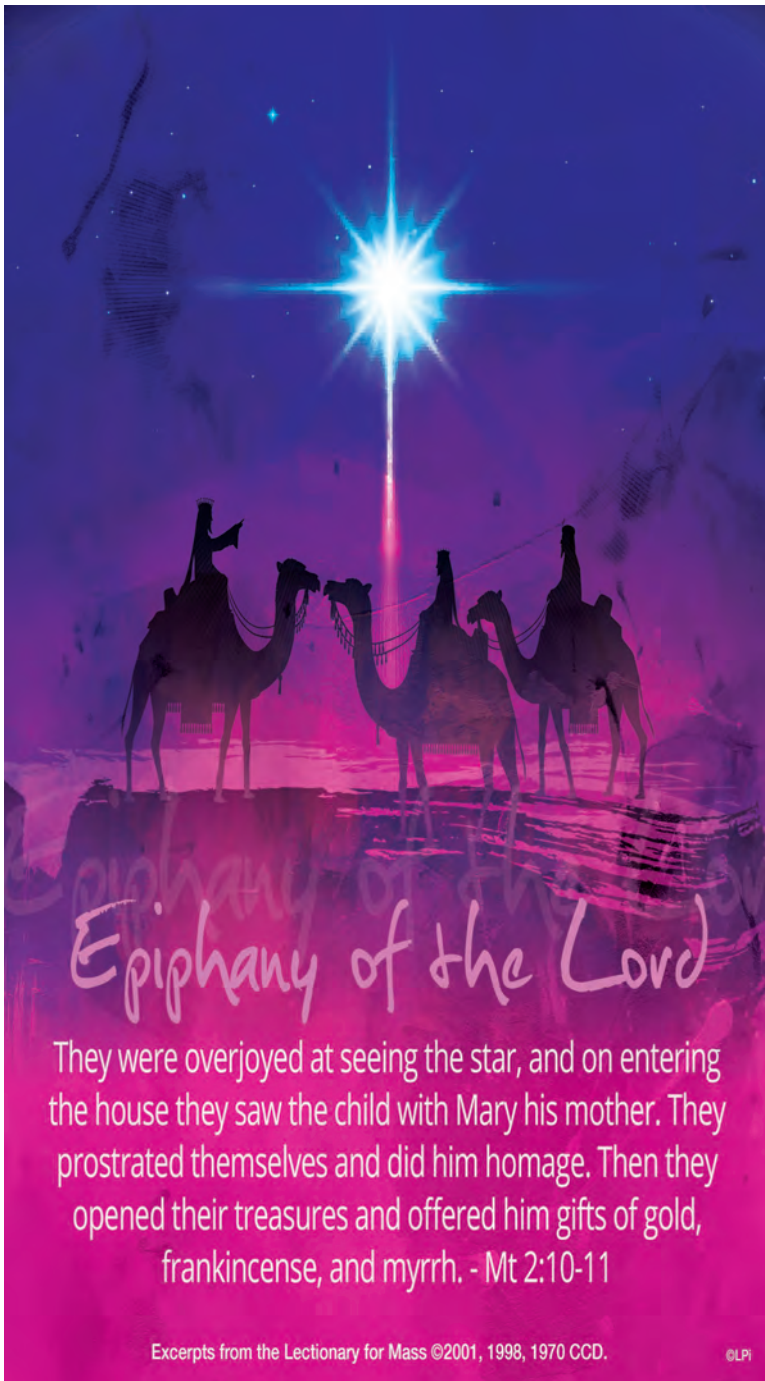


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

January 8, 2017



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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 8

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

Readings for Next Sunday, January 15

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

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 7 & 8

5:00pm Madison Fruth & Kaden Fruth
 8:00am Clay Faber & Colby Faber
 10:00am Nick Jenniges & Hailey Keske

Servers Next Weekend, January 14 & 15

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

Thank you to everyone who helped minister in any way at our Christmas celebrations. Thank you to the choirs, musicians, soloists and all those who provided the beautiful music at all our Christmas Masses. Special thanks to those who helped with setting up the manger scene and the Art & Environment Committee who decorated the church so beautifully for our Christmas season. May God bless all of you who are so willing to share of your time and talents with our parish community.


