

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

November 29, 2015



# Watch

## 1ST Sunday of ADVENT



**PARISH:** 320-252-1799  
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**WEBSITE:** [www.SMHOC.org](http://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.*

**Nov. 29, 2015 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent- Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thess 3: 12-4:2 Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36**

The reading from the prophet Jeremiah recalls the oracle of the branch, the “tree of Jesse,” the promise given to King David through the prophet Nathan (2 Sam 7:12-16). The context of the event is the greatest religious and political catastrophe in the life of the OT people – The Exile. The kingdom of Judah that they thought would last forever was swept away and all able-bodied men, women and children were taken as captives to Babylon. So what was there to hope for? Prophet Jeremiah, known as “the prophet of doom,” is here giving a word of hope in a situation of hopelessness. He is asking them to wait patiently with hope - a waiting period - an “in-between time.” A time of waiting in Exile for the freedom that Yahweh would bring enabling them to return to the home land.

Biblical people were a people of hope who always looked for the fulfillment of the promise of God. They had trust in the God of promise. So they waited in hope. Their life was a life between fulfillment and promise. The patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, waited for the fulfillment of the promise of progeny and land. The people of Israel looked for the promise of Land. Later the OT people looked forward toward the Kingdom of David. The people of the OT were a waiting people. Finally, at the dawn of the NT times, we find the people waiting for the savior, the Son of David, who would liberate them from the dominion of the Romans.

But today we, the Christians, have a new waiting. Advent is a time of waiting. We often celebrate this season with extravagance, at times forgetting “the reason for the season.” Just as it is all too easy to lose focus in Advent, it is easy to become distracted in our spiritual life and to lose our way. For many around the world Christmas is all about Santa, not about Jesus. It is all about missing the heart of its meaning. For us, it is a time for Jesus to take birth in our hearts. Jesus is coming, seeking a place in our hearts.

The Gospel speaks of the arrival of the Son of Man in glory. The Evangelist is speaking in apocalyptic terms. The signs that we heard today are indicative of two things: redemption and punishment. God will redeem the good, the lowly, the humble and punish the wicked. This is what happened in the Exodus. The wicked were drowned in the Red Sea and the poor of God were saved by Yahweh’s hand. So be prepared and vigilant to face the Son of Man. What should be our lifestyle while we are waiting for His coming and our journey to the heavenly Kingdom? Be mindful, be watchful, and pray. ~Fr. Jose~

**Mass Intentions**

- 30 Monday - No Mass
- 1 Tuesday 6:00 pm Christian Women
- 2 Wednesday 8:00 am +Cecilia Abeln
- 3 Thursday 8:00 am +Doug Schwinghammer
- 4 Friday 8:00 am +Jeanette Cater
- 5 Saturday 5:00 pm Parishioners
- 6 Sunday 8:00 am +Louise Gohmann
- 10:00 am +Erma Benoit

**Advent**

Quietly, in whispered  
softness the curtain of night  
descends. A restless world  
stands hushed,  
a special  
time begins...



**Readings for This Sunday, Nov. 29th**

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

**Readings for Next Sunday, Dec. 6th**

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

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of November**

- 5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltas
- 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. 28th & 29th**

- 5:00 pm Emma Harens & Andrew Hayward
- 8:00 am Nevin Bloom & Brady Kenning
- 10:00 am Madison Fruth & Alexis Streit

**Servers Next Weekend, Dec. 5th & 6th**

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



**The Week Ahead**

**Tuesday, December 1**

Christian Women Potluck Supper following the 6:00pm Mass

**Wednesday,**

**Thursday, December 3**

8:45-11:00 Women’s Bible Study  
Nocturnal Adoration

**Next Weekend Dec. 5 & 6**

Christian Women Craft & Bake Sale



Condolences to: **Jack Kritzeck** on the death of his brother, Edward Kritzeck

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$5,421.47
Youth	17.61
Catholic Charities	330.00
Fall Collection	600.00
Votive Lights	32.50
Christmas Flowers	80.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

**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.



**Christian Women Christmas Craft & Bake Sale**

will be held the weekend of December 5 & 6. Please bring a full batch of your family's most favorite Christmas cookie, bar, or candy to the church by 1:00pm on Sat. Dec. 5th for volunteers to tray up for the sale. Craft items are also needed and can be brought then or before any of that weekend's Masses.

**SCRIP:** To ensure your SCRIP order by Christmas, place your order no later than Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!



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

**\$10,000 Raffle Kick Off:** Next weekend, Dec. 5 & 6, will be the kick-off for the \$10,000 Raffle. 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual S.A.N.T.A. (St Augusta Night together at):** H&S Heating, at 23848 67<sup>th</sup> Ave, St. Augusta, MN on Fri., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Lots of fun activities for the family, remember to bring your camera.

**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](mailto:amyspielmann@gmail.com)

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



**Celebrating Advent at SMHOCS**

*"On The Way to Bethlehem"*

During the season of Advent, the students and teachers will be meeting weekly for a prayer service. Students will participate in a service project for Catholic Charities. They will be collecting winter gear. A special retreat day is planned for December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us as we gather as a school community to celebrate the Eucharist on Thursday, December 3rd at 8:00 a.m. The students in grade 4 will be assisting with readings and music. We are also anticipating our annual visit from St. Nick on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Peace to all, Kelly Kirks, Principal*

**Faith Formation: Jan Minke**

Advent begins again! The time of waiting, with excited anticipation. The time of watching, with hope. The time of preparing, with joy. The time of restoring our hearts to their original purpose; to love God and our neighbors.



The anticipation of our Savior who came into our world, and lives in our hearts is a fun time.. The secular world tries to steal Christmas for it's own purposes, but it really can't unless we let it. Let's help our children to protect the true meaning of Christmas. We can still enjoy all "extras" that have been added to this holiday. They are only the wrapping paper, the true gift is inside the heart of Christmas, and that is Jesus!

**Make it a great Advent!**

We will have our "Advent Event" on Dec. 9th this year. More info to come.



**Youth Group - Deb Klaverkamp**

Thank you to the youth who made Parents Night Out a success! How awesome to see our youth caring about others and willing to serve! It was a fun night!

**No Youth group** this week. YEP team meets at 5:30 to prepare for the nights YES Night!

**Attention all adults!** We are in need of a few adults willing to be present to young people at youth group on Wednesday nights! Our current volunteer will be leaving for a study abroad opportunity in January and we need another adult present to continue youth group! Safe Environment requires two adults present! Please consider helping on Wednesdays – the commitment is minimal – the benefits are enormous! Call or text Deb for more info. 828-0807

All 6-8 grade students are invited to spend the day with other youth from around the diocese at the Junior High Youth Rally – Winter Spectacular on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Registrations are available in the back of church and are due by December 17<sup>th</sup>.



**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.

**Thank you:** Thank you to Francis & Nancy Kettner and family for once again chairing the Turkey Bingo on Friday, November 20. Thank you also to all those who worked at the bingo and to the many parishioners and guests who came to play bingo. The profit from the bingo was \$3,923.65.



**Nursery Next Sunday, Dec. 6th:**

Nancy Schmidt & Jackie

