

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

December 2, 2018



## FIRST SUNDAY of Advent



**PARISH:** 320-252-1799  
**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*

### 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.*



**Readings for Next Sunday, December 9**

Baruch 5:1-9  
 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
 Luke 3:1-6

**Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Dec. 8 & 9**

5:00pm K. Moran, J. Powell, K. Powell  
 8:00am G. Gohmann, A. Hiemenz, P. Gohmann  
 10:00am S. Gohmann, G. Hopke, D. Dold

**Servers Next Weekend Dec. 8 - Holy Day**

8:00am Hannah Carlson & Andray Stang

**Servers Next Weekend, Dec. 8 & 9**

5:00pm Isaac Voigt & Trevor Voigt  
 8:00am Jack Massmann & Will Massmann  
 10:00am Zachariah Meyer & Luke Ashbrook

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of December**

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

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of January**

5:00pm Richard & Joan Jendro  
 8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell  
 10:00am Jim Schmidt & Utley Kronenberg

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

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$4,247.50
Youth	16.85
Christmas	25.00
Christmas Flowers	225.00
Fall Collection	225.00
Votive Lights	50.10
Food Shelf	.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

**Reconciliation Times for Advent/Christmas**

Confessions will be held in the New Sacristy.  
 Tuesday, December 18th - 5:00pm-5:55pm (There will be one more priest)  
 Wednesday, December 19th - 8:30am-9:00am  
 Wednesday, December 19th - 5:30pm-6:15pm (There will be two more priests)



**Christmas Eve Mass:**  
 Monday, December 24 at 6:00pm

**Christmas Day Mass:**  
 Tuesday, December 25 at 8:00am & 10:00am

**New Years Day Mass:**  
 Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 8:00am & 6:00pm

**Mass Intentions**

- 3 Monday - **No Mass**
- 4 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Richard Hellermann
- 5 Wednesday - 8:00am - +Emily Gohman
- 6 Thursday - 8:00am +Vernon & +Leona Storms
- 7 Friday - 8:00am - +Karen Johnson
- 8 Saturday - **\*\*Holy Day of Obligation\*\***  
 8:00am +Delmar Rosha  
 5:00pm Zieglmeier Family
- 9 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners  
 10:00am +Louis & +Lorraine Jarnot

**Looking Ahead:**

**Tuesday, December 4**

Quilting  
 5:45pm Rosary  
 6:00pm Mass

**Wednesday, December 5**

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 2  
 Faith Formation Grades 1-8, 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Thursday, December 6**

8:30am Bible Study  
 Dinner Theatre - 6:00pm Seating, 6:30 Supper,  
 7:30pm Show  
 Nocturnal Adoration

**Friday, December 7**

Dinner Theatre - 6:00pm Seating, 6:30 Supper,  
 7:30pm Show

**Saturday, December 8**

**8:00am Mass** - Holy Day of Obligation  
 5:00pm Mass  
 Dinner Theatre - 6:00pm Seating, 6:30 Supper,  
 7:30pm Show

**Sunday, December 9**

Mass at 8am & 10am  
 Dessert Matinee - 12:30 Seating, 1:00 Show

**Monday, December 10**

6:30pm Baptism Class

**Tuesday, December 11**

6:00pm Mass  
 St. Ann's Christian Women Potluck Supper following Mass. Please bring a dessert or dish to share.

**Wednesday, December 12**

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 1  
 Faith Formation Grades 1-8, 6:30pm-8:00pm  
 Faith Formation Advent Program

**Thursday, December 13**

SMHOC School Christmas Program 1pm & 6:30pm

**Friday, December 14**

7:00pm Michael O'Brien Concert. Doors open at 6:30pm

**Saturday, December 15**

Food Shelf Collection

**Sunday, December 16**

Food Shelf Collection  
 Breakfast with Santa 8:30am-11:30am. Bake Sale Group 7 (O-Schill) with Karen Powell & Lisa Rosha as chairs.





