

April 27th, 2025

~ Divine Mercy Sunday ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Apr 28th – May 4th)

MON ~ No Mass ~

TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~

WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~

THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~ Janet Kontz Anderson

FRI Mass – 8:30 am Browns Valley ~ Bev Sykora

Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~

SAT Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~

Funeral – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ Brian Agar

Funeral – 2:00 pm Wheaton ~ Liela Fridgen

SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~

Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~

Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ First Communion

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, Apr 20th

Adult \$ 320 Loose \$810.25 Votive \$39 Good Friday \$90
Maintenance \$100 Chair Lift Maintenance \$85 Visitor \$30
Easter Flowers \$50 Easter \$3,205 **TOTAL: \$4,729.25**
Cemetery \$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

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

Seed Blessing: during Mass in each parish on Sun, May 4th.

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

Again, 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 ☐ ☐

Funerals

Pope Francis's was Sat, Apr 26th (Rome)

Brian Agar's Funeral is Sat, May 3rd @ 11:00 am (B.V.)

Liela Fridgen's Funeral is Sat, May 3rd @ 2:00pm (Wheaton)

May all three rest in peace

Liturgical Ministers – May 4 – 11:00 a.m.
First Communion

Lector: Kevin Jurgens

EM: Kevin Jurgens, Michelle Cooley & Carol Hoffman

Choir & Congregation: Mary Nigg & Marlene Appel

Servers: Emilie Metz & Rylie Metz

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Emersyn Homan- Ryhette Metz

Ushers: David Pederson & Bill Appel

Home Communion: Cindy Haggerty

Sacristan: Edith Foren

Stewardship as a Way of Life: “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’”

(John 20:21) Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Ryhette Metz and Emersyn Homan will be making their First Holy Communion next Sunday, May 4th. Please pray for them. Congratulations, girls.

FAITH FORMATION

Today marks the end of the Faith Formation year. We want to give a huge thank you to the coordinators, teachers and substitutes, and especially the kids. Teachers include Chad Metz, Andrea Nelson, Rose Donnay, Kelly Metz, Emilie Metz & Amber Metz. Thanks for your hard work.

First Friday Mass will be here at St. Anthony's at 8:30 a.m. On May 2nd. Brian Agar's funeral is here on Saturday, May 3rd at 11:00 a.m. May he rest in peace.



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St. Mary's ~ Chokio

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First Saturday Mass, May 3, 8:30 a.m., confessions 7:30 a.m.

Ministry Schedule, Sunday, May 4, 8:00 a.m., Blessing of Seeds

EM's: Jamie Van Eps & Jade Marty

Lectors: Nancy Leuthard

Ushers: Keith Marty & Maria Marty

Servers: Otto Kleindl & Mandy Kleindl

Sacristan: John & Mary Lou Berlinger

Spring Schedule:

--April 27th, Last Day of Faith Formation, Classes sing after Mass!

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

--May 4th, Blessing of Seeds & Baptism of Graham Kampmeier

--May 11th, First Communion for Kendal & Kimber Baxter

--May 18th, Baccalaureate for Landen Gibson, Andrew Marty

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 11th. Cost will probably be \$13/pot.

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 17th 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. Receipted to date: \$3080.

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 & 15th. More information in back!

Annual Salad Supper at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Thursday, May 1st, 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Musical Entertainment/ Doug Frisch.

Two Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Events: 1. Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Spring Southwestern Deanery Meeting at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Lake Reno. 9:00 a.m. Mass with Fr. Joe Vanderberg, 10:00 Brunch, Meeting to follow to start planning the 2026 Diocesan Spring Retreat. Need a location, theme, etc. Will learn about the "Source and Summit Tour this year, pilgrims of hope going to different sites. **2. Morning of Reflection, Saturday, May 3rd, at Sacred Heart Church, Glenwood, 8:30-12:30, ages 16 on up.** Reflection time led by Gina Bauer, national speaker, "What does Mary teach us about faith/trust in God?" \$20 includes lunch!

**od's Blessings on you as you receive your
First Holy Communion**

~ Ian Camacho Mendoza ~

~ Peyton Duhme ~

~ Marjorie Lopez Montalvo ~

~ Helen Torres Torres ~

**Please join us after Mass today,
for a cake reception in the basement to
Congratulate all of our First Communicants!!**

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Sunday, May 4th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Lyla Peterson

EM: Carol Nelson, Paul Thielen, Colleen Violet

Servers: Elizabeth Franzese & Ellie Klein

Ushers: Lenny Zimmer & Mike Marxen

Fellowship: Jerry & Avis Grohs

SAVE THE DATE

Sun., May 4th ~ Fellowship after Mass

Sun., May 4th ~ Last Day of Faith Formation

Please pick up your children at the movie theatre at 12:30

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

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