

Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Epiphany Sunday

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Jan 12<sup>th</sup>)

**MON** ~ No Mass ~  
**TUE** Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~  
**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~  
**THU** Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~ Pat Westbrook  
**FRI** Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~  
**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~  
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~  
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ Gloria Serocki

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Christmas, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$90 Loose \$979 Votive \$.75 Christmas \$3,340

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$2,875 Loose \$131.11 Votive \$25.25  
Christmas \$725 Christmas Flowers \$50 Retired  
Religious \$10 Bazaar \$50 Maintenance \$100  
Immaculate Conception \$5 CD Interest \$16.29

#### Confession Schedule:

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio

5:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton

5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

**Wilmot's Potluck & Rosary** is Sun, Jan. 12 &  
**Men of Ave Maria's Pancake BK** is Sun, Jan 19



### Liturgical Ministers – January 12 – 11:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Mike Toelle

**EM:** Mike Toelle, Carol Hoffman & Edith Foren

**Choir & Congregation:** Mary Nigg & Brenda Bartz

**Servers:** Ryen Metz & Raelyn Fryer

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Andrea Nelson family

**Ushers:** Caden Gibson & Cody Nelson

**Home Communion:** Marlene Appel

**Sacristan:** Edith Foren

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council will meet on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Rectory meeting room. Text Marlene if you cannot make it.

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *“They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” -Matthew 2:11*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

### FOOT CLINIC at BV Community Center,

Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 – 12:00. Cost \$25 for foot care, toenail trim, file and massage. Services provided by Carol Nelson, RN

Students are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. There is a box in back of church for the pop tabs.

*Pick up your envelopes & schedules on back table. Also, some calendars left. Any questions, call or text Marlene. Please get in your 2024 donations by Jan. 12. Annual statements will be provided after the 12<sup>th</sup>.*

Our sympathy to the family of Pat Westbrook. Pat's funeral was Friday in Alexandria. May she rest in peace.



## The Epiphany of The Lord

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**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lectors:** Paul Thielen

**EM:** Paul Thielen, Linda Larson, Colleen Violet

**Servers:** Colin O'Leary & Patrick O'Leary

**Ushers:** Jim Coffman & Butch Doll

**Fellowship:** Herman Barutt & Deb Mucha

### SAVE THE DATE

**Sun., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 ~ 11:30am Faith Formation**

**Sun., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Fellowship after 9:30am Mass**

**Sun., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Men's Pancake Breakfast 9:30 ~ Noon**

If you or someone you know in our parish community is sick or ill, or has a family member who could use prayers, please call 320-563-4421.

**Please remember these people in your prayers:**

Fr. Stan Wieser, Curtis Frisch, Barb Tauber,  
Carole Schmitz, Liela Fridgen, Margaret Thielen,  
Shirley Murray Peyton, Mary & Willy Rinke,  
Gene Stueve, Shirley Montonye

The **January Mass Ministers Schedule** and the **Living Faith for January – March** are now available.

The **2025 Boxes of Offertory Envelopes and Calendars** are in the front entry of the church. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please contact the office.

**Please discard your 2024 box of envelopes.**

The Ave Maria Men invite you to their  
**“Pancake and Sausage Breakfast”**  
Sunday, January 19, 2025  
Serving from 9:30AM to Noon  
Menu will be

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Juice, and Milk  
Free Will offering

Please join us, everyone is welcome!!!



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### **Ministry Schedule, Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's':** Bruce Berlinger & Jeri Erickson

**Lector:** Faith Formation Students/Rachel Schott

**Ushers:** Mark Lampert & Brian Marty

**Servers:** Zachary Kleindl & Otto Kleindl

**Sacristans:** John & Mary Lou Berlinger

### **Winter Schedule:**

**---Bloodmobile, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's Hall, 8-12 a.m.**

**Mary Koch has volunteered to take over Calendar Raffle Chair for a couple years. Still need one more seller.** Call Mary or the office.

Mary Lou & Donna Berlinger are going to continue to sell so they can show you what to do!

**Please pick up your 2025 box of envelopes in back. Your number may have changed. Please discard your box of 2024 envelopes.**

Start using the new envelopes immediately. Your number may have changed due to the addition of new members and the passing of others. All future donations will go to 2025.

**The giving statements will be out as soon as possible in January.**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held January 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Mary's School Gym.** Lunch served. No time given.

**March For Life:** Let's make Minnesota a place that values and loves both moms and babies! Join thousands of pro-life Minnesotans at the **2025 March For Life** at noon on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the State Capitol in St. Paul. Learn more and get involved at [mcl.org/march](http://mcl.org/march). There is a bus from Alexandria, leaving the old Kmart parking lot at 7:30 a.m. To reserve a spot call Jim or Judy at 320-219-7470.

**Pedersen Funeral Home Gatherings will continue in 2025!** You are invited to attend and share while having lunch, on your own, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, at noon, at the Old #1 in Morris. Rande Hokanson will no longer facilitate, but anyone interested in attending is still encouraged to attend. Call Colleen, 589-3220.

**Central Mn Koinonia: When one door closes, another one opens.** Are you feeling stuck between those doors? Central MN Koinonia is a Catholic retreat program that can help you find your way. Sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the

next weekend is scheduled for March 21-23, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register.