

February 2nd, 2025 Presentation of The Lord

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Feb 3rd – Feb 9th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Rick Grossman
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI Mass – 8:30 am Browns Valley ~
Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Marian Weber
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, Jan 26th

Adult \$1005 Youth \$16 Loose \$111 Votive \$25.50
Utilities \$200

Confession Schedule:

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio
5:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton
5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

ACC Council meets Thur, Feb 6 @ 7:00 pm in Chokio.

Lois Wenker passed on. Her funeral was this past week up in Cannon Falls. May she rest in peace.



Happy Ground Hog Day too!

Ministry Schedule, Sunday, February 9, 8:00 a.m.

EM's': Jeri Erickson & Jade Marty
Lector: Faith Formation Students/Rachel Schott
Ushers: Johnny Kleindl & Brock Marty
Servers: Berdine Kleindl & Lillian Marty
Sacristans: Rachel Schott

Winter Schedule:

---**ACC Meeting, Feb. 6th, St. Mary's Hall, 7:00 p.m.**
---**Parish Council Meeting, Feb. 11th, in Hall, 7:00 p.m.**
.....**Mary Marlow's Funeral, Feb. 22nd, 11:00 a.m.**

Please pick up your envelopes and contribution statements.

Catholic Men's Conference: Will be held at St. John's University on Feb 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Neary at 4:00 p.m. Theme is "Dare to Hope, A Call to Prayer" with Fr. Scott Traynor, Sioux Falls Diocese, speaker. Register by 2-12-25 by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CMC>.

Voices of Hope--The Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: The 2025 Appeal launches soon. Your offerings change lives in so many ways through ministries that reach out to the homebound, form our children and families in the Catholic faith, protect people at all stages of life, inspire people to become faith leaders, establish mental health ministries, build bridges connecting communities and work in so many ways to bring our brothers and sisters closer to Christ.

The Benson Area Memory Loss Network announces that the "Voices of Joy Memory Choir" has started again. This choir is not just for people who are on a memory loss journey; we encourage their caregivers, friends, and anyone who likes to sing to come and join us. The choir meets on Tuesday mornings at Scandi Haven Village in Benson (use south door). Social time/refreshments at 9:30, singing 10-11:00. For more info call Gwen, 701-261-8920.

Knights of Columbus meet Feb. 4, Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption in Morris. Lunch will be served.

Needed: Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans. Please call Fr. John Paul or the office, if you would be willing to be trained for either!

Mass Intentions for 2025 still have many openings: Please turn in your requests to the office, as soon as possible, and we'll let you know if the date you want is available. THANK YOU!



St. Anthony ~ Browns Valley

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Liturgical Ministers – February 9 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Joan Miller
EM: Edith Foren, Brenda Pederson & Marlene Appel
Choir & Congregation: Mike Toelle & Brenda Bartz
Servers: Natalie Remily & Addison Jurgens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Pat & Cindy Homan
Ushers: Cody Nelson & Caden Gibson
Home Communion: Bernice Piechowski
Sacristan: Marlene Appel

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."* – Hebrews 2:18 When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

Students are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. There is a box in back of church for the pop tabs.

Upcoming events:

Bloodmobile at American Legion Monday, February 17 from noon until 6 p.m. Call Muriel at 605-694-2769 to make an appointment. Please give the gift of life!!

American Legion in BV has their fish fry the last Friday of each month, serving starts at 5 p.m. \$20.

FOOT CLINIC at BV Community Center will be the first Wednesday of each month. The next toenail clinic will be Wednesday, February 5th, from 9:00 – 12:00. Cost \$25 for foot care, toenail trim, file and massage. Carol Nelson, RN

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Feast of The Presentation of The Lord

Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, February 9th ~ 9:30AM

Lectors: Linda Larson
EM: Carol Nelson, Linda Larson, Paul Thielen
Servers: Dayne Przymus & Gentry McKinley
Ushers: Mel Smith & Jim Coffman
Fellowship: Dave & Jackie McClernon

SAVE THE DATE

Sun., Feb. 9th ~ Fellowship after Mass
Sun., Feb. 9th ~ 10:30 – 11:30am Faith Formation
Sun., Mar. 2nd ~ 2:00pm – Confirmation in Morris

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list please call the office at 320-563-4421.

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Fr. Stan Wieser, Curtis Frisch, Barb Tauber, Liela Fridgen, Carole Schmitz, Margaret Thielen, Shirley Murray Peyton, Mary & Willy Rinke, Gene Stueve, Shirley Montonye, Carrie Frisch, Connie Grimes

The 2025 Boxes of Offertory Envelopes are in the office, to pick them up please call 563-4421. **Thank You**

The February Mass Ministers Schedule and the **Living Faith for January – March** are now available.

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.