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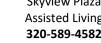
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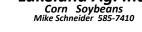


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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday / Sábado: 5:30pm (English) & 7:30pm (Español) Sunday / Domingo: 9:00am (English) Rosary Half-Hour Before Masses/Rosario Media Hora previo al horario de la Misa.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30pm.

or by appointment, please call the office to schedule a time.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 4:45-5:45pm; Mass at 5:45pm.

Contact the parish office for Anointing of the Sick, communion to homebound, weddings, baptisms and new parish membership.

St. Mary's Catholic School Pre-K to Grade 6 stmarysmorris.org (320) 589-1704

Newman Center Ministries for UMM Students Ummnewman.weebly.com (320) 589-1947

Mission Statement

Serving God's Family Together.

Third Sunday of Advent: December 17th, 2023

"Parish Penance Service at 4:00pm. Four Priests to help with confessions"

Monday: December 18th: NO MASS. 6:30pm-7:30pm private confessions at the Church.

Tuesday, December 19th: 4:45pm Adoration / 5:45pm Mass: † Helen Staples.

6:30pm Parish Council begins gathering at Carla Riley's house—meeting begins at 7:00pm.

Wednesday, December 20th, 8:35am Mass: Intention: † William "Bill" Trebesch.

3:30pm-5:30pm: First Confession Interviews at the Church.

7:00pm: Saint Mary's School Christmas Concert at the Church. All are welcome.

Thursday, December 21st; 10:00am Mass West Wind: Intention: H Barbara Montro.

12:00pm noon: Rosary prayed at the Church.

6:30pm-7:30pm private confessions at the Church.

Friday, December 22nd, 8:00am Mass: H Leo and Evelyn Hennen.

6:30pm-7:30pm: Private Confessions at the Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23rd and 24th, 2023:

Saturday Confessions: 4:30pm to 5:20pm.

Saturday 5:30pm Mass: Intentions: H Edell and Douglas Swanson.

Saturday 7:30pm Spanish Mass: Intention: † Evaristo Salguero.

Sunday 9:00am Mass: Intention: * For the People.

Sunday 4:00pm: Bilingual Christmas Eve Mass. Monday: 9:00am: Christmas Day Mass.

Advent Prayer and Lighting the Advent Wreath at Home: Fourth Sunday.

- 1- Begin with the Sign of the Cross: +.
- 2- Mother of the Home if present or another person, lights the First Advent Candle-the Prophecy Candle, the Second Advent Candle-The Bethlehem Candle, the Third Candle-the Shepherd's Candle, then the Angels' Candle and prays: "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Lk 2:13-14).
- 3- Father of the Home if present or another person, prays the Opening Prayer.
- 4- "Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever." Sprinkle the Advent Wreath & Family with Holy Water.
- 5- All pray together: One Our Father...., One Hail Mary..., and One Glory Be...
- 6- Pray: "May the Light of our Lord Jesus Christ, shine upon us and grant us His salvation." All make the Sign of the Cross: +.
- 7. If you are able, sing: "O come, O come, Emmanuel / And ransom captive Israel / That mourns in lonely exile here / Until the Son of God appear. / Rejoice, Rejoice! / Emmanuel / Shall come to thee / O Israel!



MAAA-ACC Websites:

- www.stmarvschokio.org *assumptionofmorris.org
- *stmarysmorris.org
- *ummnewman.weebly.com
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Prayer chain requests:

Our Parish

FORMED

Our Parish is offering the **FORMED** program again to all our parishioners. If you have not yet signed-up, please take advantage of this opportunity to learn about your Catholic Faith. To sign-up as a member, please go to **FORMED.org. 1:** Click Sign Up. <u>2:</u> Select "I Belong to a Parish". <u>3:</u> Enter our Parish Zip Code 56267, or enter Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Morris, MN. <u>4:</u> Enter your name and email address and you're in!. There are great programs such as Adult Bible Studies, Youth programs, Documentaries and Dramatic films, Children programs and more!!

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers on Sunday, December 24th at 9:00am & 4:00pm & Sunday, December 25th at 9:00am, please sign up on the Ministers binder schedule located on the back church table. Thank you for all your help!!!

Assumption Prayer Network

Jesus taught us to pray for the living and the dead as one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Network of our Assumption parish to pray for the sick or those in need of prayers, please contact Maggie Fletcher at 589-1390 or Denise Mahoney at 394-2121.

Liturgical Ministers Calendar

The Liturgical Ministers Calendar is placed on the back of the church table. Please stop and claim yours. If you need extra copies please ask at the parish office.

Special Thank you

Thank you to Dave Lonergan and Unger Furniture who donated the calendars for our Assumption Church Parishioners. God bless you for all your support!!

Our Community

Options for Women

Options for Women/Morris is looking for a new Executive Director. The position would entail fundraising and office management. Look us up online or call if you have any questions at 320-589-0300.

Our Diocese Sunday TV Mass www.stcdio.org/mass

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Blessings to you in this third week of Advent as we remember the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus. As you celebrate this season, please consider supporting diocesan ministries with a year—end gift. To donate, visit: www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Stewardship as a Way of Life

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Seminary Visits

If you know any juniors or seniors in high school who would be interested in visiting a seminary, please let Fr. Doug know.

Third Sunday of Advent—December 17

For a deeper trust and openness to the Holy Spirit in people discerning a call to Serve Christ through the priesthood or in consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

February 8—Andrew Dinner

The next Andrew dinner will be held at the Marmion House. Do you have young men grades 9-12 who have potential for a priestly calling? Please contact Father Doug at dougliebsch@gmail.com.

February 11— Festival of Families

Mark your calendars! This event will be held at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids and is designed for families to come together. All are welcome!!

	Liturgical Ministers December 23 rd & 24 th Saturday Sunday 5:30pm 9:00am		
Sacristans	Theresa Fults	Volunteers Needed!!	
Servers	Kendal Fischer Kristopher Fischer	Peter Jay Benedict Jay	
ucharistic Ministers	Deacon Stan Hennen Theresa Fults	Teresa Gahm Volunteer Needed!!	
Lectors	Jenn Goodnough Ely Goodnough	Teresa Gahm Volunteer Needed!!	
Greeters	Paulette Solvie Rick Grossman Linda Hoffman	Volunteers Needed!!	
Music	Volunteers needed for both Masses. Please sign up online!		
December Ushers	5:30pm	9:00am	
Osileis	Jim Rentz	John Mahone	
	Rick Grossman	Tim Cannon	
	Randy Bannick Tom Carrington	Don Huntley William Gahm Dylan Gahm	
December Church Cleaners	Dick Mahoney Jane Harstad Karla & Dick VanMoorlehem First Fruits		

December 9th & 10th Stewardship of \$8644 is needed each week

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Piano Collection	\$	6.00	
All Saints Day	\$	250.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$	245.00	
Catholic Charities	\$	20.00	
Christmas Offering.	\$	40.00	
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Electronic Giving	\$	650.00	
St. Mary's Endowment	\$	200.00	
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