

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Ascension & Mother's Day!!

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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (May 13<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON** ~ No Mass ~  
**TUE** Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~ Kathy Keeler  
**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~  
**THU** Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~  
**FRI** Mass – 10:00 am TCC  
**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~ Christian Mothers/Women  
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~  
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$2490 Youth \$17.50 Loose \$127.00 Votive \$19  
Ascension \$75 Crafts \$35 Utilities \$500 Cal Raffle \$3580

**Confession Schedule:**

7:00 pm on Tuesday in Chokio  
7:00 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton  
7:00 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

Happy Mother's Day!!

Happy "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" **Dr. Paul & Dr. Leah Thielen!!!**

Wilmot's rosary & potluck @ noon is today, Sun, May 12 😊

Beginning **June 1**, confessions will be back to 5:30 pm.

From May 22 to May 24, the Diocese of St. Cloud will host the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**, a portion of a national event beginning mid-May where four groups of pilgrims will travel, mostly by foot, from routes beginning in the North, South, East, and West of the country, converging in Indianapolis ahead of the National Eucharistic Congress, slated for July 17-21. The Procession in the Diocese of St. Cloud is part of the Marian Route, which begins on May 17 at the Star of the North Eucharistic Congress in Bemidji and will pass through Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois before meeting the others routes in Indianapolis. Look towards the St. Cloud Diocese website <https://stcldio.org/eucharistic-revival/> & our Church bulletin boards for details!

**Ministry Schedule, Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's:** David Asfeld, Scott Gonnerman,  
Bruce Berlinger, & Ginny Heintzelman  
**Lector:** Sandi Marlow-Weber & the Seniors (Gabby & John)  
**Ushers:** Larry Heintzelman & Mark Gibson  
**Servers:** Landen Gibson & Lincoln Schneider  
**Sacristans:** Larry & Ginny Heintzelman

**Spring Schedule:**

---**May 19<sup>th</sup> Baccalaureate Sunday, 8 a.m.** Seniors are John Kleindl & Gabrielle Schneider. Reception for all following Mass.  
---**May 21<sup>st</sup> Parish Council meets, 7:00 p.m.** in the hall.

**St. Mary's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Calendar Raffle Ticket sales have been completed.** Received to date is: \$8440. Please turn in all the tickets and money you have sold, before or after church.

**Mother's Day Flowers are available in the hall after church May 12th.** Be sure to pick your order up. Thanks Jennie & Youth Group for selling the Mother's Day flowers again this year!

**Vacation Bible School will take place July 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, contact Jenny Gibson or Jamie Van Eps to register to attend or to help with VBS. Registration forms are in the back of church.

**Connection Magazine, sponsored by ACIRA (Federated Telephone) has an article about town ball:** It features Fr. John Paul, one of the Coyote's avid fans, Justin Daly, son of Paul & Pam Daly, and Neal Hofland field. Check it out! Nice to read about our pastor.

**Red & Blue Children's Activity Bags Are Available on a Rack at the Entrance.** These have been donated for children to use during church. You can pick one up and return on your way out of church. Thanks to Jerri Wulff for designing and making the bags!

**The Mission Office thanks us for our donations to CRS & the Rice Bowl!** CRS operates in 100 countries and 25% of the Rice Bowl donations go toward local hunger relief. We gave a total of \$460.



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**Prayer Line: Mary Schwagel 320-695-2994 or Connie Miller 320-695-2137 or 2376 or Edith F. 320-695-2260**

**Liturgical Ministers – May 19– 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Jeanette Pistorius  
**EM:** Marlene A., Brenda Pederson & Bernice P.  
**Choir & Congregation:** Julie & David Metz  
**Servers:** Emilie Metz & Rylie Metz  
**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Larry & Nancy Deutsch  
**Ushers:** Larry Deutsch & Pat Homan  
**Home Communion –**Marlene A. **Sacristan:** Sue Toelle

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 John 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MASS & MEETING**

The Christian Mothers meeting will be held at the Browns Valley Health Center at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Mass for the Living Members of the Christian Mothers will be said at the Care Center at 10:00 a.m. that same day.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Mother's Day – May 12 – Happy Mother's Day  
Memorial Day - Monday, May 27 Program at school at 10 a.m. All are invited.  
American Legion Fish Fry – Friday, May 31 at 5 p.m.  
Burial for Kathy Reed – June 7 at Calvary Cemetery  
Bridal Shower - June 8 for Bethany Rogers, bride-to-be of Casey Herberg in church basement.  
June 29-30 is Sam Brown Days – Parade Saturday and Supper at Legion Saturday night. We will attach all the activities as soon as we get a program.  
July 24 – Visit with Bishop Neary in St. Cloud



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**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am**

**Lector:** Linda Larson  
**EM:** Sam Thielen, Linda Larson, Deb Mucha  
**Servers:** Andrew Franzese & Xavier Doschadis  
**Ushers:** Kevin O'Leary & Mel Smith  
**NO FELLOWSHIP:** Senior Breakfast

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sun., May 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Baccalaureate Mass for Seniors**

May 19<sup>th</sup> will be our Baccalaureate Mass for our seniors, **Wambdini Bedonie and Cammi Krump.** There will be a breakfast for the two young ladies and their families in the basement after Mass.

**Memorial Day Decorations** on graves at St. Peter's and St. Patrick's Cemeteries, can be placed starting on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and will need to be removed on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**TOTUS TUUS** is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of St. Cloud. From catechetical sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games, and skits ~ your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their faith!

**This will also be our**

**Vacation Bible School for the summer.**

For those students entering grades **K~ 6**  
**Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am ~ 2:30pm**  
For those students entering grades **7 ~ 12**  
**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm ~ 9:00pm**  
We are also looking for two families to host 2 seminarians or college students who will be facilitating this program. To register your child/children by **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**, or to sign up to be a host family ~ please call **Karyn Peterson at 320-808-1129** or the **church office at 320-563-4421**, if no answer please leave a message.  
**\*\*For the 2025 Confirmation students the Totus Tuus program will meet the retreat requirement for the coming year.\*\***