

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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May 3, 2020 ~ 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

NO Masses this week

RECONCILIATION: Due to parishes being temporarily closed, no Reconciliation schedule is available at this time. Anyone desiring confessions is encouraged to call the office and set up an appointment.

Our Church will stay closed until the ban is lifted.

Until the Church re-opens, you can view our parish weekend Mass on line by going to our Facebook page, St. Mary's Annual Bazaar.

Faith Formation classes and choir practice are cancelled until further notice.

Bulletins will be created every week. You can pick it up in the office entryway and it will be posted on the website.

Sunday offerings may be dropped off at the office or sent in the mail if desired. We thank you for your financial support in this difficult time to help pay our monthly bills. May God bless you for your generosity.

Please remember in prayer: Tom & Vicki Leuthardt, Robert Knopik, Sandy Finke, Fr. John Paul, Marie Grossman, Lil Ritter, Harold Sivertson, Mary Marlow, Rita Schuster, DeLores Eul, and all who are ill. Please call when a name should be added or removed from this list.

The Parish Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 11th may be held by using Zoom, or another form of conference/video call. Information and instructions will be given to members.

The 12th Annual St. Mary's Calendar Raffle. So far, \$6,760.00 has been receipted from ticket sales (323 tickets sold) and donation. (Unless you request your ticket stubs, we will be recycling them immediately.) Money raised will go towards building improvements. Tickets can be picked up and dropped off at the Church office (call Deb – 324-2680) or picked up at Becky Draper's home (324-7321 or 287-2164), or you can mail a check to St. Mary's Church, P.O. Box 187, Chokio, MN 56221. Let's make this another successful raffle by reaching our goal of making \$5,000. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Youth Group: We are selling Mother's Day Flowers again this year to raise money for Confirmation retreats, etc. If you or anyone you know wants to purchase flowers, please let me know. They are \$12 / 1 gallon mixed flower pot. The money should be mailed to the Church office (P.O. Box 187, Chokio, MN 56221) and the flowers will be delivered to your homes on Saturday, May 9th.

Cleaning Position: Thanks for all who applied & were interested in the position. After reviewing our situation & talking to those interested, it was decided to have Sandy Finke continue cleaning our house & Julie Ehrp continue cleaning the Church & Parish Hall. Thank you Sandy & Julie for your ongoing commitment and hard work.

Pedersen Funeral Home Gatherings for Widows and Widowers May 3rd lunch is cancelled.

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

Here are some resources for options for Sunday and daily Mass:

Diocesan TV Mass is online at <http://worship.stcdio.org/tv-mass/>, <http://stcdio.org/tvmass>)

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

Midco - Channel 73

Mediacom - Channel 094

Dish - Channel 261

DirecTV - Channel 370

<https://www.wordonfire.org/> Bishop Barron daily mass

<http://www.catholicv.org/masses/catholicv-mass>

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

<https://yourcatholicradiostation.com/>

SiriusXM Radio

The Catholic Channel - Channel 129 and EWTN Channel 130



“A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it may rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer” (Diary of St. Faustina, 81).