

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## February 18, 2018 ~ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### Ministry Schedule for Sunday, Feb. 25 (8:30 a.m.)

EM's: John Berlinger & Jeri Erickson  
Lector: Paula Baxter  
Ushers: Ed Baxter & Brian Marty  
Servers: John & Jace Kleindl  
Sacristans: Keith & Maria Marty  
Music: Choir

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, February 20 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Rose Anne Grossman Bowe

Wednesday, Feb. 21 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

#### Wednesday, February 21: (Chokio)

*Cup of Soup & Fellowship: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.*

*Stations of the Cross: 6:30 p.m.*

(Altar Servers: Landen Gibson & Colton Spaulding)

Thursday, Feb. 22 – 9:00 a.m. (Traverse Care Center)

Friday, Feb. 23 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

Saturday, Feb. 24 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

#### Sunday, February 25 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Charles & Florence Ritter

Sunday, Feb. 25 – 10:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

**RECONCILIATION:** Half an hour before Mass

**Please remember in prayer:** Jeanne Hofland, Rita Schuster, DeLores Eul, Chelsie Leuthardt, Evelyn Schwebach, Joel Rivera, and all who are ill. Please call when a name should be added or removed from the prayer list.

*We extend our sympathies to the family of Liz Ritter. May she share in the joy of Christ's resurrection.*

*We welcome Jack Mikel Van Eps, child of Jeramee & Jamie Van Eps, born January 15, 2018, and Baptized, February 18, 2018.*

**Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**The Faith Formation Classes will meet on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Faith Formation Fellowship Sign-up Sheet** is in the back of Church. Please sign up to bring a snack or serve. Thanks!

**40 Days for Life:** February 14 – March 25. Calendars and Devotionals are in back of Church for you to take.

**Bridges of Hope**, a support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one, will meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the Pedersen Funeral Home. The support group will begin on February 19-20, meeting for six weeks through March 26-27. The content will be the same on Monday and Tuesday each week. For questions or to register, contact Pedersen Funeral Home at 589-3220.

Come join us for a **Cup of Soup and Fellowship** at St. Mary's hall on the following Wednesdays during Lent from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Wednesday, Feb. 21, March 7, & 21). Volunteer groups will serve several kinds of soup, along with crackers and/or bread. The Stations of the Cross will follow from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. There will be a free-will offering for the flooring project. \*On Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Knights of Columbus, Mark Lampert, & Leo Berlinger, will serve. If there are any KC members or others who are willing to help, please call Mark at 320-815-3098.

**The Spirit of Life Catholic Area Faith Community will be hosting Tony Melendez for our Lenten Mission February 24-26.**

The schedule is: Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – 5 p.m. Mass in Graceville; 6 p.m. free-will offering meal; 7 p.m. concert in Graceville. Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. Mass in Madison; 11 a.m. free-will offering meal; 1 p.m. concert in Madison; 7 p.m. concert in Rosen. Monday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. concert in Ortonville. All are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE: The Festival of Forgiveness** will be held at St. Mary, Alexandria on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Take God's mercy to heart. There will be an opportunity to go to confession and participate in other prayer sessions.

**Christian Mothers & Women:** If you are interested in helping Residents with Bingo at Grace Home, Graceville, on Mondays at 2:00 p.m., and serving lunch, please give Sandi Marlow-Weber a call. Thanks!

**Spring craft items** are available to purchase after Church in the Parish Hall. Come and check it out!

**Options for Women Baby Bottle Campaign:** You can drop the filled bottles into the basket in back of Church. Thank you for your support!

**Operation Rice Bowl:** How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** We love you, Bishop Don! We support Catholic schools and youth and adult faith formation within our parishes through the Bishop's Annual Appeal!

### Stewardship Report- Feb. 11, 2018

Weekly budget expenses from 2017-2018

Budget: \$1,634.62. *Thank you for your sacrificial offering*

<b>Adult:</b>	\$1,305.00
<b>Youth:</b>	4.92
<b>Loose:</b>	142.00
<b>New Years:</b>	5.00
<b>Flooring:</b>	20.00
<b>St. Cloud Visitor:</b>	95.00
<b>Energy/Maint:</b>	5.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,576.92</b>

