

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

November 19, 2017



## 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’” - Mt 25:21

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### PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*

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Jan Minke,

*Faith Formation Director*

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*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.*

Nov 19- Mt 25: 14-30

God is a wonderful entrepreneur. Today's Gospel passage clearly states that. At a minimum level, he is a gifted banker who expects rewards in return (v. 27). Today, people invest, taking risks in firms and enterprises expecting substantial profit and gains. God is the greatest risk-taker in investments. He has taken risks in investing in all of us with great hope of return. But 99.99% of the time he will be disappointed as we are not yielding the desired results. But there are people who produce exponential returns: the saints and heroes of the faith are examples. God has called us to be productive: "...I chose you to go and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure..." (Jn 15:16). He is serious in His business. We should not play games or lottery with Him in living our lives, as did the third servant (vv. 24-30). He is a fool. We are called to be sincere and faithful.

Truly, we do not own our lives. He owns us. We are His own and His alone. He has called us to life: created us for a purpose. Let us be faithful servants in taking care of the gift that each of us is. If we are faithful, we may hear the blessings of the master: "Well done! You are an industrious and reliable servant. Since you were dependable in small matters I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share your master's joy!" (Mt 25:21,23). The gift of the Kingdom of God is reserved for the faithful ones. What are the three most important gifts that we have received from Him? They are Life, Freedom, and Faith. Life is the greatest of the gifts that we have received from the Lord. It is in time that we give meaning to life. Freedom is the greatest of risks that God has taken in creating us to the extent that the very creature can question his own creator. But it is this second greatest gift which gives meaning to life through the choices we make. Finally, the third most important gift of God is faith, because it is faith that gives meaning to freedom and life itself. Today's Gospel asks us to be faithful servants of God in the journey of life, recognizing and making meaningful the gifts of life, freedom and faith as worthy and faithful children of God. ~Father Jose

**Readings for This 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

**Readings for Next Sunday, November 26**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
 Matthew 25:31-46

**Eucharistic Ministers, This 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

**Eucharistic Minister, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23**

8:00am D. Holovnia

**Eucharistic Ministers, This Weekend Nov. 25 & 26**

5:00pm C. Zieglmeier, J. Powell, K. Powell  
 8:00am N. Ohmann, E. Kiffmeyer, A. Hiemenz  
 10:00am C. Thelen, C. Trautz, J. Wicker

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of November**

5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltes  
 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 18 & 19**

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


**Servers Next Weekend, November 25 & 25**

5:00pm Andrew Hayward & Sam Hayward  
 8:00am Hayden Hemmesch & Colin Irlbeck  
 10:00am Logan Haselkamp & Will Spielmann

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



- 20 Monday - No Mass
- 21 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Dean Bastin
- 22 Wednesday - 8:00am +Harvey Laudenbach
- 23 Thursday - 8:00am +Richard Ruehle
- 24 Friday - No Mass
- 25 Saturday - 5:00pm +Harvey Laudenbach
- 26 Sunday - 8:00am +Doris Rosha  
 10:00am Parishioners



**The Week Ahead**

**Tuesday, November 21**  
 6:00pm Mass CHS Hockey Team  
 6:30pm CUF Mtg. in the Mtg. Room

**Wednesday, November 22**  
 8:00am School Mass assisted by Grade 4

**Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day**  
 Mass at 8:00am

**Friday, November 24**  
 No Mass - Parish Offices Closed  
 5:00pm Parish Meat Raffle at the Club Almar.  
 Tom Zieglmeier & Donna Dold are chairing.

**Sunday, November 26**  
 6:00pm First Year Confirmation Class

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$4,314.67
Youth	13.35
Votive Lights	60.00
Catholic Charities	1,118.00
Fall Collection	1,650.00
Lighthouse Kiosk	5.25
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



**Greetings from SMHOCS,**

There will be no school November 24-25 for the Thanksgiving Break. This week students will be bringing non-perishable items to donate to the Catholic Charities Food Shelf. We give thanks for the gifts of the earth and the good people in our lives. The students in grade 4 will be assisting with the liturgy on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.

*Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*



**SCRIP News:** The holidays are right around the corner. SCRIP cards make great stocking stuffers! Stop by the SCRIP table to pick up an order form to see what is available.

**Did you know** that 70% of scrip rebates can be put towards the Parish, Christian Women, Faith Formation, SMHOC School Tuition, Hot Lunch, or Cathedral Tuition. Orders can be picked up at weekend masses or by making arrangements with Lacey.

No scrip orders will be placed Nov 20th-24th and **No weekend scrip sales, Nov. 25th & 26th**, due to Thanksgiving.

In order to **guarantee receiving your SCRIP order** in time for Christmas, **orders are due by Wed., Dec. 13th**. No scrip orders will be placed Dec. 18th-31st and there will be No weekend sales during these weeks.

Please feel free to call and see what we have on hand after the 13th or stop by the Scrip table Sun., Dec. 17th between the masses.

We are looking for people to sell scrip at weekend masses on Sundays only. Please contact Lacey Solbro, 291-1455 if you are interested in helping.

**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!

**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** Mass on Friday, November 24.



**Happy Thanksgiving** from all of us at St. Mary Help of Christians Church. We pray for safe travels for those who are traveling. May you enjoy your time with your family and friends.

~Fr. Jose and the Church Staff



**Faith Formation: Jan Minke**

Classes today, Sunday, Nov. 19:  
Meyer/Hanis Confirmation class  
6:00-8:30p.m.

Hopke/ Roshia Confirmation class  
6:30-9:00p.m.

No classes on Wed. Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Break. Thanksgiving begins the season of Holidays! We gather with family, and remember all that we are thankful for. As we examine our lives and appreciate all of our blessings, we turn to the King of kings who has bestowed them all! When we celebrate the Eucharist (the word means thanksgiving) we are reliving in wonder and awe, the sacrifice that saves us all and unites us into one family! Happy Thanksgiving!!

**Make God's Love Visible** - What does God's Love look like to you? A warm bowl of soup? Your home? A hug from someone you love? Catholic Charities strives to Make God's Love Visible every day, right here in Central Minnesota. Now is a critical time for their work, as they gather the resources they need for 2018. Visit CcStCloud.org to learn how you can Make God's Love Visible to our Central Minnesota neighbors.



**The St. Augusta Lions** are serving a Belguim Waffle Breakfast today from 8:30-11:30 in the Parish Center.

**If you are homebound/hospitalized** or unable to attend Mass because of illness or age, please contact the Parish Office, 252-1799, to request a home visit, hospital visit and/or Eucharist to be brought to you.

**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



**Join The Fun!** **The next Parish Meat Raffle** will be on Friday, November 24th at 5pm at the Club Almar. Tom Zieglmeier and Donna Dold will be chairing.

