

April 26th, 2026

~ 4th Sunday of Easter ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Apr 27th – May 3rd)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Fabian & Liz Ritter Family
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Nick Daly
Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~
SAT Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Ken & Jeanne Asmus
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, April 19th

Adult \$1260 Youth \$19 Loose \$152 Votive \$29
Easter \$50 Raffle \$1140 Utilities \$50 Stipend \$10

Hour of POWER:

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

Confessions: 5:30 pm

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

A “**Big**” Thank You to both Michelle Nelson & Dr. Molly Westerman for accepting the position of DRE in Chokio!

Both will do a great job!!

May the Good Lord likewise “greatly” reward Rachel Schott who had served this position for many years & done so well!

May time & eternity be filled with many memories of the sacrificial love & knowledge you shared with us 😊

Mr. Bremer of Dumont will be inducted in the MN Twins Hall of Fame July 11th. Darlys Forcier will play a part of the field ceremony too. A charter bus, or possibly two, is filling with Hall of Famer “Hank Frisch” going.

So, for a good cause & “hopefully” a good game contact “soon” Chad Schmidt 320-287-0690 or Missy Przymus 320-808-1589.

Ministry Schedule, 5th Sunday of Easter, May 3, 8:00 a.m.

EM's: Rich Weber, Jade Marty, Juanita Staples, Jerry Heltemes

Lector: Paula Baxter

Ushers: Bruce Berlinger & Jeramee Van Eps

Servers: Katlin Gibson & Sydney Gibson

Sacristan: David Asfeld

SPRING SCHEDULE: TAKE EASTER LILIES IN HALL. THEY'RE FREE!

--May 3rd is First Communion during 8 a.m. Mass, w/Reception:

Please pray for them: Colten Benson, Lyla Blackwelder, Hallie Erickson, Millie Kampmeier, Adaline Kleindl, Emily Marty, Braedyn Nelson, Blake Popp, Jack Van Eps, and Quinn Westerman.

---Baccalaureate & Reception is May 17th. Please pray for our seniors as graduation nears: Jace Kleindl, Xavier Kleindl, Jade Marty, Lincoln Schneider and Jillian Schott.

St. Mary's Annual Calendar Raffle Ticket Sales are taking place, before and after Mass. Tickets also available in the office or by

calling Mary Koch, 320-808-5475. Received to date: \$2880.

Tickets are going fast, only about 100 to be picked up!

Youth Group Selling Mother's Day Flower Pots again: Price will be \$13/pot. Jenny Gibson will be taking orders. You can message her cell, 320-808-1916. You can pick up your pots on **May 10th, Mother's Day**. Anderson Acres is providing pots.

Co-Director of Religious Ed (DRE's): We are happy and grateful to Michelle Nelson and Molly Westerman for being willing to take over this responsibility and thank Rachel Schott for her many years of service as DRE. May God Bless You Richly!

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection Next Week: Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today to strengthen the Church in America! 40% of dioceses in the US & territories are considered mission territories, unable to fund essential pastoral activities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, etc.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church's Salad Supper, is Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. with Program to follow: Testimonial by Ortonville author, Sandy Hanson, on how she came to write 3 children's book from the perspective of a time traveling camel proving God works in mysterious ways! Hosted by Our Savior's Women.

Jean Kohouts' address: PAM Rehab, ATTN: Jean Kohout, 4671 38th St. S., Fargo, ND 58104. We pray you'll be home soon.



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Liturgical Ministers – May 3 - 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Joan Miller

EM: Joan Miller, Edith Foren & Keith Haggerty

Choir & Congregation: Mary Nigg & Marlene Appel

Servers: Emma Remily & Natalie Remily

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Rose & Leeland Donnay

Ushers: Mike Spindler & Paul Serocki

Home Communion: Bernice Piechowski

Sacristan: Sue Toelle

Stewardship as a Way of Life: “.... I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” John: 10:10 An abundant life comes not from gathering or hoarding possessions but in giving of ourselves.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal – Hearts of Mercy :Diocesan ministries strengthen parish life by providing support no single parish can offer alone.

- **Vocations and the Diaconate** guides men discerning the priesthood or permanent diaconate and supports our seminarians.
- **Communications**—through *The Central Minnesota Catholic* magazine, the Friday Feed and social media—helps keep people connected to their faith.
- **Catholic Education Ministries** helps support families and equip catechists in passing on the Catholic faith.

These ministries, and all the many diocesan ministries, keep our communities supported, connected and mission-focused. Please help them thrive by giving at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

Adoration begins at 700 a.m. with Rosary about 8 a.m. on Thursday mornings. All are welcome!

Leeland Donnay will be making his First Holy Communion Sunday, May 3rd. Today is the last day of Faith Formation. Thank you to the teachers.

2026 Graduating seniors include: Carson Jurgens, Dasani Miller, Emilie Metz, & Abby Fryer. Mass on Mother’s Day, May 10th will be in their honor.

We can’t accept pill bottles until we can find a place to bring them. Please don’t bring any til further notice.



Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, May 3rd ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Lyla Peterson

EM: Armon Karsky, Carol Nelson, Deb Mucha

Servers: Peyton Duhme & Zoe Doschadis

Ushers: Mel Smith & Jeff Peterson

Home Communion: Colleen Violet

Fellowship: John & Barb Tauber

Save The Date

Sunday, April 26th ~ Fellowship after Mass today

Sunday, April 26th ~ Last Day of Faith Formation is today

Sunday, May 3rd ~ First Communion – 9:30am Mass

Sunday, May 3rd ~ Fellowship - cake and coffee with our First Communicants ~ All are Welcome!

Wednesday, May 6th ~ Ladies Guild Meeting 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 12th ~ Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

Sunday, May 17th ~ Baccalaureate Mass

Our First Communicants are **Briseida Coronel Barrales, Sawyer Duhme, Renata Gonzalez Davila, Cora Johnson, Bristol Ketterling, Athzyry Marquez Hernandez, Henry Nelson, and Alann Reyes.** Please pray for our young people as they prepare for their First Communion. After Mass on May 3rd please join us in the church basement as we Congratulate them.

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 Schmidtko, and all of our military who are deployed

We would like to say “**Thank You**” to the Grimes Family for the donation of an organ that belonged to Connie!

“**Thank You**” also to those that helped move things, we appreciate all of your help!

Lenny Zimmer, Armon Karsky, Brady Karsky, Marcus Karsky, Dick Sanasack, Wolfgang Brink, Butch Doll, Roger Doll, Hank Frisch, Denny Sykora, Porter Klemm and Griffin Klemm.

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!!**

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