

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

~ Easter Sunday ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Apr 21<sup>st</sup> – Apr 27<sup>st</sup>)

**MON** ~ No Mass ~

**TUE** Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~

**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~

**THU** Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~ Gina Jung Thorne

**FRI** Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~

**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~

Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~

Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ Clifford Pederson

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, Apr 13<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$ 1,870 Loose \$284 Votive \$24 Flowers \$175

St. Cloud Visitor \$10 Maintenance \$10 Easter \$25

Confession Schedule:

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio

5:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton

5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

Our heart goes out to **Liela Fridgen** & all who mourn her.

Her funeral arrangements are pending.

**Confessions** will be back at 5:30 pm now w/ Lent over.

**Saints** glowing @ Dumont Bar on Sat, Apr 26<sup>th</sup> (5-10 pm)

**Seed Blessing:** during Mass in each parish on Sun, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Bring a sample of seed in a zip lock or small jar.

**New Sound System** was installed last week in Ave Maria.

So far it has had positive reviews.

A big **Thank You** to all who contributed \$11,000.00 to our \$16,000.00 project! May God bless your generosity!!

Also, a big **Thank You** to everyone who helped put on the

**B.V. Youth Breakfast & Ave Maria Salad Luncheon**

this past week & made both events so wonderful!!

And a big **Thank You** to everyone who made Holy Week such a beautiful week: from musicians, decorators, sacristans, lectors, ushers, to servers! We are so appreciative of you ☐ ☐

Liturgical Ministers – April 27 – 11:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Jeanette Pistorius

**EM:** Jeanette P., Cindy Haggerty & Michelle Cooley

**Choir & Congregation:** David & Julie Metz

**Servers:** Daxtin Miller & Gavin Fryer

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Faith Formation Classes

**Ushers:** Faith Formation Classes

**Home Communion:** Bernice Piechowski

**Sacristan:** Brenda Bartz

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *‘He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’ (Acts 10:38)* We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

**Students are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. There is a box in back of church for the pop tabs. We will no longer be collecting pill bottles in the back.**

The Browns Valley Food Shelf provides food to those in need in Traverse County. Income guidelines are lenient. Food Shelf hours are 1 – 3 p.m. every Tuesday.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be saying the Rosary of the Divine Mercy immediately after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please stay and join us.**

A big thank you to all who helped with the Youth Group Brunch last Sunday. You did a great job. A special thanks to those who organize and put in the extra hours preparing all the delicious food. Your work is truly appreciated.



**St. Mary's ~ Chokio**

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## **Ave Maria ~ Wheaton**

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**First Communion** will be held on **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Our First Communicants are **Ian Camacho Mendoza,**

**Peyton Duhme, Marjorie Lopez Montalvo, and**

**Helen Torres Torres.** Please pray for our young people as they prepare for their First Communion.

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lector:** Linda Larson

**EM:** Armon Karsky, Linda Larson, Marty Lanter

**Servers:** Lyla Peterson & Teddy Peterson

**Ushers:** Jeff Peterson & Ben Peterson

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sun., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> ~ First Holy Communion**

**Sun., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Fellowship will be cake and coffee with our First Communicants ~ Everyone is Welcome!**

**Sun., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> ~ No Faith Formation**

## Prayer List

Curtis Frisch, Barb Tauber, Liela Fridgen,

Carole Schmitz, Shirley Murray Peyton, Gene Stueve,

Mary & Willy Rinke, Shirley Montonye, Carrie Frisch,

Connie Grimes, Mike Sweere, Greta Frisch, Kaye LeCuyer

### **Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

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## Ministry Schedule, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.

**EM's:** Jeri Erickson & Juanita Staples

**Lectors:** Faith Formation Students/Rachel Schott

**Ushers:** Jim Stock & Bruce Berlinger

**Servers:** Hannah Marty & Lillian Marty

**Sacristan:** David Asfeld

## Spring Schedule:

--April 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Bridal Shower for Kendra Kaczynski/Kevin Asfeld, 1:30-3:30 p.m., St. Mary's Hall

--April 27<sup>th</sup>, Last Day of Faith Formation, Classes sing after Mass!

Also, Vivian Heltemes will speak in St. Mary's Hall, 9:15 a.m.

**What happens when we die?** End of life spiritual experiences.

--May 4<sup>th</sup>, Blessing of Seeds & Baptism of Graham Kampmeier

--May 11<sup>th</sup>, First Communion for Kendal & Kimber Baxter

**THANK YOU for the Easter Flowers in memory of:** Fabian, Liz, Peggy, Geri, Lynn & Tom Ritter and Jayne Hacker; Matt & Edna Marty, Steve & Mary Berlinger; Curran & Koch Families; Dennis, Marie, John, Julianne & Mary Marlow and Marian & Frank Weber; Ken & Jeanne Asmus; Quackenbush Family; Justin Heltemes; Ben Schneider, Wally & Liane Raasch; James, Ambrose & Evelyn Schwebach; Norbert & Phyllis Deslauriers and Wyatt Tritz; Marge, Otto & Adrian Karsky, Joe Kleindl, and Bill Kirkey; Bill, Bill & Dorothy Sr and Tony Schott, Eleanor Nickalauson, Herman, Rose, John & Vic Wencel, and Eleanor Carrington; Nick Daly.

## Youth Group will be selling Mother's Day Flowers again this year.

Jenny Gibson will be taking orders at the back of church on 4/27 & 5/4 with delivery on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Cost will probably be \$13/pot.

## JUBILEE PASSPORTS are on the back counters/2025 Year of Hope.

**Blessing of Seeds & Soil:** Bring Ziploc bags or covered jars/containers of seeds and/or soil with your name on them and put them in the wagon at the front of church to be blessed during Mass. Ushers will show you where to put your items to be blessed.

## St. Mary's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Calendar Raffle Ticket Sales Have Begun:

Tickets are available before and after church, in the office, or by calling Mary Koch, 320-808-5475. Received to date: \$2580.

**Hospice Volunteers Desperately Needed in this Area:** To enrich the lives of others during their final journey on this side of heaven. Call Deb at **CentraCare Hospice, 320-231-4433.** Volunteer training in Willmar on May 13 & 15<sup>th</sup>. More information in back!