

January 11th, 2026
~ The Baptism of Jesus ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Jan 12th – Jan 18th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Kenny Wohlers
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU Mass –10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Julianne Marlow &
Marge McKenna
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~
STEWARDSHIP – for New Years Eve:
Adult \$450 Loose \$130 Solemnity \$790
For Jan 4th:
Adult \$1310 Youth \$3 Loose \$156 Christmas \$50
Solemnity \$50 Votive \$16 Utilities \$460 YG Bake Sale \$912

Confession Schedule:

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

Wilmot Potluck & Rosary: Sun, Jan 11 @ noon.
Be there or be square!

Pancake Breakfast: Sun, Jan 18 @ Ave Maria.
Look to column for details.



**Heisman Trophy Winner
Never misses Sunday Mass**

Ministry Schedule, Sunday, January 18, 8:00 a.m.

EM's: David Asfeld, Juanita Staples, Jade Marty, S Gonnerman
Lector: Paul Daly
Ushers: Mark Lampert & Ron Draper
Servers: Kendal Baxter & Kimber Baxter
Sacristan: John & Mary Lou Berlinger

Winter Schedule:

---January 13th, Liturgy Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., in the Hall
---January 23rd, Bloodmobile in St. Mary's Hall, 8 am-12 pm. Go to
redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appt.

**2025 Contribution Statements will be out by January 18th. If it is
needed before that call the office.**

**Honoring Marriage Day is May 2nd at St. Francis Xavier Parish in
Sartell, MN.** Please call the office if you will be celebrating 25, 40,
50, 60 or 60 plus years of marriage. Sandi will be compiling a list of
couples celebrating these special anniversaries and submitting
them to the Diocese. You will receive an invitation to this event!

**If you would be interested in mentoring engaged couples, to help
them prepare for a Christian marriage, the Diocese is offering
Sponsor Couple Training, Jan . 24, April 25 & Sept. 26th.** Contact
Janet Dusek, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family: 320-
258-7616 or janet.dusek@gw.stcdio.org.

**Safe Environment Training is due by January 31, 2026 for all Faith
Formation Teachers, whether adult or high school. Please call the
office, if you need help/have lost the instructions.**

2026 MCCL March for Life: Let's make MN a place that values and
loves both moms and babies! Join thousands of pro-life
Minnesotans at the 2026 March for Life at noon on Jan. 22 at the
state Capitol in St. Paul. There is a bus from Alexandria, call Jim
320-805-0076. **The rosary before Mass on Jan. 26th will have
special pro-life meditations with each decade of the rosary.**

Needed: A Guild Vice President & a Bazaar Co-Chair! Neither job
is that time consuming or difficult. Please call Maria Berlinger, if
you can be VP and call Renee Schwebach if you can help chair the
Bazaar. "Many hands make the work light!" Or call the office.

Marriage Encounter: A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect
people who learn to celebrate their differences! Attend the Feb.
14-15th weekend to deepen your love. Go to www.marriages.org.



St. Anthony ~ Browns Valley

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Liturgical Ministers – January 18 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Paula Bourdreaux
EM: Joan Miller, Marlene Appel & Edith Foren
Choir & Congregation: David & Julie Metz
Servers: Raelyn Fryer & Rylie Metz
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Pat & Cindy Homan
Ushers: Bill Gibson & Pat Homan
Home Communion: Marlene Appel
Sacristan: Brenda Bartz

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?" Matthew 3:14*

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

We are called to bring the love of Christ to the world. We can help you discover how! CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for January 23-25, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Annual statements will be ready by next Sunday in the back of church. Let me know if you need yours sooner. 605-237-3399

Make sure you pick up January's issue of the Word Among Us and the new Catholic Reader and a 2026 calendar. Schedules are in the back if you didn't get one for the next 3 months. Also, lots of free books and other things on the back table.



The Baptism of the Lord

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Sunday, January 18th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Paul Frisch
EM: Paul Frisch, Paul Thielen, John Tauber
Servers: Michael O'Leary & Patrick O'Leary
Ushers: Jim Coffman & Butch Doll
No Fellowship ~ Men's Pancake Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE

Sun., Jan., 18th ~ Faith Formation 10:30-11:30

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Prayer List

Curtis Frisch, Barb Tauber, Carole Schmitz, Gene Stueve, Shirley Murray Peyton, Carrie Frisch, Connie Grimes, Kaye LeCuyer, Darlys Forcier, Mary & Willie Rinke, Shirley Montonye, Wally Hennen, Roger & Kathi Schmitz, Dale Larson, and all of our military who are deployed

**The Wheaton Area Baseball Association
"Pancake Fundraiser"**

Will be held at the **Wheaton American Legion**

Today, January 11th, from 9am – 1pm

Free Will Donation

Proceeds will go to improve the baseball field

The Ave Maria Men

invite you to their annua

"Pancake and Sausage Breakfast"

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Serving from **9:30am to Noon**

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Juice, and Milk will be served.

Free Will offering

Please join us, all are welcome!!!



**TOTUS TUUS WILL BE HELD AT AVE MARIA
JULY 11th - 17th, 2026**

For all students grades **K ~ 12**

This will be our Vacation Bible School for the summer and it also meets the retreat requirement for the Confirmation students!!

Stay tuned for more information over the next few months.

Please call **Karyn Peterson at 320-808-1129** with any questions.