

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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March 1, 2020 ~ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

EM's: Eileen M., John B., Jeri E., & Anita M.
Lectors: Faith Formation Students
Ushers: Faith Formation Students
Servers: Andrew & Brock Marty
Sacristans: John & Mary Lou Berlinger
Music: Choir

Stewardship Report- Feb. 23, 2020

Weekly budget expenses from 2019-2020
Budget: \$1,693.27. *Thank you for your sacrificial offering.*

Adult:	\$1,015.00
Youth:	4.00
Loose:	72.75
Utilities:	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,121.75

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, March 2 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Deceased Christian Mothers & Women

Mass on Wednesday, March 4 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

Wednesday, March 4: (Chokio)

Cup of Soup & Fellowship: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Stations of the Cross/Benediction: 6:30 p.m.

(Altar Servers: Andrew & Brock Marty)

Mass on Thursday, Mar. 5 – 9:00 a.m. (Traverse Care Center)

Mass on Friday, Mar. 6 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

Saturday, Mar. 7 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

Sunday, March 8 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Charles & Florence Ritter

Sunday, Mar 8 - 10:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

RECONCILIATION: Half an hour before Mass

Please remember in prayer: Sandy Finke, Fr. John Paul, Tom Marty, Marie Grossman, 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 this list.

Grades 8 & 9 and Confirmation Classes will meet on Wednesday, March 4th. Confirmation students will be Confirmed on Sun., March 22nd in Morris. There will be a Confirmation Reception on Sunday, March 29th following Mass at St. Mary's.

Faith Formation Classes will meet on Sunday, March 8th.

There is a Faith Formation Fellowship Sign-up Sheet in the back of Church to sign up to bring a snack or serve. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars: Choir practice will start at 5:15 p.m. during Lent (Wednesdays, Feb. 26 - Apr. 8.)

Stations of the Cross – Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Soup Suppers – Come join us for a **Cup of Soup and Fellowship** at St. Mary's Hall on the following Wednesdays during Lent from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.: March 4, 18, & April 1. There is a sign-up sheet in back of Church for volunteer groups to serve several kinds of soup, along with crackers and/or bread. There will be a free-will offering for building improvements.

Penance Services – Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m., Chokio; Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m., Wheaton (youth) and at 7:30 p.m., Wheaton (adults).

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 p.m. in Morris. Lunch will be served at 6:30 p.m.

40 Days for Life. Join other 40 Day volunteers anytime between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday-Friday at Planned Parenthood – 451 East St. Germain Street, St. Cloud, starting Wednesday, February 26 – Sunday, April 5. 40 Days for Life Daily Prayer Devotionals and Calendars for this Lent are in back of Church.

Palm Collection: Please bring in your old palms for burning. A vase will be in back of Church for you to put them in this Lent.

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!

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who responded to Commitment Week with a gift for ministries supporting our lives. If you haven't yet made a gift, you can bring your envelope to Mass, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail a gift to Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers will meet for lunch at noon on Sunday, March 8th in the basement of Old #1 in Morris. Order lunch off the menu and enjoy an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones who are also experiencing life as a widow/widower. For questions, call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home, 589-3220.

The Annual Women's Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held Saturday, March 14th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sauk Rapids. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. followed by the speaker, rosary, mass, and lunch, followed by Q & A, "The Saints" by diocesan priests, Fr. Tom Knoblach and Fr. Ralph Zimmerman. Closing prayer at 2:15. The cost is \$20. Registration should be sent to Marlyce Plante, 2293 Pinecone Rd., Sartell, MN 56377. For information, call 320-282-9941.

Upcoming at St. Mary's, Alexandria – Theology Thursdays: March 19 – Empty Vessels by presenter Aaron Carpenter will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Area Catholic Community parish websites are: www.brownsvalleycatholic.org <https://assumptionofmorris.org>