

March 22nd, 2026

~ 5th Sunday of Lent ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Mar 23rd – Mar 29th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
Stations – 6:00 pm (All Three Parishes)
THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~ Bob Whelan
FRI Mass – 10:00 am Wheaton ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ Kathy Bartz

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, March 15th

Adult \$245.00 Loose \$363.00 Votive \$28.00
Easter Flowers \$50.00 **TOTAL: \$686.00**

Divine Mercy Retreat will be offered on Sat. Apr 11th
Look towards Ave Maria's column for details. Also,
there is a poster on the bulletin board in back of church.

Hour of POWER:

7:00 am Adoration & 8:00 am Rosary
Tues (Chokio), Wed (Wheaton), Thurs (B.V)

Confessions: 5:00 pm

Tues (Chokio), Wed (Wheaton), Thurs (**None this week**)

Extra Confession Opportunities

Sun, Mar 22 @ 4:00pm (Morris)
Wed, Mar 25 @ 7:00pm (Herman)

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29th @ 8:00 am (Chokio)
Palm Sunday, March 29th @ 9:30 am (Wheaton)
Palm Sunday, March 29th @ 11:00 am (Browns Valley)
Holy Thursday, April 2nd @ 7:00 pm (Chokio)
Good Friday, April 3rd @ 3:00 pm (Browns Valley)
Easter Vigil, April 4th @ 8:00 pm (Wheaton)
Easter Sunday, April 5th @ 8:00 am (Chokio)
Easter Sunday, April 5th @ 9:30 am (Wheaton)
Easter Sunday, April 5th @ 11:00 am (Browns Valley)

Liturgical Ministers – March 29 - 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday

Lectors: Paula Boudreaux & Jeanette Pistorius

EM: Mary Nigg, Marlene Appel & Brenda Pederson

Choir & Congregation: Brenda Bartz & Jeanette Pistorius

Servers: Natalie Remily & Rylie Metz

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Rose & Jeff Donnay

Ushers: Bill Gibson & Bob Metz

Home Communion: Edith Foren

Sacristan: Marlene Appel

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Blessings to you on this fifth week of Lent. The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

Stations of the Cross are on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and Adoration and Rosary begins at 700 a.m. on Thursday mornings. No Stations during Holy Week.

Confirmation has been rescheduled for next Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday. Those being Confirmed are Rylie Metz, Cody Nelson and Caden Gibson. The Guild is planning a combined celebration with the 2026 graduates on Sunday, May 3rd with Mass and a dinner in their honor. Graduating seniors include: Dasani Miller, Emilie Metz, Carson Jurgens & Abby Fryer. Crowning of the Blessed Virgin will also take place.

Good Friday Service is April 3rd at 3 p.m. Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12.



Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Palm Sunday, March 29th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Paul Thielen – V and Matt Franzese – N

EM: Armon Karsky, Carol Nelson, Sam Thielen

Servers: Peyton Duhme & Zoe Doschadis

Ushers: Mike Marxen & Lenny Zimmel

Fellowship: Dave & Jackie McClernon

Home Communion: Jackie McClernon

Save The Date

Sunday, Mar 29th ~ Faith Formation 10:30 – 11:30

Meal and Easter Egg Hunt to follow class for the students, please pick up your children at 12:30.

Sunday, Mar 29th ~ Fellowship after Mass

Anyone who would like to donate an **Easter Lily** or **Tulip** in memory of a loved one, please deliver it to the north sacristy beginning on April 1st. If you have any questions or need assistance picking up a plant please contact

Colleen Deal at 320-760-8404. Thank You!

Prayer List

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

The **Living Faith for April – June** and the **April Mass Ministers Schedule** are at all entrances.

~ Divine Mercy Retreat ~

A talk about Divine Mercy Sunday

Given by: Father Peter Anderl

Where: Ave Maria Church in Wheaton

When: Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:30AM: Doors Open

10:00AM – Noon: Talk & Chaplet

Noon – 12:30PM: Lunch will be served

12:30 – 2:00PM: Eucharistic Adoration

12:30 – 2:00PM: Confessions Available

Please join us for this free retreat! All are welcome! Gift Shop will be open from 9:30-10:00AM and again from Noon-2:30PM – offering Divine Mercy Items for a suggested cash donation.

Please call the church office at 320-563-4421 or

Karen at 320-760-4852 with any questions.



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Ministry Schedule, Wed., Mar. 25th, Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m.

President: Fr. John Paul Knopik

Servers: Katlin Gibson & Sydney Gibson

Ministry Schedule, Palm Sunday, March 29th, 8:00 a.m.

EM's: Bruce Berlinger & Juanita Staples

Lector: Paula Baxter & David Asfeld

Ushers: Jeramee Van Eps & Larry Heintzelman

Servers: Jameson Van Eps & Josie Van Eps

Sacristan: Keith & Maria Marty

Winter Schedule:

---April 2nd, Holy Thursday Mass 7 p.m. First communicants and teachers will get their foot washed--Come to sacristy 20 min before Mass. You will process in and sit together.

During the month of March, we'll be collecting donations to the Stevens County Food Shelf. Use the decorated envelopes in basket.

CRS Collection: Thank you for your generous support of **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** (envelope in pack) and for revealing **Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed church last week due to the weather, you can still put your envelope in the collection.

Collection of Old Palms during Lent: If you have old palms you'd like to donate, place them in the vase or basket in the entrance. They will be burnt on Palm Sunday, during Faith Formation.

Donations for Easter Flowers can be put in the collection, in an envelope with the names of whomever you are remembering!

NEEDED: One or two people to take over as Directors of Religious Education. We thank Rachel Schott for her many years of service and understand her need to step down as her girls are adults! Contact Rachel or the office, if you have a heart for this. A job description can be found on the back tables.

Please pick up your Calendar Raffle letter, in the box on the counter behind the pews. Ticket sales will begin before and after church on April 12th, the Sunday after Easter.

Rice Bowls should be turned in next Sunday, Palm Sunday. There will be a basket in the back to put them in.

Spring Mission Rally is April 30th—see flyer on doors.

Grief Camp for Kids is April 25th—see flyer on doors.