

March 1st, 2026
~ 2nd Sunday of Lent ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Mar 2nd – Mar 8th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Tom Marty
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
Stations – 6:00 pm (All Three Parishes)
THU Mass –10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass –10:00 am TCC ~
SAT Mass – 8:30 am Browns Valley ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Dennis Marlow, Sr.
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, February 22nd

Adult \$2905 Youth \$10 Loose \$78.05 Votive \$16
Ash Wed. \$230 Crafts \$50 Utilities \$50 Stipends \$50
Central & Eastern Europe \$55

Hour of POWER:

7:00 Adoration & 8:00 am Rosary
Tues (Chokio), Wed (Wheaton), Thurs (B.V)

Confessions: 5:00 pm

Tues (Chokio), Wed (Wheaton), Thurs (B.V)

Extra Confession Window: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Tuesday, March 10 (Chokio)
Wednesday, March 11 (Wheaton)
Thursday, March 12 (Browns Valley)



Great Job Team U.S.A.!!!

Ministry Schedule, Wed., Mar. 4th Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m.

President: Fr. John Paul
Servers: Jameson Van Eps & Josie Van Eps

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

EM's: Juanita Staples & Scott Gonnerman
Lector: Faith Formation Students/Rachel Schott
Ushers: Mark Lampert & Brian Marty
Servers: Kaitlin Gibson & Sydney Gibson
Sacristan: Rachel Schott

Winter Schedule:

---Mar 10th, Penance Service, 5-8 p.m. confessions available

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat is at

Assumption, Saturday, March 14th, 9 am-3 pm. Consider attending. **We have been asked to bring bars.** Bars needed at the hall or Sandi's house, by 10 am on Friday, March 13th. **THANKS!**

Hearts of Mercy, the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for the donations already sent and received here! As we enter the 2nd week of Lent, we invite you to hold our diocesan ministries in your prayers. Through your generosity, these ministries continue to build the Kingdom of God in W. Central MN, bringing hope to many.

I Can Only Imagine 2 is at the Morris Theatre, Feb. 20th-March 5th:

This movie is a heartfelt story of faith, family and finding hope through the storm. Help keep the Morris Theatre in our community by attending this uplifting movie.

Our condolences and prayers to the entire Schwebach family on the passing of Tom Schwebach! May he rest in the peace of Christ!

During the month of March we will be collecting donations to the Stevens County Food Shelf. Use the decorated envelopes in basket.

Knights of Columbus meet Tuesday, March 3rd in Morris, St. Mary's gym at 7 pm. Lunch will be served.

Please take a CRS Rice Bowl, from the back table: As countries around the world reduce their funding for international humanitarian aid and hunger continues to rise **Catholic Relief Services**, invites Catholics across the US to pray, fast and give alms through its Lenten program, CRS Rice Bowl. Bishop Patrick Neary, chairman of the CRS board of directors, suggests making a meatless meal once a week, during Lent, and giving the savings to the CRS Rice Bowl. Each family received a Rice Bowl at Faith Formation.



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Liturgical Ministers – March 8 - 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Mike Toelle

EM: Mike Toelle, Mary Nigg & Brenda Pederson

Choir & Congregation: Julie & David Metz

Servers: Ryen Metz & Natalie Remily

Greeters/Gift Bearers: David & Julie Metz

Ushers: David Metz & Mike Heck

Home Communion: Edith Foren

Sacristan: Marlene Appel

Bishop's Annual Appeal: As we enter the second week of Lent, may we open our hearts to become agents of compassion—listening deeply, trusting God, and walking humbly toward the light of resurrection. In this sacred season, we invite you to hold our diocesan ministries in your prayers. Through your generosity, these ministries continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota, bringing hope and healing to many. Please help them continue this important work by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” Genesis 12:1* God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

Confirmation will be Sunday, March 15th at Assumption Church in Morris, MN at 2:00 p.m.

Confirmands need to be there by 12:15 and sponsors by 1:00 p.m. Those being confirmed by Bishop Patrick Neary this year are Rylie Metz, Caden Gibson and Cody Nelson.

Please pray for them!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on Friday, March 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Browns Valley. This year’s theme is the women of Nigeria. All are welcome!



Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, March 8th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Paul Thielen

EM: Paul Thielen, Armon Karsky, Dean Frisch

Servers: Michael O’Leary & Patrick O’Leary

Ushers: Wolfgang Brink & Philip Brink

Fellowship: Sam & Kassie Thielen

Home Communion: Jackie McClernon

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, Mar 4th ~ Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

Sunday, Mar 8th ~ Faith Formation 10:30am – 11:30am

Sunday, Mar 8th ~ Fellowship after Mass

The March Mass Ministers Schedule and Rice Bowls are available at all three entrances.

Prayer List

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

The Wheaton Lions Pancake Breakfast Scholarship Fundraiser

Will be held Today, March 1st

At the Wheaton American Legion

Serving from 9:00am – 12:30pm

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee & Juice

Free Will Donation

Delivery available to Wheaton shut-ins for \$10.00/meal
Call 320-563-8865 from 9am to noon to reserve your delivery meal.

The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be holding their **Lenten Retreat** on **Saturday, March 14th from 9:00am-3:00pm at Assumption Church in Morris.** The registration fee is \$25.00 by March 2nd or \$30.00 at the door. **Ave Maria has been asked to bring 3 pans of bars for the retreat. If you are able to make a pan or would like to register for the retreat please call the office at 563-4421. Thank You!!**

The **Funeral Committee** is looking for people who would like to help with serving the meal and doing dishes. 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** at **563-8449** or the **church office 563-4421 Thank You!!**