

*Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025*  
*Super Bowl Sunday*

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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Feb 16<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON** ~ No Mass ~  
**TUE** Funeral – 11:00 am Wheaton ~ Fr. Stanley Wieser  
**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, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

Adult \$2041 Youth \$20 Loose \$157 Votive \$23.55  
Crafts \$20 Stole Fees \$70 Utilities \$550

**Confession Schedule:**

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

**Fr. Stan Wieser** has passed on.

A Vigil Service will be held at Ave Maria on Mon @ 3:00pm.  
Following the Service, visitation will be held till 7:00 pm.  
The visitation will resume Tues at Ave Maria @ 9:30 am  
until the Mass of Christian Burial @ 11:00 am.  
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O' Lord.  
Let Perpetual Light shine upon Him.  
May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**Groundhog Hunting Season** opened up last Sunday.

**Valentine's Day** is this Friday. You have a few days yet to  
get your sweetheart something sweet.

**Super Bowl** is today @ 5:30 pm. Hope your team wins!

**Ministry Schedule, Sunday, February 16, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's:** Rich Weber & Jamie Van Eps  
**Lector:** Sandi Marlow-Weber  
**Ushers:** Jacob Marty & Ron Draper  
**Servers:** Mandy Kleindl & Josie Van Eps  
**Sacristans:** David Asfeld

**Winter Schedule:**

---Parish Council Meeting, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, in Hall, 7:00 p.m.  
-----Mary Marlow's Funeral, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m.  
---March 2, 2025 Confirmation in Morris, 2:00 p.m.

**DCCW Lenten Retreat:** Lent will be here before you know it. Make a resolution to attend "The Secret of the Holy Face" Lenten Retreat at St. Michael's Parish in Buckman, MN on Saturday March 8, 2025. Speakers: Cathy Maloney-Hills, OSF, and Fr. Robert Altier, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Cost: \$20 by Feb. 28; \$25 at the door. Everyone is welcome. See stcloudccw.org for more info. See flyer on back doors.

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: This is Announcement Week!**

Please take this opportunity to read the attachment to this week's bulletin to learn more about the diocesan ministries that continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Keep them thriving! Please consider your gift before Commitment Weekend, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. The appeal mailing will be coming out this week to your mail box. You can return your offering next week, and we'll mail your envelopes to the Diocese. Envelopes will also be in the pews next week.

**The Benson Area Memory Loss Network announces that the**

**"Voices of Joy Memory Choir"** has started again. This choir is for people who are on a memory loss journey, 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.

**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 some openings:** Call the office. We'll let you know which dates are still available. THANK YOU!

**Our condolences to the family of Sharon Henrichs on her recent passing, 1-31-25.** May her memories live on and may she rest in the peace of Christ!



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**Liturgical Ministers – February 16 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Mike Toelle  
**EM:** Mike Toelle, Edith Foren & Marlene Appel  
**Choir & Congregation:** David & Julie Metz  
**Servers:** Daxtin Miller & Emmett Piechowski  
**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Jeff & Rose Donnay  
**Ushers:** Dick Serocki & Bob Appel  
**Home Communion:** Bernice Piechowski  
**Sacristan:** Sue Toelle

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” – Isaiah 6:8*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, *“Whom shall I send?”* Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, *“Here I am, Lord.”*

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**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.

**FAITH FORMATION: No classes on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - President’s Day holiday.**



**Ave Maria ~ Wheaton**

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**Sunday, February 16<sup>h</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lectors:** Paul Frisch  
**EM:** Paul Frisch, Deb Mucha, Philip Deal  
**Servers:** Charlie Frisch & Xavier Doschadis  
**Ushers:** Hank Frisch & Mark Koch  
**Fellowship:** Mel Smith & Melanie Klein

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sun., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ Fellowship after Mass  
**Sun., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ No Faith Formation  
**Wed., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** ~ 7:00pm Church Council Meeting  
**Sun., Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>** ~ 2:00pm – Confirmation in Morris

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list call the office at 320-563-4421, if need be, please leave a message.

**Please remember these people in your prayers:**

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

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

Would you like to help with funerals in our church? The **Funeral Committee** is looking for men who would like to help wash dishes after the meal is served. You would not have to work at every funeral, only when you are called and are available to help. If you are interested, please call **Julie Deal 563-8449** or the church office 563-4421 Thank You!!

*Happy Valentine’s Day*

