dec. 6, 7 & 9—Jess Pohlmann, Alexis Baumann, SMS Gym

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle

Sponsors this week: Middy's, Spaeth Sodding & Nursery

11/27 Barb Schwieters, Melrose—\$25

11/28 Ron & Mary Lou Bussmann, Grey Eagle —\$25

11/29 Barbara Tiemann, Ramsey —\$25

11/30 Elaine Kraker, Melrose - \$50

12/01 Jeff & Deb Duclos, Melrose —\$25

12/02 David & Linda Klaphake, Melrose—\$25

12/03 Clarence Wenker, Melrose —\$25

Faith Formation - St. Mary's

Grades 1-6 meet Wednesday as scheduled—after school until 4:05. Grades 7 and 8 (with parents), and grade 11 all meet Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's School.

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets during the 10:30 Mass next Sunday, Dec. 11. Registration is not needed for children ages preschool through 2nd grade to participate in this activity!

St. Bernard/St. Elizabeth Society will serve coffee and rolls after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday, Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

St. Bernard/St. Elizabeth Society Christmas Party - Sunday, Dec. 11, 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Melrose Bowling Alley. Bowling will be free, call Leonard Hinnenkamp at 256-3538 for reservations for bowling by Dec. 4. Lunch will be served. All members young and old are invited.

Christmas Memorial Environment Fund

During the Christmas season, we invite people to remember their loved ones through a monetary gift in their honor for our Christmas flowers/ environment. Though we have encountered difficult circumstances this year, we continue to invite you to remember a loved one in this special way. Monetary contributions to the St. Mary's Christmas Memorial Environment Fund may be placed in the weekend collection or brought to the parish center, and will be used for Christmas flowers/environment at St. John's Church in Meire Grove, and also at our school gym. Envelopes should be marked: St. Mary's Christmas Memorial Environment and include "Given in memory of (name)." Please include your name as the giver also. We remember them in prayer during this Christmas season, and publish a remembrance listing in the bulletin at that time.

Advertisers needed!

Advertisers are needed for the church bulletin. If interested please call the parish office at 256-4207 as soon as possible. Thank you!

Total Regular Adult Offering	\$7,479.02
Immaculate Conception	60.00
Total	. \$7,539.02
Additional Gifts Received	
Loose	1,034.50
Children	28.85
Catholic Charities	370.00
Christmas	500.00
Thanksgiving	6,828.00
Sponsor a Child	

Total additional gifts received\$8,766.35 Budgeted Regular Offering-\$8,654.00

Shortfall YTD (7/01/16-11/27/2016)-\$13,667.33

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.



St. Mary's School News

The Legend of The Christmas King a Christmas Musical for children will be presented by the students of St. Mary's School on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Melrose Public School. In this performance you will journey with the Fourth Wise Man "Artaban" to Bethlehem as he goes in search of the Newborn King of kings. Along the way, Artaban is joined by Mortimer the Angel who helps him on his quest. During their journey, Artaban and Mortimer meet some people in need, Artaban misses the birth of Jesus. Yet, he learns some important Biblical truths on the journey. All are welcome to join us for this

Halos to the Melrose Bowl for allowing each of the classrooms to bowl complimentary during the month of December. This experience is greatly appreciated.

SMS\$ The last day to order your Christmas cash cards is Friday, Dec. 16 with pick up on Thursday, Dec. 22. We will not be processing orders from Thursday, Dec. 17 thru Thursday,

Jan. 3. If you have a Presto Pay account on www.shopwithscrip.com you can still order reloads or ScripNow.

Honoring Marriage Day will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud on Saturday, May 6 at 1 p.m. for couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50 & 60 year anniversaries in 2017. Couples fitting this criterion please call Jean at the parish office at 320-256-4207.

Calendar Raffle - Please help us make this another successful event. Additional calendars are available at the parish offices, Freeport State Bank - Melrose Branch, Central MN Credit Union - Melrose branch and US Bank.

Gold wedding ring found in the girls' locker room at St. Mary's School. Call the school at 256-4257 to claim.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW GREENWALD

Stewardship Church of St. Andrew

Total	\$2,517.50
Reg. Adult Offering	1,102.00
Loose	103.00
Children	19.50
Votives	13.00
Fuel Fund	25.00
Maintenance Fund	20.00
Thanksgiving	1,235.00

Liturgical Ministries - Saturday, Dec. 10, **8 p.m.** – (S) Karlyann Boecker, Tommy Ahrens; (L) Terese Dehmer; (U) Al Inderrieden, Herb Inderrieden; (GB) Jason & Angie Barten; (EM) (b) Rita Mehr, (w) Ralph Van Beck, Linda Van Beck; (God's HK/Dec.) Carol Winter, Lucy Wessel, Bev Winter, Kris Winter, Donna Worms, Laurel Worms.

Santa Claus is coming to Greenwald on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. in the Rec Club Building. Treats – prizes – rides. Sponsored by Greenwald Rec Club. Everyone invited.

St. John's/St. Andrew's School News Please continue to bring your aluminum cans to the recycling trailer in the parking lot of St. John's Church. Thank you to all who donate.

