

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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August 16, 2020 ~ 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, August 23 (8:30 a.m.)

EM: Anita Marty
Lector: David Asfeld
Ushers: Keith & Maria Marty
Servers: None
Sacristan: Fr. John Paul

Stewardship Report- August 9, 2020

Weekly budget expenses from 2020-2021 Budget:
\$1,618.27. *Thank you for your sacrificial offering.*

<i>Adult:</i>	\$1,291.05
<i>Youth:</i>	1.39
<i>Loose:</i>	<u>65.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,357.44

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE **Limit of 10 people

****Monday, August 17 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)**

+ Norbert & Phyllis Deslauriers

****Mass on Wednesday, August 19 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)**

Thursday, Aug. 20 – 10:30 a.m. –Private Funeral for Kathy Keeler

Mass on Thursday, August 20 – 5:00 p.m. Wheaton Cemetery

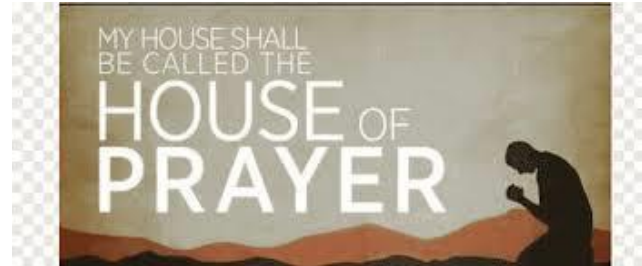
****Mass (on youtube.com) - Friday, August 21 – 8:30 a.m.**

Saturday, August 22 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

Sunday, August 23 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Deceased members of Schwebach & Deslauriers family

(Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass will be coming to Wheaton in September.)



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

Please remember in prayer: Tom & Vicki Leuthardt, Robert Knopik, 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.

Saints & Saviors, the combined Relay for Life Team for St. Mary's & Our Saviors, would like to **"thank you"** for your generous donations to Relay for Life 2020! With the team's donations and your donations, we were able to raise \$3,765 in the fight against cancer. We are currently the 3rd highest fundraising team in the county for Relay 2020. We knew this year would have its own unique challenges in fundraising, but once again, you came through. **Thank you so much!** *The Team Captains, Sandi Marlow-Weber & Dorothy Schneider*

Thank You: We would like to thank everyone who helped out in removing the trees in front of our Church. The work was done rather efficiently with surprisingly minimal damage. I realize that some parishioners wanted the trees to remain, yet there was a general consensus by the landscaping committee and parish council to have them removed because some of the trees were beginning to die and break up the pavement as well. Myself, the more I examine the situation, the more I agree with the decision that was made. Most, in part of the reality that now our beautiful facility has been made visible for the public to view, whereas before it was hidden. And She sure is beautiful and huge. Thank God for geothermal heating. Grass will be planted for now as we try to determine what will replace the trees taken out. *Fr. John Paul*

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!

St. Mary's Crafts: A plan is being devised to continue with craft sales in the fall. Currently, parishioners are working on projects in their own homes. If you are able to make craft items at home, this would be greatly appreciated. Contact Becky: 324-7321 or Renee: 701-866-7181 if you have questions.

Thank you for your generous donation this year to the Food Drop Program. We continue to receive feedback as to how important the programs are for the well-being of our children and community. We could not do this without your support! *Back Pack & Food Drop Committees, Morris, MN*

Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese, including 40 Days for Life. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302

Stewardship Week is August 25-27: "Gathered, Nourished and Sent" is the theme for this year's Stewardship Week. It will take participants on a journey from the spirituality of stewardship to practical application in Catholic communities. This year, the entire event is ONLINE and being offered at NO CHARGE to participants. The Diocese welcomes anyone interested in stewardship as a way of life—at home, in parishes and with Catholic communities—to register. Please visit www.stcdio.org/stewardshipweek2020 for more information and to register. If you have questions, please contact Anna Kampa at akampa@gw.stcdio.org or 320-258-7654.

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