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St. Mary's Catholic Church

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August 9, 2020 ~ 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, August 16 (8:30 a.m.)

EM:Jerry HeltemesLector:Paula BaxterUshers:Ed Baxter & Keith MartyServers:NoneSacristan:Fr. John Paul

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE **Limit of 10 people

**<u>Monday, August 10 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)</u>

+ Robert Fischer

**Mass on Wednesday, August 12 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)
Mass on Thursday, August 13 – 5:00 p.m. Dumont Cemetery
**Mass (on youtube.com) - Friday, August 14 – 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 15 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

Sunday, August 16 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Justin Heltemes

Stewardship Report- August 2 & 3, 2020 Weekly budget expenses from 2019-2020 Budget: \$1,693.27. Thank you for your sacrificial offering.

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<u>RECONCILIATION</u>: 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.

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, and reception of Communion. Otherwise, lectors and music ministers are to be wearing a face covering when not performing. Please bring 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 and 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.

Meetings on Monday, August 10th: Finance Council – 6:00 p.m.; Parish Council – 7:00 p.m. on "Zoom".

The Calendar Raffle Winners for July 27th–31st are: Betty Marlow, Heidi Gruenhagen, Brock Marty, Gene Grossman, & Jerry Heltemes. Congratulations! We once again met and exceeded our goal of raising over \$5,000 for St. Mary's Parish. Thank you for your generous support of the Raffle!

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 1**st. 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 you 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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal bring His Word to our loved ones who are homebound or physically distancing through the weekly televised Mass. Programming reaches people in 60 counties and is available to all online at <u>http://worship.stcdio.org/tv-mass/</u>

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 <u>www.stcdio.org/stewardshipweek2020</u> for more information and to register. If you have questions, please contact Anna Kampa at <u>akampa@gw.stcdio.org</u> or 320-258-7654.

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