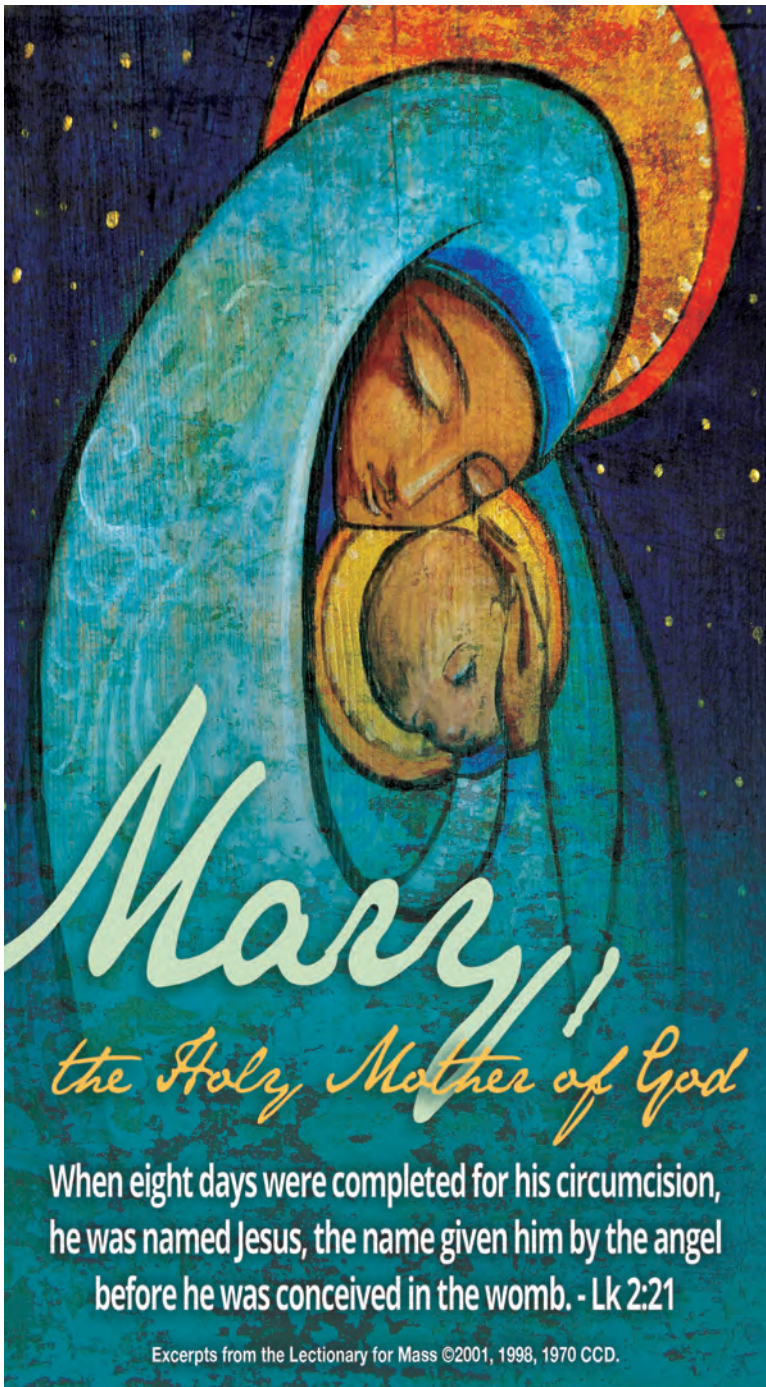


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

January 1, 2017



When eight days were completed for his circumcision,
he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel
before he was conceived in the womb. - Lk 2:21

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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

February 13, 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.*



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:17-19

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Readings for This Sunday, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Readings for Next Sunday, January 8

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Ushers/Greeters - Month of January

5:00pm Richard & Joan Jendro
8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell
10:00am Jim Schmidt & Utley Kronenberg

Ushers/Greeters - Month of February

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

Servers This Weekend, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

5:00pm Andrew Hayward & Sam Hayward
8:00am Karissa Lintgen & Jady N Kivel
10:00am Julia Knapek & Bryce Knapek

Servers Next Weekend, January 7 & 8

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

Office Holiday Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017.