Thank you to Carl Jansen and family for the use of Santa's sleigh for the Parish Breakfast in December.

Nocturnal Adoration Breakfast is today following the 8:00am Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, January 11th-Friday, January 13th.



- 9 Monday - No Mass
- 10 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Judy Janey
- 11 Wednesday - 8:00am +Erma Benoit
- 12 Thursday - 8:00am +Dean Hinkemeyer
- 13 Friday - 8:00am +Betty Voigt
- 14 Saturday - 5:00pm Parishioners
- 15 Sunday - 8:00 am +Joe Kenning
 10:00 am Bernie Pogatshnik



Thursday, January 12
 7:30pm Board of Ed Meeting

Sunday, January 15
 Breakfast & Bake Sale (Group 4)
 6:30pm-9:00pm First Year Confirmation Class

Parish Support Weekend of Dec. 24 & 25

Adult	\$2,796.03
Youth	19.00
Christmas Collection	15,456.09
Fall Collection	1,900.00
Religious Retirement	125.00
Votive Lights	68.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Parish Support Weekend of Dec. 31/Jan.1

Adult	\$4,393.10
Youth	13.25
Christmas Collection	10,245.00
Solemnity of Mary	1,820.75
SCRIP Payout - Church	139.21
SCRIP Payout - Faith Formation	39.20
Religious Retirement	50.00
Stole Fee	75.00
Funeral Fund	75.00
Votive Lights	60.50
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Blessed Chalk: Since before the Middle Ages, Catholics have blessed their house by using blessed chalk to inscribe the initials of the three kings above their doorways. **For this year, "20+C+M+B+17" is the inscription.** Besides representing the traditional names of Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar of the three Magi, the letters also represent the Latin phrase, *Christians Mansionem Benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house." Please take some blessed chalk found on the table in the back of church, with you to mark your doorways.



Greetings from SMHOCS,

Join us as we celebrate the Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11th. We will recognize and extend a blessing to all those with January and July birthdays. The students in grade four will be assisting with the Mass.

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 invite students from Cathedral to also assist with the Mass. Cathedral students interested in assisting may contact the school office.

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.

Peace be with you, Kelly Kirks, Principal

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 a gift that keeps on giving. 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 keep growing!

Parish Breakfast & Bake Sale: Next Sunday, January 15th is our Parish Breakfast and & Bake Sale. If you can help, please sign up on line on the parish website, www.smhoc.org or contact Greg Hopke. Group 4 (K-Ko) will be in charge of the Bake Sale, with Lynn Kilian and Diane Kenning as chairs.

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!

\$10,000 Raffle: 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.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes today, Jan. 8:

1st year Confirmation 6:30p.m. in the Parish center.

Laudenbach/Schreifels Confirmation Class 6:00pm-8:30pm

Classes this week, Wed. Jan. 11:

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

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

Schmidt's 2nd year Confirmation class 6:00-8:30p.m. The second graders and their parents have begun preparation for First Holy Communion. Please pray for them at this sacred time of learning and evangelization.

Thank you to all of you for your witness through example to our young people. Your faithfulness to the Eucharist is a blessing for them as they bring their gifts to the altar, and receive the bread of life! This time of preparation can be compared to the magi seeking out the King! Parents, you are like the light from the star that leads the way- let your light shine!!



Condolences to: *the family and friends* of Paul Holthaus; *Sue Massmann* and family on the death of her father, Jack Bell

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

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

Married Couples Retreat - February 3-5, 2017

Love in marriage: The place where you are standing is holy ground!

Presented by Christine and Rich Codden

Chris and Rich Codden have been married for thirty-nine years. Chris is the director of the Office of Marriage & Family for the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Rich is semi-retired, driving school bus. Chris and Rich are speakers for the diocesan marriage preparation course and train mentor couples for the engaged.

The retreat starts with supper on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and concludes after lunch on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$295 per couple for a double room and includes the retreat conferences and all meals. Couples who wish to commute may join us for the retreat conferences and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. The cost is \$75 per couple.

To learn more or to register for this retreat, go to www.abbeyguesthouse.org or contact the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929.

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.