

March 16th, 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Mar 17th – Mar 23rd)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Dennis Marlow, Sr.
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
Stations – 6:00 pm Chokio, Wheaton, & B.V.
THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Ordell Ritter
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, Mar 9th

Adult \$2843 Youth \$19 Loose \$55 Votive \$34
Utilities \$50 Sanctuary Expense \$20

Confession Schedule:

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio
**No Confessions on Wednesday
5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

No Confessions on Wed this week.

Stations will be held on Wed @ 6:00 pm in each parish during Lent.

Due to the increase workload over the years, we would like to thank **Mr. Marty Lanter** for giving us nine wonderful years of his time serving on our finance council!

We truly appreciate all he has done for us 😊

Sound System: due to our issue at Ave Maria, Parish & Finance Council looking over options, decided to move forward with a new system. The company will be installing it possibly in April. Anyone desiring to contribute to the \$16,000.00 project would be warmly welcomed.

Stations of the Cross, Wednesday, March 19, 6:00 p.m.

President: Paula Baxter
Servers: Katlin Gibson & Sydney Gibson

Ministry Schedule, Sunday, March 23, 8:00 a.m.

EM's': Jeri Erickson & Bruce Berlinger
Lector: David Asfeld
Ushers: Brock Marty & John Kleindl
Servers: Landen Gibson & Xavier Kleindl
Sacristans: Keith & Maria Marty

Winter Schedule:

---Tuesday March 25, 2025 Mass 5:00 p.m./6:00 Confessions w/Fr. John Paul & Fr. Breu; no morning Mass; Feast of the Annunciation

Vivian Heltemes will speak on hospice at Assumption Church:

March 30th, 10:30 a.m., after Mass. She was a hospice nurse.

See the Bishop's message attached: Please take a **CRS Rice Bowl** home and make it part of your Lenten almsgiving. Foreign aid hunger assistance is being cut so it's more important than ever to fill your Rice Bowl and give to CRS. **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection is March 30th—there's an envelope in your pack.**

Knights of Columbus, #1527: Will be serving a St. Patrick's Day breakfast, Sun., March 16th at Assumption in Morris from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Serving omelets, etc. Proceeds to the Helping Hands Fund.

God's Plan For Your Marriage: Lenten enrichment class led by Dr. Tim & Hayley Jay based on Fr. Altier's book, "God's Plan For Your Marriage.". Meets 6 Monday nights, March 17th-April 21st. Discuss themes such as marriage as a Sacrament, the meaning and purpose of sexuality, a true understanding of masculinity and femininity and the role of the Cross in marriage. Cost \$50/couple with a meal from Mi Mexico or Old No.1 included. Scan the QR code to register.

March is Food Shelf Month: Use the cute envelopes, at the back of church, to put your donation in the collection for the Stevens County Food Shelf. **Please donate during March so we can turn the money in at the end of March.** Food shelves are in need, too.

Collection of Old Palms during March: If you have old palms that you would like to donate, place them in the vase, in the entrance. They will be burnt on Palm Sunday during Faith Formation.

Donations for Easter Flowers can be put in the Collection, in an envelope with the names of whomever you are remembering!



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Liturgical Ministers – March 23 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Bernice Piechowski
EM: Bernice Piechowski, Edith Foren & Marlene Appel
Choir & Congregation: Mary Nigg & Carol Hoffman
Servers: Raelyn Fryer & Rylie Metz
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Nathan & Melissa Jurgens
Ushers: David Nigg & Bob Metz
Home Communion: Edith Foren
Sacristan: Marlene Appel

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” - Genesis 15:7* Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING:

The Christian Mothers will meet on Thursday, March 20th at 3 p.m. in the church basement. Dues for the year are \$5 and are due by this meeting. If you would like to join the Christian Mothers, please contact Peggy Heck or Joan Miller.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St. Anthony’s on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

PANCAKE BRUNCH

The Better Beardsley Community Volunteers are sponsoring a pancake, egg and sausages brunch today from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Beardsley Beacon, formally known as St. Mary’s Community Building for their Open House. Free will donation will be taken. The Beacon is available to rent for weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, class reunions, showers, or any kind of gathering. All are invited!



Second Sunday of Lent

Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, March 23rd ~ 9:30AM

Lector: John Tauber
EM: John Tauber, Dean Frisch, Marty Lanter
Servers: Griffin Klemm & Hayden Klemm
Ushers: Kevin O’Leary & Rich Frisch
Fellowship: Paul & Leah Thielen

SAVE THE DATE

Wed., Mar. 19th ~ 6:00PM ~ Stations of the Cross
Sun., Mar. 23rd ~ Fellowship after Mass
Sun., Mar. 23rd ~ 10:30-11:30 ~ Faith Formation

The **March** Mass Ministers Schedule is available at all entrances.

Please remember these people in your prayers:

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 Better Beardsley Community Volunteers

are having a free will Pancake, Sausage and Egg Breakfast at the Beardsley Beacon (formerly St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Beardsley) Sunday, March 16th 9:00am – 12:30pm

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; *blessings and prosperity* will be yours.

Psalm 128:1-2

