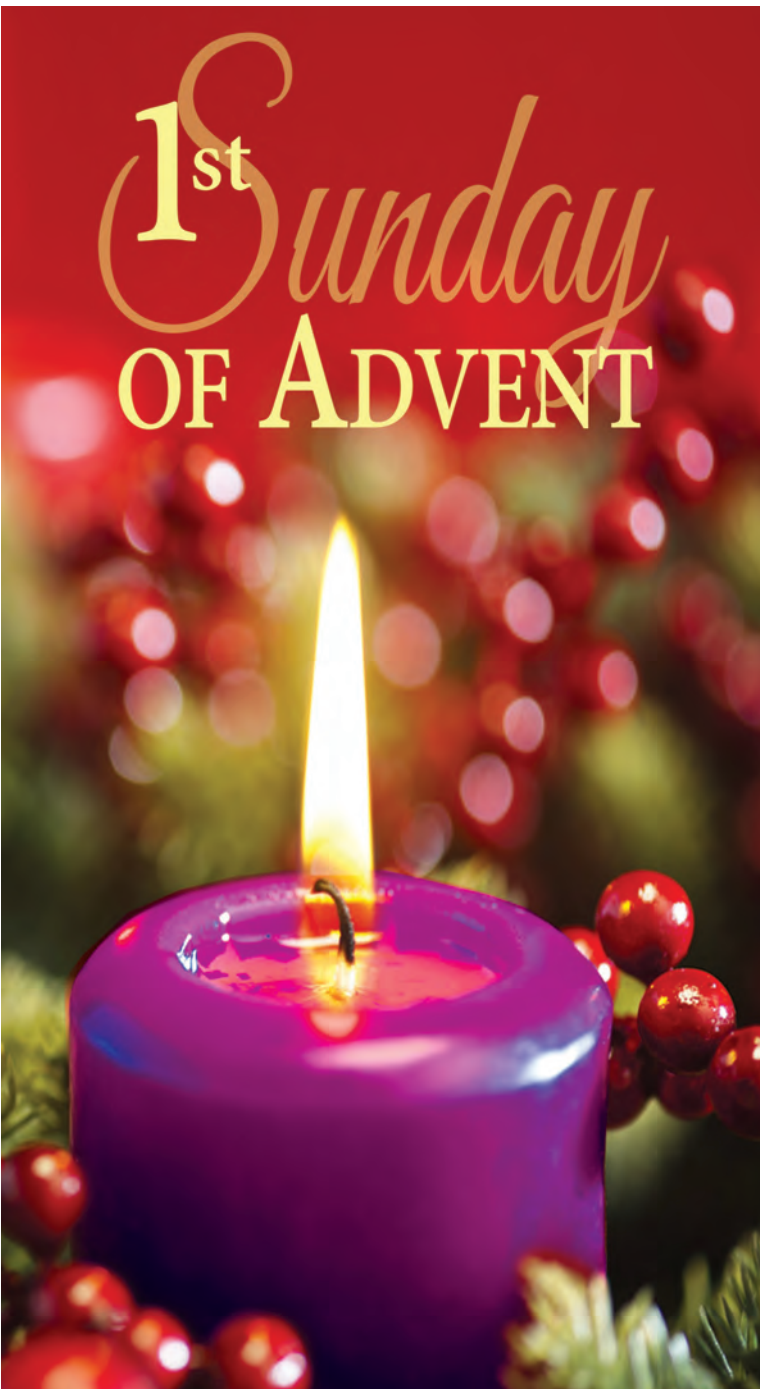


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

November 27, 2016



1st Sunday OF ADVENT

PARISH: 320-252-1799
SCHOOL: 320-251-3937
WEBSITE: www.SMHOC.org

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

December 12, 2016 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.*

November 27, 2016 - First Sunday of Advent

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- 28 Monday - No Mass
- 29 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Wilfred & +Marcella Zieglmeier
- 30 Wednesday - 8:00am Deceased Members of Joe & Angeline Hiemenz family
- 1 Thursday - 8:00am Avery Wurm
- 2 Friday - 8:00am +Julia Voigt
- 3 Saturday - 5:00pm Parishioners
- 4 Sunday - 8:00 am Christian Women
10:00 am +Doreen Klaverkamp



Make straight his way.

