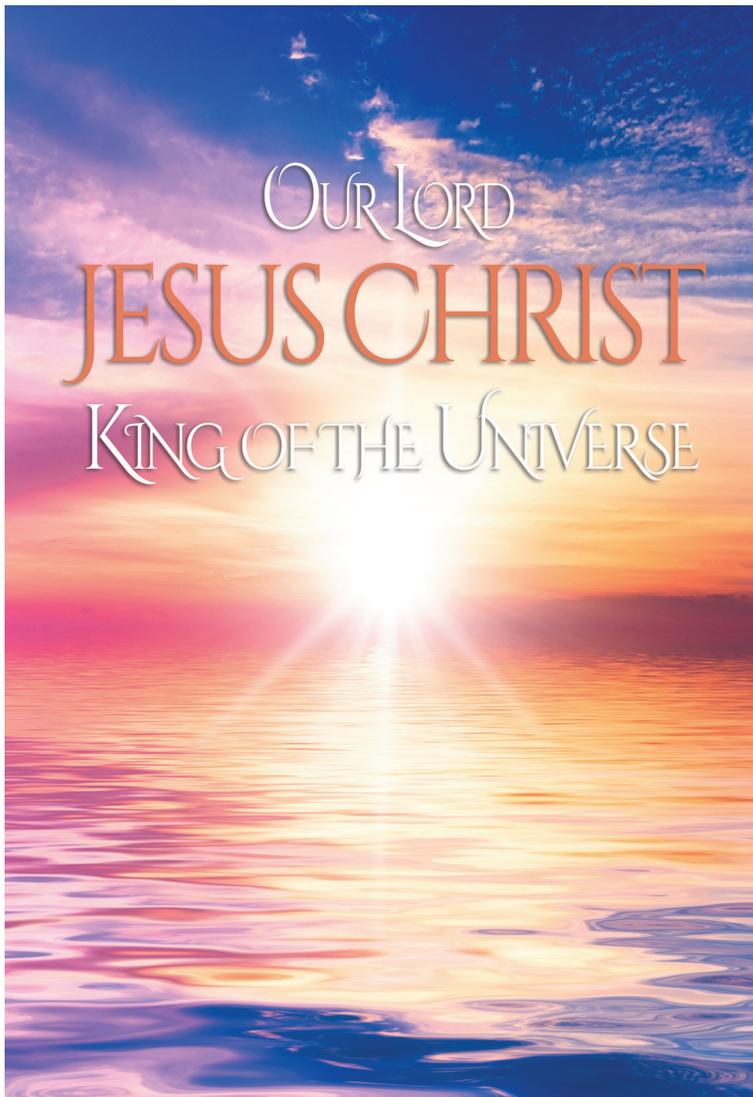


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

November 22, 2015



Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." - Jn 18:36

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
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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.*

Nov. 22, 2015 - Christ the King - Daniel 7: 13-14, Rev. 1:5-8, John 18: 33b-37

“Are you the king of the Jews?” (John 18:33b). A question can be asked with various intentions. It can be to know, it can be to show ones knowledge or superiority. It can be to fool or belittle others. It can result from skepticism or doubt. It can be to trap or it can be a forced one. In the beginning of the story of Jesus we find the question of the Magi: “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Mt 2:2). Once they found him “they prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Mt 2:11). Their question comes from a real search for truth in order to embrace it. Simultaneously, we find King Herod’s inquiry of the birth of Messiah with the intention to kill him (Mt 2:4,13). Herod closes his eyes to the truth that liberates. Pharaoh, too, asked: “Who is the Lord that I should heed his plea to let Israel go?” (Ex 5:2). Pharaoh turned his face away from God, to be drowned in the Red Sea.

What is the real intention behind the question of Pilate, the Governor? Jesus himself asks the question: “Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?” (John 18:34). Pilate was not in search of truth when he found Jesus. It is a question that he was forced to ask and behind it we find his skepticism and doubt. It is not a question that was asked to know the truth and embrace it. For Pilate, the truth had no meaning in his life as the later episodes reveal. The very answer of Pilate shows that he was treating the whole event as someone else’s business that was forced on him. But Jesus reveals himself as the one who testifies to the truth – the truth that has come from the Father.

Are we, too, asking questions just for the sake of asking, or to know and embrace and to be saved? If we are open to truth, we will be able to hear Him (John 18:37). Let us be open to the Spirit of God that reveals the truth of God in our hearts.

~Fr. Jose~

Mass Intentions

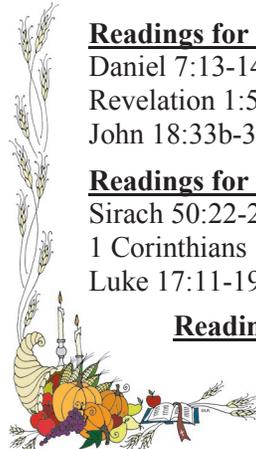
- 23 Monday - No Mass
- 24 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Vernon Storms
- 25 Wednesday 8:00 am +Richard & +Adelaide Ruehle
- 26 Thursday 8:00 am +Marie & +Maddy Mehr
- 27 Friday - No Mass
- 28 Saturday 5:00 pm +Butch & +Ellen Gohman
- 29 Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners
10:00 am Avery Wurm

