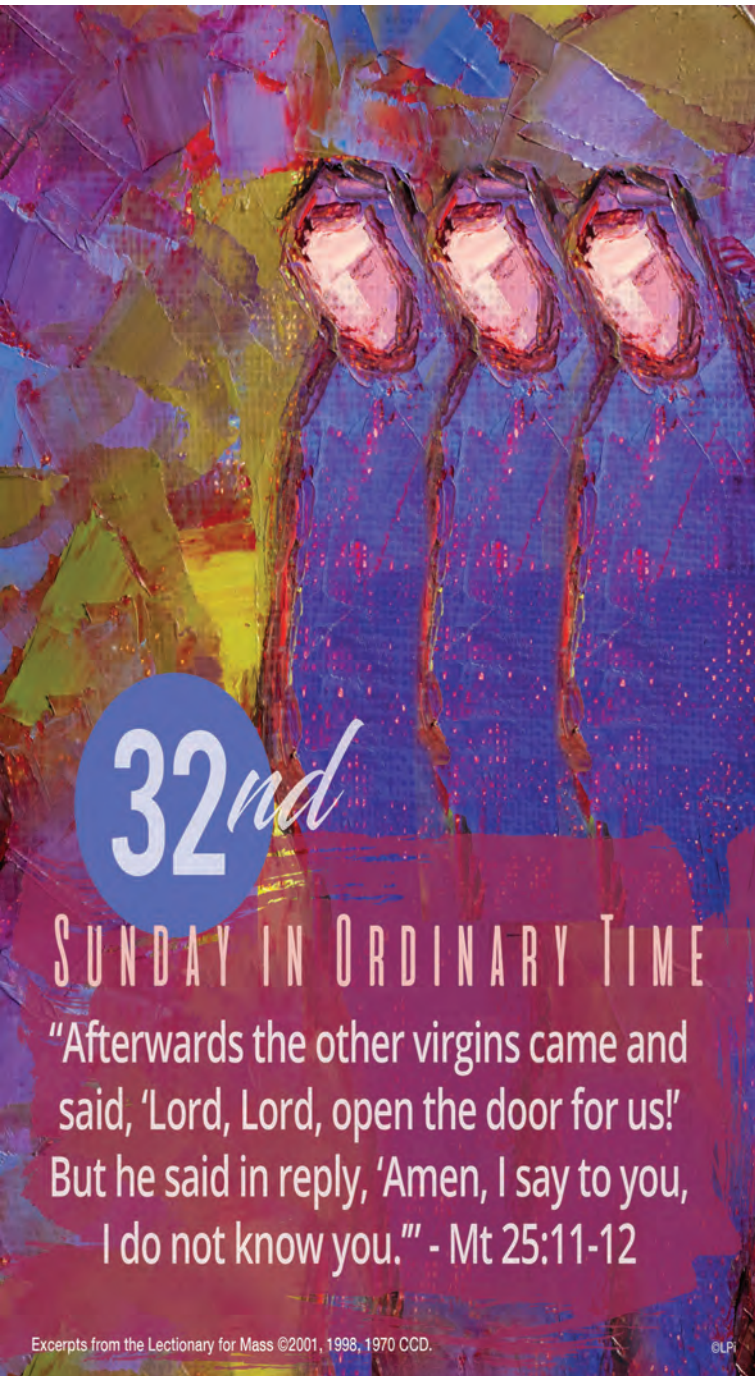


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

November 12, 2017



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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
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Jan Minke,
Faith Formation Director
Kathy Waletzko,
Music Director
Lisa Ludescher,
Youth Coordinator

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)

CEMETERY

JERRY KOLTES 320-252-1354

NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the parish office
for more information.

RCIA "RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS"

Anyone interested in
becoming a member of
the Catholic Faith call
the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE PREP

Arrangements must be
made at least 6 months
before wedding. Call
the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

December 18, 2017
at 6:30pm. Call the
Parish Office to register.

