

August 16th, 2026
~ 20th Ordinary Sunday ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Aug 17th – Aug 23rd)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~CUF for Vocations
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI ~ No Mass ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Tom Marty
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, Aug 9th

Adult \$2665 Youth \$1 Loose \$177 Votive \$19

Assumption \$50 Bldg Main \$1000 Stipends \$30

Vanco electronic giving \$1200/month.

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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Betty Frisch: Happy “90th” Birthday!!

Banns II: pray for **Damian Deutsch & Alaina Kleindl**
set to tie the knot on Sat, Aug 29th 😊

Italy Pilgrimage Meeting: is Wed, Aug 19th @ 6:00 pm
at Ave Maria Church – upstairs room in SE corner.



Murray-sota's 4th starting QB in 4 yrs – Good Luck!

Ministry Schedule, 21st Sunday Ordinary Time, Aug. 23, 8:00 am

EM's: Jeri Erickson & Rich Weber

Lector: Paul Daly

Ushers: Jeramee Van Eps & Jim Stock

Servers: Jameson Van Eps & Josie Van Eps

Sacristan: David Asfeld

Summer/Fall Schedule:

---August 18th, Tuesday, 6 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting in Hall

---August 30th, Sunday, Parent Faith Formation Informational

Meeting, after Mass in the Hall. Come and learn how parents can help and find out how and what your children are learning. See flyers on the doors and take one from the tables behind the pews.

---September 13th, Annual Guild Meeting, in the Hall after Mass

---September 20th, Faith Formation Kick-Off/Classes Start

Join Women of Faith on a Journey of Healing in Your Identity as Daughter, Sister, Bride and Mother.

The Study will be using materials from the “Abiding Together” Podcast with Sr. Miriam James Heidland. They will meet 4 times: Aug. 30th, Sept. 27, Oct. 25th & Nov. 29th at Assumption Church in Morris from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. For more details or to register contact Hayley Jay, 320-349-0766 or hayleytjay@gmail.com.

Chrisitan Mothers & Women Dues envelopes are on back tables.

2026-27 Faith Formation Sunday Treat Sign-Up: All parents of Faith Formation students should check the Treat Sign-Up Sheet to see if their child's class is assigned to First Communion or Baccalaureate. Due to low numbers in some of the grades, we pulled from many grades to get a team to serve. Three to four pans of bars are all that is needed on a normal Sunday. Please take a week! We appreciate everyone making an effort to help out!

Pilgrimages & Vacations: Fr. John Paul will be on pilgrimage from September 3 thru September 15th. Sandi will be on vacation from August 29th thru September 14th. You will have visiting priests during this time for Sunday Mass and there will be no weekday Mass. Bulletins will be printed ahead of time. If there is anything you would like to get in the bulletin, during this time, please contact Sandi during the next week. If you have a prayer chain request, please call Sandy Finke, 763-229-1566.

Our parish received a Living the Promise Grant for \$300 from the Catholic Foundation to support Adult & Youth Faith Formation.



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Liturgical Ministers – August 23 - 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Paula Boudreaux

EM: Cindy Haggerty, Edith Foren & Brenda Pederson

Choir & Congregation: Brenda Bartz & Michelle Cooley

Servers: Isabelle, Natalie & Emma Remily

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Bill & Ruth Gibson

Ushers: Paul Serocki & Bill Gibson

Home Communion: Bernice Piechowski

Sacristan: Sue Toelle

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Christian Mothers will meet on Thursday, August 20th, at 3 p.m. in the church basement.

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace" is the theme of the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Fall Conference to be held Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. at Holy Family Parish in Belle Prairie, featuring Fr. Tim Tran as the speaker. The day will also include Mass and a documentary film on the life of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Registration fee is \$25 by 9/10; \$30 after 9/10 or at the door. Send registration fee to: St. Cloud DCCW c/o Nita Hayes, 16695 Jewel Road, Little Falls, MN 56345. Questions, call Nita at (320) 630-0388. Poster on bulletin board in the back of church.

Abiding Together – Join the women of faith on a journey of healing in your identity as a daughter, sister, bride, mother. Aug. 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25 & Nov. 29 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 at Assumption. A four part study from Sr. Miriam James Heidland. For more details or to register, contact Hayley Jay at hayleytjay@gmail.com or 320-349-0766 See the poster on the bulletin board in back of church.

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Sunday, August 23rd ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Sam Thielen

EM: Sam Thielen, Paul Frisch, Marty Lanter

Servers: Michael O'Leary & Patrick O'Leary

Ushers: Butch Doll & Jim Coffman

Home Communion: Colleen Violet

Fellowship: Sam & Kassie Thielen

Save The Date

Sunday, August 23rd ~ Fellowship after Mass

Wednesday, August 26th ~ 7:00PM - Ladies Guild

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, Jerry Grohs and all of our military who are deployed

The Ladies Guild will meet on Wednesday, August 26th

At 7:00PM in the church basement.

9th Annual Mel's Open Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 13th at the Wheaton Country Club

Open to everyone, 3 or 4 people on a team. Money raised will go to the Ave Maria Religious Education Program.

Please call the church office at 563-4421 to register.

The tourney will consist of 18 holes and tee off is at 1:00 pm. Please arrive at 12:30 for the rules meeting. We will be having a potluck supper in the church basement after the tournament and we will also hand out prizes.

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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.