Liturgical Roles

- Ushers/Greeters - Month of November**
 5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltos
 8:00am Ed & Mary Lou Meyer
 10:00am Volunteers Needed
- Ushers/Greeters - Month of December**
 5:00pm Joe Voigt & David Meyer
 8:00am Adrian & Judy Ethen
 10:00am Al Hiemenz & Kevin Voigt
- Servers This Weekend, Nov. 21st & 22nd**
 5:00 pm Isaac Voigt & Trevor Voigt
 8:00 am Anna Ludescher & Gavin Campbell
 10:00 am Everett Yarke & Thatcher Yarke
- Servers Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th**
 8:00 am Sarah Zieglmeier & Brandon Roshia
- Servers Next Weekend, Nov. 28th & 29th**
 5:00 pm Emma Harens & Andrew Hayward
 8:00 am Nevin Bloom & Brady Kenning
 10:00 am Madison Fruth & Alexis Streit



Nursery Next Sunday,
Nov. 29th:
Beth Smith & Family



Readings for This Sunday, Nov. 22

- Daniel 7:13-14
- Revelation 1:5-8
- John 18:33b-37

Readings for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26

- Sirach 50:22-24
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Luke 17:11-19

Readings for Next Sunday, Nov. 29

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,742.90
Youth	13.40
Catholic Charities	192.00
Food Shelf	500.00
Windows	100.00
Fall Collection	1,390.00
Votive Lights	26.60
Hall Rent	512.50
Funeral Fund	1.71
Christmas Flowers	340.50
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

“We do not want...a Church that will move with the world. We want a Church that will move the world.”
 ~G.K. Chesterton

MARK THIS DATE

Thursday, November 26
 8:00 am Mass - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27
 5:00 pm Meat Raffle - Club Almar
 6:00 pm-9:30 pm Parents Night Out

Next Sunday, November 29
 8:00am-11:30am Lions Breakfast



Greetings from SMHOCS,

There will not be a student liturgy this next week as school will be closed November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving Break. Scrip orders will be filled the morning of Wednesday, November 25th at the school. I wish to thank the parish community for all of their support for our beautiful school. Catholic education is truly a commitment and we are blessed at SMHOCS!

Thanksgiving Prayer

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,
 For rest and shelter of the night,
 For health and food,
 For love and friends,
 For everything Thy goodness sends.

Many Blessings, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Thanksgiving Day Mass & Office Holiday Hours:

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:00am. The Office will be closed on Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 26 & 27. There will be **NO** morning Mass on Friday, Nov. 27.

SCRIP: With the Holiday Season fast approaching, please keep in mind the following dates: To ensure your SCRIP order by Christmas, place your order no later than Sunday, December 6th. Thank You!



Condolences to: *Harvey, Russell, Gary, Tom, & Bob Laudenschach* on the death of their brother, Jack Laudenschach; *Erma Kremers* on the death of her brother, Eugene Schlueter; *Pam Rosha* on the death of her mother, Juletta Gerads.

Looking for a few volunteers to remove snow from the sidewalks this winter on the weekends. If you can help us out please call the Parish Office 252-1799, as soon as possible.



Parish Meat Raffle: Our next Parish Meat Raffle will be on Friday, November 27 at 5:00pm at the Club Almar. Ryan Hemmesch and Tom Zigelmeier will be chairing. We receive \$1,000.00 a month from the meat raffles! Please stop by to support our parish and the Club Almar.

Christian Women Annual Potluck is Tuesday, Dec. 1, following the 6:00pm Mass. The Mass Intention will be for Christian Women. Please bring an old towel, hammer and a dish to share.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes today, Sunday, Nov. 22:
 Hopke's Conf. class

There are no Faith formation classes on Wed. Nov. 25 - **Thanksgiving Break**

We Have so many things to be thankful for and yet, if you're like me, we take them for granted. The Eucharist is a great example. It is so available to us. I've heard that only 30% of Catholics attend Mass on a weekly basis. What?? And when we do, are we really present? Are we really hearing God's word, singing His praises and receiving Him in our hearts? Though the Eucharist comes easily to us, the sacrifice was great. The word eucharist means ~ thanksgiving. Were it not for that sacrifice, where would our hope be? I am so grateful for the Eucharist and for all the people that I get to share in it with! Happy Thanksgiving to my St. Mary Help of Christians family!



Youth Group - Deb Klaverkamp

No Youth Group this week!

Next week is YES Night!

YEP team meets at 5:30 next Wed. Dec. 2.

Parents Day Out Friday November 27th. If you

would like to help or sign up your children for the fun night contact Deb soon at 828-0807. **Parents – please remember to feed your children before you bring them. Drop off kids at 6:00 – pick up by 9:30!** We are excited to give you a night off!

Calling all 9-12 grade students - Join us for a Sunday morning Bible Study during advent. 9:00am-9:45am in the youth room. Breakfast included! We will start November 29th! Call/Text Deb for info. 828-0807. This can be used towards Confirmation preparation!

Did you know our youth/young adult programming has it's own facebook page? Head over to SMHOC Youth and Young Adults and "Like" us to stay up to date on upcoming events!

Nursery Help: We are looking for help to work in the nursery during the 10am masses for next year. It's a great way for Confirmation students to get their volunteer time done too! If interested please contact Amy Spielmann 320-309-5393 or amyspielmann@gmail.com

The Visitor announces its annual Christmas poster contest :

"In this Year of Mercy, this Christmas I will ..." is the theme of The Visitor's annual Christmas poster contest. Students should write the sentence and illustrate it on a paper that is 8 1/2 by 11 inches. Entries are due Monday, Dec. 7; winners will be announced in The Visitor's Christmas edition, Dec. 18. For more information about the contest, check the Nov. 6 Visitor or visit the website: visitor.stcdio.org.



Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at St. Mary Help of Christians Church. We pray for safe travels for those who are traveling. May you enjoy your time with your family and friends.
 ~ Fr. Jose and the Church Staff ~