

January 25th, 2026
~ 3rd Ordinary Sunday~

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Ave Maria ~ Wheaton

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Sunday, February 1st ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Sam Thielen

EM: Sam Thielen, Deb Mucha, Carol Nelson

Servers: Lyla Peterson & Teddy Peterson

Ushers: Mel Smith & Jeff Peterson

Fellowship: Dave & Jackie McClernon

Honoring Marriage Day will be on **May 2nd**

at **St. Francis Xavier Parish** in **Sartell, MN.**

Please call the office if you will be celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years of marriage in 2026. The list of couples will be sent to the Diocese and you will receive an invitation for this Mass.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 1st ~ Faith Formation 10:30-11:30

Meal after class for the students, please pick them up at 12:30.

Sunday, February 1st ~ Fellowship after Mass

The February Mass Ministers Schedule

is available at all three entrances.

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!!

All students from St. Anthony's, St. Mary's and Assumption
Church are invited to join us for the week.

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!!**

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.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Jan 26th – Feb 1st)

MON Funeral – 11:00 am Shirley Peyton (Wheaton)

TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~

WED ~ No Mass ~

THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~

FRI ~ No Mass ~

SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~

Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton † Ervin & Liela Fridgen

Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, January 18th

Adult \$1275. Loose \$41. Votive \$10

Confession Schedule:

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio

****No Confessions** on Wednesday

5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

Shirley Murray-Peyton: funeral is Mon @ 11:00 am in
Wheaton. May she rest in peace with Connie Grimes.

Gina Jung Thorne: passed away this week. Arrangements
are pending. Our hearts go out to the Jungs.

No Mass on Wed & Fri or **Confessions** on Wed this week
due to a Monday Funeral & Diocesan Meeting.

Pancake Breakfast: thanks Men of Ave Maria
for the great breakfast & hospitality last Sunday!

😊 **Welcomed through Baptism this Weekend** 😊

Carson Huber

Son of Kevin & Danielle Huber!

&

Sophie & Kallie Herberg

Daughters of Casey & Bethany Herberg

Granddaughters of Milo & Connie Wellnitz!!



St. Anthony ~ Browns Valley

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Miller 320-695-2137 or 2376 or Edith Foren 320-695-2260

Liturgical Ministers – February 1 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Bernice Piechowski

EM: Bernice Piechowski, Edith Foren & Brenda Pederson

Choir & Congregation: David & Julie Metz

Servers: Emmett Piechowski & Daxtin Miller

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Kevin & Tammy Jurgens

Ushers: Joe Reinart & Mark Appel

Home Communion: Bernice Piechowski

Sacristan: Sue Toelle

Stewardship as a Way of Life *“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” Matthew 4:22* Just as Jesus called the first apostles; He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

VALLEY VIEW CEMETERY ASSN MEETING

The Valley View Cemetery Association of Browns Valley will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, Feb. 2, 2026 in the fellowship hall of the United Meth/Presb. Church. Anyone who has an interest in the upkeep and maintenance of the Valley View Cemetery is welcome to attend. The officers are: Dan Roark – President, Colleen Kuschel – Vice President and Mark Hansen – Secretary Treasurer

Annual statements are ready in the back of church. Let me know if you have any questions 605-237-3399

Our sympathy to the Gina Jung Thorne family. Gina passed away Wednesday. May she rest in peace.

We welcome into our faith community Carson Gene Huber, son of Danielle Herberg and Kevin Huber. Also, please welcome twin girls of Casey and Bethany Herberg, Sophie Nichole and Kallie Constance.



St. Mary's ~ Chokio

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Ministry Schedule, Sunday, February 1, 8:00 a.m.

EM's: David Asfeld & Jamie Van Eps

Lector: Paula Baxter

Ushers: Keith & Maria Marty

Servers: Jameson Van Eps & Josie Van Eps

Sacristan: David Asfeld

Winter Schedule:

---Feb. 7th, First Saturday Mass, 8:30 am, confessions 7:30 am

---Feb. 8th, Blessing of Throats after 8:00 am Mass.

---Feb. 18th, Ash Wednesday

---Feb. 24th, Tuesday, Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

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

Safe Environment Training is due by January 31, 2026 for all Faith Formation Teachers, including 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.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lillian Ritter funeral yesterday. Your help is much appreciated by her family & church.

DCCW Lenter Retreat: A great New Year resolution is to TAKE time for yourself. Take time now and register for a Lenten Retreat. The upcoming Lenten Retreat, "Praying for the Prodigal" will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, 9am-3pm, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Morris, MN and includes speakers, Jason Prigge and Roxane Salonen, the Chaplet of St. Monica, Mass, and of course lunch. Fee is \$25 by March 2 or \$30 at the door. Feel free to invite your spouses and friends. See posters at back of church.

Hearts of Mercy, The Bishop's Annual Appeal will launch in Feb.:

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Monica Kleindl has agreed to co-chair the Bazaar. Thank you for stepping up to take this position. Your willingness to help out is so much appreciated! You'll do a great job.