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 12, 2017 - Mt 25:1-13

In the Gospel today why do those five virgins go without enough oil? What is the use of lamp without oil? Only one answer: they were foolish and senseless (Mt 25:8). It is said: Common sense is the least common thing. Here is a story told of an English nobleman of tremendous wealth who gave his jester a wand, saying, "Keep this wand until you find a greater fool than yourself." The jester laughingly accepted the wand and used it on festive occasions. One day, the nobleman lay dying. Calling the jester to his bedside, he said, "I am going on a long journey." "Where to?" asked the jester. "I don't know," came the reply. "What provisions have you made for the trip?" the jester asked. The nobleman shrugged his shoulders. "None at all." "Then," said the jester, "take this." And placing the wand in the nobleman's hands, he added, "It belongs to you. You are a greater fool than I."

Are we doing some homework for our final moments? Many live as if they are immortal and act like the rich fool. "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life shall be required of you. To whom will all this wealth of yours go?'" (Lk 12:20). Stay awake (Mt 25:13) and act with sense so that we may not be disappointed at the end. How many times has the Word of God come to us with the call of repentance? The time will come, surely it will come, when we have to face Him all alone. Let us not be unfortunate to hear these words: "I tell you, I do not know you" (Mt 25:12). ~Father Jose~

Readings for This Sunday, November 12

Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Matthew 25:1-13

Readings for Next Sunday, November 19

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Eucharistic Ministers, This Weekend Nov. 11 & 12

5:00pm E. Annis, C. Diehl, D. Holovnia
8:00am G. Rosha, C. Ziegler, E. Zipp
10:00am Youth

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Nov. 18 & 19

5:00pm P. Kunkel, K. Moran, M. Kapsner
8:00am C. Gohmann, T. Fritz, G. Gohmann
10:00am J. Schmidt, D. Meyer, T. Schmidt

Ushers/Greeters - Month of November

5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltas
8:00am Ed & Mary Lou Meyer
10:00am Lisa Rosha & Brandon Rosha

Ushers/Greeters - Month of December

5:00pm Joe Voigt & David Meyer
8:00am Adrian & Judy Ethen
10:00am Volunteers

Servers This Weekend, November 11 & 12

5:00pm Trey Toenjes & Truman Toenjes
7:00pm Brandon Rosha & Zachariah Meyer
8:00am Colby Faber & Clay Faber

Servers Next Weekend, November 18 & 19

5:00pm Madison Streit & Morgan Streit
8:00am Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann
10:00am Elizabeth Thull & Jackson Pogatshnik

Just a friendly reminder if you cannot make your scheduled time, please find a substitute.



Our annual Turkey Bingo is Friday, November 17th in the Parish Center. The event begins at 6:15pm and continues until all 80 turkeys have found a home for Thanksgiving Dinner.



13 Monday - No Mass
14 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Amber Hinkemeyer
15 Wednesday - 8:00am +Evelyn Krystosek
16 Thursday - 8:00am +Wendy & +Ryan Kiffmeyer
17 Friday - 8:00am +Mabel Holthaus
18 Saturday - 5:00pm +Vernon & +Leona Storms
19 Sunday - 8:00am +Tim Tschida
10:00am Parishioners



The Week Ahead

Wednesday, November 15
8:00am School Mass assisted by Grade 6.
Celebrating November Birthdays

Thursday, November 16
7:00pm Finance Council
8:00pm Parish Council

Friday, November 17
6:15pm Turkey Bingo

Saturday, November 18
9:30am First Reconciliation Retreat for Second Graders and their parents

Sunday, November 19
9:00am Youth Group
8:30am-11:30am Belguim Waffle Breakfast sponsored by the St. Augusta Lions in the Parish Center

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,060.55
Youth	14.98
All Saint's Day	614.75
October Meat Raffle	1,000.00
Hall Rent	2,220.00
Sept. & Oct. Auto Withdrawals	5,651.32
Votive Lights	60.45
Catholic Charities	66.00
Fall Collection	480.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



Greetings from SMHOCS,

On Wednesday, November 15th, the students in Grade 6 will assist with Mass at 8:00 a.m. All are invited to celebrate the Eucharist with our school community. There will be a special blessing for students and staff celebrating November birthdays.

