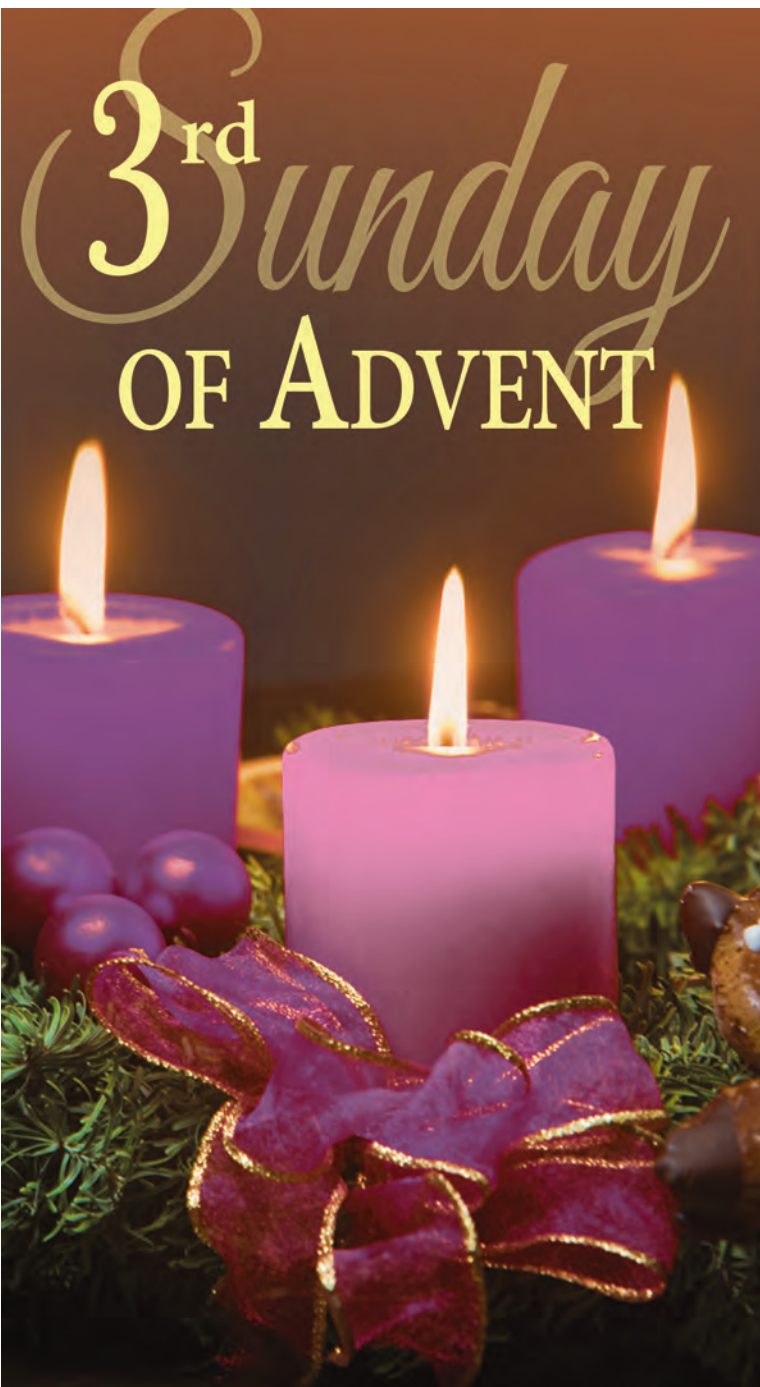


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

December 11, 2016



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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

December 13, 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.*

Third Sunday of Advent

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." – Mt 11:4-5



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Readings for This Sunday, December 11th

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Readings for Next Sunday, December 18th

Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Ushers/Greeters - Month of December

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

Ushers/Greeters - Month of January

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

Servers This Weekend, December 10 & 11

5:00pm Madison Fruth & Kaden Fruth
8:00am Madison Perreault & Victoria Schill
10:00am Alaina Thull & Elizabeth Thull

Servers Next Weekend, December 17 & 18

5:00pm Volunteers
8:00am Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann
10:00am Colin Irlbeck & Jackson Pogatshnik



Christmas Eve Masses:

Sat., Dec. 24 at 5pm & 9pm

Christmas Day Masses:

Sun., Dec. 25 at 8am & 10am

New Years Day Masses:

Sun., Jan 1, 2017 at 8am & 10am

The Youth Director position is open for our parish. If you are interested in the position, please contact Fr. Jose.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 12 Monday - No Mass
- 13 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Elaine Imholte
- 14 Wednesday - 8:00am +Mike & +Mark Meyer
- 15 Thursday - 8:00am +Margaret Fandel
- 16 Friday - 8:00am +Jeanette Mondloch
- 17 Saturday - 5:00pm +Judy Janey
- 18 Sunday - 8:00 am Deceased Members of Joe & Alice Kieke Family
10:00 am Parishioners



