

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~

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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Dec 21<sup>st</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 ~ Blair Piechowski

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$725.00 Loose \$403.00 Votive \$19.00

Maintenance \$19.00 Flowers \$170.00

**Confession Schedule:**

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio

5:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton

5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

**No Mass Monday or Tuesday:** due to a diocesan meeting.

**Penance Services:**

Sun, Dec 14 @ 4:00 pm (Morris)

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Wed, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (B.V.)

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

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

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

~ The Vikes 1% Playoff Chance ~



**Liturgical Ministers – December 21 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Bernice Piechowski

**EM:** Bernice Piechowski, Edith Foren & Marlene Appel

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

**Servers:** Daxtin Miller & Emmett Piechowski

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Don & Glenda Johnson

**Ushers:** Gerry Heck & Chad Metz

**Home Communion:** Edith Foren

**Sacristan:** Marlene Appel

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *"You too must be patient.*

*Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."* James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

**St. Anthony's Choir will practice for Christmas on the following Tuesdays: December 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**All voices are welcome!**

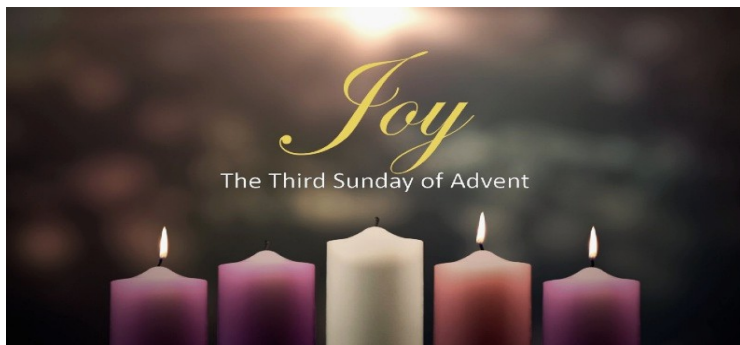
***FAITH FORMATION CLASSES***

***Children's Program will be Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> after Mass. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.***

**The Guild is sponsoring their BBQ sandwich luncheon today with a bake sale. All are welcome!**

2026 envelopes are in the back of church. Please do not use them until New Years. If you didn't get one and want a pack, please call leave a message at 320-695-2621.

**O Christmas Mass will be on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Choir will sing before Mass.**



### **Ave Maria ~ Wheaton**

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**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lector:** Philip Deal

**EM:** Philip Deal, Carol Nelson, Armon Karsky

**Servers:** Dayne Przymus & Teddy Peterson

**Ushers:** Hank Frisch & Mark Koch

**Fellowship:** Potluck Dinner for Everyone after program

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sun., Dec., 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Children's Mass and Christmas Program**

**With potluck afterwards for the entire congregation!!**

### **Prayer List**

Curtis Frisch, Barb Tauber, Carole Schmitz, Gene Stueve,  
Shirley Murray Peyton, Carrie Frisch, Connie Grimes,  
Kaye LeCuyer, Darlys Forcier, Mary & Willy Rinke, Greta Frisch,  
Shirley Montonye, Wally Hennen, Blaine Dobberstein,  
and all of our military who are deployed

**Today is the collection for Retirement Fund for Religious.**

Your generosity today is not just a donation –  
it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service.

If you would like to donate a **Poinsettia** in memory of a loved one  
please bring it to the north sacristy starting **December 20<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have any questions or would like help ordering,  
please contact **Colleen Deal** at 320-760-8404.

**Thank you for all of your donations for residents at the  
Traverse Care Center!**

**Christmas will be happier thanks to your kindness!!**

We are collecting non-perishable food for the **Traverse County  
Food Shelf**. These items can be placed in the box in the west  
entrance. Please make sure that your items are not outdated.

**Thank You!!**

**Thank You** to everyone who donated to **Options for Women in  
Morris** together we raised **\$184.09**.

**The 2026 Boxes of Offertory Envelopes and Calendars** are in the  
west entry of the church. Please stop and pick them up. **At the end  
of the year please discard your 2025 box of envelopes,**

if you have any remaining, as your number has changed from last  
year. If you do not find a box with your name on it,  
please contact the office.



### **St. Mary's ~ Chokio**

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### **Ministry Schedule, Sunday, Dec. 21, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's:** J. Heltemes, D. Asfeld, B. Berlinger, S. Gonnerman

**Lector:** Vivian Heltemes

**Ushers:** Keith Marty & Maria Marty

**Servers:** Hannah Marty & Lillian Marty

**Sacristan:** Larry & Ginny Heintzelman

### **Winter Schedule:**

-- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, Children's Christmas Program after Mass

-- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m. Caroling 3:35 p.m.

---Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, New Years Eve, 5:30 p.m.

### **Donations in memory of loved ones can be placed in the**

**collection to buy Christmas flowers.** Please state their names on a  
piece of paper with your donation in an envelope. To date  
donations have been received in memory of: Fabian, Liz, Peggy,  
Geri, Lynn, & Tom Ritter and Jayne Hacker; Matt & Edna Marty and  
Steve & Mary Berlinger; James Schwebach, Norbert & Phyllis  
Deslauriers, Ambrose & Evelyn Schwebach and Wyatt Tritz; Ben  
Schneider and Wally & Liane Raasch; Nick Daly, Mike & Ruth Foley  
and Joe & Ruth Kinney. THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS!

**Youth Group Bake Sale/Christmas Goodies, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> after Mass  
before the Christmas Program: Support the Youth Group!**

**Pick up a 2026 Calendar, "I Am Sayings of Jesus Catholic Calendar.**

**Please thank the faithful sponsors, who pay for the calendar:**  
**Hooter's Lumber/Jo-Ko Manufacturing; SJK Plumbing and  
Heating; Dacotah Bank and Tri-County Co-0- Oil Association.**

**Please pick up your 2026 Contribution Envelopes, but DO NOT  
USE UNTIL 2026, because your number may have changed. Also,  
pick up the new Catholic Yearbook!**

**Our sympathies to the entire Marlow family and especially to  
Bud & Carol Marlow on the loss of their daughter, Rebecca Jo  
Steffen, age 58, who passed away on Dec. 3 after a courageous  
battle with cancer.** Her Celebration of Life is today at Foley, MN.

**The movie "David" is playing at the Morris Theatre from  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>.** You can view the times at  
[morristheatre.net](http://morristheatre.net).

**Today is the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.** For  
decades, women and men religious have cared for others, serving  
those in need. Thank them for their lifelong service!