

*Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025*

*~18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time~*

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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Aug 4<sup>th</sup> – Aug 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON ~ No Mass ~**

**TUE** Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Sharon Henrichs

**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~

**THU** Mass –10:00 am BVCC ~

**FRI** Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~

**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Dennis Marlow, Sr.

Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~

Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$1640 Loose \$349 Votive \$22 Texas Flood \$220

**Confession Schedule:**

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio

5:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton

5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

**Chokio Flood:** thank you to all who helped clean up our parish hall basement & anyone else in the area.

Our hearts go out to all who were affected by this storm.

May God provide & comfort you.

**Arlyn Lampert's Gathering,** Mark's Mom, was last Friday.

May she rest in peace.

**ACC Picnic:** thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen as well for those who were able to attend!

**Vikings:** kick off their season on Sat, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>

**Bishop is coming:** Sun, Aug 31 @ 11:00am (Browns Valley)

**Foxy Ladies:** congrats on yet another Championship!!

Thanks Dumont, Herman, Graceville, etc. on a great season!

**Coyotes:** thanks for a great baseball season too & all you do!

**Ministry Schedule, Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's:** Jeri Erickson & Jade Marty

**Lector:** Nancy Leuthard

**Ushers:** Keith Marty & Maria Marty

**Servers:** Hannah Marty & Lillian Marty

**Sacristan:** Keith & Maria Marty

**Summer Schedule:**

**--August 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Council Meeting, 6 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, 7 p.m. St. Mary's Hall.**

**St. Mary's Calendar Raffle Winners, July 28-31st:** Lori Schmidt, Jodi DeCamp (Charlotte Jackson), Mark/Jenny Gibson, and Stephanie Kleindl (Josie Kleindl). That concludes our 2025 Calendar Raffle. Thanks to everyone for purchasing tickets! It was another successful year. Thanks to Mary Koch for heading up the raffle for the first time and Mary Lou & Donna Berlinger and Kathy & Kerri Asmus for selling tickets. Your work is appreciated!

**Thank you to everyone who helped make the ACC picnic a success! The All Things New Committee Members (Rachel Schott, Sandi Marlow-Weber & Dave Asfeld from Chokio)as well as those from the other parishes, the choir, Tom Schott for using his grill, David & Michele Asfeld for donating their beef for the hamburger patties, everyone who helped cook, everyone who donated cakes, Bishop Patrick for driving out to join us, Fr. John Paul, Fr. Todd & Deacon Lorenzo, and last but not least those who took a chance and attended! We hope everyone had an enjoyable time and met at least one new fellow Catholic!**

**Thank You to Jenny Gibson Jamie Van Eps, and Rachel Schott and anyone else from St. Mary's for representing our church at Vacation Bible School!** May all the children who attended find & trust Jesus in this Wild World.

**National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5, 5-7 p.m. Our Saviors**

**Lutheran Church.** Bringing emergency workers together with neighbors. Join the Stevens County Sheriff, Chokio Fire Dept & First Responders for hotdogs, hamburgers, root beer floats!

**Sandi will be out of the office on a medical leave the next two weeks.** If something is urgent, please get in touch with Fr. John Paul, or if not urgent, leave messages on the answering machine.

**Christian Mothers & Womens News:** At our July meeting we decided to collect our \$10 dues in July & August so it doesn't come due the same time as Guild Dues. Also, if you want to be added or deleted from the Prayer Chain's texting or calling list, call the office.



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### **Liturgical Ministers – August 10 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Joan Miller

**EM:** Brenda Bartz, Edith Foren & Brenda Pederson

**Choir & Congregation:** Mary Nigg & Marlene Appel

**Servers:** Addison Jurgens & Natalie Remily

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Pat & Cindy Homan

**Ushers:** David Nigg & Pat Homan

**Home Communion:** Bernice Piechowski

**Sacristan:** Sue Toelle

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15*

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**BLOODMOBILE** at American Legion on August 13 from noon – 6 p.m. Call Muriel for appointment 694-2769. Give the gift of life.

**Bishop Patrick Neary** will be coming to St. Anthony’s on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. He will celebrate Mass with us and bless our stained glass windows. The Guild will provide a lunch after Mass for all.

**BV VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – A light snack will be provided. Ages 5 through 6<sup>th</sup> grades invited. Younger children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Located at UMPC in BV.

Check out our remodeled handicapped accessible family bathroom which was previously a women’s only bathroom. There is a women’s only bathroom available on the other side of the meeting room. Women can still use this one, too, but it can also accommodate our handicapped visitors.



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### **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lector:** Marty Lanter

**EM:** Marty Lanter, Sam Thielen, Deb Mucha

**Servers:** Colin O’Leary & Patrick O’Leary

**Ushers:** Butch Doll & Jim Coffman

**Fellowship:** Herman Barutt & Deb Mucha

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sun., Aug., 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Fellowship after Mass**

**Tue., Aug 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting**

**Tue., Aug 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting**

**Sun., Sept., 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Mel’s 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**

### **Prayer List**

Curtis Frisch, Barb Tauber, Carole Schmitz, Gene Stueve, Shirley Murray Peyton, Carrie Frisch, Connie Grimes, Kaye LeCuyer, Darlys Forcier, Mary & Willy Rinke, Shirley Montonye, Greta Frisch, Wally & Cleo Hennen

Would you like to have a Mass said for a family member or friend who has passed away, is ill or in need of prayers. **Each Mass intention is \$10.00.** You can call the office at 563-4421 or stop by.

The **August Mass Ministers Schedule** and the **Living Faith** for **July - September** are available at all three entrances.

**Ave Maria Parish Finance Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the south sacristy, the Parish Council Meeting will follow at 7:00pm.**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mel’s Open Golf Tournament**

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wheaton Country Club**

Open to everyone, 3 or 4 people on a team. Money raised will go to the Ave Maria Religious Education Program.

**If you would like to participate please call the church office at 563-4421.**

The tourney will consist of 18 holes and tee off is at 1:00 pm. Please arrive at 12:30 for the rules meeting. We will be having a potluck supper in the church basement after the tournament and we will also hand out prizes.

**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 don’t SEW, definitely come and check us out, we need help cutting and ironing also.