

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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July 26, 2020 - 17th Ordinary Sunday

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE **Limit of 10 people for Mon., Wed. & Fri.

Mass - Mon., July 27 - 8:30a.m. Chokio - Evelyn Schwebach

Mass – Wed., July 29 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

Mass (On youtube.com) – Fri., July 31 – 8:30 a.m.

Mass – Sat., August 1 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

Mass – Sun., August 2 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Lynn Ritter

EM: Jamie Van Eps

Lector: Rachel Schott

Ushers: Jerry Heltemes and Mark Lampert

Servers: None

Sacristan: Father John Paul

Stewardship Report- July 19, 2020

Weekly budget expenses from 2019-2020

Budget: \$1,693.27. *Thank you for your sacrificial offering.*

Adult	\$ 1634.00
Loose	\$ 29.00
Student	\$ 3.75
Votive	\$ 3.00
Rest. Gift - Util.	\$ 45.00
Bequests	\$ 30.00

Monday Mass has now been added in Chokio at 8:30am and is open to the public.

St. Mary's Cemetery Mass will be held on Thursday, August 6th at 5:30pm, please bring your lawn chairs.

RECONCILIATION: Anyone desiring confessions is encouraged to call the office and set up an appointment.

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

Face Coverings: Due to the Governor's new Executive Order (July 22, 2020) of requiring Minnesotans to wear a face covering beginning Saturday (July 25, 2020), those who come to Church are likewise required to wear a face covering: whether approaching, inside, or leaving the building. Exceptions to the order of wearing a mask that "can be made" (...though not required) while at Church: when the priest is in the sanctuary, lectors proclaiming God's Word, music ministers when singing – reading – announcing music –playing an instrument, young children, people with special medical conditions & reception of Communion. Otherwise, lectors and music ministers are to be wearing a face covering when not performing. Please bring personal face coverings to Church. There are "Face Masks" available in the entrance of the Church for those who forgot or are in need of one. Being they are rather costly and scarce to find, we are asking that they be used only if a person needs one for Mass and please don't take extra home for personal use. We are not charging anything for them if a person needs one, but you are welcome to throw something extra in the collection for it. I realize that this may be a hardship for some, but please be open to the possibility that this may be a benefit for someone else. And remember that this is only temporal and worth the "Pearl of Great Price" of the opportunity of being able to come together & receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Let's not allow the New Executive Order to discourage us from that opportunity. It's worth the sacrifice. --
-father john paul

St Mary's Relay For Life Team: We will have a Relay For Life team called Saints & Saviors, with Our Saviors again this year. The Relay will be virtual on August 1st, and the Stevens County team is planning on putting luminaria at the Stevens County Fairground so people can view them by driving through. Since we can't have a fundraising brunch due to the pandemic, we will just be selling luminaria for \$10 each, and taking donations. On the evening of August 1st, we will be displaying the luminaria at the fairgrounds, on our driveways, patios, and decks. You may purchase luminaria to display yourself or to have the team members display them for you. To purchase luminaria or make donations contact Sandi Marlow-Weber, team captain, or any of the other team members: Jerry & Vivian Heltemes, Lori Schmidt, Pat & Virginia Ritter, Dean & Lynn Quackenbush, and Rich Weber. Checks can be made payable to the American Cancer Society. Please let us know in whose memory or in who's honor, you want the luminaria to be. We appreciate your support!



Tour of Churches: The Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi is located in central Italy, in the town of Assisi and it is where Saint Francis was born and died. The basilica, which was begun in 1228, is built into the side of a hill and comprises two churches and a crypt, where the remains of the saint are interred. On July 16, 1228, Francis was canonized by Pope Gregory IX in Assisi, and he laid the foundation stone of the new church the following day. The Lower Basilica was finished in 1230. On Pentecost, May 25, 1230, the remains of Saint Francis were brought in a solemn procession to the Lower Basilica from its temporary burial place in the church of St. George, now the Basilica of Saint Clare of Assisi. The burial place was concealed for fear that St Francis' remains might be stolen and dispersed. The construction of the Upper Basilica was begun after 1239 and was completed in 1253. Both churches were consecrated by Pope Innocent IV in 1253.

It is a Papal minor basilica and one of the most important places of Christian pilgrimage in Italy. It has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2000. The church was designed by Maestro Jacopo Tedesco on two levels, each of which is consecrated as a church. They are known as the "Basilica superiore" (The Upper Basilica), generally called "The Upper Church" and the "Basilica inferiore" (The Lower Basilica), generally called "The Lower Church". The Lower Church was structurally a large crypt supporting the upper one. In the 19th century a lower crypt was constructed beneath the basilica. Architecturally, the exterior of the basilica appears united with the Friary of St. Francis, since the lofty arcades of the latter support and buttress the church in its apparently precarious position on the hillside.