

February 8th, 2026

~ 5th Ordinary Sunday ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Feb 9th – Feb 15th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Christian Mothers/Women
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU Mass –10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI ~ No Mass ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Sam & Ellie Logan
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, February 1st

Adult \$1945 Youth \$12 Loose \$64.25 Votive \$57
Maintenan \$100 Utilities \$550 Stipends \$120 Sanctuary \$75

Confession Schedule:

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

Diocesan Appeal Kickoff: is Sun, Feb 15th

No Mass on Fri or Confessions on Thu due to meeting.

Hour of POWER: will be added to the liturgy schedule with 7:00 am (Adoration) & 8:00 am (Rosary) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays beginning the 1st “**FULL**” week of Lent where weekday Mass is celebrated.

Funerals in another location will cancel it that day.

Make sense??

Say, Yes.

Yes.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

5:00 pm (Wheaton)
5:30 pm (Chokio)
7:00 pm (B.V.)

Ministry Schedule, Sunday, February 15, 8:00 a.m.

EM's: B Berlinger, S Gonnerman, Jade Marty, G Heintzelman

Lector: Sandi Marlow-Weber

Ushers: Larry Heintzelman & Bruce Berlinger

Servers: Otto Kleindl & Zachary Kleindl

Sacristan: Larry & Ginny Heintzelman

Winter Schedule:

---Feb. 18th, Ash Wednesday evening, 5:30 p.m.

---Feb. 24th, Tuesday, Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

DCCW Lenter Retreat: For once there is a retreat close to us! Register for the upcoming Lenten Retreat, “Praying for the Prodigal.” Saturday, March 14, 2026, 9am-3pm, at Assumption, in Morris, MN. Includes speakers, Jason Prigge and Roxane Salonen, the Chaplet of St. Monica, Mass, and lunch. Fee is \$25 by March 2 or \$30 at door. **We have been asked to bring bars. See sign-up!**

Catholic Men's Conference, Walking Together as Brothers, is at St. John's University, Saturday, Feb. 28, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Deepen your personal relationship with God and find practical habits to strengthen your hope! This event is open to all men, whether practicing Catholics or those seeking to deepen their faith. Discover how to live as a man of hope in today's world. Cost is \$40, or \$35 for groups of 5 or more, or \$10 ages 15-22. Call Jan Zylla, 320-258-7615 or go online to stcdio.org/event/fcatholic-mens-conference-2026. Speaker Craig Gould, Notre Dame Vision.

Hearts of Mercy, the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend is next weekend, February 15th! Please read the bulletin attachment to learn more about what the appeal supports, such as the TV Mass and various ministries. Consider your gift this week. You may receive an appeal letter in the mail soon. You can mail these in directly, or put in the collection for the office to mail in, in one big envelope. There will also be envelopes and pens in the pews next weekend for you to use to give your gift. These envelopes aren't opened here, but sent on unopened!

Totus Tuus will be held at Ave Maria, July 11-17th for grades K-12. Totus Tuus is a week-long Catholic retreat for youth, given by college students, with lively skits, songs to inspire youth to love Jesus and strive for holiness. Our youth are invited. Call office or Karyn Pdterson, 320-808-1129, if you are interested.

Faith Formation Sunday Treat Sign-Up: Is in need of someone to take March 8, 29 and April 12th. Please take a week.



St. Anthony ~ Browns Valley

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Liturgical Ministers – February 15– 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Paula Bourdreaux
EM: Kevin Jurgens, Brenda Pederson & Michelle Cooley
Choir & Congregation: David & Julie Metz
Servers: Natalie Remily & Addison Jurgens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Jim & Loretta Kruger
Ushers: Dick Serocki & Bob Appel
Home Communion: Bernice Piechowski
Sacristan: Sue Toelle

Bishop’s Annual Appeal – Hearts of Mercy:

Please take this opportunity to read the insert in this weekly 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. Please keep them thriving.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16*

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God’s gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don’t put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

The saying goes “when the going gets tough, the tough get going.”

Do you know what to do in times of trouble? 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 March 20-22, 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

BLOODMOBILE

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Monday, February 16th, from noon to 6:00 p.m. Please call Muriel Kallstrom at 605-694-2769 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. Please give!



Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, February 15th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: John Tauber
EM: John Tauber, Armon Karsky, Paul Frisch
Servers: Peyton Duhme & Zoe Doschadis
Ushers: Lenny Zimmel & Mike Marxen
Fellowship: Herman Barutt & Deb Mucha

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, Feb 11th ~ Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm
Sunday, Feb 15th ~ No Faith Formation
Sunday, Feb 15th ~ Fellowship after Mass

The February Mass Ministers Schedule
is available at all three entrances.

We have a watch in the office, if you lost one in the basement last Sunday, please stop in and pick it up.

Prayer List

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

Ave Maria Parish Council will meet on **Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00pm** in the **South Sacristy**.

The Wheaton Sons of the American Legion Annual Soup and Chili Fundraiser
Will be held at the **Wheaton American Legion**
Saturday, February 21st
11:30am – 3:00pm
Free Will Offering....Come out and enjoy!!

The quilting ladies have sewn some little book bags so that children can come in to church and put a couple of books that they wish to look at during Mass into the bag and then return them to the book shelf after Mass. **Thank You to Avis Grohs** for sewing them!!

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!!
All students from St. Anthony’s, St. Mary’s and Assumption Churches are invited to join us for the week.
Please call **Karyn Peterson at 320-808-1129** with questions.