

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

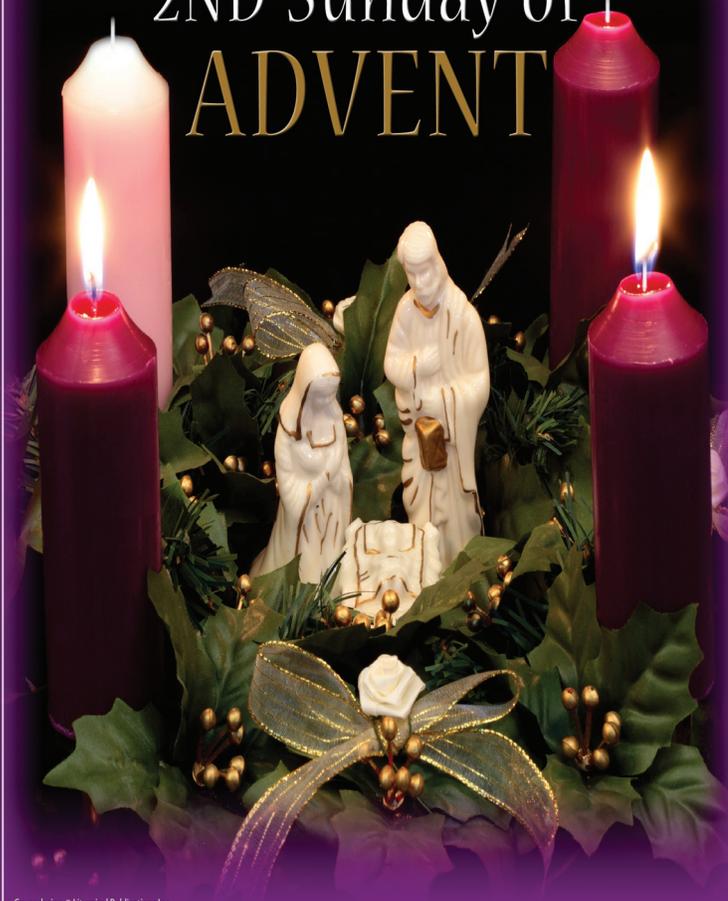
24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

December 6, 2015



Prepare

2ND Sunday of
ADVENT



PARISH: 320-252-1799
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WEBSITE: www.SMHOC.org

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
Ken Roshia, *Deacon*
Kelly Kirks, *Principal*
Shelly Gohmann, *Secretary*
Jan Minke,
Faith Formation Director
Deb Klaverkamp,
Youth Coordinator
Kathy Waletzko,
Music Director

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed. Thurs. Fri 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:15pm or by
appointment

NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the parish office for
more information.

MARRIAGE PREP

Arrangements must be
made at least 6 months
before wedding. Call the
Parish Office.

RCIA "RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS"

Anyone interested in
becoming a member of
the Catholic Faith call
the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

December 14, 2015 at
7:00pm. Call the Parish
Office to register.

MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the people of St
Mary Help of
Christians Parish,
are called to love and
serve the Lord through
our lives.*

*Established in 1856, the
church is the
cornerstone around
which we have built our
community of faith.*

*We encourage all to
participate through
worship, education, and
sharing of their gifts
and talents.*

*With the strength of
our families, the
optimism of our youth,
and the wisdom of our
seniors, we strive to be
advocates of the
"Good News"
as we continue to grow
and change.*

Dec. 6, 2015 - 2nd Sunday of Advent - Baruch 5: 1-9, Phili 1: 4-6, 8-11, Lk 3: 1-6

Everything that happens in history occurs in time and space. They are the two axis of existence. The story of Jesus happens in the political time line of Pontius Pilate, Herod Antipas, Herod Philip and Lysanias and the religious reign of Annas (A.D. 6-15) and Caiaphas (A.D.18-36). The Christ event took place in the special world of Judea, Galilee, Ituraea, Trachonitis and Abilene. Supplying all these details the Evangelist Luke makes the narration historically specific. This historical eye is a unique feature of the Gospel of Luke.

