St. Mary's Catholic Church

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March 11, 2018 ~ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, March 18 (8:30 a.m.)

EM's: Eileen Marquardt & Dean Quackenbush

Lectors: Paul Daly

Ushers: Ron Draper & Jim Stock Servers: John & Jace Kleindl Sacristan: Jodi DeCamp

Music: Choir

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

<u>Tuesday, March 13 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)</u> + Deceased Christian Mothers & Women

Wednesday, Mar. 14 - 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

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Stations of the Cross: 6:30 p.m.
(Altar Servers: Reilly & Katlin Gibson)

Thursday, Mar. 15 – 9:00 a.m. (Traverse Care Center)

Friday, Mar. 16 - 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton) Saturday, Mar. 17 - 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

Sunday, March 18 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Liz Ritter

Sunday, Mar. 18 – 10:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

RECONCILIATION: Half an hour before Mass

Stewardship Report- March 1 & 4, 2018 Weekly budget expenses from 2017-2018

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

 Adult:
 \$1,873.00

 Youth:
 5.53

 Loose:
 85.10

 Utilities:
 500.00

 St. Cloud Visitor:
 45.00

 TOTAL:
 \$2,508.63



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

We welcome Millie Rae Kampmeier, child of Mac & Sydney Kampmeier, born Feb. 7, 2018, & Baptized March 11, 2018.

Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesday, March 14th.

The Faith Formation Classes will meet on Sunday, March 18th.

The Faith Formation Fellowship Sign-up Sheet is in the back of Church. Please sign up to bring a snack or serve. There are just a couple of slots left to fill. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars: Holy Week Schedule -

Holy Thursday: 5 p.m. Wheaton; 7 p.m. Chokio **Good Friday:** 1 p.m. Chokio; 3 p.m. Wheaton

Holy Saturday: 7 p.m. Wheaton

Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Chokio; 10:30 a.m. Wheaton

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

We are looking for volunteers to clean the ceiling vents in the bathrooms in the Hall. It would be appreciated!

Relay for Life: Is there anyone who would be willing to be a team captain for Fr. Nate's St. Mary's Relay for Life Team? We are also looking for members. Relay for Life will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018 at the Lee Community Center. Please contact the Church office at 324-2680 if you are interested. Thank You!

March Food Drive: We will be collecting money/food during the month of March. There will be envelopes and a box in back of Church for the Food Shelf. Please be generous!

Collection of Old Palms: Please bring in your old palms for burning the week of March 18-25. There will be a basket in back of Church to put them in. Thank you!

Easter Flowers: We will need Easter lilies and a Spring mixture of flowers in shades of white, yellow, and Spring green, or money to go towards the purchase of these. Please note who the flowers are in honor or memory of.

Widows and Widowers are invited to gather for lunch and fellowship at noon on Sunday, March 11 in the basement of Old #1. For questions, call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home (589-3220).

Bridges of Hope: A support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one, will meet on Mon. evenings at 6:30 p.m. & Tue. mornings at 10 a.m. @ Pedersen Funeral Home from Feb. 19-20 – Mar. 26-27. For questions, call Pedersen Funeral Home, 589-3220.

Habitat for Humanity, Pork Chop Supper: Thur., March 22^{nd} from 4:30-7 at Faith Lutheran Church, Morris. Free-will donation.

A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Morris by appointment in the Board Room of the Stevens Community Medical Center. For more information or to register, contact Joan Jay at georgejay@hotmail.com or 589-4865. The class is approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours long. Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Operation Rice Bowl: Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Please support our Diocesan Mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice through your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. www.stcdio.org

This week, we are taking up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to respond to *Jesus in disguise*. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.