

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

~ 4<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday ~

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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Feb 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON** ~ No Mass ~  
**TUE** Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~  
**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~  
**THU** Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~ Andrea Jung Marschall  
**FRI** Mass – 8:30 am Browns Valley ~ Robert Asfeld  
Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~  
**SAT** Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~  
**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~  
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~  
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ Maryann Appel

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$6,520.00 Loose \$170.00 Votive \$39.00  
Chair Lift Maintenance \$50.00 Initial Offering \$10.00  
Maintenance \$50.00 TOTAL: \$6,839.00

**Confession Schedule:**

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

**Diocesan Appeal Kickoff:** is Sun, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

**Bradbury, Darnold, & Diggs:** good luck Sun, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

Move over Taylor, here comes - CARDI  
Why Patriots will win - CARDI

**Hour of POWER:** will be added to the liturgy schedule  
with 7:00 am (Adoration) & 8:00 am (Rosary)  
on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays  
beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> “FULL” week of Lent  
where weekday Mass is celebrated.

Funerals in another location  
will cancel it that day.

Make sense??

Say, Yes.

Yes.

**Liturgical Ministers – February 8 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Bernice Piechowski

**EM:** Bernice Piechowski, Edith Foren & Marlene Appel

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

**Servers:** Ryen Metz & Isabelle Remily

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Chad & Amber Metz family

**Ushers:** Chad Metz & Gerry Heck

**Home Communion:** Bernice Piechowski

**Sacristan:** Sue Toelle

**Stewardship as a Way of Life** “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them & they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

**VALLEY VIEW CEMETERY ASSN MEETING**

The Valley View Cemetery Association of Browns Valley will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, Feb. 2, 2026 in the fellowship hall of the United Meth/Presb. Church. Anyone who has an interest in the upkeep and maintenance of the Valley View Cemetery is welcome to attend. The officers are: Dan Roark – President, Colleen Kuschel – Vice President and Mark Hansen – Secretary Treasurer

Annual statements are ready in the back of church.

Let me know if you have any questions

605-237-3399

**Please pray for our Confirmation students:**

**Rylie Metz, Caden Gibson & Cody Nelson.**

**They will be attending a retreat at Abbey of the Hills on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Assumption Church in Morris, MN at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Patrick Neary.**



**Ave Maria ~ Wheaton**

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**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lector:** Lyla Peterson

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

**Servers:** Charlie Frisch & Badi Morales Saldana

**Ushers:** Rich Frisch & Kevin O'Leary

**Fellowship:** Mel Smith

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Faith Formation 10:30-11:30am**

**Sunday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Fellowship after Mass**

**Wednesday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm**

**The February Mass Ministers Schedule**

is available at all three entrances.

**Prayer List**

Curtis Frisch, Barb Tauber, Carole Schmitz, Gene Stueve, Shirley Murray-Peyton, Carrie Frisch, Connie Grimes, Kaye LeCuyer, Darlys Forcier, Mary & Willie Rinke, Dale Larson, Shirley Montonye, Wally Hennen, Roger & Kathi Schmitz, Carol Marihart, and all of our military who are deployed

**TOTUS TUUS will be held at Ave Maria**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

For all students grades **K ~ 12**

This will be our Vacation Bible School for the summer and it also meets the retreat requirement for the Confirmation students!!

All students from St. Anthony's, St. Mary's and Assumption Churches are invited to join us for the week.

Please call **Karyn Peterson at 320-808-1129** with questions.

**Ave Maria Intercessory Prayer Group** has many requests from our parish families and we thank God for his answers to these prayers. HOW DOES THE PRAYER GROUP WORK? You are to contact one of the two contact people below. The contact people in turn call one member of the prayer group and each member passes along the prayer request to another. If you would like to be a member or want to make a prayer request contact

**Jackie McClernon at 218-770-6964** or

**Barb Tauber at 563-4313.** All requests are confidential.

**Honoring Marriage Day will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sartell, MN.**

Please call the office if you will be celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years of marriage in 2026. The list of couples will be sent to the Diocese and you will receive an invitation for this Mass.



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**Ministry Schedule, Sunday, February 8, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's:** Juanita Staples & Rich Weber

**Lector:** Faith Formation/Rachel Schott

**Ushers:** Brock Marty & John Kleindl

**Servers:** Katlin Gibson & Sydney Gibson

**Sacristan:** Rachel Schott

**Winter Schedule:**

---Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, **Blessing of Throats after 8:00 am Mass.**

---Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, **Ash Wednesday evening, time tbd**

---Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, **Tuesday, Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm**

**DCCW Lenter Retreat:** A great New Year resolution is to TAKE time for yourself. Take time now and register for a Lenten Retreat. The upcoming Lenten Retreat, "Praying for the Prodigal" will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, 9am-3pm, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Morris, MN and includes speakers, Jason Prigge and Roxane Salonen, the Chaplet of St. Monica, Mass, and lunch. Fee is \$25 by March 2 or \$30 at the door. Spouses and friends welcome See posters at back of church.

**Catholic Men's Conference, Walking Together as Brothers, is at St. Johns University, Saturday, Feb. 28, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.** Cost is \$40, or \$35 for groups of 5 or more, or \$10 ages 15-22. Call Jan Zylla, 320-258-7615 or go online to [stcdio.org/event/fcatholic-mens-conference-2026](http://stcdio.org/event/fcatholic-mens-conference-2026). Speaker Craig Gould, Notre Dame Vision.

**Hearts of Mercy, The Bishop's Annual Appeal will launch in Feb.:** There will be a bulletin insert next week with information.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. in Morris.** Lunch will be served.

**Totus Tuus will be held at Ave Maria, July 11-17<sup>th</sup> for grades K-12.** Totus Tuus is Latin for "totally yours." It is a week-long Catholic retreat for youth, given by college students, with lively skits, songs and lessons in the Catholic Faith which inspire youth to love Jesus and strive for holiness. Our youth are invited. Call St. Mary's office or Karyn Peterson, 320-808-1129, if you are interested.

**Faith Formation Sunday Treat Sign-Up:** Is in need of someone to take March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 12<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't provided lunch this year, please take a spot. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, and it doesn't have to be homemade. Kids love all treats! **Would you like to become a member of St. Mary's? it's very simple.** Just call 320-324-2680 or email [stmarych@fedtel.net](mailto:stmarych@fedtel.net). There is just a one-page form to fill out!