Tuesday, December 13
Quilting
7:00pm Baptism Class

Wednesday, December 14
6:45pm Faith Formation Advent Event in Parish Center

Thursday, December 15
SMHOC School Christmas Program 1:00pm & 6:30pm

Sunday, December 18
Food Shelf Collection
8:00am-11:30am Breakfast with Santa & Bake Sale
6:30pm-9:00pm First Year Confirmation Class in the Parish Center

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,441.81
Youth	17.26
Catholic Home Mission	5.00
Fall Collection	50.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00
Immaculate Conception	25.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Reconciliation Times for Advent/Christmas

Confessions will be held in the New Sacristy.
Tuesday, December 20 - 5:30pm-6:00pm
Tuesday, December 20 - 6:30pm-7:30pm (There will be one extra priest in the meeting room)
Thursday, December 22 - 8:30am-9:00am

Advent Giving Tree: In the entry way we have our Advent Giving Tree with tags for you to take. The items will be donated to: Anna Marie's Shelter, Birthline, & Catholic Charities. Please return items unwrapped, to the tree with the tag by Monday, December 19th. Thank you for helping make Christmas a happier time for those in need.

Ushers Needed: We are working on the 2017 Usher schedule. We are in need of ushers 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!



Greetings for SMHOCS...

Please join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family on December 14th. We will have a special blessing for all students and staff celebrating birthdays in December and June. The students in first grade will be assisting with the liturgy.

The students will begin Christmas break on December 22nd and will resume classes on Tuesday, January 3rd. The school office will also be closed during this time.

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 of recent developments and responses to inquiries. Will this mean major changes for our school? The goal of forming Catholic Community Schools is to grow our programs. While there might be changes, changes that will make us stronger, individual schools will keep their culture.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal



Condolences: to *Ed Meyer* and family on the death of his brother, Norman Meyer; to *Beatrice Laudensch* and family on the death of her sister, Lorraine Grafft;

to *Addie Laudensch* on the death of her husband, to *Sue Meyer, Wayne, Jim, Dean, Tony, and Doug Laudensch* and families on the death of their father, to *Tom, Russ, Bob and Gary Laudensch* and families on the death of their brother, Harvey Laudensch.

A Special Thanks to all of the volunteers...cooks, servers, seamstresses, builders, and actors...who made our Holiday Musical "Scrooge" a success. Almost 600 folks viewed our production at SMHOC last weekend! In the words of Tiny Tim "God Bless Us Everyone."

"Seniors" Choir for Christmas Day 8:00am Mass Rehearsal is on Wednesday Dec. 21 from 6pm-7pm in the church. Please join us.

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

Due to scheduling conflicts there will not be a St. Ann's Christian Women Christmas Party this year.

\$10,000 Raffle Kick Off: This weekend, December 10th & 11th, is the kick-off for the \$10,000 Raffle. The \$100 tickets will be sold before and after the 5:00 Mass on Sat., 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.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes today, Sunday, Dec. 11:

Laudensch/ Schreifels Confirmation class
6:00- 8:30p.m.

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

This Wednesday, Dec. 14th we are having our annual Advent Event. Children in grades 1-6 should arrive in the Parish center by 6:00p.m. We will have rehearsal and then (at about 6:45) we will open the doors for anyone who would like to come and see our production! We are asking everyone to bring a "gift" for those with young children in our community who are less fortunate than us. Jesus was born in a stable because there was no room for Him in a more comfortable place. We were not there and could not help Him but He said that whatever we do for the least of His people we do for Him. So now is our chance. Please consider what you can give to a child that is in need. Bring it along to our Advent Event and we will see that it gets to someone in difficult circumstances. We will be performing "A Charlie Brown Christmas" special thanks to Isabella Johannes for putting it all together.

Class for 7th & 8th grade is at the usual time in the school.

This is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. When we wait with joyful anticipation to celebrate the coming of our Savior. His coming so long ago in Bethlehem, His coming into our hearts and our lives, and His coming again as He promised. Are we ready? Have we prepared a place for Him? Talk to your children about what happens at your house. Why do you decorate, make goodies, buy presents? How do you prepare yourself to welcome our King? It's a great and fun time to share your faith with your children and be the Evangelizer to them, as John the Baptist is for us!



Youth Group

Junior High Youth Rally will be January 8th. Registrations are available in the back of church and are due on Christmas day!

9-12th grade student save the date for Castaway March 24-26, 2017. Plan on joining other young people from around the diocese for this fun, faith filled retreat.

We are in need of adults to step forward NOW to commit to coming with on the Castaway retreat. Adult commitments are due in January. Please prayerfully consider giving up a weekend to join us on this retreat! What qualifications do you need? A desire to learn and share your faith as well as a honest love of young people (a love of having fun is helpful too), oh... age for adult leaders is 21-100! Contact Deb Klaverkamp ASAP to discuss this opportunity (call or text 828-0807). Without adults committing we cannot guarantee our young people will have this opportunity!

Thank you Thank you Thank you...to everyone who donated their Turkey cards and grocery receipts. We were able to get 36 turkeys to use for various parish needs.