- 2 Monday - No Mass
- 3 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Julia Voigt
- 4 Wednesday - 8:00am +Charlie Schmidt
- 5 Thursday - 8:00am +Mary Anderson
- 6 Friday - 8:00am +Wendy & +Ryan Kiffmeyer
- 7 Saturday - 5:00pm +Doug Schwinghammer
- 8 Sunday - 8:00 am Nocturnal Adoration Members
10:00 am Parishioners

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, January 3

6:30pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting for all Parents of Second Graders

Thursday, January 5

Nocturnal Adoration

Friday, January 6

6:00pm Movie night in the Parish Center sponsored by CUF

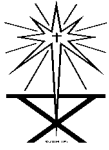
Sunday, January 8

Nocturnal Adoration Members Breakfast
6:30pm-9:00pm First Year Confirmation Class in Parish Center

NATIVITY PRAYER

LET THE JUST REJOICE,
FOR THEIR JUSTIFIER IS BORN.
LET THE SICK AND INFIRM REJOICE,
FOR THEIR SAVIOR IS BORN.
LET THE CAPTIVES REJOICE,
FOR THEIR REDEEMER IS BORN.
LET SLAVES REJOICE,
FOR THEIR MASTER IS BORN.
LET FREE PEOPLE REJOICE,
FOR THEIR LIBERATOR IS BORN.
LET ALL CHRISTIANS REJOICE,
FOR JESUS CHRIST IS BORN.

-AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO



Greetings from SMHOCS...

Our first student assisted liturgy of 2017 will be on Wednesday, January 4th at 8:00 a.m. The students in grade five will be assisting with the music and readings. Please come and celebrate the Eucharist with the school community.

New Year's Blessings to all of you – Kelly Kirks, Principal

Ushers Needed: We are in need of ushers for the **10am Mass for the following months:**

- March 2017 – 1 more usher needed
- May 2017 – 2 ushers needed
- July 2017 – 1 more usher needed
- August 2017 – 1 more usher needed
- September 2017 – 2 ushers needed
- November 2017 – 2 ushers needed
- December 2017 – 2 ushers needed

Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to commit to one of these mass times and months. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christian Women Bake and Craft Sale. Also, thank you to everyone who bought the delicious baked goods and beautiful crafts. The sale was a huge success!

\$10,000 Raffle: If you are looking to purchase a ticket, they are available in the Parish Office, M-F, 7:30-12:00. If you wish to sell some tickets, stop and see Shelly in the Parish Office.

5th, 25th, 40th, 50th & 60th Anniversaries: If you are celebrating any of these anniversaries this year, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799 by January 31st, 2017, to let us know so that your name can be sent to the Office of Marriage and Family. You will then be receiving an invitation for a Mass offered by Bishop Kettler on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 1:00pm

Married Couples Retreat - February 3-5, 2017

Love in marriage: The place where you are standing is holy ground!

Presented by Christine and Rich Codden

Chris and Rich Codden have been married for thirty-nine years. Chris is the director of the Office of Marriage & Family for the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Rich is semi-retired, driving school bus. Chris and Rich are speakers for the diocesan marriage preparation course and train mentor couples for the engaged.

The retreat starts with supper on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and concludes after lunch on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$295 per couple for a double room and includes the retreat conferences and all meals. Couples who wish to commute may join us for the retreat conferences and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. The cost is \$75 per couple.

To learn more or to register for this retreat, go to www.abbeyguesthouse.org or contact the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes this week, Wed. Jan. 4:
 1st-6th gr. 6:15-7:20p.m.
 7th & 8th gr. 7:25-8:30p.m.

Today is a due date for the 2nd year Confirmation students. Please be sure to get your service project and Mass with sponsor sheet turned in.

The Gospel today tells us; "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Just think, as Jesus' mother how many things throughout her life Mary must have kept in her heart? As a parent, there are so many blessings God gives us through our children. Do we reflect on these things? For that matter, all of us throughout our lives have countless blessings and encounters with God. Do we ponder these things or do they get lost in all the busyness of life? Like the shepherds, I want to come to the manger and wonder at the gift of God incarnate. Before you put your manger scene away, I hope you get a chance to talk to a child about what it represents and enjoy it with childlike wonder! May God's joy be in your heart, His peace in your soul and His love in your life all through the New Year!

Confirmation retreat for 2nd year Confirmation students will be Sunday, Jan. 29!

Youth Envelopes for 2016 - Please pick up in the entryway in the church. If your child attends Cathedral, is home schooled and did not receive envelopes, and they wish to receive envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Thank you to everyone who brought items for our Bake Sale and to those who bought items at our Bake Sale. The profit from the Bake Sale was \$735.85.



Condolences to: Tim and Paul Voigt and families on the death of their mother, Ellen Voigt

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her.

