

March 15th, 2026

~ 4th Sunday of Lent ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Mar 16th – Mar 22nd)

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 ~ Pat Westbrook

FRI Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~

SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~

Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~

Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ Jim Jung

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, March 8th

Adult \$1,310.00 Loose \$118.00 Votive \$52.00

Easter Flowers \$65.00 Maintenance \$180.00

TOTAL: \$1,725.00

Jung Family: our heart goes out to you with the loss of **Jim**;

May he finally rest with his daughters - Gina & Laura.

Hour of POWER:

7:00 Adoration & 8:00 am Rosary

Tues (Chokio), Wed (Wheaton), Thurs (B.V)

Confessions: 5:00 pm

Tues (Sorry, none Mar 17), Wed (Wheaton), Thurs (B.V)

Extra Confession Opportunities

Sun, Mar 22 @ 4:00pm (Morris)

Wed, Mar 25 @ 7:00pm (Herman)



Reddick #45 making Nascar history w/ owner Jordan #23

Luck of the Irish??

Liturgical Ministers – March 22 - 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Kevin Jurgens

EM: Kevin Jurgens, Marlene Appel & Michelle Cooley

Choir & Congregation: David & Julie Metz

Servers: Addison Jurgens & Isabelle Remily

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 as we enter this fourth week of Lent. If you have yet to see our 2026 Video, please take a moment to learn more about ministries that form agents of compassion and build the kingdom of God right here in Central Minnesota. <https://youtu.be/lfuRqcZTnDI>

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7 How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

Our sympathy to the Jim Jung family.

Jim passed away last Sunday. His funeral was here Saturday. May he rest in peace.

Stations of the Cross are on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and Adoration and Rosary begins at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings. Fr. J.P will be here on Wednesday.

Congratulations to our 3 Confirmation students: 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.



**FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT**

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Sunday, March 22nd ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Linda Larson

EM: Linda Larson, Marty Lanter, Paul Frisch

Servers: Charlie Frisch & Badi Morales Saldana

Ushers: Rich Frisch & Kevin O'Leary

Fellowship: Paul & Leah Thielen

Home Communion: Fr. John Paul

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, Mar 18th ~ Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Sunday, Mar 22nd ~ No Faith Formation

Sunday, Mar 22nd ~ Fellowship after Mass

Just a reminder to throw away your 2025 box of envelopes because your number has changed, this way another member does not get credit for your donation. 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 Traverse Care Center in Wheaton

Is looking for patient visitors, people who would regularly visit with their patients. It is such a rewarding time for

both the patient and the volunteer. Being able to spend

time with someone during one of the most vulnerable times of their life is extremely humbling and such an honor.

~~ There is not a required number of hours ~~

~~ Training and paperwork are done online ~~

~~ This is a non-medical role ~~

If this sounds like something that you would enjoy doing,

Please reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator

Cami Richter at 973-946-2425

The **Funeral Committee** is looking for people who would like to help with serving the meal and doing dishes. You would not have to work at every funeral, only when you are called and are available to help. If you are interested, please call **Julie Deal** at **563-8449** or the **church office 563-4421 Thank You!!**

You can have a Mass said for a family member or friend who has passed away or is in need of prayers, **each Mass intention is \$10.00.** You can call the office at 563-4421 or stop by.



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Ministry Schedule, Wed., Mar. 18th Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m.

President: Rich Weber

Servers: Zachary Kleindl & Xavier Kleindl

Ministry Schedule, Sunday, March 22nd, 8:00 a.m.

EM's: Ginny Heintzelman & Jeri Erickson

Lector: Paul Daly

Ushers: Andrew Marty & Xavier Kleindl

Servers: Hannah Marty & Lillian Marty

Sacristan: Larry & Ginny Heintzelman

Winter Schedule:

---April 2nd, Holy Thursday Mass 7 p.m. First communicants and teachers will get their foot washed.

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

CRS Collection: This week we take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection** (envelope in pack) to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support 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, weather permitting.

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.

Easter & Spring Crafts for sale in the Hall: Some have reduced prices. Support the hard-working Craft Group.

The \$1000 Matching Grant from Catholic United Financial has been received. This grant is to be used for Faith Formation Expenses, only. Thanks to Barb Spaulding for securing this grant again and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the Bazaar!