

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

December 18, 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

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him
and took his wife into his home. — Mt 1:23-24*



Readings for This Sunday, December 18th

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

Readings for Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

Isaiah 62:1-5
Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Readings for Next Sunday, December 25th

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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 & Utley Kronenberg

Servers This Weekend, December 17 & 18

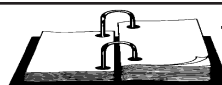
5:00pm Volunteers
8:00am Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann
10:00am Colin Irlbeck & Jackson Pogatshnik

Servers Next Weekend, December 24 & 25

5:00pm Isaac Voigt & Trevor Voigt
9:00pm Seth Walls & Maya Walls
8:00am Jack Massmann & Will Massmann
10:00am Brandon Roshia & Kate Schreifels

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 19 Monday - No Mass
- 20 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Lorie Fischer
- 21 Wednesday - 8:00am +Marie & +Maddy Mehr
- 22 Thursday - 8:00am +Leonard & +Betty Voigt
- 23 Friday - 8:00am +Erma Benoit
- 24 Saturday - 5:00pm +Ahnna Faber
9:00pm +Gilbert Schmidt
- 25 Sunday - 8:00 am Parishioners
10:00 am +Dean Hinkemeyer



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, December 20

5:30pm-6:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass
6:30pm-7:30pm Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 21

8:00am School Mass
Birthday Party for Jesus following Mass in the Parish Center

Thursday, December 22

8:30am-9:00am Reconciliation

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,888.00
Youth	19.71
Religious Retirement	889.00
Immaculate Conception	498.50
Fall Collection	125.00
Christmas	35.00
Christmas Flowers	70.00
Votive Lights	125.85
Hall Rent	2,685.00
Stole Fees	75.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Advent Giving Tree: 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.



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

Office Holiday Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, 2017.



Greetings from SMHOCS...

Our school community will gather for Mass at 8:00 on December 21st. Students in grade 6 will be assisting. Following Mass, there a little party for Jesus in the parish center - all are invited. Birthday Cake and Christmas carols will be part of the event. This is a fun, joyous time! Please come and join us!

On behalf of the all of the faculty and staff at St. Mary Help of Christians School, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. May peace be your gift at Christmas and also your blessing in the New Year.

The students and staff will be on Christmas break until Tuesday, January 3rd. The school office will also be closed during this time. Tuition may also be dropped off at the Parish Office during Christmas break.

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. Did you know that 1,973 students call a Catholic Community School home (up from 1,950 last year). Catholic schools continue to grow.

*Christmas Blessings to all of you-
Kelly Kirks, Principal*

A special thank you to Father Jose for his spiritual guidance, to Kathy Waletzko for the beautiful music, to Judy Ethen and the kitchen help for the delicious food, and to all the special people that brought food. Thank you to the Parish of SMHOC for all your prayers and support. It is greatly appreciated.

~Addie Laudenbach and family~

Breakfast with Santa & Bake Sale: Today, Sunday, December 18, is our annual Breakfast with Santa. Serving from 8:00am-11:30am. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast and bring the kids to have their picture taken with Santa. We also have our Bake Sale going on.

\$10,000 Raffle: Thank you to all those who purchased tickets this past weekend. Mary Potthoff was the Early Bird winner. 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.

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

Ushers Needed: We are working on the 2017 Usher schedule. We are in need of ushers for the **10am Mass for May 2017 and the 10am Mass for December 2017**. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to commit to one of these mass times and months. Thank you!



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes tonight:

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

Reminder- 2nd year Confirmation

students have another due date coming up, Sunday, Jan. 1.

Confirmation Retreat Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017.

Be sure to get it on your calendars!!

No Wed. night class this week *Christmas break* Sometimes it can be really hard to know God's plan for our lives. Today's Gospel tells us that Joseph was told by an angel in a dream just what God wanted him to do. How many times do you wish God would make His plan that clear to you? Our children need to know that they will face tough decisions. Telling them you struggle at times, helps them to know it's part of life, but we should also tell them that in those times, nothing is more important than seeking God's will. How do you do this? Prayer, reading scripture, getting advice from people who share your faith, being open to God's direction. Telling them that you are always there for them and will pray with them when life gets tough. May the peace of Christ be in our hearts at Christmas and all year through!



Youth Group

Don't forget to register today for the junior high youth rally! Registrations available in the back of church. All young people grades 6-8 welcome to join us!

Will you give a weekend of your time to help at the Castaway retreat? Looking for adults to help with this amazing senior high retreat in March!

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, December 23 at 5:00pm



• John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me."

Mk 1:4, 6-7a