

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Advent Sunday**

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**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dec 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON** ~ No Mass ~  
**TUE** ~ No Mass ~  
**WED** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~  
**THU** Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~  
**FRI** Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~  
Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~  
**SAT** Mass – 8:30 am Browns Valley ~  
**SUN** Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Vocations by CUF  
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~  
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

**STEWARDSHIP** – for Sunday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

Adult \$1580 Youth \$19 Loose \$245 Votive \$101  
Thanksgiving \$75 Stole Fees \$20 Utilities \$1050  
Bldg Maintenance \$400 Food Shelf \$50

**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 8:30 Mass on Tues** due to Quarterly Presbyter Meeting.

Knight of Columbus Meeting is Dec 3 @ 7:00 pm in Morris.  
Lunch will be served.

**St. Mary's** will have Mass on Sat, Dec 14 @ 5:00 pm  
instead of Sun, Dec 15, due to Christmas Program.

**Happy Anniversary!!**

Jerry & Peggy Heck (45<sup>th</sup>)  
Richard & Helen Serocki (50<sup>th</sup>)

**Christmas Schedule**

Tues, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (Chokio)  
Tues, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (Wheaton)  
Tues, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (Browns Valley)  
Wed, Dec 25 @ 9:00 am (Wheaton)

**Ministry Schedule, Sunday, December 8th, 8:00 a.m.**

**EM's:** Jerry Heltemes and Jamie Van Eps  
**Lector:** Faith Formation Students/Rachel Schott  
**Ushers:** Ron Draper & Bruce Berlinger  
**Servers:** Landen Gibson & Xavier Kleindl  
**Sacristan:** Keith & Maria Marty

**Winter Schedule:**

---December 8<sup>th</sup>, Anointing of the Sick during Mass  
---December 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday, 5:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass  
---December 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Mass & Christmas Program, 5 p.m.  
---December 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Christmas Eve Mass, 4:00 p.m.

**Brunch Served After Mass by Christian Mothers on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Freewill Offering. Proceeds to Mary's Place and Mission Office.**

**Becky Draper Retiring as Calendar Raffle Chair:** After 16 years as chair and raising over \$80,000 from the sale of tickets, Becky is stepping down. **We need a new Calendar Raffle Chair by mid-January and 1 more person to help sell tickets after church.** Becky is willing to train. Please call the office or Becky, if you are willing to chair or sell. We can let you know what the job entails.

**Sandi will be out of the office Dec 2-6:** Please call Sandy Finke w/prayer chain requests.

**Thank you from the Director of the Mission Office, for our church's donation of \$201:** Each year, every Catholic church throughout the world contributes to the World Mission Sunday collection. Thank you for your wonderful participation in our Catholic Church and its growing presence throughout the world. We are all on a mission, a sign of hope for an uncertain world. May God continue to fill you with grace and joy.

**Catholic Charities sent a thank you for the \$182 we collected for their use:** Your donation is a beacon of light for people suffering through their darkest hour. We are making a difference in the lives of thousands who seek help from Catholic Charities.

**Retirement Fund for the Religious is Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>—you have an envelope:** Your donations provide for care, medicine, and daily needs of 24,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

**Donations of Christmas Flowers, in memory of loved ones,** can be placed in the collection, in an envelope, with their names.



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### **Liturgical Ministers – December 8 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Jeanette Pistorius

**EM:** Mary Nigg, Edith Foren & Brenda Pederson

**Choir & Congregation:** Brenda Bartz & Marlene A.

**Servers:** Daxtin Miller & Emmett Piechowski

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Jeff & Rose Donnay

**Ushers:** David Nigg & Mike Heck

**Home Communion:** Edith Foren

**Sacristan:** Brenda Bartz

**Thank you to all who donated rosaries for the St. Cloud Mission. They appreciate them.**

**FAITH FORMATION** – Christmas Program and Guild dinner and bake sale is Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This is also the Children's Mass. There is no class today and will not be class for Christmas break on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** *"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)* We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

**We are looking for some Eucharist Ministers and Lectors for the upcoming year. Today is the First Sunday of Advent, which denotes the new church year. We will be using Year C this liturgical year. Fr. will be commissioning new Eucharistic Ministers in Dec.**

**Mass for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day will be celebrated Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

**Our sympathy to the Orell Yost family. Orell was buried on Saturday. May he rest in peace.**



### **Ave Maria ~ Wheaton**

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### **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30AM**

**Lector:** Carol Nelson

**EM:** Carol Nelson, Linda Larson, Philip Deal

**Servers:** Lyla Peterson & Teddy Peterson

**Ushers:** Jeff Peterson & Ben Peterson

**Fellowship:** Matt Franzese

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sun., Dec., 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Fellowship**

**Sun., Dec., 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Faith Formation**

**Sun., Dec., 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Children's Christmas Program**

**Followed by Potluck for the Congregation**

**The December Mass Ministers Schedule and the Living Faith for October – December are available at all entrances.**

Looking for a GREAT Christmas gift??

**How about a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plate!**

\$30.00 each...stop in the office to purchase one!!

### **Children's Christmas Mass & Program**

**Will be held Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**We will start with a Children's Mass at 9:30, followed by the Christmas Program and then a potluck dinner.**

**Everyone is invited to the Mass, program, and potluck!!**

If you would like to donate a **Poinsettia** in memory of a loved one for the Christmas season, please bring it to the north sacristy starting **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions or would like help ordering a poinsettia, please contact **Colleen Deal at 320-760-8404. Thank You.**

**The 2025 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 2024 box of envelopes**, if you have any remaining, as your number may change from year to year. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please contact the office.

**Thank You!**