

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Feb 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON** ~ No Mass ~

**TUE** Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Barb Hildebrandt Schnaser

**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~

**THU** Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~

**FRI** Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~

**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Bev Leuthardt

Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~

Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$2750 Youth \$17 Loose \$224 Votive \$19

Utilities \$1650 Flowers \$25

**Confession Schedule:**

7:00 pm on Tuesday in Chokio

7:00 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton

7:00 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

**Karen Daly: Happy Birthday!!**

**Our Diocesan Appeal** kicks off - Sun., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider giving as you have done well before.

**Jean Peterson** passed on & was laid to rest this past week.

May she rest in peace.

**Confirmation** will be held in Chokio on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Due to increase of students, it is invited guests only.

Due to Confirmation, **Mass** in Browns Valley

on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be moved ahead to **10:00 am**

because the padre has to boogie back East.

**Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>) Schedule:**

5:00 pm on Wednesday in Chokio

6:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton

7:00 pm on Wednesday in Browns Valley

**Ministry Schedule, February 11, 8 a.m.**

**EM's:** Bruce Berlinger & Jamie Van Eps

**Lector:** Faith Formation Students/Rachel Schott

**Ushers:** Ron Draper & Jeramee Van Eps

**Servers:** Jameson Van Eps & Jade Marty

**Sacristans:** David Asfeld

**January/February/March Schedule:**

-February, 6<sup>th</sup>, Tues., 6 p.m., Cemetery Board Meeting.

-February 14<sup>th</sup> Wed., 5 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass

-February 27<sup>th</sup>, Tues., 7 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, in hall.

**Finance Council welcome, no separate meeting.**

-March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, 2 p.m. Confirmation for our ACC is in Chokio.

For Clarification, the 8 a.m. Mass that day is for the parish. The Confirmation Mass is for the Confirmands, their Sponsors, family and invited guests, due to limited space.

**Pro-Life Petition is available to sign & 40 Days For Life Calendar in back.** Print the Daily Prayer Devotional from [stc.dio.org/respect-life/forty-days-life/](http://stc.dio.org/respect-life/forty-days-life/) or call office and let Sandi know you want one.

**Central MN Koinonia, a Catholic Retreat Program, sponsored by the Diocese is March 1-3,** at TEC Center north of Little Falls. Cost is \$70. Designed to help adults on their faith journey. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for information and to register.

**We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers!** If it is in your heart to take on this ministry, please call Fr. John Paul or the office.

**If you can lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent on**

**Wednesday nights, call the office:** You just need to read from the Stations book. Stations are on: Feb. 21 & 28, Mar. 6, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

**2024 Catholic Men's Conference, Sat, Feb 24, 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.,** St. Francis Xavier, Sartell, \$35. Registration forms in back.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024.** Bulletin attachment highlights diocesan ministries and you'll be asked to consider a gift to support these, next weekend, Commitment Weekend.

**KC's, meet Tues. Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., in Morris.** Lunch served.



### **St. Anthony ~ Browns Valley**

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### **Liturgical Ministers – Feb. 11 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Bernice Piechowski  
**EM:** Bernice Piechowski, Marlene A. & Brenda Bartz  
**Choir & Congregation EM:** Mary Nigg & Julie Metz  
**Servers:** Ryen Metz and Isabelle Remily  
**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** David & Julie Metz  
**Ushers:** Bill Appel & Dave Pederson  
**Home Communion –** Bernice Piechowski  
**Sacristan:** Sue Toelle

**REMINDER:** No Christian Mothers meeting in February. The \$5.00 dues are payable by the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to Joan Miller.

**Honoring Marriage Day** is May 4th at Sacred Heart parish, Sauk Rapids MN for couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60 & 60 plus years of marriage in 2024. Please let Marlene or Father know if you are eligible.

**CONFIRMATION** will be Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. at St Mary's in Chokio. Our Confirmands are: Emilie Metz, Abigail Fryer, Carson Jurgens, Dasani Miller and Hannah Gibson. Please pray for them. Thanks to their teacher and the coordinators for getting them ready for this important day.

**Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Bloodmobile is February 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-6 p.m. at the American Legion in BV. Please call Muriel at 605-694-2769 for an appointment or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), enter Browns Valley to schedule an appointment – Please Give!!

**FOOD SHELF:** The BV Food Shelf is open on Tuesdays from 1 – 3 p.m. for all Traverse County residents.



### **Ave Maria ~ Wheaton**

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### **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Lector:** John Tauber  
**EM:** John Tauber, Armon Karsky, Paul Frisch  
**Servers:** Lyla Peterson & Ellie Klein  
**Ushers:** Philip Deal & Wolfgang Brink  
**Fellowship:** Dave & Jackie McClernon

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sun., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ 10:30 ~ 11:30am Faith Formation

**Sun., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship after 9:30am Mass

**Tue., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>** ~ 7:00pm Ave Maria Parish Council

The February Mass Ministers Schedule and the Living Faith for January - March are available at all entrances.

Please join us in saying the Rosary at 8:00am, before all of our Wednesday morning Masses during Lent.

The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls are available at all three entrances. Through your donation you help reach more than 250 Million people with lifesaving support. 75% of your Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services' work around the world. 25% helps fight hunger and poverty in your own community.

You're invited for Coffee with your local Veterans Service Officers

Meet the Traverse, Big Stone, & Roberts County VSO's, To learn about benefits you could be eligible for!!

**Thursday, February 15, 2024 10:00 ~ Noon**

**Wm Krensing Post #58**

528 Broadway, Browns Valley, MN

**Ave Maria Intercessory Prayer Group** has many requests from our parish families and we thank God for his answers to these prayers. HOW DOES THE PRAYER GROUP WORK? You are to contact one of the two contact people below. The contact people in turn call one member of the prayer group and each member passes along the prayer request to another. If you would like to be a member or want to make a prayer request contact Jackie McClernon at 218-770-6964 or Barb Tauber at 563-4313. All requests are confidential.