

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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March 15, 2020 ~ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, March 22 (8:30 a.m.)

EM's: Rich Weber & Dean Quackenbush
Lector: Sandi Marlow-Weber
Ushers: Jacob Marty & Jeramee Van Eps
Servers: Makarian S., Kelsey Ritter, & Caryn & Jade Marty
Sacristan: Rachel Schott
Music: Choir

Stewardship Report- Mar. 8, 2020

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

Adult:	\$1,005.00	Other:	
Youth:	5.25	Food Shelf:	\$90.00
Loose:	82.00	Catholic United	
Soup Supper:	77.00	Financial	
Utilities:	30.00	Matching Grant:	
TOTAL:	\$1,199.25		\$1,000.00

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

NO Mass on Monday, March 16- (Chokio)

Wednesday, March 18: (Chokio)

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

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

(Altar Servers: Makarian Schott, Kelsey Ritter, & Caryn & Jade Marty)

Mass on Thursday, Mar. 19 – 9:00 a.m. (Traverse Care Center)

Mass on Friday, Mar. 20 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

Saturday, Mar. 21 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

Sunday, March 22 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Marian Weber

Sunday, Mar 22 - 10:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

RECONCILIATION: Half an hour before Mass

Please remember in prayer: Robert Knopik, 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.

Bishop Kettler sent out a letter in regards to the Corona virus and other viruses, which is inserted in this bulletin. We are currently following his recommendations that were made to all parishes. On the back of Bishop Kettler's letter, I have attached two prayers of two different Saints whose intercessions were powerful during various plagues. If you like them, they're yours. Never hurts to try. --
The Padre

No Mass Monday, March 16, @ 8:30 am in Chokio. **Father Jerry Nordick** passed away Tuesday evening March 10th, 2020. Both the Visitation on Sunday eve, March 15, from 4-8 pm & Funeral Mass on Monday, March 16, @ 11:00 am will be at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud. May he rest in peace.

Sandy Finke has stepped down from her position of cleaning our parish hall & rectory. She is taking her Mother's advice to start letting go of work & begin enjoying life a little more, so we want to congratulate Sandy on her new transition and thank her for all the years of hard work & service to our parish. She definitely made our facility clean & welcoming ☺ If this position is of interest to you or someone you know, job applications can be picked up in the office: hours are flexible, pay negotiable, and work is priceless. With any questions, call the Padre at 320-324-2680 (Chokio) or 320-563-4421. As always, Jesus provides.

Thank You to Leo Berlinger and everyone who helped create a handicap space on the north side (middle) of the Church!

Grades 8 & 9 and Confirmation Classes will meet on Wednesday, March 18th. 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 NOT meet next Sunday, March 22nd.

There is one date left to fill on the Faith Formation Fellowship Sign-up Sheet: April 26th. 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 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 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).

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.

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!

