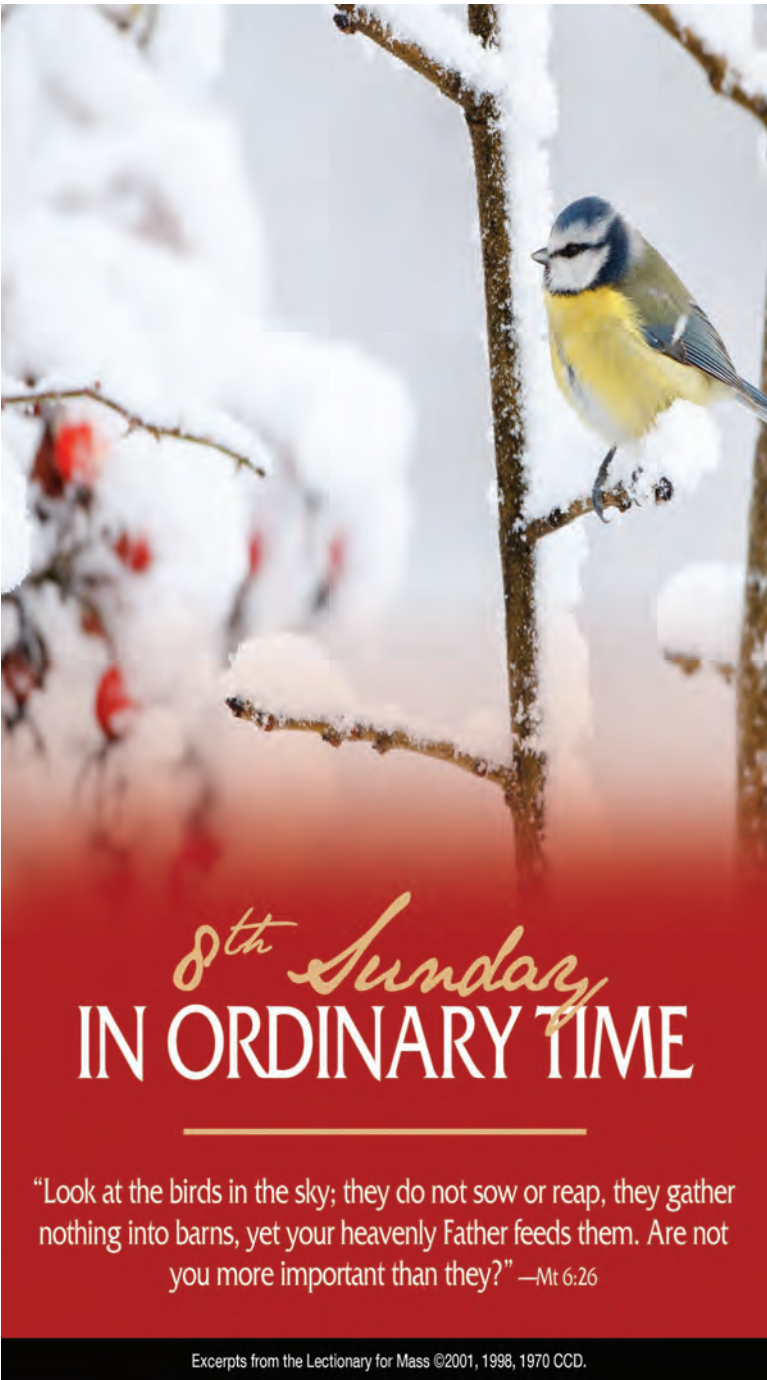


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

February 26, 2017



8th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?” —Mt 6:26

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
Kelly Kirks, *Principal*
Shelly Gohmann, *Secretary*
Jan Minke,
Faith Formation Director
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 - 4:00-4:30pm
(New Sacristy) or by
appointment

RCIA “RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS”

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

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

April 10, 2017 at 7:00pm. Call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE PREP

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the parish office for more information.

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.



Readings for This Sunday, February 26

Isaiah 49:14-15
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
 Matthew 6:24-34

Readings for Ash Wednesday, March 1

Joel 2:12-18
 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Readings for Next Sunday, March 5

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
 Matthew 4:1-11

Ushers/Greeters - Month of February

5:00pm Roger & Pat Kunkel
 8:00am Tom Denne & Doug Kilanowski
 10:00am Dale Hurrle & Dan Hiemenz

Ushers/Greeters - Month of March

5:00pm Al & Doris Pilarski
 8:00am Len & Sue Meyer
 10:00am Rocky Keske & Lisa or Brandon Rosha

Servers This Weekend, February 25 & 26

5:00pm Madison Fruth & Kaden Fruth
 8:00am Colby Faber & Clay Faber
 10:00am Hailey Keske & Luke Ashbrook

Servers Ash Wednesday, March 1

6:00pm Tyler Gohmann & Colby Faber

Servers Next Weekend, March 4 & 5


5:00pm Logan Haselkamp & Jady N Kivel
 8:00am Thatcher Yarke & Everett Yarke
 10:00am Alaina Thull & Elizabeth Thull

Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 1st - Mass at 8am & 6pm
Stations of the Cross - Tuesday Mornings at 9am with the SMHOC School Children.
 Tuesday evenings following the 6pm Mass.
Soup and Bread Supper - Every Tuesday during Lent, we will be offering a Soup and Bread Supper following the Stations of the Cross. (Free Will Offering)



- 27 Monday - No Mass
- 28 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Richard Smith
- 1 Wednesday - *Ash Wednesday*
 8:00am +Dean Hinkemeyer
 6:00pm+Harvey Laudenbach & +Jon Yarmon
- 2 Thursday - 8:00am +Leonard & +Betty Voigt
- 3 Friday - 8:00am +Julia Voigt
- 4 Saturday - 5:00pm Parishioners
- 5 Sunday - 8:00 am Christian Women
 10:00 am Bernie Pogatshnik



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, February 28
 12:00pm - Senior Soup Luncheon

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday
 Mass at 8am & 6pm

Thursday, March 2
 Nocturnal Adoration

Saturday, March 3
 9:00am - CUF Garage Sale

Sunday, March 4
 Garage Sale
 6:30pm-9:00pm - First Year Confirmation
 Class - Parish Center

Parish Support

Adult	\$8,346.26
Youth	11.80
Votive Lights	41.50
Visitor	385.00
Food Shelf	475.00
Sanctuary Income	700.00
Stole Fees	75.00
Funeral Fund	252.86
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	201.00



Booth Chairs Needed for 2017 Parish Festival

We are looking for a chairperson for the following booths for our Parish Festival on June 24 and 25: Kids Games and Ring Toss. In order to continue to offer these booths, we need your help. We greatly appreciate your help in contributing to the making the festival a success.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact
 Doug and Keri Laudenbach 320-291-5299.

Lost and Found - Please check the lost and found tub in the coat room. All items left in the lost and found will be put in the garage sale, March 4.



Greetings from SMHOCS,

“Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst.” –Saint Mother Teresa

Our Lenten Theme will focus on Mother Teresa’s life of love and compassion.

Students will meet weekly for prayer services and to pray The Stations of the Cross. Fr. Jose will be meeting with each grade level to answer any questions students may have regarding their faith. We have a few retreat days planned, a speaker coming in to talk about Mother Teresa’s canonization, and students will be packaging food at Kids Fighting Hunger.

This is the final weekend to purchase tickets for the Catholic Schools Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial. The tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds from the raffle go directly to St. Mary Help of Christians School. Thank you for your support.

Please join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday at 8:00am as we begin our Lenten Journey. The students in grade three will be assisting with this liturgy.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Thank you to Father Jose for his spiritual guidance, to the musicians for the beautiful music, to the kitchen help for the delicious food. Thank you to the Parish of SMHOC for all your prayers and support. It is greatly appreciated. *~The Family of Bob Fruth~*

Parish Council will have two openings (female). This is a two year term. If you would like to have your name in the drawing for a chance to serve on the Parish Council, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799, by March 1st.

This Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. Let us as part of the global Church, continue our prayerful walk. Prepare simple, meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

Cathedral High School will present the musical Hello Dolly on March 2, 3, 4 at 7 pm with a matinee at 2 pm on Sat, March 4, Holy Angels Performing Arts Center on the Cathedral High School Campus. Adults \$10, Students/Seniors \$5.00.

Campaign for Cathedral - New Car Raffle to support the Campaign for Cathedral (new building). \$100.00 per ticket. Limited number of tickets available. Drawing held April 29, 2017 at Cathedral’s Spring Fundraiser Celebration of Seasons at River’s Edge Convention Center. For more details contact the Parish Office.

Our Parish Festival is June 24 & 25. Have you thought about donating a Basket for the Silent Auction?

Religious Education Program

Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes today, Sunday, Feb. 26:

1st year Confirmation 6:30pm-9:00p.m.

No classes this week, Wed. March 1 Ash Wednesday attend Mass.

1st year Confirmation students will be assisting at the 6:00p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday.

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides.” This quote from Matthew in today’s Gospel is a real lesson to us in our world of consumerism! As parents, of course, we must worry about feeding, clothing, etc. our children, but as “servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.” (Corinthians) our noble obligation and privilege is to teach them to know about God in our lives. From our whole salvation history, to knowledge of the Faith, to where we have encountered God personally in our lives. Teaching them about their Faith and living that faith out as a witness to them is an awesome and somewhat daunting responsibility. But we are not alone. We have the Church, each other, the communion of saints and the Holy Spirit all here to help us. Talk about a dream team! And many times as we seek to help our children find their way, God uses them, to help us on our way as well! As the Gospel promises, if we seek first the Kingdom of God, all the rest will fall into place.

Garage Sale: The shed next to the Rectory garage is open to drop off items for the garage sale. The garage sale will be held March 4th & 5th.

The next Blood Drive will be here on April 24th. Sign up will be starting soon. Sponsored by the Parish Health Committee.

Fish Frys:

Friday, March 3 - Church of the Immaculate Conception in Rice. Serving from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Adults \$9.00, 12 & Under \$5.00. Under 4 are Free.

Friday, March 10 - St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sartell 4:00pm-7:00pm. \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors 60+, \$5.00 ages 6-12, free for 5 and under.

