

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

December 17, 2017



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

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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
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

February 12, 2018
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.*

December 17, 2017 - Jn 1, 6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist was sent by God to give witness to the Light, Jesus. This witnessing was to bring people to believe in the Light. John was the moon and Jesus was the Sun. John radiated the light that came from the source, God. He reflected that light in such a manner that people came to him and asked about his identity (vv.19-22). For John was not light, *but* was only a witness to the Light. John came to prepare the way of the Lord in the hearts of the people (v.23). The Christian mission is akin to the mission of John the Baptist: to witness to the light of God and prepare the way of the Lord in the hearts of the people. But the core question for each of us is this: Do I believe in Jesus as the only Son of God who was sent by God and who was with God from eternity? We are called to life and are given the free gift of faith for this mission of witnessing to bring people to believe in Him. Let us examine whether we are fulfilling our mission to bring people to believe in the only Son of God. John the Baptist is an exemplary model and he shows the way for us all. ~ Fr. Jose

Readings for This Sunday, December 17

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-26

Readings for Next Sunday, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

Eucharistic Ministers, This Weekend Dec. 16 & 17

5:00pm K. Powell, C. Zieglmeier, J. Powell
 8:00am N. Ohmann, G. Rosha, C. Ziegler
 10:00am T. Schmidt, J. Schmidt, R. Schreifels

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Dec. 23 & 24

5:00pm C. Diehl, D. Holovnia, C. Zieglmeier
 8:00am E. Zipp, C. Gohmann, T. Fritz
 10:00am J. Stang, M. Schmidt, S. Gohmann

Ushers/Greeters - Month of December

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

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 16 & 17

5:00pm Isaac Voigt & Trevor Voigt
 8:00am Colby Faber & Clay Faber
 10:00am Kate Schreifels & Jackson Pogatshnik

Servers Next Weekend, December 23 & 24

5:00pm Dylan Streit & Morgan Streit
 8:00am Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann
 10:00am Nick Jenniges & Makayla Jenniges

Servers Christmas Eve - December 24


6:00pm - Colby Faber & Clay Faber

Servers Christmas Day - December 25

8:00am - Will Massmann & Jack Massmann
 10:00am - Luke Ashbrook & Logan Haselkamp

Mass Intentions

- 18 Monday - **No Mass**
- 19 Tuesday - 6:00pm - 45th Anniversary Ordination (Dec. 18) for Father Jose
- 20 Wednesday - 8:00am +Lorie Fischer
- 21 Thursday - 8:00am +Bernadette Eich
- 22 Friday - 8:00am +Dean Hinkemeyer
- 23 Saturday - 5:00pm Deceased Members of Hurrle Family
- 24 Sunday - 8:00am +Tim Tschida
 10:00am Parishioners
- Christmas Eve - 6:00pm +Betty Voigt**
- 25 Monday - Christmas Day**
 8:00am +Vernon & +Leona Storms
 10:00am +Marie & +Mady Mehr
- 26 Tuesday - **No Mass**
- 27 Wednesday - 8:00am +Larry Reiter
- 28 Thursday - 8:00am +Rita Witte
- 29 Friday - 8:00am +Steve & +Shirley Kirchner
- 30 Saturday - 5:00pm +Doris Rosha
- 31 Sunday - 8:00am +Cyril Heid
 10:00am Parishioners



The Week Ahead

Wednesday, December 20
 Faith Formation Christmas Program
 FF Students arrive at 6pm
 Seating for Families at 7pm

Thursday, December 21
 8:00am - School Mass assisted by Grade 6.
 Birthday Party for Jesus in the Parish Center following Mass

Sunday, December 24
 Decorating the Church for Christmas following the 10:00am Mass



Christmas Eve Mass:

Sunday, December 24 at 6:00pm

Christmas Day Mass:

Monday, December 25 at 8:00am & 10:00am

New Years Day Mass:

Monday, January 1, 2018 at 8:00am



Today is Breakfast with Santa & our Bake Sale. Breakfast will be served from 8:30am-11:30am. Stop by to enjoy a delicious breakfast and visit with Santa!

We will be decorating the church for Christmas following the 10:00am Mass on next, Sunday, Dec. 24th.

Parish Support

Adult	\$6,112.00
Youth	21.26
Christmas	400.00
Immaculate Conception	781.57
Hall Rent	400.00
Religious Retirement	698.00
Fall Collection	50.00
Votive Lights	56.50
Christmas Flowers	30.00
First Offering	50.00
Stole Fee	150.00
Funeral Fund	562.50
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



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 will be 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 2nd. The school office will also be closed during this time. Tuition may also be dropped off at the Parish Office during Christmas break.

Christmas Blessings to all of you - Kelly Kirks, Principal

SCRIP News: No scrip orders will be placed Dec. 18th -31st and there will be No weekend sales during these weeks.

Please feel free to stop by the SCRIP table on Sunday, Dec. 17th to see what we have on hand.

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.

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.

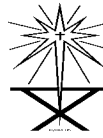


Baptism: Congratulations to

Finley Kay daughter of Dan & Emily Roeder

Thank you to all who donated items for the bake sale and for everyone who bought items. We had a very successful bake and craft sale, with a profit of \$1999.00. Thank you, St. Ann's Christian Women.

The Jewelry Stand for the Parish Festival is looking for new or gently used jewelry. If you have any items to donate, please put them in the box marked "Jewelry" in the coat room. Thank you!



Faith Formation: Jan Minke
This Wednesday, Dec. 20th is our

Christmas Program. Please drop off your students at 6:00p.m. for rehearsal. Doors will open at about 7:00p.m. for family and friends. I hope you are practicing the songs from the song sheets we sent home.

There is **no class** on Wednesday, December 27. May Joy fill your homes this 3rd week of Advent! Joyful anticipation is easy to find on the faces of young children at this time of the year. I hope that that same joy can spread to all of us as we share that candle of love in our hearts with the world!

Thank you...to Father Jose for his many visits and spiritual guidance, to Shelly for all her behind the scenes help, to Kathy & Julie for the beautiful music, to the cooks and all the helpers who served the delicious luncheon, to those who brought Communion to Delbert during his illness, for all the prayers and well wishes. It is greatly appreciated.

The Family of Delbert Winkelman

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!

Advent Giving Tree: Please return all items unwrapped to the giving tree by Monday, December 18. Thank you for helping make Christmas a happier time for those in need.

\$10,000 Raffle: Tickets for the \$10,000 Raffle are available in the Parish Office. Due to rising costs and expenses going up, there are a few changes to the \$10,000 Raffle this year:

- No Early Bird Drawing
 - Tickets are \$100.00 and **DOES NOT** include admission to the social
 - Admission to the social is \$10.00 per person
 - Incentive - For every 10 tickets sold, you will receive one (1) admission ticket to the social
 - Every 50th ticket drawn will receive their \$100.00 back
 - Time of event will be from 6:00pm-9:00pm
- The social and drawing will be on Sat., Feb. 10, 2018.