In religion there is a tendency to take God out of history and project him into an utopian world. Here religion becomes mythical and ahistorical. Israel as a people did not know a God who works outside history. The Bible sees Yahweh as the God who reveals himself through the history of the people. The story has this thrust from the twelfth chapter of the Book of Genesis until the Book of Revelation, which speaks in the apocalyptic literary style prevalent at that time in history. For the authors of the Bible, history makes sense only in relation to God because everything is His handiwork. God is known through his acts and the greatest of such acts is the Christ Event. The Bible witnesses that this God is in continuous touch with the people in the ups and downs of their history.

The revelation of God is historical as well as salvific in nature. So the biblical theologian G. Von Rad spoke of the revelation of God in history in terms of 'salvation history.' "This history can be described as saving history because, as it is presented, creation itself is understood as a saving act of God and because, according to what the prophets foretold, God's will to save is, in spite of many acts of judgment, to achieve its goal" G. Von Rad, *OT Theology*, 2:357-358. Revelation means the acts of God in history. Annunciation is the season where we recall the greatest act of God in history – the mystery of incarnation in Jesus. Let us see the hand of God working in our own personal history and in the history of nations for the good of all His children. ~Fr. Jose~

 **Mass Intentions**

- 7 Monday - No Mass
- 8 Tuesday ***Holy Day***
8:00am +Bonnie Benoit
6:00pm +Walter & +Alice Korman
- 9 Wednesday 8:00 am +Erwin Terwey
- 10 Thursday 8:00 am +Charlie Schmidt
- 11 Friday 8:00 am +Dorothy Korman
- 12 Saturday 5:00 pm +Rob Kilian
- 13 Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners
10:00 am Lauer Family

Ushers/Greeters - Month of December

- 5:00pm Joe Voigt & David Meyer
- 8:00am Adrian & Judy Ethen
- 10:00am Al Hiemenz & Kevin Voigt

Ushers/Greeters - Month of January

- 5:00pm Richard & Joan Jendro
- 8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell
- 10:00am Jim Schmidt & Bruce Braun

Servers This Weekend, Dec. 5th & 6th

- 5:00 pm Alexis Jelen & Jady N Kivel
- 8:00 am Jack Massmann & Will Massmann
- 10:00 am Jackson Pogatshnik & Kate Schreifels

Servers Next Weekend, Dec. 12th & 13th

- 5:00 pm Laura Klaverkamp & Otto Klaverkamp
- 8:00 am Madison Streit & Zack Streit
- 10:00 am Nick Jenniges & Karissa Lintgen

Readings for This Sunday, Dec. 6th

- Baruch 5:1-9
- Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
- Luke 3:1-6

Readings for Next Sunday, Dec. 13th

- Zephaniah 3:14-18a
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:10-18



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, December 8
Mass at 8am & 6pm
Quilting

Wednesday, December 9
FF Advent Event

Thursday, December 10
School Christmas Program at 1:00pm & 6:30pm

Next Sunday, December 13
9:00am Youth Bible Study
8:00-11:30 Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus & Bake Sale

Reconciliation Times for Advent/Christmas

- Confessions will be heard in the New Sacristy.
- Tuesday, December 22 - 6:30pm-7:30pm (There will be one extra priest)
- Wednesday, December 23 - 8:30am-9:00am
- Wednesday, December 23 - 6:30pm-7:30pm (There will be one extra priest)



- Christmas Eve Masses:** Thurs, Dec. 24 at 5 pm & 9 pm
- Christmas Day Masses:** Fri., Dec.25 at 8 am & 10 am
- New Years Day Masses:** Fri., Jan. 1, 2016 at 8 am & 6pm

Religious Retirement: Next weekend, Dec. 12 & 13, is the annual collection in which we are asked to express our gratitude for the religious men and women who have served our country with the collection for Religious Retirement.



Nursery Next Sunday, Dec. 13th:
Lisa & Brandon Roshia



Parish Support

Adult	\$4,584.50
Youth	28.37
Catholic Charities	10.00
Votive Lights	25.00
Nov Auto Withdrawals	3,310.66
Nov Meat Raffle	1,000.00
Fall Collection	190.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



Youth Group - Deb Klaverkamp

Thank you to the youth who helped with parents night out last week Friday! We were able to give many moms and dads a night off and we raised a lot of food for the food shelf! All students in grades 6-8 are invited to come to the junior high youth rally in January! Registrations available in the back of church - they are due by next weekend! You don't want to miss this fun day!

