

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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December 9, 2018 ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 16 (8:30 a.m.)

EM's: Tony Ritter & Dean Quackenbush
Lector: David Asfeld
Ushers: Keith & Maria Marty
Servers: Kevin Asfeld & Nickolas Johnson
Sacristans: Keith & Maria Marty
Music: Choir

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 10 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Peter & Veronica Golombiecki

Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 12 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

Penance Service: Wed., Dec. 12 – 6:30 p.m. (Chokio)

Mass on Thursday, Dec. 13 – 9:00 a.m. (Traverse Care Center)

Mass on Friday, Dec. 14 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

Saturday, Dec. 15 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

Sunday, December 16 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ Frank Weber

Sunday, Dec. 16 – 10:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

RECONCILIATION: Half an hour before Mass

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.

We extend our sympathies to the families of Audrey Erickson and Chelsie Leuthardt. May they share in the joy of Christ's resurrection.

The Youth Group will get together on Friday, December 14th at 4 p.m. to decorate the Hall for Christmas and assemble Christmas goodie trays. They will be selling them after Mass on Sunday, December 16th. Proceeds will be used to send students on a retreat.

The Faith Formation Christmas Program will be held next Sunday, December 16th following Mass. Fellowship will follow in the Hall. All are welcome!

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 19th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Confessions at Assumption Church, Morris: Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve: Monday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve): Monday, December 31st 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 16th at 2:45 p.m. All are welcome!

Aging religious need your help. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers will meet for lunch at noon on Sunday, December 9th 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).

Christmas Sing Along lead by Cross-Eyed: Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chokio. Cider and snacks will be provided after the music. All are welcome!

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.

Youth Ice Fishing Tournament: December 29th from 1 – 3 p.m. at Perkins Lake (Pomme de Terre) for kids age 15 and under. Registration prior to the tournament is free. Registration the day of the event is \$3. Entry is limited to 100 contestants. Check in begins at 12:30. Please call 320-760-7941 to register or for more information. Sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church, Morris.

Stewardship Report- Dec. 2 & 3, 2018

Weekly budget expenses from 2018-2019

Budget: \$1,688.46. *Thank you for your sacrificial offering*

Adult:	\$1,750.00
Youth:	5.00
Loose:	172.00
Flooring:	75.00
Utilities:	500.00
TOTAL:	\$2,502.00

