

Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Sunday

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**MON** ~ No Mass ~  
**TUE** ~ No Mass ~  
**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~  
**THU** Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~ Dennis Grosenick  
**FRI** Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~  
**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~  
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~  
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ J.A. Piechowski

### **STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$855 Loose \$101.96 Votive \$32  
Maintenance \$50 Christmas Flowers \$90  
Religious Retirement Fund \$40 Immaculate  
Conception \$115 Stole Fee \$100  
TOTAL \$1,386.96

### Confession Schedule:

**\*\*No Confessions** on Tuesday

5:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton

**5:00 pm** on Thursday in Browns Valley

**No Mass** or **confessions** on Tues; padre is outta town.

### **Confession Service** w/ Fr. Breu & JP

on Thur, Dec 19 @ 5:00 pm in Browns Valley.

We want your sins ☐ ☐

### Confession Options w/ Multiple Priests

Sun, Dec 15 @ 4:00 pm (Morris)

Thur, Dec 19 @ 5:00 pm (Browns Valley)

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Tues, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (Chokio)

Tues, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (Wheaton)

Tues, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (Browns Valley)

Wed, Dec 25 @ 9:00 am (Wheaton)

### Liturgical Ministers – December 22 – 11:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Bernice Piechowski

**EM:** Bernice Piechowski, Edith Foren & Marlene A.

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

**Servers:** Rylie Metz & Raelyn Fryer

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Larry & Diane Pelzel

**Ushers:** Gerry Heck & Chad Metz

**Home Communion:** Edith Foren

**Sacristan:** Brenda Bartz

**FAITH FORMATION** – There will not be class for Christmas break on with Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

A big “Thank You” to the students and teachers for the Christmas Program today. Also, thanks to all who donated and helped with the dinner and bake sale to make that a success.

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”

(Philippians 4:6) St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

**Thanks to the people who have offered to be lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.**

**Honoring Marriage Day** is May 3rd at St. Francis Xavier parish, Sartell MN for couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60 & 60 plus years of marriage in 2025. Please let the office know if you are celebrating one of these milestones and would like to participate in the Marriage Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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



**Ave Maria ~ Wheaton**

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**Children's Christmas Mass & Program  
will be held Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**They will start with a Children's Mass at 9:30, followed  
by the Christmas Program and then a potluck dinner.  
Everyone is invited to the Mass, program, and potluck!!**

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lectors:** Children

**EM:** Paul Thielen, Marty Lanter, Sam Thielen

**Servers:** Griffin Klemm and Hayden Klemm

**Ushers:** Mel Smith & Lenny Zimmer

**No Fellowship ~ Children's Program & Potluck**

**Tuesday ~ Christmas Eve ~ 4:00pm**

**Lector:** Sam Thielen

**EM:** Sam Thielen, Deb Mucha, Paul Thielen, Linda Larson

**Servers:** Lyla Peterson & Teddy Peterson

**Ushers:** Lenny Zimmer & Butch Doll

**Wednesday ~ Christmas Day ~ 9:00am**

**Lector:** Philip Deal

**EM:** Philip Deal, Armon Karsky, John Tauber

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

**Ushers:** Jim Coffman & Hank Frisch

If you would like to donate a **Poinsettia** in memory of a loved one for the Christmas season, please bring it to the north sacristy starting **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions or would like help ordering a poinsettia, please contact **Colleen Deal at 320-760-8404**.

**The 2025 Boxes of Offertory Envelopes and Calendars** are in the front entry of the church. Please stop and pick them up. **At the end of the year please discard your 2024 box of envelopes**, if you have any remaining, as your number may change from year to year. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please contact the office.



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**Ministry Schedule, Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's:** David Asfeld & Scott Gonnerman

**Lector:** Sandi Marlow-Weber

**Ushers:** Mark Gibson & Jim Stock

**Servers:** Katlin Gibson & Sydney Gibson

**Sacristans:** Rachel Schott

**Winter Schedule:**

---December 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Christmas Eve Mass, 4:00 p.m.

---December 31<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday, New Years Eve Mass, 5:00 p.m.

**Becky Draper Retiring as Calendar Raffle Chair:** After 16 years as chairs, Becky is stepping down. **We need a new Calendar Raffle Chair by mid-January and 1 more person to help sell tickets after church.** Please call the office or Becky, if you are willing to chair or sell. **If we don't get a new chair, there won't be a calendar raffle.**

**Retirement Fund for the Religious, Women and men religious offer gratitude:** "Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sr Teresa Korycka, 81. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior religious, providing them a dignified retirement.

**Donations of Christmas Flowers, in memory of loved ones,** can be placed in the collection, in an envelope. Thus far money has been received in memory of Fabian, Liz, Peggy, Geri, Tom & Lynn Ritter, Jayne Hacker; Ben Schneider, Liane & Wally Raasch; Justin Heltemes; Marge, Otto, & Adrian Karsky, Joseph Kleindl & Bill Kirkey; Dan & Leona Curran, Pete & Burnys Koch, Darlene Carpentier & Elaine Synder; James Schwebach, Ambrose & Evelyn Schwebach, Norbert & Phyllis Deslauries; Ken & Jeanne Asmus.

**Christmas Decorating Committee Can Use Help Decorating for Christmas on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> after Mass.** Youth Group are encouraged to help as well as adults. Need help carrying trees from basement.

**Please take a 2025 Catholic Art Calendar from the back of church:** Thank the calendar sponsors: SJK Plumbing, Heating, Electrical; Hooter's Lumber/Jo-Ko, Dacotah Bank; Tri-County Coop Oil Assn.

**Thanks to everyone who furnished food, attended and gave donations!** We raised \$525 with \$250 going to the Mission Office and \$275 to Mary's Place to assist in her care of the homeless.

**Stevens County Food Shelf Donations:** Thanks to your generosity, we will be sending them \$627 to feed our local community.