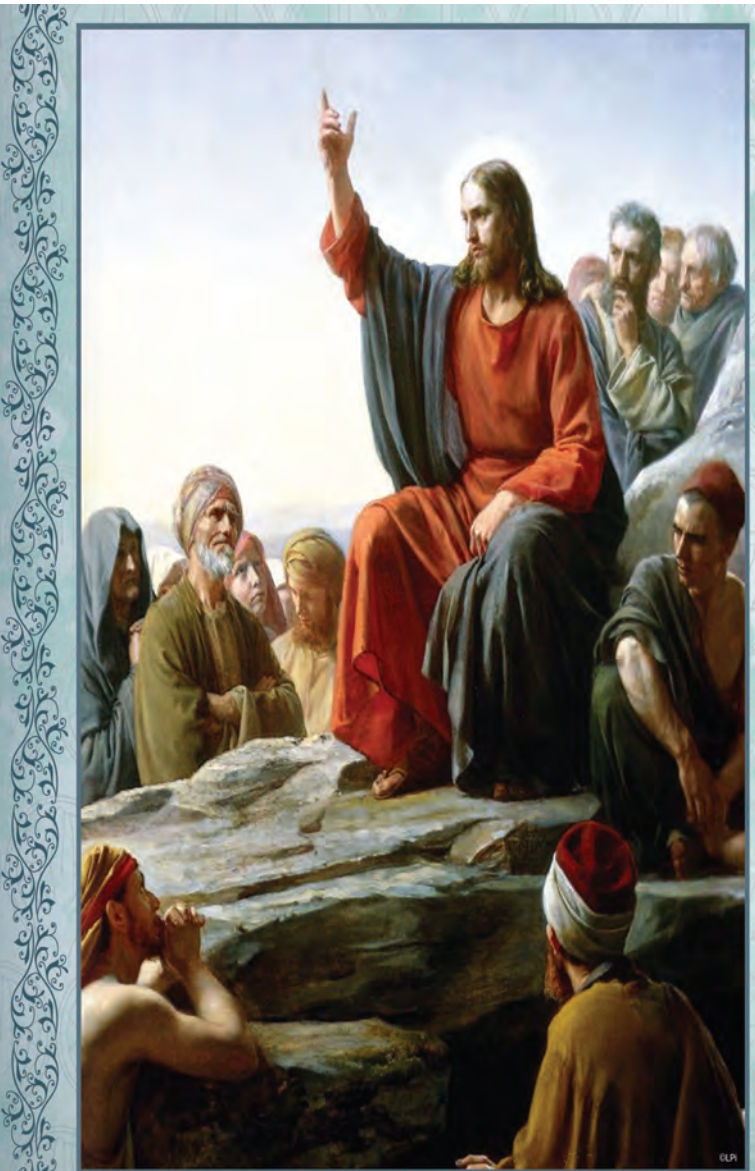


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

November 4, 2018



31st SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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

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 10, 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.*

Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Heb 7: 23-28 Mark 12: 28b-34

The word religion comes from the Latin word, “religare” meaning “bind together.” Religion aims at bringing people together. The rites, rituals, celebrations and commandments are aimed at that. The commandments call for right relationships – a relationship with God and others. Christianity is a religion of right relationships in love. The Christian mission is all about establishing right relationships with God, oneself, others and the world. At the root of this relationship stands the one-pointed relationship with God. From it stems all other relationships. If the first is not sound, then all other relationships will be unhealthy.

The often repeated First/Old Testament prayer, “Hear (Shema), O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. Therefore you shall Love the LORD your God, with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (Deut. 6:4–5), is a declaration of faith in one God. Yahweh desires that individuals and communities have a right relationship with Him. The first line, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone” is repeated throughout the prayer services. It is like a mantra. Thus the Shema is not only an affirmation of who God is but also a call to be in right relationship with Him.

To compliment the above commandment we read in Lev 19:18: “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.” The central theme of the code is for the Israelites to imitate Yahweh—be holy and be a special people (Lev. 19:2) distinct from the nations around them (19:4). The covenantal community has to respect the alien, the neighbor. The standard of loving neighbor is seen in (Lev. 19:33–36). This calls for the sacrifice of one’s “egocentric nature” in order to grow in holiness. Holiness lies in imitating Yahweh and being in right relationship with Him and with other members of the community - vertical and horizontal aspects of love.

The context of this passage is the question: “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” (Mk. 12:28). In answer, Jesus summarizes the whole teaching of the Scriptures as being right relationships and love. Jesus quotes the Shema of the First/Old Testament and expands the definition of neighbor to include all others those even outside the covenantal community. In doing so, he reveals to his followers the true spiritual transformation one should have. The spiritual transformation is an ongoing process of developing right relationships of love—with God, self, others and the world. Jesus has established the right relationship through the Paschal Mystery. As we celebrate this Eucharistic celebration, let us reorient ourselves to have a right relationship as God wills. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for Next Sunday, November 11

1 Kings 17:10-16
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Nov. 10 & 11

5:00pm E. Annis, J. Powell, K. Powell
 8:00am E. Kiffmeyer, P. Gohmann, A. Hiemenz
 10:00am J. Wicker, T. Yarke, G. Hopke

Servers Next Weekend, Nov. 10 & 11

5:00pm Will Spielmann & Clare Spielmann
 8:00am Jared Laudenbach & Anna Laudenbach
 10:00am Cora Yarke & Thatcher Yarke

Ushers/Greeters - Month of November

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

Ushers/Greeters - Month of December

5:00pm Vic & Patty Funk
 8:00am Adrian & Judy Ethen
 10:00am Josh & Bethany Schwinghammer

Parish Support

Adult	\$6,186.75
Youth	17.30
World Mission Sunday	570.00
Fall Collection	3,460.00
Votive Lights	62.50
Funeral Fund	170.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the 6:00pm Mass on Tuesday, November 13, for those who are aged or sick.

