

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

January 7, 2018



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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**SCHOOL:** 320-251-3937  
**WEBSITE:** [www.SMHOC.org](http://www.SMHOC.org)  
**PRAYER LINE:** 320-558-6187

### 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 5, 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.*

Mt 2, 1-12

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. It was one of the most important Christian festivals in the early Christian traditions. In the early Christian centuries, Epiphany includes the early life of Jesus, his birth, dedication, visit to the temple, Baptism in Jordan, and even his first miracle at Cana. Presently in our tradition we commemorate the Visit of the Magi on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The word “Epiphany” means *manifestation, revelation, appearance*, etc. It is the revelation/appearance of God made man in the person of Jesus. He came to his own, but they did not receive him (Jn 1:11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men (they were not Jews, but foreigners, gentiles) also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King. In their thirst and search for God, they willingly left everything, their home and country and undertook an arduous journey. That diligent search brought them to the source of all knowledge - to Jesus, the Light, the Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king. How can someone see a king in the child of the manger? – the king of kings in the weakest of all. It is strange. It is a different seeing.

The event of wise men visiting the child in the manger shows the result of a perennial search of generation. The Magi, offering their gifts, acknowledge Jesus as the promised one for all humanity. The Kingdom of God is open to all. All people of good will see the glory of God. The wise men from the East who were surely not Jews are among the first to see God. Why? They are open to God. To know and to encounter God means to know Jesus with an open heart. ~Fr. Jose

**Readings for This Sunday, January 7**

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

**Readings for Next Sunday, January 14**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

**Eucharistic Ministers, This Weekend Jan. 6 & 7**

5:00pm E. Annis, D. Holovnia, M. Kapsner  
8:00am C. Gohmann, T. Fritz, G. Gohmann  
10:00am J. Dirksen, D. Dold, S. Gohmann

**Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Jan. 13 & 14**

5:00pm C. Zieglmeier, P. Kunkel, K. Moran  
8:00am P. Gohmann, A. Hiemenz, E. Kiffmeyer  
10:00am G. Hopke, D. Meyer, J. Schmidt

**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 Hurre & Dan Hiemenz

**Servers This Weekend, January 6 & 7**

5:00pm Kaden Fruth & Madison Fruth  
8:00am Logan Gohmann & Tyler Gohmann  
10:00am Luke Ashbrook & Gavin Haehn

**Servers Next Weekend, January 13 & 14**


5:00pm Andrew Hayward & Sam Hayward  
8:00am Colby Faber & Clay Faber  
10:00am Zachariah Meyer & Jackson Pogatshnik

**Father Jose will be gone on retreat from January 8-January 11. In case of an emergency, please call the parish office, 252-1799, M-F, 7:30am-12:00pm.**

**After hours, if it is an emergency, you can call Shelly at 654-1557. There is NO MASS Monday through Thursday this coming week.**

 **Mass Intentions**

- 8 Monday - No Mass
- 9 Tuesday - No Mass
- 10 Wednesday - No Mass
- 11 Thursday - No Mass
- 12 Friday - 8:00am +Elizabeth Holthaus
- 13 Saturday - 5:00pm Deceased Members of Hurre Family
- 14 Sunday - 8:00am Nocturnal Adoration Members  
10:00am Parishioners



**Friday, January 12**  
8:00am School Mass assisted by Grade 4  
5:45pm Doors Open for Movie Night sponsored by CUF. They will showing the movie Despicable Me 3

**Sunday, January 14**  
Nocturnal Adoration Members Breakfast following the 8:00am Mass

**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!

**5th, 25th, 40th, 50th & 60th Anniversaries:**

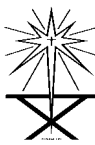
If you are celebrating any of these anniversaries this year (2018), please call the Parish Office, 252-1799 by January 31st, 2018, to let us know so that your name can be sent to the Office of Marriage and Family. You will then be receiving an invitation for a Mass offered by Bishop Kettler on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 1:00pm.

**Parish Support Weekend of December 24**

Adult	\$6,430.85
Youth	12.00
Christmas Collection	15,297.99
Fall Collection	3,250.00
Religious Retirement	70.00
Immaculate Conception	25.00
Christmas Flowers	5.00
Funeral Fund	350.00
Stole Fees	150.00
SCRIP Payout - FF	147.39
SCRIP Payout Church	150.46
Votive Lights	43.75
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

**Parish Support Weekend of January 6 & 7**

Adult	\$5,798.25
Youth	15.85
Christmas Collection	1,275.00
Religious Retirement	50.00
Votive Lights	88.15
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



**Greetings from SMHOCS,**

Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 10th. The students in grade four will be assisting with the Mass.

Our Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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 2018-2019 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 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

*Peace be with you, Kelly Kirks, Principal*



**Condolences** to **Tony Thole and family** on the death of his mother, to **the family and friends** of Gertie Thole;

to **Brian Benoit and Craig Benoit** on the death of their sister, to **the family and friends** of Judi Finneman;

to **the family and friends** of Eileen Schwieters



**Faith Formation: Jan Minke**

1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation class meets today, 6:00p.m.

Classes this week, Wed. Jan. 10: 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation students- your second due date was on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you do not have your service projects in please submit them as soon as possible. **The retreat for 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation students is on Sunday, January 28 beginning with 10:00 Mass.** The sponsor/ parent pot luck will begin immediately following the Mass.

**Funeral Help Needed Please:** Men and Women are needed for funeral luncheons: Washing dishes, making coffee, serving, setup and cleanup. Please call Judy Ethen 252-9141.

**The next Senior Soup Luncheon** will be on Tuesday, January 30th at 12:00.

**Our next Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale** is on Sunday, January 21 from 8:30am-11:30am. If you can help with the breakfast, please sign up on the Parish website. Group 1 (A-D) will be in charge of the Bake Sale.

**Catholic United Financial** is sponsoring Movie Night on Friday, January 12th. Doors open at 5:45pm. They will be showing the movie “Despicable Me 3”

**\$10,000 Raffle:** Tickets for the \$10,000 Raffle are available in the Parish Office. The social will be from 6:00pm-9:00pm on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

**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+18” 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 Missionem 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.

