

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
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**Liturgical Ministers – May 12– 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Mike Toelle

**EM:** Mike Toelle, Marlene A. & Keith Haggerty

**Choir & Congregation:** Mary Nigg & Brenda Bartz

**Servers:** Daxtin Miller & Emmett Piechowski

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Kelly & Missy Metz family

**Ushers:** Mike Piechowski & Mike Spindler

**Home Communion –**Marlene A. **Sacristan:** Sue Toelle

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” - John 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

**All are created in the image of God and called to be part of His family. Are you seeking to be part of His family?** Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

**Congratulations on Emma Remily and Carly Huber on making their First Holy Communion today.**

**Our sympathy to the Charles Fiala family. Charles’s funeral was Friday morning here. May he rest in peace.**

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON** ~ No Mass ~  
**TUE** Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~  
**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~  
**THU** Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~Dec’d Sykora family  
**FRI** Mass – 10:00 am TCC  
**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~  
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~  
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ Shirley Metz

**STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Adult \$ 975 Loose \$173 Votive \$10 Ascension \$20

**Confession Schedule:**

7:00 pm on Tuesday in Chokio

**\*No Confessions** on Wednesday in Wheaton

7:00 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

Ron Draper’s Mom, **Inger Draper**, passed on. Her funeral is set for Sat., May 11 @ 11:00am at Danebod Lutheran Church in Tyler.

**Charles Fiala** passed on too. His funeral was last Friday in Browns Valley. May both rest in peace.

From May 22 to May 24, the Diocese of St. Cloud will host the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**, a portion of a national event beginning mid-May where four groups of pilgrims will travel, mostly by foot, from routes beginning in the North, South, East, and West of the country, converging in Indianapolis ahead of the National Eucharistic Congress, slated for July 17-21. The Procession in the Diocese of St. Cloud is part of the Marian Route, which begins on May 17 at the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress in Bemidji and will pass through Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois before meeting the others routes in Indianapolis. Look towards the St. Cloud Diocese website <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/> & our Church bulletin boards for details!



## ***Ave Maria ~ Wheaton***

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**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am**

**Lector:** Paul Thielen

**EM:** Paul Thielen, Paul Frisch, Colleen Violet

**Servers:** Charlie Frisch & Nathan Bedonie

**Ushers:** Jim Coffman & Butch Doll

**Fellowship:** Sam & Kassie Thielen

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sun., May 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Fellowship after 9:30am Mass**

**Sun., May 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Baccalaureate Mass for Seniors**

**Memorial Day Decorations** on graves at St. Peter's and St. Patrick's Cemeteries, can be placed starting on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and will need to be removed on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ave Maria now has a website for our church.

To find it online go to: [avemariawheaton.org](http://avemariawheaton.org)

This is all one word, there are no spaces.

We hope that you find it helpful and interesting as you go through and check out all of the different pages.

We also have a new email address for the church.

It is: [contact@avemariawheaton.org](mailto:contact@avemariawheaton.org)

**TOTUS TUUS** is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of St. Cloud.

From catechetical sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games, and skits ~ your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their faith!

**This will also be our Vacation Bible School for the summer.**

For those students entering grades **K~ 6**

**Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am ~ 2:30pm**

For those students entering grades **7 ~ 12**

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm ~ 9:00pm**

We are also looking for two families to host 2 seminarians or college students who will be facilitating this program.

To register your child/children or to sign up to be a host family ~ please call **Karyn Peterson at 320-808-1129**

Or the **church office at 320-563-4421**,  
if no answer please leave a message.



## **St. Mary's ~ Chokio**

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### **Ministry Schedule, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 12, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's:** Jamie Van Eps & Jerry Heltemes

**Lector:** Paula Baxter

**Ushers:** Bruce Berlinger & Jim Stock

**Servers:** Jade Marty & Jameson Van Eps

**Sacristans:** David Asfeld

### **Spring Schedule:**

**--May 5<sup>th</sup> First Communion Reception for all after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**---May 19<sup>th</sup> Baccalaureate Sunday, 8 a.m.** Seniors are John Kleindl & Gabrielle, "Gabby," Schneider. Reception following of rolls/fruit.

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### **St. Mary's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Calendar Raffle Ticket sales have begun.**

Tickets are available before and after church, in the office, or by calling Becky Draper. Receipted to date is: In excess of \$4860.

**Congratulations to the First Communicants:** Weston Kampmeier, Lillian Marty & Josie Van Eps, who received our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time today! Join them at the reception.

### **Youth Group are selling Mother's Day Flowers again this year.**

Andersons will again supply the pots, \$12 each. Orders will be taken today, May 5<sup>th</sup>, or you can call or text Jenny Gibson at 320-808-1916 with your order. Pots will be available after church, in the hall on May 12<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day.

### **Vacation Bible School will take place July 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, with the program at 7 pm on 7/31. It is free to church members. By May 24<sup>th</sup>, contact Jenny Gibson or Jamie Van Eps to register to attend or to help with VBS. Registration forms will be in the back of church.

**A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** renews the promises you made to each other on your wedding day. Experience an enrichment that will make your good marriage great! The next available weekend nearby is Oct. 12-14, 2024 in Alexandria. Visit [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or call 507-227-8229 to apply

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**Tip: Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God!**  
—By CorrieTen Boom.