Mass Intentions

- 5 Monday - No Mass
- 6 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Leonard Voigt
- 7 Wednesday - 8:00am - +Harold Storms
- 8 Thursday - 8:00am +Lois Lommel
- 9 Friday - 8:00am +Wendy & +Ryan Kiffmeyer
- 10 Saturday - 5:00pm +Parishioners
- 11 Sunday - 8:00am +Brenda Voigt
 10:00am +Mary Pat Denne

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, November 6

Quilting
 5:45 Rosary
 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday, November 7

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 5. Social honoring Veterans to follow mass in the school gym.

Thursday, November 8

8:30am Bible Study
 Nocturnal Adoration



Baptism Congratulations to:

Jayda Marie daughter of Jacob & Amber Laudenbach
Daniel Paul son of Daniel & Angela Silenzi
Alex Jordan son of Benjamin & Kayla Minke

St. Augusta Ski Club - Join us for some downhill skiing or snowboarding! Friday nights starting in Dec. Available to students in grades 1-12. Call Heather Gohmann, 320-248-4242, for more info & to sign up.



Greetings from SMHOCS,

Please join our school community as we celebrate the Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7th. The fifth grade students will be assisting with the music and readings for the Mass. We will be honoring the Veterans of our school and parish community. We would like to invite all Veterans, service men and women, to attend Mass. There will be a short program and refreshments for all our guests and parishioners following the Mass, in the school gym. Our school community participated in a service project for Eagles Healing Nest in Sauk Centre, a non-profit organization committed to meeting the needs of our veterans and their families who suffer from the invisible wounds of war. On Friday, November 2nd students wore hats in honor of Veterans and brought in donations. The donations made by students will be presented to Mr. Ed Meyer at our November 7th Veterans Day Program.

Just a reminder, there will be no school on Monday, November 5th as it is a teacher in-service day.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal



Our Annual Turkey Bingo is Friday, Nov. 16 in the Parish Center. The event begins at 6:15pm and continues until all 80 turkeys have found a home for Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thank you to everyone who purchased fresh bread from the Bread Sale and to all the workers who helped make the bread. It is greatly appreciated. The profit from the Bread Sale was \$560.00.

St. Augusta Community Bus Trip to Glensheen Mansion & Bentleyville Light Show sponsored by SA Lions Club, Sat. Dec 15th from Voigt's Bus at 10:30 \$40.00 per person. Sign up and pay to reserve your seat by Nov 30th, need more info, pick up at Harvest Bank St. Augusta Branch only.

St. Augusta Lions Breakfast, Sunday, November 18
The St. Augusta Lions will be serving a Belgium Waffle breakfast from 8:30am-11:30am in the Parish Center.

Thanksgiving Day Mass & Office Holiday Hours:
Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 8:00am. The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23. There will be **NO** morning mass on Friday, November 23.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes this week, Wednesday, Nov. 7: 1st-8th gr. 6:30-8:00p.m.

Calendar change note-The Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

We will still have class on Wednesday, Dec. 19 as usual. Please make a note of this so that you do not miss the program!

Today's Gospel talks about which is the greatest commandment. We should all know what Christ has to say about this. Help your children to know what it is, we will talk about it at Y.E.S. on Wednesday!

2nd year Confirmation Students- by now you should all have your Sponsor interview, your red sheet, your purple sheet and at least one service report turned in. If you haven't gotten them in yet turn them in now.

8th & 9th graders- now is a great time to get your service projects done and reports handed in.

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Proudly presents In association with Music Theatre International "Fiddler On The Roof"

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office. Office hours are M-F, 7:30am to 12pm. First Come First Served.

December 6th, 7th & 8th Dinner Theatre
\$30 per ticket. 6pm Seating, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Show
December 9th Dessert Matinee - \$15.00 Adults
\$10.00 Children - Ages 6-12, 5 and under free
12:30 Seating, 1:00 Show

"Fiddler On The Roof" - Dec. 6-9, 2018

We are looking for help with sewing, painting and creating props and decorations for our Dinner Theatre. Please watch the bulletin and the display in the gathering area for information! Our next "work night" will take place on Thursday, November 8th, from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Meet in the Parish Center. RSVP to Kathy at flya42960@msn.com or 320-492-3788.



Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father,

On this day, help us remember those who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.

Enkindle in our consciences a desire to serve those who served their country selflessly. Give us the grace to aid those who have given aid and protection to us and others both here and overseas.

Let us never forget the causes for which they fought or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.

May we be always mindful of those who paid the price for our freedom, just as your Son gave his life to free us from the bondage of sin.

Amen