"Announcing the Coming of the Light"

### Greetings from SMHOCS,

Many years ago, the prophets spoke of a baby who would save mankind. This was the beginning of the journey to Bethlehem. Soon after Jesus was born, the shepherds and the wise men laid their gifts before the Lord. During this special season, we are also asked to lay our gifts before the Lord. We are all blessed with gifts and talents, compassion, curiosity, empathy, gentleness, among many others. How can we identify and share these gifts with others? This will be our focus this Advent at SMHOCS.

The Poor Clare Sisters bring gifts of prayer, simplicity, community, and joy to the Church. They live a simple life, dedicating their lives to prayer. There are many members of our school and parish community who have been on the receiving end of these prayers. Our service project during Advent will involve giving back to these women who give so much to others. We will collect items which they have identified as needs in their community and deliver them before Christmas. At the top of their list is prayer. They ask that we offer a Hail Mary daily for them. I ask you to do the same as we continue the journey, preparing our hearts for the coming of the Christ child this Advent season.

Our school family will celebrate the Eucharist on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Students in grade 2 will be assisting with readings and leading us in song.

We are grateful to the Home and School Association for sponsoring a visit from St. Nick on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The students really enjoy this annual visit and the special treats St. Nick brings with him. These faith-filled events are a special part of school life at SMHOC.

***We are excited to announce the SMHOCS annual Christmas program will be presented on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come and enjoy the students' musical performance.***

May you be blessed during this time of hopeful waiting.  
*Kelly Kirks, Principal*



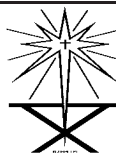
**Condolences to *Tricia Simon and family* on the death of her father, to *Carol Segler, Mary Danielson, Mark Rosha,***

***John Rosha and families* on the death of their brother, to *Family and Friends* of Delmar Rosha; to the *Family and Friends* of Keith Maurer.**

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Religious Retirement:** Next weekend, Dec. 8 & 9 is the annual collection in which we are asked to express our gratitude for the religious men and women who have served our country with the collection for Religious Retirement.

**The next Baptism Class** will be Monday, December 10 at 6:30pm. Please call the Parish Office, 320-252-1799, to register.



### Faith Formation: Jan Minke Classes today, Dec. 2:

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

**Classes this week, Wednesday, Dec. 5:**  
1-8<sup>th</sup> gr. 6:30-8:00p.m.

Schmidt/Bromenschenkel Confirmation class  
6:00-8:30p.m.

***PARENTS- Please note the schedule change- our Advent Event will be on Wed. Dec. 12.***

We **WILL** have class on Wed. Dec 19. Our Christmas program was moved up and we don't want you to miss it!

Advent begins today! The anticipation is in the air as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child into our lives, our homes, our hearts!

We are surrounded with all the secular trappings of what Christmas has come to be. Sometimes it can stress you out. But I think if we remember the meaning of some of these trimmings, the symbols and rituals can become real again and bring the joy of the season! When these things become a habit they can lose their meaning, we have to remember the tradition that makes them alive again and give light to our celebrations! See what your children know about the many Christmas traditions. It could be fun to research together the ones that you are unsure of. Share where your family traditions came from- check with grandma or grandpa – they are a rich resource!

**\$10,000 Raffle Kick Off:** This weekend is the kick-off for the \$10,000 Raffle. The \$100.00 tickets will be sold before and after the 5:00pm Mass on Sat., December 1 and from 7:30am-11:30am on Sunday, December 2.

- There will not be an 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 the event will be from 6:00pm-9:00pm
- The social and drawing will be held on Sat., Feb. 9th.

**Advent Giving Tree** is available again this year, Dec. 1st thru Dec. 16th. The Charities we are donating to are: Anna Marie's, Birthline and Quiet Oaks Hospice. Take a tag from the tree, purchase the item(s) and place the unwrapped items under the tree. All purchases should be turned in to the giving tree by Wed. Dec. 19th. Thank you for helping make Christmas a happier time for those in need. You are blessed in giving.

**Mark your calendars:** Recording Catholic Artist, Michael O'Brien will be coming to St. Augusta on Friday, December 14th at 7:00pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available soon.