

July 26th, 2026
~ 17th Ordinary Sunday ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (July 27th – Aug 2nd)

MON Funeral – 10:00 am Carole Wiss ~ Browns Valley
TUE Mass – 5:30 pm Chokio ~Christians Mothers/Women
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~
SAT Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Tom Schwebach
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, July 19th

Adult \$2545 Youth \$2 Loose \$369 Votive \$18
Crafts \$210 Rental Income \$200 Utilities \$50
Federated Cap Credits \$6,519.19 Venezuela \$471

Hour of POWER:

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

Confessions: 5:30 pm

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Congratulations Hunter & Abby Gonnerman in tying the knot this weekend! May you have many wonderful years 😊

St. Mary's Cemetery Mass: on Wed, Aug 5th, @ 5:30 pm

Pilgrimage to Rome & Switzerland

There is an opportunity opened up for anyone wishing to make a 13 day pilgrimage to Italy & Switzerland this Sept. 3rd – 15th, 2026, along with Father John Paul. Entails: Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Pompeii, Milan, etc. Cost of \$5,999.00 covers airfare, 4-5 star hotels, etc. For more info - <https://www.proximotravel.com/about-us/> office@proximotravel.com or 508-505-6059
Could be a break from summer & a primer for harvest!

Ministry Schedule, 18th Sunday Ordinary Time, Aug. 2, 8:00 am

EM's: Rich Weber & Jeri Erickson

Lector: Paula Baxter

Ushers: Ron Draper & Mark Lampert

Servers: Otto Kleindl & Mandy Kleindl

Sacristan: John & Mary Lou Berlinger

Summer Schedule:

--Vacation Bible School, July 27-29th at Our Saviors, Chokio.

--Christian Mothers' & Womens' Annual Meeting, July 28, 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by lunch and meeting.

--Finance Council Meeting, 6 p.m., & Parish Council Meeting, 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4th

St. Mary's Calendar Raffle Winners July 20th-July 26th: Jeri Ritter (Blake Popp), \$130; Derek DeCamp, \$130; Aaron Asmus, \$130; Ray Keeler (Bergen), \$130; Ray Keeler (Rowan), \$130; Chad & Lisa Burton, \$130; Matt & Amy Arnold (Gabby), \$520. Congrats! Winners posted at church, in bulletin, at Post Office, Chokio Review & St. Mary's Annual Bazaar Facebook Page. Checks mailed daily!

Christian Mothers & Women will be welcoming new members on July 28th at Mass. Please consider joining us! We are essentially a spiritual organization and contribute to the life of St. Mary's. Call Kathy Snell, Donna Berlinger or Sandi Marlow-Weber to join.

Hayley Jay will speak at our meeting briefly on the "heart and identity of woman." All women from our ACC are invited!

Turkey & Sweet Corn Supper (all you can eat). Sunday, Aug. 2nd, 5-7 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Alberta, MN. Free Will Offering.

National Night Out, August 4th, Tuesday, 5-7 pm at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Chokio, bringing emergency workers together with neighbors under positive circumstances! A night of fun with the Stevens County Sheriff, Chokio Fire Dept. & First Responders. Bouncy house, games, hot dogs, hamburgers, root beer floats!

Collection for Venezuelan Earthquake Victims: Thank you for your donations to the CRS/Venezuela Emergency Relief Fund. We are able to send them \$471, because of your generosity!

Knights of Columbus News: The Annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser collected \$1230 from the parishes of St. Charles, Herman; Our Lady of the Runestone, Kensington; Assumption, Morris; and St. Mary's, Chokio. All proceeds will go to: Special Olympics of MN, Grant and Stevens County D.A.C. THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!



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Liturgical Ministers – August 2 - 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Jeanette Pistorius

EM: Jeanette Pistorius, Michelle Cooley & Cindy Haggerty

Choir & Congregation: David & Julie Metz

Servers: Addison Jurgens & Natalie Remily

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Jim & Loretta Kruger

Ushers: Dick Serocki & Bob Appel

Home Communion: Bernice Piechowski

Sacristan: Sue Toelle

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28*

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Information on the trip in September can be found on the bulletin board. Help yourself to one of the flyers if you are interested in signing up. Thanks.

BLOODMOBILE: August 12 from 12 – 6 P.M. AT THE American Legion. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Lunch provided. Call 605-694-2769 for appointment. Walk-ins welcome. Give the gift of life.

Journey with St. Francis will be held on the Franciscan Sisters Campus in Little Falls on Thursday, August 13 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. No fee but pre-registration is required by July 27th Call Linda at 320-293-1839 to register. See poster in back.

The Abbey of the Hills is sponsoring a “Our Lady of the Snows” day on August 5th. Join Retire Bishop Donald Kettler, along with other area priests. Mass is 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30. Check out the bulletin board to find the registration information.

If you want the broken long pew behind the altar, call or text Marlene at 605-237-3399. Or leave a message at the office 320-695-2621.



Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, August 2nd ~ 9:30AM

Lector: John Tauber

EM: John Tauber, Linda Larson, Deb Mucha

Servers: Lyla Peterson & Teddy Peterson

Ushers: Kevin O'Leary & Rich Frisch

Home Communion: Cindy Sanasack

Fellowship: Paul & Leah Thielen

Save The Date

Monday, July 27th ~ Traverse County Family Fun Night

Sunday, August 2nd ~ Fellowship after Mass

Prayer List

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

5th Annual Traverse County Family Fun Night

Monday, July 27th 5:00PM – 7:00PM

Traverse County Fairgrounds

Free Entry ~ Family Fun ~ Activities for All Ages

Touch-A-Truck · Games/Prize Drawing

Local Resources · Cops Vs Kids Water Balloon Toss

Free Meal Will Be Provided

Please contact Tiffany Duhme (320-760-7642),

Janessa Miller (320-288-5244) or Leah Krauth (320-232-5288)

With any questions about event or if you would like to participate via a piece of equipment/vehicle, booth or presentation.

Hosted by the Traverse County Family Fun Night Committee

Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal:

Diocesan ministries are dedicated to living out the call to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal directly supports essential ministries such as vocations, TV Mass and family faith formation, strengthening our faith communities across the diocese. Every dollar raised is dedicated solely to these ministries and is not used for any other purpose.

Will you help keep these ministries strong?

Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.