

January 18th, 2026

~ 2nd Ordinary Sunday ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Jan 19th – Jan 25th)

MON Funeral – 10:30 am Joan Michaelson (Morris)

TUE Funeral – 11:00 am Connie Grimes (Wheaton)

WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton † Donald & Elaine Hentges

THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~

FRI Mass – 10:00 am TCC † Connie Grimes

SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~

Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~ Parishioners

Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARSHIP – for Sunday, January 11th

Adult \$4012. Loose \$254. Votive \$43.

Fuel \$1650. Fellowship \$94.

Confession Schedule:

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio

5:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton

5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

Pancake Breakfast: Sun, Jan 18 @ Ave Maria!

Look to column for details 😊

Mike & Cindy Lewno: Happy 50th Anniversary!!

Demontreville Retreats: @ Lake Elmo, MN. 48 weekends a year for men & women. Free will offering. If interested, ask:

Steve Benson (Browns Valley)

Dallas Pillen (Chokio) or Matt Franzese (Wheaton)

Funerals:

Joan Michaelson is Mon, Jan 19 @ 10:30 am (Morris)

Connie Grimes is Tues, Jan 20 @ 11:00 am (Wheaton)

Lil Ritter is pending.

Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, January 25th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Marty Lanter

EM: Marty Lanter, Linda Larson, Philip Deal

Servers: Dayne Przymus & Xavier Doschadis

Ushers: Philip Brink & Wolfgang Brink

Fellowship: Paul & Leah Thielen

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Today

The Ave Maria Men

invite you to join them.

Serving from **9:30am to Noon**

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee,

Juice, and Milk will be served.

Free Will offering

All are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE

Sun., Jan., 25th ~ Faith Formation 10:30-11:30

Sun., Jan., 25th ~ Fellowship after Mass

Prayer List

Curtis Frisch, Barb Tauber, Carole Schmitz, Gene Stueve,

Shirley Murray Peyton, Carrie Frisch, Connie Grimes,

Kaye LeCuyer, Darlys Forcier, Mary & Willie Rinke, Dale Larson,

Shirley Montonye, Wally Hennen, Roger & Kathi Schmitz,

Carol Marihart, and all of our military who are deployed

TOTUS TUUS WILL BE HELD AT AVE MARIA

JULY 11th - 17th, 2026

For all students grades K ~ 12

This will be our Vacation Bible School for the summer

and it also meets the retreat requirement for

the Confirmation students!!

Stay tuned for more information over the next few months.

Students from all of the parishes in our ACC are invited to attend.

Please call **Karyn Peterson** at **320-808-1129** with questions.

Please stop and pick up your 2026 Boxes of Offertory Envelopes and Calendar in the west entry of the church.

Do you like to sing? Our choir is looking for people who would like to sing for our **Sunday Mass** or how about joining our **“Funeral Choir”**. If you think this could be you, please give Cindy a call at **320-815-6760**. **Thank You!!**

The February Mass Ministers Schedule

is available at all three entrances.



St. Anthony ~ Browns Valley

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Liturgical Ministers – January 25 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Bernice Piechowski
EM: Bernice Piechowski, Jeanette Pistorius & Michelle Cooley
Choir & Congregation: Brenda Bartz & Marlene Appel
Servers: Addison Jurgens & Natalie Remily
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Faith Formation
Ushers: Faith Formation
Home Communion: Marlene Appel
Sacristan: Brenda Bartz

Stewardship as a Way of Life: “Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 49:5
God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God’s plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don’t let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

We are called to bring the love of Christ to the world. We can help you discover how! [CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for January 23-25, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

Annual statements are ready in the back of church. Let me know if you have any questions 605-237-3399
Make sure you pick up January's issue of the Word Among Us and the new Catholic Reader and a 2026 calendar. Schedules are in the back if you didn't get one for the next 3 months. Also, lots of free books and other things on the back table.

2026 Women's Guild lists are attached to bulletin. Please let us know if you have questions.



St. Mary's ~ Chokio

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Ministry Schedule, Sunday, January 25, 8:00 a.m.

EM's: Bruce Berlinger & Ginny Heintzelman
Lector: Daivid Asfeld
Ushers: Brian Marty & Jim Stock
Servers: Hannah Marty & Lillian Marty
Sacristan: Keith & Maria Marty

Winter Schedule:

---January 23rd , Bloodmobile in St. Mary's Hall, 8 am-12 pm. Go to redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appt.

2025 Contribution Statements are on the north table behind the pews. Your children's statements are included in your envelope.

Honoring Marriage Day is May 2nd at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sartell, MN. Please call the office if you will be celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years of marriage. Sandi will be compiling a list of couples celebrating these special anniversaries and submitting them to the Diocese. You will receive an invitation to this event!

Safe Environment Training is due by January 31, 2026 for all Faith Formation Teachers, whether adult or high school. High School girls, please call the office, when you've made an account so I can have the Diocese put the training out there for you.

In honor of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, which is Jan. 22nd, there will be a Pro-Life Rosary, at 7:30 a.m., before Mass on Jan. 26th with special pro-life meditations for each decade of the rosary. The 2026 MCCL March for Life: will take place Jan. 22 at the state Capitol in St. Paul. There is a bus from Alexandria, call Jim 320-805-0076. Let's make MN a place that values and loves both moms and babies! Join thousands of pro-life Minnesotans at the March for Life and in prayer!

Our Condolences to the Lillian Ritter Family on her passing, Jan. 14th: She was a faithful member of this parish and her nickname, “Tiger Lil,” was a testament to how she lived her life in work and prayer. Her funeral will be at St. Mary’s, time/date pending.

Marriage Encounter: A “perfect marriage” is simply two imperfect people who learn to celebrate their differences! Attend the Feb. 14-15th weekend to deepen your love. Go to www.marriages.org.

Options for Women thanks St. Mary 's for their donation of \$929: “I think my God upon every remembrance of you.” Phil.1:3. “God has blessed our ministry through the generosity of wonderful friends like you! Precious lives will be saved because of your generosity...my prayer is that God will richly bless you”