

March 9th, 2025
9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Mar 10th – Mar 16th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE ~ No Mass ~
WED Stations – 6:00 pm Chokio, Wheaton, & B.V.
THU ~ No Mass ~
FRI ~ No Mass ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~James Schwebach
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, Mar 2nd

Adult \$1580 Youth \$14.50 Loose \$116 Votive \$20
Stole Fees \$40 Utilities \$700 Central MN Cath \$290

Confession Schedule:

*No Confessions on Tuesday
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***No Confessions on Thursday

Daylight Savings is this weekend: Sun, Mar 9th
so don't forget to "spring" your clocks one hour ahead,
else you'll be one hour late for Mass.

No Confessions or Weekday Mass this week
due to the padre being on retreat.

Confirmation turned out well last weekend.
A big thank you to all who worked so hard
over the years to make this event possible 😊

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

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 12, 6:00 p.m.

President: Rich Weber
Servers: Hannah Marty & Lillian Marty

Ministry Schedule, Sunday, March 16, 8:00 a.m.

EM's': David Asfeld & Scott Gonnerman
Lector: Sandi Marlow-Weber
Ushers: Keith & Maria Marty
Servers: Jameson Van Eps & Josie Van Eps
Sacristans: John & Mary Lou Berlinger

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

The Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025, Voices of Hope: If you have yet
to see our 2025 Video, please take a moment to learn more about
ministries that bring hope and help build the kingdom of God right
here in Central MN. You can use your smartphone or visit Voices of
Hope: Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025.

CRS Rice Bowls: Please take one 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 this Lent.

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, breakfast potatoes, sausage, rolls, coffee,
milk and juice. Proceeds go 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 on the
poster in the back to register.

March is Food Shelf Month: Use the envelope, at the back of
church, decorated by the Faith Formation students to put your
donation in the collection for the Stevens County Food Shelf.

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.



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Liturgical Ministers – March 16 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Joan Miller
EM: Brenda B., Brenda P. & Michelle Cooley
Choir & Congregation: David & Julie Metz
Servers: Emmett Piechowski & Gavin Fryer
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Grant & Nicole Remily fam.
Ushers: Ryan Toelle & John Toelle
Home Communion: Edith Foren
Sacristan: Marlene Appel

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” – Deuteronomy 26:10* This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” – the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren’t owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God’s gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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

2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – thanks to those who participated in and attended the annual World Day of Prayer on Friday with the UMPC women.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be said at St. Anthony’s on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning this Wednesday, March 12th. Stations will then be said at Browns Valley Health Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.



Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, March 16th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Sam Thielen
EM: Sam Thielen, Philip Deal, Deb Mucha
Servers: Claire Rinke & Audrie Gahlon
Ushers: Lenny Zimmel & Mike Marxen
Fellowship: Herman Barutt & Deb Mucha

SAVE THE DATE

Wed., Mar. 12th ~ 6:00PM ~ Stations of the Cross
Sun., Mar. 16th ~ Fellowship after Mass
Sun., Mar. 16th ~ 10:30 – 11:30am 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

If you would like to have a name added or removed from our prayer list, please call the office at 563-4421.

Rice Bowls are available at all three entrances

\$40 will buy bags of fertilizer to grow crops.
\$80 will buy a lamb to provide milk and income.
\$150 will buy fruit trees for nutrition, income & opportunity.
75% of your Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services’ work around the world. 25% helps fight hunger and poverty in your own community.

Looking for something to do? Come to the church basement **Monday from 9AM to Noon** to quilt with us. If you think this ministry is not for you because you do not SEW, come and check us out, we need help cutting and ironing also.

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!!**