

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## December 16, 2018 ~ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Ministry Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 23 (8:30 a.m.)

EM's: Jamie Van Eps & Jeri Erickson  
Lector: Sandi Marlow-Weber  
Ushers: Jim Stock & Brian Marty  
Servers: John & Jace Kleindl  
Sacristan: Jodi DeCamp  
Music: Choir

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### Monday, December 17 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Mary Berlinger

Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 19 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)  
Mass on Thursday, Dec. 20 – 9:00 a.m. (Traverse Care Center)  
Mass on Friday, Dec. 21 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)  
Saturday, Dec. 22 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

#### Sunday, December 23 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Deceased members of Fabian & Liz Ritter family

Sunday, Dec. 23 – 10:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

**RECONCILIATION:** Half an hour before Mass

*The December 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin will be printed on Sunday, December 23. Deb will be out of the office from December 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Please get announcements in by Sunday morning, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!*

**Please remember in prayer:** Lil Ritter, Harold Sivertson, Mary Marlow, Burnys Koch, Jeanne Hofland, Rita Schuster, DeLores Eul, and all who are ill. Please call when a name should be added or removed from the prayer list.

**Thank You** to all staff and volunteers for completing the annual Diocesan Safe Environment Training!

**A Faith Formation Fellowship Sign-up Sheet** is in the back of Church for you to sign up to bring a snack or serve. **Confirmation Class** will meet on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Confessions at Assumption Church, Morris:** Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve:** Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve):** Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Flower money** is being accepted. You can place it in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket. Thanks!

**Christmas craft items** are on display in the Hall. If you wish to purchase anything, checks can be written out to St. Mary's and given to Deb. Please write "Crafts" on memo line.

**Caroling at Grace Home, Graceville:** You are invited to join in singing with other carolers at Grace Home on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 p.m. All are welcome!

**2019 Contribution Envelopes and Church Calendars** are in back of Church for you to take! If you did not receive a box of envelopes, please call the Church office. **Thank You** to St. Mary's calendar sponsors: Hooter's Lumber, Inc., Jo-Ko Manufacturing, Inc., Monson Motors, Dacotah Bank, & Tri-County Cooperative Oil Association.

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**Religious give thanks.** Your gift to last week's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

**Need Knows No Season:** Money raised in Stevens County through The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign is used year round to provide temporary emergency assistance to those in need. If you, your family, or organization would be willing to help out this holiday season by being a bell ringer, please call 589-0483.

**Free Community Christmas Dinner:** Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at First Lutheran Church in Morris. (Free-will donation if you want.) All are welcome!

**Gatherings for Widows and Widowers** will meet for lunch at noon on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in the basement of Old #1 in Morris. Order lunch off the menu and enjoy an opportunity to visit. For questions, call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home (589-3220).

**Retrouvaille: Save a marriage.** The next program starts January 18<sup>th</sup> at Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) for more information. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

