

December 7th, 2025

~ 2nd Sunday of Advent ~

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 8th – Dec 14th)

MON Mass – 8:00 am Browns Valley ~
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 5:30 pm Chokio ~Marie & Mary Marlow
TUE ~ No Mass ~
WED Mass – 8:30 am Wheaton ~
THU Mass – 10:00 am BVCC ~
FRI Mass – 10:00 am TCC ~
SUN Mass – 8:00 am Chokio ~Norbert/ Phyllis Deslauriers
Mass – 9:30 am Wheaton ~
Mass – 11:00 am Browns Valley ~

STEWARDSHIP – for Sunday, November 30th

Adult \$1443 Youth \$20 Loose \$242 Votive \$18
Utilities \$130 Food Shelf \$543 Options \$121.50

Confession Schedule:

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

Kimberly Kraus & Dean Monson: both passed away.
Kimberly's funeral was this past week. Dean's is pending.
May both rest in peace.

No Mass Tuesday: due to an out of town meeting.

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule:

Mon, Dec 8 @ 8:00 am (B.V.)
Mon, Dec 8 @ 9:30 am (Wheaton)
Mon, Dec 8 @ 5:30 pm (Chokio)

Penance Services:

Tue, Dec 9 @ 5:30 pm (Chokio)
Sun, Dec 14 @ 4:00 pm (Morris)

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Wed, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (B.V.)
Wed, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (Chokio)
Wed, Dec 24 @ 4:00 pm (Wheaton)
Thur, Dec 25 @ 9:00 am (Wheaton)

Ministry Schedule, Monday, December 8, 5:30 p.m.

EM's: David Asfeld & Jeri Erickson
Lector: Sandi Marlow-Weber
Ushers: Brian Marty & Ron Draper
Servers: Berdine Kleindl & Braxton Nelson
Sacristan: David Asfeld

Ministry Schedule, Sunday, Dec. 14, 8:00 a.m. Anointing of Sick

EM's: Ginny Heintzelman & Juanita Staples
Lector: Faith Formation/Rachel Schott
Ushers: Jim Stock & Bruce Berlinger
Servers: Kimber & Kendal Baxter
Sacristan: Rachel Schott

Winter Schedule:

-- Dec. 9th, Tuesday, Penance Service, 5:30 p.m. Two confessors,
Fr. Dave Breu and Fr. John Paul
-- Dec. 14th, Sunday, Anointing of the Sick during Mass
-- Dec. 21st, Sunday, Children's Christmas Program after Mass
-- Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m. Caroling 3:35 p.m.

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. Flyers on back tables.

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!

Youth Group Bake Sale/Christmas Goodies, Dec. 21st after Mass before the Christmas Program: Support the Youth Group!

Pick up a 2026 Calendar, "I Am Sayings of Jesus Catholic Calendar. Please thank the faithful sponsors, who pay for the calendar: Hooter's Lumber/Jo-Ko Manufacturing; SJK Plumbing and Heating; Dacotah Bank and Tri-County Co-0- Oil Association.

Please pick up your 2026 Contribution Envelopes, but DO NOT USE UNTIL 2026. Also, pick up the new Catholic Yearbook!



St. Anthony ~ Browns Valley

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Liturgical Ministers – December 14 – 11:00 a.m.

Lector: Joan Miller

EM: Michelle Cooley, Brenda Bartz & Mike Toelle

Choir & Congregation: Julie & David Metz

Servers: Isabelle Remily & Ryen Metz

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Faith Formation Classes

Ushers: Faith Formation Classes

Home Communion: Edith Foren

Sacristan: Marlene Appel

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:10* Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer, or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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 free lunch following in the church basement. Also, a Bake Sale.

Our Christmas Mass will be on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Choir will sing before Mass.

No Christian Mothers meeting in the winter months. Next meeting is in March of 2026. Do you want to be President?



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**Monday, December 8th ~ 9:30AM
Immaculate Conception Mass**

Lector & EM: Colleen Violet

Sunday, December 14th ~ 9:30AM

Lector: Paul Thielen

EM: Paul Thielen, Dean Frisch, Paul Frisch

Servers: Michael O’Leary & Patrick O’Leary

Ushers: Wolfgang Brink & Philip Brink

Fellowship: Herman Barutt & Deb Mucha

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

Sunday, December 14th is the collection for Retirement Fund for Religious. Many are now facing retirement without sufficient funds. Your support ensures that they receive the care they deserve. There is an envelope in your box for this collection.

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

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

Sun., Dec., 14th ~ Faith Formation 10:30-11:30am

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

With potluck afterwards for everyone!!

The 2026 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 2025 box of envelopes,** if you have any remaining, as your number has changed from last year. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please contact the office.

If you would like to donate a **Poinsettia** in memory of a loved one please bring it to the north sacristy starting **December 20th.**

If you have any questions or would like help ordering, please contact **Colleen Deal at 320-760-8404.**

The December Mass Ministers Schedule and The Living Faith are available at all 3 entrances.