

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

P.O. Box 187, Chokio, MN 56221  
Secretary/Bookkeeper: Deb Farwell  
(Deb's Cell-320-287-0585)

Pastor: Fr. John Paul Knopik (324-2680)  
[stmarych@fedtel.net](mailto:stmarych@fedtel.net)  
Web Site: [stmaryschokio.org](http://stmaryschokio.org)  
[fr\\_jp@yahoo.com](mailto:fr_jp@yahoo.com)

Area Catholic Community parish websites are: [www.brownsvalleycatholic.org](http://www.brownsvalleycatholic.org) <https://assumptionofmorris.org>

## August 2, 2020 - 18th Ordinary Sunday

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

Mass - Mon., August 3 - 8:30 a.m. Chokio -  
Mass - Wed., August 5 - 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)  
Mass - Thu., August 6 - 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Cemetery  
Mass (On youtube.com) - Fri., August 7 - 8:30 a.m.  
Mass - Sat., August 8 - 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

### Mass - Sun., August 9 - 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Dennis Marlow  
EM: John Berlinger  
Lector: Paul Daly  
Ushers: Jake & Brock Marty  
Servers: None  
Sacristan: Father John Paul

### Stewardship Report- July 26, 2020

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

Adult	\$815.00
Loose	\$ 4.00
	\$819.00

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

Both meetings on Monday, August 10: **Finance Council** @ 6:00 pm & **Parish Council** @ 7:00 pm on "Zoom". Look for email.

**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.

**Catholic United Financial Raffle:** The St. Mary's Bazaar chairmen met in July and decided to go ahead with our Fall Raffle on October 24, 2020. It may look different this year depending on CDC and diocese guidelines but the parish needs the revenue this event brings in. Past donations have been terrific and we are asking for your help once again. **Because of the Covid-19 changes, we will need to know your donation by October 1st.** Some suggestions are cash; gift certificates for gas, groceries, or entertainment; gift baskets; small, new-age appliances; or electronic devices. Get together with friends or family and combine your resources. We encourage you to support our local area businesses whenever possible. Please call Barb at 324-7114, Deb at 287-0585, or the parish office at 324-2680. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!



**Tour of Churches:** The Church of Saint Mary Magdalene is situated on the slope of the Mount of Olives in the Garden of Gethsemane and is one of the most easily recognizable landmarks of Jerusalem. This striking example of Russian architecture was built with golden onion domes or cupolas. The church was built in 1886 by Tsar Alexander III and his brothers to honor their mother, Empress Maria Alexandrovna of Russia. It was constructed in the traditional tented roof style popular in 16th- and 17th-century Russia, and includes seven distinctive, gilded onion domes.

The church is dedicated to Mary Magdalene, the companion of Jesus. According to the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel of Mark, Mary Magdalene was the first to see Christ after his resurrection (Mark 16:9). Although equals, she is usually considered a crucial and important disciple of Jesus, and seemingly his primary female associate, along with Mary of Bethany. The church stands in the Garden of Gethsemane, the place where Jesus spent His last night on earth. Also found on the convent grounds are the remnants of a pre-Roman road, the biblical entry to Jerusalem

This large canvas (on the right) shows Mary Magdalene before the Roman Emperor Tiberius. In her hand she holds a red egg which she presents to the Emperor, symbolizing the resurrection and eternal life. She tells Tiberius about the unjust judgment and death on the cross of Jesus Christ.