

April 21st, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Apr 22nd – Apr 28th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE ~ No Mass ~
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU Word & Communion – 10:00 am BVCC
FRI Word & Communion – 10:00 am TCC
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Nick Daly
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, April 14th

Adult \$2510 Youth \$24.50 Loose \$49 Votive \$22
Utilities \$80 Calendar Raffle \$1580

Confession Schedule:

*No Confessions on Tuesday in Chokio
**No Confessions on Wednesday in Wheaton
***No Confessions on Thursday in Browns Valley

No Confessions this week due to the padre out of town and also no Mass on Tuesday. Fr. Stan plans to cover Wednesday.

Spring Salad Luncheon was wonderful last Wednesday!!
Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it that way 😊

Thanks Laurie Karsky & Connie Miller for serving our ACC Council so well over the years!! We truly appreciate it 😊
We welcome Linda Larson & Amber Metz as our newest members!! Both will serve well too 😊



NFL draft is this week. We entrust the Vikes season to Christ.

Ministry Schedule, 5th Sunday of Easter, April 28, 8:00 a.m.

EM's: Jerry Heltemes & Scott Gonnerman
Lector: Vivian Heltemes
Ushers: Jacob Marty & Brian Marty
Servers: Jace Kleindl & Josie Kleindl
Sacristans: Keith & Maria Marty

Spring Schedule:

---**May 5th First Communion, 8 a.m.** First Communicants are Weston Kampmeier, Lillian Marty & Josie Van Eps. Reception following to celebrate our First Communicants!

---**May 19th Baccalaureate Sunday, 8 a.m.** Seniors are John Kleindl & Gabrielle, "Gabby," Schneider. Reception following.

St. Mary's 16th Annual Calendar Raffle Ticket sales have begun.

Tickets are available before and after church, in the office, or by calling Becky Draper. Receipted to date is: \$2420.

Youth Group will be selling Mother's Day Flowers again this year.

Andersons will again supply the pots, which will still be \$12 each. Youth will be ready to take your orders on Sundays, April 28th and May 5th, or you can call or text Jenny Gibson at 320-808-1916 with your order. Pots will be available after church, in the hall on May 12th, Mother's Day. You can pay in advance or on May 12th.

Vacations: Fr. John Paul will be gone on retreat this week, (April 22nd-26th) and Sandi, secretary, will be gone the following week, (April 27th-May 3rd). Please get any bulletin announcements for April 28th and May 5th in by Wed. morning., April 24th.

Holy Family Holy Water Fonts have been installed for the children.

Per Rachel's suggestion, Parish Council, voted to install lower holy water fonts so children can reach them. Please teach your children how to use their fonts. We hope the children will enjoy them!
Thanks to Leo Berlinger & Rich Weber for installing them.

Vacation Bible School will take place July 29th-31st, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, with the program at 7 pm on 7/31. It is free to church members. By May 24th Contact Jenny Gibson or Jamie Van Eps to register to attend or to help with VBS. Registration forms will be in the back of church.

Please pick up any of your cake pans and containers that are on the back counter in the hall, which were left here after funerals.



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Liturgical Ministers – April 28– 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Joan Miller
EM: Bernice P., Brenda Pederson & Cindy Haggerty
Choir & Congregation: Marlene Appel & Mary Nigg
Servers: Isabelle Remily & Ryen Metz
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Faith Formation
Ushers: Faith Formation
Home Communion –Cindy H. Sacristan: Brenda Bartz

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *“I am the Good Shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.” - John 10:14-16*
When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in “quiet whispers” that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

All are created in the image of God and called to be part of His family. Are you seeking to be part of His family? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

First Holy Communion will be Sunday, May 5th. Those who are making their first Confession and First Holy Communion are Emma Remily and Carly Huber. Please pray for them.

Faith Formation: Last day of Faith Formation is Sunday, April 28. Thanks to all the teachers and the students for a great year!



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First Holy Communion will be on **Sunday, April 28th** at our 9:30am Mass
Please pray for our students who will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

Zoe Doschadis ~ Jack Drinkwitz
Rodrigo Espana Hernandez ~ Valentina Gonzalez Davila
Lachlyn McKinley ~ Badi Morales Saldana
Sully Nelson ~ Noah Straw

There will be a cake reception for the whole congregation after Mass on Sunday, April 28th in the church basement.
Everyone is welcome! Please come down and congratulate our young people.

Sunday, April 28th - 9:30am
Lector: John Tauber
EM: John Tauber, Philip Deal, Linda Larson
Servers: Benny Peterson & Dayne Przymus
Ushers: Mark Koch & Hank Frisch
Fellowship: Paul & Leah Thielen

SAVE THE DATE

Sun., Apr. 21st ~ Fellowship after 9:30am Mass
Sun., Apr. 21st ~ Last Faith Formation Class
Sun., Apr. 28th ~ First Holy Communion followed by a Cake Reception in the basement – Everyone is invited downstairs to join them.

The **May Mass Ministers Schedule** and the **Living Faith** for **April - June** are available at all entrances.

Looking for something to do? Come to the church basement **Monday from 9AM to Noon to Quilt with us.**
Agencies which enjoy receiving our quilts are:
Somewhere Safe, Traverse County Social Services, Wheaton/Graceville/Browns Valley Care Centers, Valley-Lake Boys Home in Breckenridge, Fargo Sanford Hospital Pediatric Unit, Native Americans in Sisseton. At Ave Maria quilts are given to each baby at their baptism, WHN Post Prom, and silent auctions for area benefits. If you think this ministry is not for you because you don't SEW, definitely come and check us out, we need help cutting and ironing also.