

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**~23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time~**

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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Sept 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON** ~ No Mass ~  
**TUE** Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~  
**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~  
**THU** Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~ Kenny Westbrook  
**FRI** Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~  
**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~  
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~  
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ J.A. Piechowski

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Adult #1,425.00 Loose \$380.50 Votive \$33.00  
Maintenance \$25.00 **TOTAL: \$1,963.50**

**Confession Schedule:**

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio  
5:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton  
5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

**Mighty M & M Excavating:** thanks for the great job of cleaning up behind the Browns Valley Rectory!

**Mel's Tournery:** thanks for all who worked so hard to make this event possible & so wonderful this weekend!

**Banns III:** Luke Lampert & Emma Wulff are getting married  
Sat, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> ☐ ☐

**Lawn care:** if pleased with the mowing on Church grounds, now is a great time to purchase the mowers used on site at:

**Hardware Hank, Browns Valley**  
**Kibble Equipment, Wheaton**  
**Tri-County Coop, Wheaton**

*Prayer Circles will be updated. Please let Marlene know if you wish to be added or removed from the list. 605-237-3399*

**Liturgical Ministers – September 14 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Joan Miller

**EM:** Cindy Haggerty, Marlene Appel & Edith Foren

**Choir & Congregation:** Mary Nigg & Michelle Cooley

**Servers:** Emmett Piechowski & Gavin Fryer

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Bill & Ruth Gibson

**Ushers:** Paul Serocki & Bill Gibson

**Home Communion:** Cindy Haggerty

**Sacristan:** Marlene Appel

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** “Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33 When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**Thank you, Bishop Neary and the Sisters who came to St. Anthony's to celebrate Mass and bless our beautiful stained glass windows. God Bless you.**

**Thanks to all the people who prepared, served and cleaned up for the dinner. Your help is much appreciated. The dinner was a huge success.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**No Christian Mothers meeting in September.**

**Parish Council elections are coming up.**

**Oktoberfest will be Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory meeting room to discuss a tuck pointing bid.

## **Ave Maria ~ Wheaton**

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**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lector:** Sam Thielen

**EM:** Sam Thielen, Deb Mucha, Dean Frisch

**Servers:** Marissa Frisch & Michael O'Leary

**Ushers:** Mel Smith & Jeff Peterson

**Fellowship:** Sam & Kassie Thielen

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sun., Sep., 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Church Council Nominations**

**Sun., Sep., 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Fellowship after Mass**

**Wed., Sep., 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Altar Server Training at 6:30pm**

**Sun., Sep., 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Church Council Elections**

### **Prayer List**

Curtis Frisch, Barb Tauber, Carole Schmitz, Gene Stueve,

Shirley Murray Peyton, Carrie Frisch, Connie Grimes,

Kaye LeCuyer, Darlys Forcier, Mary & Willy Rinke,

Shirley Montonye, Greta Frisch, Wally & Cleo Hennen,

All of our military who are deployed

**St. Charles Church in Herman Fall Festival Turkey Dinner**

**Today, September 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00am to 1:00pm**

**Herman Community Center**

**Adults: \$15    Ages 5-10: \$6.00    Ages 4 and Under: Free**

**Nominations** for Parish Council will be held next

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.** Jeff Peterson has served two terms

and we want to thank him for his service to our parish.

If nominated **Dale Przymus** has agreed to run again for council.

### **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Server Training for current and new servers.**

**We will start with a pizza party in the basement at 6:30pm**

**Faith Formation Classes** will begin in **October.**

Please call the office at **563-4421** to register your children.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mel's Open Golf Tournament**

**Today at the Wheaton Country Club**

The tourney will consist of 18 holes and tee off is at 1:00 pm.

**Good Luck to all of our golfers!!**

A pastor decided to not have his Sunday Mass and go golfing.

"See that?" St. Peter said to God, pointing down at the

preacher teeing up at the first hole.

"Yup," said God, smiling. "I'll fix him."

With that, God waved his arm as the preacher teed off. The ball hit a tree, flew straight up in the air, where it was caught by a seagull, which flew a few hundred yards with it before dropping it onto the #1 green, about a yard from the hole. A large toad emerged from the hole, hopped over the ball and nudged it into the hole.

**Hole in one!**

"I thought you were going to punish him?" said St. Peter.

"I just did," said God. "Who is ever going to believe him?"



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

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### **Ministry Schedule, Sunday, September 14, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's:** Bruce Berlinger & David Asfeld

**Lector:** Nancy Leuthard

**Ushers:** Jace Kleindl & Landen Gibson

**Servers:** Mandy Kleindl & Berdine Kleindl

**Sacristan:** John & Mary Lou Berlinger

### **Fall Schedule:**

**--ANNUAL GUILD MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> AFTER MASS: All women of the parish should attend!**

**--Faith Formation begins. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> thru 4/26/26**

**--October 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's Annual Bazaar**

**--October 30<sup>th</sup>, Bloodmobile, St. Mary's Hall**

**Collection for Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza:** \$402 was collected!

**St. Charles Catholic Church Fall Festival is Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 11**

**a.m.-1:00 p.m.:** Served at the Herman Community Center, downtown Herman, Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Take out available. Adults \$15, Ages 5-10 \$6, 4 and under free.

**St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Fall Conference "Pilgrims of Hope" is Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Church of St. Benedict, Avon, MN. 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Discover hope in the midst of chaos and begin living a more authentic Christ-centered life." \$20; \$25 after 9/10. See back door.

**Bazaar Raffle:** Please start thinking about your prize! Call Barb S., with your prize, 324-7114. Tickets will be out in middle of Sept.

**Craft Group has Fall & Halloween Items for sale in the hall:** After Mass on Sundays and Wednesday afternoons. New items added weekly. Come see what we have been up to!

**Parish Council Nominations & Elections:** We will have Parish Council Nominations next Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, and the election on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The first terms of Chandler Erickson and Maureen Gonnerman are expiring. They both are willing to run for a second term, so they can be nominated again.

**Now showing at the Morris Theatre, Friday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>:** **"Light of the World", An Ordinary Boy, An Extraordinary Faith.** Find show times and trailer at the Morris Theatre website. Follows Jesus' life from ministry beginnings through crucifixion, resurrection, as seen through the Apostle John's eyes. Support to keep Christian movies coming to our area!

**Please pick up any 9X13 pans you left in the hall, that are yours!**