

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

January 15, 2017



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." - Jn 1:29

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

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.



Readings for This Sunday, January 15

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 John 1:29-34

Readings for Next Sunday, January 22

Isaiah 8:23-9:3
 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Ushers/Greeters - Month of January

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

Ushers/Greeters - Month of February

5:00pm Roger & Pat Kunkel
 8:00am Tom Denne & Doug Kilanowski
 10:00am Dale Hurrle & Dan Hiemenz

Servers This Weekend, January 14 & 15

5:00pm Andrew Hayward & Sam Hayward
 8:00am Karissa Lintgen & Logan Haselkamp
 10:00am Alaina Thull & Elizabeth Thull

Servers Next Weekend, January 21 & 22

5:00pm Brandon Rosha & Jady N Kivel
 8:00am Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann
 10:00am Luke Ashbrook & Paul Meyer

The church building will be locked all day on Mon., January 16th. Phones will still be answered. The carpets in the church and the gathering area will be cleaned that day. Thank you for your understanding.



- 16 Monday - No Mass
- 17 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Harvey Laudenbach
- 18 Wednesday - 8:00am +Roman Landwehr
- 19 Thursday - 8:00am +Betty Trobec
- 20 Friday - 8:00am +Leonard & +Betty Voigt
- 21 Saturday - 5:00pm +Marcie Beumer
- 22 Sunday - 8:00 am +Tim Tschida
 10:00 am Parishioners



The Week Ahead

Monday, January 16
 Building locked all day - Carpets cleaned

Tuesday, January 17
 6:30pm CUF Mtg.

Thursday, January 19
 7:00pm Finance Council Mtg.
 8:00pm Parish Council Mtg.

Sunday, January 29th
 12:30pm Confirmation Retreat

Parish Support

Adult	\$3,415.00
Youth	40.00
Votive Lights	71.25
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

From Bishop Kettler: The Minnesota Catholic Conference is hosting the first ever *Catholics at the Capitol*, a day of inspiration and advocacy in St. Paul on Thursday, March 9, 2017. You are encouraged to join me as we protect life and dignity in Minnesota. The Diocese of St. Cloud has arranged for buses to transport you, leaving from St. Cloud. To register for the bus, go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Catholics at Capitol](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Catholics%20at%20Capitol). Registration is required. This is the first ever event of its kind in Minnesota. Cost is \$25.00

Ushers Needed: We are in need of ushers for the **10am Mass for the following months:**

- March 2017 – 1 more usher needed
- May 2017 – 2 ushers needed
- July 2017 – 1 more usher needed
- August 2017 – 1 more usher needed
- September 2017 – 2 ushers needed
- November 2017 – 2 ushers needed
- December 2017 – 2 ushers needed

Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to commit to one of these mass times and months. Thank you!

2016 Financial Statements are available for you to pick up in the entry way of the church.



Greetings from SMHOCS,

Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 18th. Students in grade 2 will assist with music and the readings.

Our Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Sunday, January 29th at 10:00 a.m. Students of SMHOCS will be assisting with the Mass. I would like to extend a special invitation for this Mass to all alumni of SMHOCS.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin later this month. Our Catholic school supports children each day as they grow in mind, body and faith. Students have the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist weekly at school Masses. Children are taught the values of Catholic social teaching, which guide them in moral decision making. Please consider enrolling your child at St. Mary Help of Christians School, call the school office for more information – 251-3937. Families are invited to learn more about our school at our open house on Tuesday, January 31st from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Parish Breakfast & Bake Sale: Today is our Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale. Stop in and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

5th, 25th, 40th, 50th & 60th Anniversaries: If you are celebrating any of these anniversaries this year, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799 by January 31st, 2017, to let us know so that your name can be sent to the Office of Marriage and Family. You will then be receiving an invitation for a Mass offered by Bishop Kettler on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 1:00pm

Senior Soup Luncheon is on Tuesday, January 31. Serving lunch Noon-1:00pm. Cards and games until 4:00pm. Come to eat, to socialize, to play. Stay only as long as you like. Bring a friend and enjoy the day!

\$10,000 Raffle: Tickets are still available for the \$10,000 Raffle. If you would like to purchase a ticket, stop and see Shelly in the Parish Office, M-F, 7:30-12:00. Purchasing a raffle ticket will admit two people into the social on Saturday, February, 25, at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. If you wish to sell some tickets, stop and see Shelly in the Parish Office.

Garage Sale: The shed next to the Rectory garage is now open to drop off items for the garage sale. The garage sale will be held March 3rd & 4th.

School Endowment: The School Endowment is a very important means for us to ensure the continuing affordable Catholic education of the students of our Catholic school. In your envelope packs this month, there is an envelope for the School Endowment. Please consider giving a gift. Your gift for the endowment is invested and 50% of the interest income is used to help defray the cost of Catholic Education. The principle always remains intact and the other 50% of the interest income generated each year is added to the principle. Your gift keeps growing!

Religious Education Program 

Faith Formation: Jan Minke
Classes today, Jan. 15:

1st year Confirmation 6:30-9:00p.m. in the Parish Center.

Classes this week, Wed., Jan. 18:

1st-6th gr. 6:15-7:20p.m.
7th-8th gr. 7:25-8:30p.m.

In the Gospel today John proclaims, “Behold the Lamb of God.” Familiar words that we hear every time we attend Mass. I wonder if anybody that was there that day knew what John meant. We have the great advantage of looking back on the life of Christ and seeing that statement in light of all that Christ did and still does for humanity. Throughout our lives that knowledge of just who “the Lamb of God “ is, challenges and inspires us. Helping our children to discover these things for themselves is truly a challenge. But we can help them every day by teaching them who God is, what Jesus taught, His sacrifice, how the Spirit lives in each of us and especially to realize the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Attending Mass helps us on so many levels. Do we take it for granted? I know I do. I also know that the spiritual strength and graces I receive at Mass are what help me to live my life and what gives it meaning. The benefits of Mass attendance are immeasurable. It is the best place for our children to come to know their Faith. They need to understand what is happening at Mass. They need to experience it. We as parents, grandparents, friends, parishioners, and brothers and sisters in Christ, come together to “Behold the Lamb of God.”



Youth Group

Castaway registrations are available in the back of church. This is an amazing weekend with over 200 high school youth from our diocese! You don't want to miss this!

We still need a few more adults to help at our Castaway retreat (especially men). If you want more info. contact Deb Klaverkamp at 828-0807.

Youth group this week! Grades 7 and up! 6:15 in the youth room.

Are you currently in grades 8-11? Next fall we are considering bringing a group of senior high youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis. If you think you may be interested contact Deb asap as we need to decide if we will send some youth and adults.

Memorial Roses: Pro-Life rose appliques will be distributed before and after next weekend Masses. Please show your support for the protection of all human life by displaying it on your coat lapel or a visible location. Any donations received will be distributed to prolife organizations. Thank you!

St. Ann's Christian Women Annual Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 5, following the 8am Mass. If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. Ann's Christian Women group, please call Char Darlington at 320-248-1234.