

November 30th, 2025
~ 1st Sunday of Advent ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 1st – Dec 7th)

MON ~ No Mass ~
TUE Mass – 8:30 am Chokio ~Monica Juba
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 ~Nick Daly
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, November 23rd

Adult \$2050 Youth \$12 Loose \$229.21 Votive \$16
Utilities \$150 Options for Women \$808.02

Confession Schedule:

5:30 pm on Tuesday in Chokio
5:30 pm on Wednesday in Wheaton
5:30 pm on Thursday in Browns Valley

Andrew Nelson: passed away & was laid to rest
this past week. May he rest in peace.



Ministry Schedule, Sunday, December 7, 8:00 a.m.

EM's: Rich Weber & Jade Marty
Lector: Nancy Leuthard
Ushers: Mark Lampert & Jacob Marty
Servers: Xavier Kleindl & Mandy Kleindl
Sacristan: Keith & Maria Marty

Winter Schedule:

-- Dec. 8th. Monday, Immaculate Conception Mass, 5:30 p.m.
-- Dec. 9th, Tuesday, Penance Service, 5:30 p.m.
-- Dec. 14th, Sunday, Anointing of the Sick during Mass
-- Dec. 21st, Sunday, Children's Christmas Program after Mass

Thanks to everyone who helped clean the sacristy last week!!!
You did an awesome job! Thanks to Julie Ehrp for waxing the floors,
Sandy Finke for moving stuff out of the sacristy. Looks Good!!

Please return the Options for Women Baby Bottles ASAP.

Assumption Church Advent Mission, Dec. 7-10th. We are invited
to a Mission at Assumption Church with Fr. Anthony Hession.
Includes 7 p.m. nightly talks in the basement of the church
followed by refreshments: Dec. 7th Reconciliation with God, Dec 8th
Dangers to family unity & prayer. Dec 9th Learning to pray as a
family with Mary. Dec. 10th The healing power of Mary & the
Eucharist. Daily there is adoration from 12 noon-5:45 p.m., 4 p.m.
confession, 5:45 Benediction and 6 pm Mass. On Dec. 10, after the
talk, Fr. Hession will be available to pray over individuals and
families for healing of all kinds.

**Knights of Columbus will meet Dec. 2, 7 p.m. at Assumption
Church in Morris.** Lunch will be served.

**Christian Mothers & Women will be serving a brunch today after
church.** There will be a free will offering, which will be divided
between the Mercy Center in Graceville and Mary's Place in Mpls.
These places both serve those in need in our area/state. If any
members can bring muffins, rolls, breads call Sandi/Kathy/or Donna

**The Mission Office thanks our parish for the \$318 donation we
sent them as a result of World Mission Sunday donations so we
can be "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples."**

**Donations in memory of loved ones can be placed in the
collection to buy Christmas flowers.** Please state their names on a
piece of paper with your donation in an envelope. Thanks!



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Liturgical Ministers – December 7 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Paula Bourdreaux

EM: Mary Nigg, Edith Foren & Brenda Pederson

Choir & Congregation: Brenda Bartz & Marlene Appel

Servers: Gavin Fryer & Emmett Piechowski

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Jeff & Rose Donnay

Ushers: David Nigg & Mike Heck

Home Communion: Edith Foren

Sacristan: Marlene Appel

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *“Therefore, stay awake!*

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

Matthew 24:42 People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day; for all that we have been given.

CHOIR PRACTICE

St. Anthony’s Choir will practice for Christmas on the following Tuesdays: December 9, 16, & 23rd.

All voices are welcome!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes are at 10:00 a.m. before Mass. The Confirmation class will be attending a Retreat on February 14, 2026 at Abby of the Hills. Children’s Program will be Sunday, December 14th with a lunch following. We will also have a Bake Sale.

Beginning today, the first Sunday of Advent, we will be using a new missalette. These include the whole liturgical year along with all the music for the year. They are a bit bigger but have bigger print so they don’t make a separate large print one. All books are the same print. Thanks.

Congratulations to Jim and Norma Jung on their 70th Wedding Anniversary November 26th.

Our Christmas Mass will be on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Choir will play ahead of the Mass.



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Sunday, December 7th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Sam Thielen

EM: Sam Thielen, John Tauber, Linda Larson

Servers: Xavier Doschadis & Zoe Doschadis

Ushers: Butch Doll & Jim Coffman

Fellowship: Mel Smith & Melanie Klein

Monday, December 8th ~ 9:30AM

Immaculate Conception Mass

Lector & EM: Colleen Violet



During November we remember those who have died during the last year.

Kathie Larson, Daniel Conroy, Margaret Thielen, Fr. Stan Wieser, Liela Fridgen, Joanne Dobberstein

Please join us for an **Open House 80th Birthday Party** for **Roger Schmitz** on Saturday, **December 13th**

From **2:00 – 4:00pm** in the Ave Maria Church Basement.
No Gifts Please

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Sun., Nov., 30th ~ Please come down today for rolls and cake to celebrate Melanie Klein’s birthday

Sun., Dec., 7th ~ Fellowship after Mass

Sun., Dec., 7th ~ Faith Formation 10:30 – 11:30am

Sat., Dec., 13th ~ Birthday Party for Roger Schmitz

Sun., Dec., 21st ~ Children’s Mass and Christmas Program

With potluck afterwards for the entire congregation!!

Would you like to make Christmas a little happier for a **Traverse Care Center Resident...unwrapped gifts** can be placed in the box in the west entrance by **December 7th**. **Thank You!!**