Christmas Flowers – If you would like to donate to the flower fund this Christmas season, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers." Include your name, who the flowers are in memory of and which parish you are donating to. We remember your loved ones in prayer during this Christmas season and publish a remembrance listing in the bulletin at that time.

Faith Formation - St. John's/St. Andrew's Due to the Holy Day of Obligation, Religious Ed is cancelled for Meire Grove/ Greenwald. Mass is at 8 p.m. at Meire Grove.

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation prayer cards with the immigration stories that we have collected are now available. If you would like to bring one home, they can be found at the back of each of the cluster churches and the St. Mary's School gym. Each prayer card has only two of the stories on it. If you would like to read more, there will be a booklet for each church (which will stay in church) in which all of the stories are printed. This booklet will also be near the back of church. Thank you to everyone who shared their story!

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN MEIRE GROVE

Stewardship Church of St. John

Total	\$4,198.00
Reg. Adult Offering	960.00
Loose	177.00
Children	30.00
Votives	26.00
Fuel Fund	500.00
Maintenance Fund	55.00
Capital Improvement	168.00
Thanksgiving	2,282.00

Liturgical Ministries – Sunday, Dec. 11, **8 a.m.** – (S) Braya Meyer, Brooke Meyer; (L) John Brang; (U) Joe Meyer, Karl Meyer; (GB) Daryl & Abby Zenzen; (EM) (b) Karl Meyer, (w) Elmer Meyer; (God's HK/Dec.) Rita Meyer, Virginia Meyer, Brenda Nathe, Virginia Nathe, Geri Primus, Amy Schmiesing.

The St. Mary's Society Annual Meeting and the St. Joseph's Society Annual **Meeting** will be at 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, in the Meire Grove church basement. We will be collecting dues after the 8 p.m. Mass on Dec. 7, and after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Dec. 11.

St. John's Parish Raffle tickets were handed out to Meire Grove parishioners. Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will be held on 12/28/2016 at 8 p.m. in the Meire Grove church basement. There will be a BINGO night with prizes and free lunch at 7 p.m. this same evening. Cost is \$10 for 20 games. If you have any questions or need more tickets, please contact Joy Silbernick (987-3210) or Sheri Luetmer (987-3416).

YOU ARE INVITED

Melrose Senior Center - "500" cards will be played Sunday, Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m. There will be a chicken dinner served on Dec. 15, at 5:30 p.m.. Sign up by calling the City office at 256 -4278.

Holy Family United Catholic Financial of Roscoe - Matching Grant Games party, Sunday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., St. Agnes Church basement. Roscoe. Lunch will be served.

Knights of Columbus, Sauk Centre - Religious Vocations breakfast, Sunday, Dec. 18, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Holy Family School.

Senior Christmas - Wed. Dec. 6, 6 p.m. New Munich City Hall. Sponsored by the New Munich Jaycees

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the New Munich Hofbrau. Sponsored by the New Munich Jaycees.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL **SPRING HILL**

Stewardship Church of St. Michael

Total	\$9,259.75
Reg. Adult Offering	341.00
Loose	65.00
Children	5.00
Bake Sale	578.75
Maintenance Fund	115.00
Thanksgiving	8,155.00

Liturgical Ministries – Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. – (S) Savannah Gruber, Paige Gruber; (L) Pete LeClaire; (U) Steve Welle, Cyril Winter; (EM) (b) Norb Waldorf, (w) Kathy Welle, Stan Heinen; (RL) Gerald & Marlene Lieser; (CC) Stan Heinen, Melvin Kalthoff; (HK) Cyndi Schulzetenberge, Sharon Schulzetenberg, Dorine Schwagel.

Banns of Marriage III:

Brent Terres & Maggie Niemi

Spring Hill Parish Council meets Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. The Finance Council meets at 7:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Catholic United Financial **Christmas party** will be held Sunday. Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. in the Spring Hill Church basement. All are invited. Kids games/crafts and maybe Santa too!! It is the Annual Meeting for all members and potluck lunch around 3 p.m. See you there!

St. Mary's Mission Christmas Party -Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Potluck lunch and \$5.00 gift exchange. Hostesses are Ruth Moscho, Dorine Schwagel, Julie Waldorf and Carol Athmann. Annual Membership dues of \$3.00 will be collected.

Annual Giving Tree

In the entrance of our One In Faith churches you will find a giving tree. Please take an ornament and bring the item listed on the back of the ornament to church and place it under the tree. The youth of the parish will bring it to the food shelf. Thank you for your support.



Youth Ministry News

Grades 6-12 are invited to 5th Quarter on Friday, Dec. 16 from 8:30-11 p.m. at St. Mary's School Gym. Open gym, food, music, and more. Free event, bring friends!

Grades 6-8 are invited to the Junior High Youth Rally on Sunday, Jan. 8 at St. John's Prep from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Outdoor and indoor activities, speaker, Mass with Bishop Kettler, and more! Registrations found at Faith Formation, Facebook, and churches, Due Wednesday, Dec. 21 with \$16 fee. Meet at St. Mary's east lot. Lunch provided. Bring food shelf item/s to be entered for prizes!

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