

August 30th, 2026
~ 22nd Ordinary Sunday ~

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St. Mary's ~ Chokio

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Aug 31th – Sep 6th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Tom Schwebach
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU ~ No Mass ~
FRI ~ No Mass ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Dean Monson
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, Aug 23rd

Adult \$1195 Youth \$14 Loose \$243 Votive \$150
Rental \$200 Utilities

Hour of POWER:

7:00 am Adoration & 8:00 am Rosary
Tues (Chokio), Wed (Wheaton), Thurs (None)

Confessions: 5:30 pm

Tues (Chokio), Wed (Wheaton), Thurs (None)

The Bear & Carol Anderson: Happy “65th”
Anniversary!!!

Damian Deutsch & Alaina Kleindl congratulations on tying
the knot! May you be blessed with many years 😊

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

Banns I - Bruce Berlinger & Christine Boyle: are set to tie
the knot on Sat, Sept 26 😊

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

The Padre: will be across seas Sept 3th – 15th.
So **no 1st Friday or Saturday Mass** this week,
nor confessions or adoration on Thursday.
Contact secretaries if emergency.

Ministry Schedule, 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Sept. 6, 8:00 am

EM's: Jerry Heltemes & Ginny Heintzelman

Lector: Vivian Heltemes

Ushers: Bruce Berlinger & Jacob Marty

Servers: Hannah Marty & Lillian Marty

Sacristan: Larry & Ginny Heintzelman

Summer/Fall Schedule:

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

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

Parish Council Nominations are taken

---October 5th, Parish Council Elections

---October 24th, St. Mary's Fall Bazaar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

St. Cloud DCCW Annual Fall Conference is Saturday, Sept. 19th at

Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie. Topic: “Make Me An
Instrument of Your Peace.” Film about Fulton J. Sheen. See Flyer!

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. We pulled from many grades to get a team to serve.
3-4 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. Fr. Jeff Ethen will be here on September 6th. No
weekday Mass, Sept 8th & 15th. For prayer chain requests, call
Sandy Finke, 763-229-1566.

St. Charles Catholic Church Fall Festival, Herman, MN is Sunday,
Sept. 13, 2026, 11 am-1 pm at the Herman Community Center.

Knights of Columbus will meet Tues., Sept. 1st at 7 p.m. at Pomme
de Terre Park. Lunch will be served.

WELCOME to the NEW MEMBERS OF ST. MARY'S: Sara & Jim
Heintzelman, who now live in Maple Plain, have joined as members
of our church, connecting with their home church. Adam &
Chelsey Latzig of Morris, and their new baby, Bergen Kay, who will
be baptized at St. Mary's on September 13th, have become
members of St. Mary's! We are so happy to have all of you and
look forward to connecting with you, in the family of Christ!

The St. Cloud Mission Office THANKS St. Mary's for the \$471
donation for emergency relief and assistance to the Venezuela!



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Liturgical Ministers – September 6 - 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Bernice Piechowski

EM: Bernice Piechowski, Mary Nigg & Keith Haggerty

Choir & Congregation: Brenda Bartz & Marlene Appel

Servers: Addison Jurgens, Natalie & Emma Remily

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Kelly & Missy Metz

Ushers: Mike Heck & Gerry Heck

Home Communion: Cindy Haggerty

Sacristan: Marlene Appel

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

“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.

Fall Conference for our St Cloud Diocesan Catholic Women.

WHEN - Saturday, September 19th, 2026

WHERE - Holy Family Church, Little Falls, MN 56345

– Poster on back bulletin board.

STARTS @ 8:30 am with closing at 2:15pm

Ave Maria ~ Wheaton



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Sunday, September 6th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Lyla Peterson

EM: Colleen Violet, Philip Deal, John Tauber

Servers: Gentry McKinley & Lachlyn McKinley

Ushers: Jeff Peterson & Mel Smith

Home Communion: Fr. John Paul

Fellowship: Volunteer

Save The Date

Sunday, September 6th ~ 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

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.

Faith Formation 2026-2027

Children who have not attended Faith Formation classes will need to register, classes will start in October. If you would like to register your children, volunteer your time as a teacher or a substitute please call the office at 563-4421. Thank You!!

Elevator Update

Our elevator company has informed us that there are components and software in the elevator that has been discontinued and is no longer supported by the manufacturer and will become obsolete.

In the future these will have to be replaced. If you would like to make a donation for this project, please note

“Elevator Update” on your donation. Thank You!!