Readings for This Sunday, November 27th

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Readings for Next Sunday, December 4th

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Ushers/Greeters - Month of November

5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltres
8:00am Ed & Mary Lou Meyer
10:00am Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters - Month of December

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

Servers This Weekend, November 26th & 27th

5:00pm Truman Toenjes & Trey Toenjes
8:00am Bryce Knapek & Julia Knapek
10:00am Kate Schreifels & Luke Ashbrook

Servers Next Weekend, December 3 & 4

5:00pm Brooke Wilson & Kendra Wilson
8:00am Everett Yarle & Thatcher Yarle
10:00am Logan Haselkamp & Madison Streit

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,615.50
Youth	20.73
Catholic Charities	50.00
Food Shelf	288.74
Christmas Flowers	276.00
Votive Lights	40.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Thursday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times that day will be 8:00am and 5:30pm.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday, November 29
Quilting

Thursday, December 1
Nocturnal Adoration

Friday, December 2
Dinner Theatre - 6:00pm - Seating
6:30pm - Meal
7:30pm - Show starts

Saturday, December 3
Dinner Theatre - 6:00pm - Seating
6:30pm - Meal
7:30pm - Show starts

Sunday, December 4
Dessert Matinee Show - 2:30pm Seating
3:00pm - Show starts

Looking Ahead: Thursday, December 8th, Catholic Artist, Michael Russell O'Brien will be performing in the Parish Center at 7:00pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 general admission.



St. Augusta Lions are serving

breakfast today from 8:00am- 11:30. All proceeds from the breakfast will be going towards an audio and projector system for the Parish Center. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and support the St. Augusta Lions! Thank you St. Augusta Lions!



Breakfast with Santa & Bake Sale

Mark your calendars. Breakfast with Santa will be on Sunday, December 18th. Serving from 8:00am-11:30am. We will also have our Bake Sale with Group 3 (He-J) with Sheri Jansen and Mary Jennigas as chairs.





Celebrating Advent at SMHOCS

“Be a Light Shinning in the Darkness”

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 Pennies for Patients. Classroom prayer time will focus on the words and example of Mother Teresa. “At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.”

Please join us as we gather as a school community to celebrate the Eucharist on Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 8:00 a.m. The students in grade 3 will be assisting with readings and music. A social will follow in the Parish Center for the third graders and their families. We are also anticipating our annual visit from St. Nick.

Catholic Community Schools continues to take shape, looking forward to its inaugural school year beginning in July 2017. These news briefs will keep you abreast to recent developments and responses to inquiries.

Did you know???

- The Board of Directors for Catholic Community Schools had its first meeting on May 17, 2016.
- The Board continues to meet on a monthly basis and has formed committees.
- These Committees include: Finance, Institutional Advancement, Facilities, Personnel and Policy, Superintendent Search.
- The search for a Superintendent began in October.
- A Leadership Council has been formed to help facilitate the transition.

Peace to all, Kelly Kirks, Principal



Condolences: to *the family and friends* of Mike Dockendorf; to

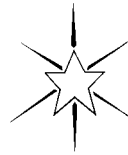
the family and friends of Rosemarie Laudenschach;

to *the family and friends* of Dean Hinkemeyer.

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

\$10,000 Raffle Kick Off: December 10th & 11th, will be the kick-off for the \$10,000 Raffle. The \$100 tickets will be sold before and after the 5:00Mass on Saturday, Dec. 10th and from 7:30am-11:30am on Sunday, Dec. 11th. 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. 11th 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, February 25, 2017 in the Parish Center.

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.



“Awaiting the Coming of the Light”

Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes this week, Wed. Nov. 30:

1st -6th gr. 6:15-7:20p.m.

7th - 8th gr. 7:25-8:30p.m.

Schmidt/Kronenberg Confirmation class 6:00-8:30p.m.

Today marks the beginning of a new Church year! We begin our preparations for the coming of our Redeemer and King! Sometimes the themes of Advent; Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, get lost in the shuffle. Let us all try to help our children to know the true hope, love, joy and peace that come to us at Christmas- Jesus Christ. He is our hope for all that is good. He is the love that can do all things. He is the joy that exceeds all the joy we could ever imagine and He is the peace that is beyond understanding. So may hope fill our homes and our hearts as we go through the Advent season! O come , O come Emmanuel, the hope of the people!

St. Ann’s Christian Women Potluck:

Our annual Christian Women Potluck Christmas Party and meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish or dessert to share at this fellowship event. Hope to see you there!

St. Ann’s Christian Women Craft & Bake Sale:

Our annual Craft and Bake Sale is scheduled for December 10th and 11th. Please bring 3 dozen (or one batch) of your best-loved Christmas cookies, bars or candies to the church by 1 pm on December 10th for the volunteers to sort and package. Crafts are also needed for the craft-portion of our event. Church will be open to start dropping off bake sale/craft items at 10am.

Thank you: to Francis and Nancy Kettner and family for once again chairing the Turkey Bingo on Friday, November 18th. Thank you also to all those who worked at the bingo and to the many parishioners and guests who came to play bingo.



“Scrooge” Tickets.....

For the Sunday, December 4th Show, are available in the Parish Office.

You may reserve seats by calling the Parish Office, 252-1799.

Tickets will be held for 48 hours for payment/pickup. Thank you for your support!

Ushers Needed: We are working on the 2017 Usher schedule. We are in need of users for the **5pm Mass for July; and 8am Mass for May.** Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to commit to one of these mass times and months. Thank you!

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 1st, through Monday, December 5th. Starting Tuesday, December 6th, for the time being, the Parish Office hours will be 7:30am-9:30am.