

**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent ~**

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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dec 29<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON ~ No Mass ~**

**TUE ~ No Mass ~**

**WED** Mass – 4:00 pm Browns Valley ~ J.A. Piechowski

Mass – 4:00 pm Chokio ~

Mass – 4:00 pm Wheaton ~

**THU** Mass – 9:00 am Wheaton ~

**FRI ~ No Mass ~**

**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~

Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~

Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~ Dennis Grosenick

& Donna, Kermit & Mary Pat Isaacson

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$1,85.00 Loose \$204.00 Votive \$14.00

Religious Retirement \$50.00 Immaculate Conception \$50.00

Christmas Flowers \$355.00 **TOTAL: \$1,958.00**

**Confession Schedule:**

**\*No Confessions** on Tuesday

**\*\*No Confessions** on Wednesday

**\*\*\*No Confessions** on Thursday as well

**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)

**Happy Birthday:** Becky, Corky, & Renee!!!



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Liturgical Ministers – December 24 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Mike Toelle

**EM:** Mike Toelle, Mary Nigg & Brenda Pederson

**Choir & Congregation:** Julie & David Metz

**Servers:** Rylen Metz & Natalie Remily

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Julie & David Metz

**Ushers:** Mike Piechowski & David Metz

**Liturgical Ministers – December 28 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Jeanette Pistorius

**EM** Jeanette Pistorius, Edith Foren & Joan Miller

**Choir & Congregation:** Marlene Appel & Brenda Bartz

**Servers:** Rylie Metz & Raelyn Fryer

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Mike & Sue Toelle

**Ushers:** Ryan Toelle & John Toelle

**Home Communion:** Edith Foren

**Sacristan:** Marlene Appel

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Matthew 1:24* Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

**St. Anthony's Choir will practice for Christmas on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

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.

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

**Our sympathy to the Dean Schwagel family. Dean's Celebration of Life will be here at St. Anthony's on April 18. May he rest in peace.**

**Please get your 2025 donations in by Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.**



### **Ave Maria ~ Wheaton**

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**Children's Mass and Christmas Program is Today!**  
**With potluck afterwards for the entire congregation!!**

### **Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:00PM**

**Lector:** Lyla Peterson

**EM:** Linda Larson, Paul Thielen, Sam Thielen, Dean Frisch

**Servers:** Teddy Peterson & Peyton Duhme

**Ushers:** Jeff Peterson & Lenny Zimmer

### **Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:00AM**

**Lector:** John Tauber

**EM:** Armon Karsky, Carol Nelson, John Tauber

**Servers:** Dylan Przymus & Xavier Doschadis

**Ushers:** Jim Coffman & Hank Frisch

### **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lector:** Lyla Peterson

**EM:** Deb Mucha, Carol Nelson, Colleen Violet

**Servers:** Charlie Frisch & Badi Morales Saldana

**Ushers:** Kevin O'Leary & Rich Frisch

**Fellowship:** Jerry & Avis Grohs

**Please have any donation that you would like included in the 2025 year, into the office by December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sun., Dec., 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Fellowship after Mass**

**Sun., Dec., 28<sup>th</sup> ~ No Faith Formation**

**Sun., Jan., 4<sup>th</sup> ~ No Faith Formation**

### **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

**Please stop and pick up your 2026 Boxes of Offertory Envelopes and Calendar in the west entry of the church. After Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> please throw your 2025 box of envelopes away.**

**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!!**



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

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### **Ministry Schedule, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve**

**EM's:** Jamie Van Eps, Jade Marty, Rich Weber, Jeri Erickson

**Lector:** Paul Daly

**Ushers:** John Kleindl & Brock Marty

**Servers:** Jameson Van Eps & Josie Van Eps

**Sacristan:** John & Mary Lou Berlinger

### **Ministry Schedule, Sunday, Dec. 28, 8:00 a.m., The Holy Family**

**EM's:** Ginny Heintzelman & Juanita Staples

**Lector:** David Asfeld

**Ushers:** Landen Gibson & Jace Kleindl

**Servers:** Zachary Kleindl & Otto Kleindl

**Sacristan:** Keith & Maria Marty

### **Winter Schedule:**

-- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, Caroling begins at 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.**

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; Justin Heltemes; Otto, Marge, & Adrian Karsky, Joseph Kleindl, Bill Kirkey & honor of Margaret Krikey; Bill Jr., William, Dorothy, and Tony Schott, Herman, Rose & Vic Wencel, Eleanor Nickalausson & Eleanor Carrington; Sam, Ellie & Nancy Logan; Mary Marlow & Becky Marlow Steffen. **THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS!**

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

**Please pick up your 2026 Contribution Envelopes, but DO NOT USE UNTIL 2026, because your number may have changed.**

**Our sympathies to Jan Monson, Sadie & Henry on the passing of Dean Monson on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. His services will be at Our Saviors Lutheran Church: Visitation 3-7 p.m. w/a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, and his funeral will be Monday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Dean will be so missed by this community!**

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

**Thanks for donating \$480 to the Retirement Fund for Religious!**