

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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February 21, 2021 ~ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, Feb. 28 (8:30 a.m.)

EM: Scott Gonnerman
Lector: Rachel Schott
Ushers: Jake & Brock Marty
Servers: None
Sacristan: Fr. John Paul

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, February 22 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)
+ Fr. David Garza Gonzalez

Wednesday, February 24: (Chokio)

Stations of the Cross/Benediction: 5:30 p.m.

Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 24 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)
Mass on Friday, Feb. 26 - 8:30 a.m.(Wheaton)
Saturday, Feb. 27 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

Sunday, February 28 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Marie Marlow

Sunday, Feb. 28 - 10:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

Stewardship Report- Feb. 14 & 16, 2021

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

Adult: \$1,725.00
Youth: 13.00
Loose: 40.00
Ash Wednesday: 50.00
Energy/Maint.: 100.00
St. Cloud Visitor: 50.00
TOTAL: \$1,978.00



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

Please remember in prayer: Sue Ritter, Emilyanne Kleindl, Sharon Henrichs, Dennis Golombiecki, Tom & Vicki Leuthardt, Robert Knopik, Marie Grossman, Lil Ritter, Harold Sivertson, Rita Schuster, and all who are ill. Please call when a name should be added or removed from this list. **To start the Prayer Chain, please call Fr. John Paul, Sandy Finke, or Sandi Marlow-Weber so all parts of the Prayer Chain get started. Thanks!**

We extend our sympathies to the families of Thomas Helbling, Vivian Heltemes' dad, and Shirley Velde, Julie Ehrp's mom. May they share in the joy of Christ's resurrection.

In order to watch weekday or Sunday Mass live or recorded, go to "youtube.com" and once there, type in YouTube's search engine: Father John Paul – Mass, and the date the Mass is occurring. (For example: Father John Paul – Mass, November 22, 2020)

Faith Formation Classes will meet next Sunday, Feb. 28th after Mass until 10 a.m. (3rd-8th grade); and PreK-2nd grade until 9:45 a.m. **Confirmation Classes for 9th & 10th grade** will be on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, from 6 -7:30 p.m.

40 Days for Life: Feb. 17-Mar. 28. Daily Prayer Devotionals and Calendars for this Lent are in back of Church. **Rice Bowls and a few Lenten Booklets** are in back of Church for you to take.

St. Mary's Parish Council will hold a virtual meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7 p.m.

A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Morris by appointment at Assumption Church or in the Board Room of SCMC. For more information or to register, contact Joan Jay at georgejay@hotmail.com or 589-4865. The class is approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours long. Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who responded to Commitment Weekend with a gift for ministries supporting our lives. If you haven't yet made a gift, you can bring your envelope to Mass, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail a gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~Virtual Weekend: Feb. 18-28. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit northmnwwme.org or contact them at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

2021 Catholic Men's Conference ~ Gathered. Nourished. Sent. Virtual Retreat & Bible Study held Sat., Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. – noon. Cost: FREE. For more info. or to register online, visit: www.stcdio.org/mensconference21/ or contact Jan at 320-258-7615.

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

Readings for the week: (February 22-27)

Monday
1 Peter 5:1-4
Ps. 23:1-3a,4,5,6
Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday
Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-5,6,7,16-17,18-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday
Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday
Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
Ps. 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-7a,7bc-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Matthew 5:43-48