

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## April 21, 2019 ~ EASTER SUNDAY

### Ministry Schedule for Sunday, April 28 (10:30 a.m.)

EM's: Jerry & Vivian Heltemes  
Lector: Robyn Lampert  
Ushers: Mark Lampert & Ron Draper  
Servers: Andrew & Brock Marty  
Sacristans: Keith & Maria Marty  
Music: Choir

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### Monday, April 22 – 11:00 a.m. (Chokio)

Funeral Mass for Nicole Knutson

Wednesday, Apr. 24 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)  
Thursday, Apr. 25 – 9:00 a.m. (Traverse Care Center)  
Friday, Apr. 26 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)  
Saturday, Apr. 27 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

#### Sunday, April 28 – Polka Mass – 10:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Deceased members of Fabian & Liz Ritter family

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**RECONCILIATION:** Half an hour before Mass

**FROM THE PASTOR:** Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. As we approach this upcoming Easter season, I would like to thank everyone who has helped out our parish in any form over the past year. No good deed goes unrewarded or unnoticed ☺. I've been very pleased and grateful to all of you, even if you were not able to help out in any way – for whatever reason. We're simply blessed to be in one another's presence as we make our way towards the greatest gift that awaits all of us, thanks to Jesus' death & resurrection – Eternal life. May your upcoming Easter season, as well as summer plans, be blessed and a great joy! --Father John Paul

*Please get bulletin announcements in by Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> for the April 28<sup>th</sup> & May 5<sup>th</sup> bulletins. I will be gone from April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! Deb*

**Please remember in prayer:** Lil Ritter, Harold Sivertson, Mary Marlow, Jeanne Hofland, Rita Schuster, DeLores Eul, and all who are ill. Please call when a name should be added or removed from the prayer list.

**Easter Flower money was given in loving memory of:** Dan & Ann Hanrahan, Bob & Marlys Hanrahan, Herman & Rose Wencel, Sr., Vic Wencel, Ellie Carrington, Bill & Dorothy Schott, Sr., Tony Schott, Dan & Leona Curran, Peter & Burnys Koch, Elaine Curran Snyder, Ben Schneider, James Schwebach, Ambrose & Evelyn Schwebach, Norbert & Phyllis Deslauriers, Fabian, Liz, Peggy, Jeri, Lynn, & Tom Ritter, Robert Ritter, Dennis & Marie Marlow, Sr., Frank & Marian Weber, Julianne Marlow & Marge McKenna, John Marlow, Nancy Horning, Don Quackenbush, Justin Heltemes, Matt & Edna Marty, and Steve & Mary Berlinger.

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's Calendar Raffle:** So far, \$1540 has been receipted from ticket sales. Money raised will go towards building improvements. Tickets will be available in the back of Church before and after Mass, from Deb in the office, or Becky Draper at her home. Let's make this another successful raffle. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

**Bloodmobile:** Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall. Please give!

**Faith Formation Classes** will meet on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation Class** will meet on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. (These will be the final classes for the school year.)

**The Polka Mass** will be held next Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Dip-It-Dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in back of church. Please make any changes on this sign-up sheet from February. Thanks!

**St. Mary's Youth Group will be selling flowers for Mother's Day.** You will be able to sign up, pay, and reserve your flowers before and after Mass on Sundays, April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. Flowers will be available to be picked up on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>, after Church in the Hall. The price per pot will be \$12. There will be several varieties to choose from.

**Relay for Life:** For the 2019 Relay for Life, St. Mary's Team has combined with the Our Savior's Team and will be called Saints & Saviors. The Relay for Life is July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lee Community Center and the Stevens County Fairgrounds. They are trying to have it mostly outside at the fairgrounds this year, but have a place to go inside if it gets stormy. We would like to get more team members and we can do paper registrations for team members. You don't need to register online. Please let Sandi Marlow-Weber know if you would be willing to join the team. We are planning to have a fundraising brunch this summer again, but no date is set at this time.

**Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.** Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Diocesan Ministries are here for YOU! Visit our webpage to learn more about how the appeal supports ministries at the very core of our church's mission. Visit [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org) and click Bishop's Annual Appeal.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Sunday, April 28 from 1 – 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud.

Regional Ministry Gatherings for parish and diocesan leaders – *Called to be...Prepared to do...* ~ Tuesday, April 30 - 9 a.m. – noon at St. John the Baptist, Swanville; For info/registration, visit- [www.stcdio.org/regional-gatherings](http://www.stcdio.org/regional-gatherings).

**Gatherings for Widows and Widowers** will meet for lunch at noon on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in the basement of Old #1, Morris. For questions, call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home, 589-3220.