The school will be hosting our 3rd Annual One Stop Shop next Sunday afternoon. Please stop by and do some holiday shopping.

There will be **no school November 23-24** for the Thanksgiving Break.

We give thanks for the gifts of the earth and the good people in our lives.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal



Next Sunday, November 19

St. Augusta Lions are serving a Belgium Waffle Breakfast from 8:30am-11:30am.

The St Cloud Visitor invites young artists across the diocese to complete and then illustrate this sentence: "I unwrap the real gift of Christmas when I ..." Prizes will be awarded to the best entry in each of four grade categories.

The sentence must appear on the front of the sheet with the 8.5-by-11-inch illustration. Parents or teachers of children in grades 1-3 may write/ photocopy the sentence on the sheet used for the illustration. Name of artist, address, town, zip code, telephone, grade, parish and parish town must be included on the back of each entry.

Children may use any media to create a vivid, colorful and memorable picture. Hint: strong colors with lots of contrast reproduce better than soft pastels. Artwork becomes the property of The Visitor and will not be returned. Posters must be dropped off at the office or mailed (postmarked by Monday, Dec. 4); **they may not be emailed.**

Contest Categories: Grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

Entries will be judged on:

1. Originality and artistic ability.
 2. How well the artist interprets the theme.
 3. How well the artwork will reproduce.
- Prizes: A first prize of \$50 will be awarded for one poster in each category. Winning entries will be published in The Visitor's Christmas edition, Dec. 15.
 - Timeline: Postmarked or dropped off by Dec. 4.

Mail to: The Visitor Christmas Contest, P.O. Box 1068, St. Cloud, MN, 56302.

Drop off at: Pastoral Center, 305 7th Ave. N, Suite 206, St. Cloud.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes today, Sunday, Nov. 12:
1st year Confirmation 6:00-8:30p.m.
Classes this week, Wed. Nov. 15:
1st-8th grade 6:30-8:00p.m.

The Retreat and 1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders is on Saturday, November 18 at 9:30a.m. in the Parish Center.



All 2nd graders from our parish *and* their parents will be taking part in the First Reconciliation Retreat beginning at 9:30a.m. These families have been preparing for this celebration of God's invitation to forgiveness and our acceptance of that forgiveness and the conversion of heart that leads us closer to God. Please pray for these parents and children as they participate in this joyful occasion. This is a special time for the 2nd graders and their parents; if possible do not bring siblings along.

It is said that we as Catholics so rarely take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You have to wonder why. In a society where we rarely deny ourselves anything, why do we withhold the chance of growing in grace, and as a disciple of Christ, through Reconciliation? The Sacraments strengthen us to live lives as Christians, choosing to do the right thing not necessarily the "in" thing. The sacrament of Reconciliation in particular is like a "do over" to get it right next time. It is a chance to unload the burden of sin that we have been carrying with us. We don't become perfect, but we strive to be better. With God's love and His grace, we become stronger and move toward His perfect plan for our lives.

St. Mary Help of Christians proudly presents "The

Quiltmakers Gift" Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office.

Office hours are M-F, 7:30am to 12pm. First Come First Served. **December 1st & 2nd Dinner Theatre** - \$30 per ticket. 6pm Seating, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Show

December 3rd - Dessert Matinee - \$15.00 Adults, \$10.00 Children - Ages 6-12, 5 and under Free. 2:30pm Seating, 3:00 Show

Look for the sunshine - Next week, you should be receiving a mailing from Catholic Charities with a little girl on the front, painting you a ray of sunshine! That's really what Catholic Charities does in Central Minnesota - paints rays of sunshine and hope. Inside the mailing, you'll read an inspiring story about a woman who has overcome tremendous odds, with a little help from our neighbors. Take a few minutes to read her story.

Thanksgiving Day Mass & Office Holiday Hours: Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:00am. The Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24. There will be **NO** morning Mass on Friday, November 24.

Group Leaders: We are looking for Group Leaders for Group 1 (A-D) and a co-Group Leader for Group 9 (T-L Voigt). Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help us out! Thank you!