

August 23rd, 2026
~ 21st Ordinary Sunday ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Aug 24th – Aug 30th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Tom Schwebach
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Martin & Irene Berlinger
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, Aug 16th

Adult \$1555 Youth \$10 Loose \$242 Votive \$25
Assumption \$60 Rental \$100

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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Marlys Ziemer: Happy “90th” Birthday!

Mike & Shelly Schneider: Happy “25th”
Anniversary!!

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

Hayley Jay's Event: is Sun, Aug 30th
Look to BV column for details.

Mel's 9th Tourney: is Sun, Sept 13.
Look to Ave Maria's column for details.

Dumont Saints: All the best at State!
Thanks **Cards & Coyotes** for another great season!!

Ministry Schedule, 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Aug. 30, 8:00 am

EM's: David Asfeld & Bruce Berlinger

Lector: David Asfeld

Ushers: Brock Marty & John Kleindl

Servers: Braxton Nelson & Josie Van Eps

Sacristan: Rachel Schott

Summer/Fall Schedule:

---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 uses the “Abiding Together” Podcast with Sr. Miriam James Heidland. Meets 4 times: Aug. 30th, Sept. 27, Oct. 25th & Nov. 29th at Assumption, Morris from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. For details or to register contact Hayley Jay, 320-349-0766 or hayleytjay@gmail.com.

Chrisitan Mothers & Women Dues envelopes are on back tables.

Prayer Chain: If you would like to be added or deleted from the texting or calling chain, please call the office, 324-2680, so we can get it recorded and out to all who need to know. Thanks!

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.

Pilgrimages & Vacations: Fr. John Paul will be on pilgrimage from Sept. 3--Sept. 15th. Sandi will be on vacation from August 29th – Sept. 14th. Visiting priests will have Sunday Mass. There'll be no weekday Mass. Bulletins will be printed ahead of time. If you want to get something in the bulletin, contact Sandi before Tues., 8/25. For prayer chain requests, call Sandy Finke, 763-229-1566.

St. Charles Catholic Church Fall Festival, Herman, MN is Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Herman Community Center. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Adults: \$18, Ages 5-10: \$8, 4 & under free. Take out available, call 320-349-0126.



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Liturgical Ministers – August 30 - 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Joan Miller

EM: Joan Miller, Mary Nigg &, Edith Foren

Choir & Congregation: David & Julie Metz

Servers: Daxtin Miller & Emmett Piechowski

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Chad & Amber Metz

Ushers: Pat Homan & Chad Metz

Home Communion: Bernice Piechowski

Sacristan: Sue Toelle

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

"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.

Happy birthday Marlys Ziemer today on your 90th.



Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, August 30th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Linda Larson

EM: Linda Larson, Deb Mucha, Paul Thielen

Servers: Peyton Duhme & Zoe Doschadis

Ushers: Wolfgang Brink & Philip Brink

Home Communion: Cindy Sanasack

Fellowship: John & Barb Tauber

Save The Date

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

Sunday, August 30th ~ Fellowship after Mass

Sunday, September 13th ~ Mel's 9th Annual Open Golf Tourney

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

Anyone who would like to refill their bottle of Holy Water, please feel free to do so, it is by St. Joseph's altar.

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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