

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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December 1, 2019 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

EM: Jeri Erickson
Lectors: Faith Formation Students
Ushers: Faith Formation Students
Servers: Makarian Schott, & Caryn & Jade Marty
Sacristan: Rachel Schott
Music: Tom & Pearl Horning

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, December 2 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio)

+ for Vocations (by Catholic United Financial)

Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 4 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

Penance Service – Wed., Dec. 4th - 6:30 p.m. (Chokio)

Mass on Thursday, Dec. 5 – 9:00 a.m. (Traverse Care Center)
Mass on Friday, Dec. 6 – 8:30 a.m. (Wheaton)
Saturday, Dec. 7 – 5:00 p.m. (Wheaton)

Sunday, December 8 – 8:30 a.m. (Chokio) – Anointing of the Sick

+ Vincent Hartman family

Sunday, Dec. 8 - 10:30 a.m. (Wheaton)

RECONCILIATION: Half an hour before Mass

Please remember in prayer: Tom Marty, Marie Grossman, Roger Horning, Lil Ritter, Harold Sivertson, Mary Marlow, 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.

New Altar Server Training will be held this Monday, December 2nd at 3:45 p.m.

Grades 8 & 9 and Confirmation Classes will meet on Wednesday, December 4th.

Faith Formation Classes will meet next Sunday, December 8th.

Mark Your Calendars:

Penance Services: Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.-Chokio; Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 7:30 p.m.-Wheaton; and Sunday, Dec. 15th at 4 p.m.-Morris.

Anointing of the Sick: Sunday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. Mass

Immaculate Conception Mass: December 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Faith Formation Christmas Celebration: Sunday, December 15th

Christmas Eve Mass: Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. (carols at 3:35)

New Year's Eve (Mary, Mother of God) Mass: Tuesday, December 31st at 5:30 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!

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 p.m. at Assumption Church, Morris. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming at St. Mary's, Alexandria ~ Theology Thursdays: December 5, February 13, March 19, & April 16 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers will meet for lunch at noon on Sunday, December 8th in the basement of Old #1, Morris. For questions, call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home, 589-3220.

Pedersen Funeral Home's annual holiday service, "**A Time to Remember**" will be held Sunday, December 8th at 2 p.m. at the funeral home in Morris. This service is open to everyone. If you have any questions, please call 589-3220 or email mail@pedersenfh.com.

Give in thanksgiving. Next week's second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

The Archbishop for the **Military Services, USA**, thanks those who contributed to the Triennial National Collection for the AMS last week. Thank you for supporting the men and women, and their families, from our own parish and diocese who serve and protect this great nation, and who defend the freedoms we hold dear.

Area Catholic Community parish websites are:

www.brownsvalleycatholic.org

<https://assumptionofmorris.org>

Stewardship Report- Nov. 24, 2019

Weekly budget expenses from 2019-2020

Budget: \$1,693.27. *Thank you for your sacrificial offering*

Adult:	\$1,810.00	Other:
Youth:	5.00	Catholic Charities:
Loose:	137.35	\$51.00
Thanksgiving:	150.00	Military Services:
Utilities:	30.00	\$20.00
TOTAL:	\$2,132.35	Food Shelf: \$25.00