Advent Bible Study for all Senior High and College aged students. Every Sunday during Advent from 9:05-9:50 in the youth room. Coffee, cocoa and muffins/ donuts provided! Come and help prepare for the birth of our King!

Youth Group this Wednesday, December 9th. Meet in the youth room at the regular time - we will be helping the younger grades with their Christmas program. NEXT week you will want to come for the Youth Group Christmas Party!

TEC Retreat - Have you ever thought about making a TEC retreat? This is an unforgettable weekend open to all folks 16 and older (it's not just for kids!) There are several folks looking at making the TEC on Jan. 1-3, 2016. Start your New Year out right! Register on-line (www.cmtec.org), registrations are also available in the back of church. Contact Deb for more information 828-0807.

Mass with Contemporary Music - Coming the evening of January 10th, 2016! We are working on forming a praise and worship band for this! Please consider sharing your gifts! Contact Kelly Kirks or Deb Klaverkamp for more information or to help!



Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus & Bake Sale

will be on Sunday, December 13. Serving from 8:00-11:30am. We will also have our Bake Sale with Group 6 (M-N) Lu Meemken and GERALYN MURPHY as chairs.



Advent Giving Tree: We will again have our Advent Giving Tree with tags for you to take for the following: Anna Marie's Shelter, Birthline, & Catholic Charities. Please return all items to the tree with the tag by Mon., Dec. 20th.

Thank you for helping make Christmas a happier time for those in need.

Greetings from SMHOCS,



Many years ago, the prophets spoke of a baby who would save mankind. This was the beginning of the journey to Bethlehem. Years later, Mary and Joseph would continue this journey in preparation for the birth of our Savior. Soon after the child was born, the nearby shepherds received word of His birth and began their own journey. This was to be followed by the expedition the wise men took in their quest to see the newborn king. Our journey continues as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child during this Advent season.

Today we are hosting a One Stop Shop at school from 1-3pm. Twenty vendors will be in attendance, please come and shop!

Our school family will celebrate the Eucharist for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tues., December 8th at 8:00 a.m.

We are grateful to the Home and School Association for sponsoring a visit from St. Nick on December 4th. The students really enjoyed the visit and the special treats St. Nick brought with him. These faith-filled events are a special part of school life at SMHOC.



We are excited to announce the SMHOCS annual Christmas program will be presented on Thursday, December 11th at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come and enjoy the students' musical performance.

May you be blessed during this time of hopeful waiting.

Kelly Kirks, Principal



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes today, Sunday, Dec. 6:
Hopke's Conf. class 6:30-9:00p.m.

Classes this week, Wed. Dec. 9:

Hayward's conf. Class

Zieglmeier's Conf. Class - Starts at 6:00pm

1st-6th grade meet at the regular time, in the Parish center for our **Advent Event- Unfrozen-Do you want to meet the Savior?** Parents and families come back about 6:45. We will try to begin the show as soon as possible. Please bring a baby item for Birthline. Everyone is welcome!

7th-9th gr. 7:25-8:30p.m. in your classrooms.

As we continue our journey through Advent we are thinking about how Christ was welcomed into this world. With no place to stay He was born in a stable and placed in a manger. Many children in our world today are in need of our help. We've asked the children to consider what it was like for Jesus and what it is like for some children in our society today. We've asked them to do a little Christmas shopping for those in need. Baby items will be collected and brought to Birthline; a charity that helps young mothers in our community. These items can be brought in on Wed. Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. Lord please help us to help those less fortunate than ourselves as we welcome You into our lives this Christmas!

\$10,000 Raffle Kick Off: Is happening this weekend, Dec. 5 & 6. The \$100 tickets will be sold before and after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday evening and from 7:30am-11:30am on Sunday. If you purchase a ticket on one of these two days, you will be entered in the "Early Bird" drawing. The "Early Bird" drawing will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 11:30. The winner of the Early Bird drawing will receive two (2) free tickets to be entered for the \$10,000 Grand Prize. There are also incentives for selling tickets. The drawing will be on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 in the Parish Center.

Ushers Needed: We are working on the 2016 Usher schedule. We are in need of ushers for the **5pm Mass for October; 8am Mass for September and 10am Mass for November.** Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to commit to one of these mass times and months.