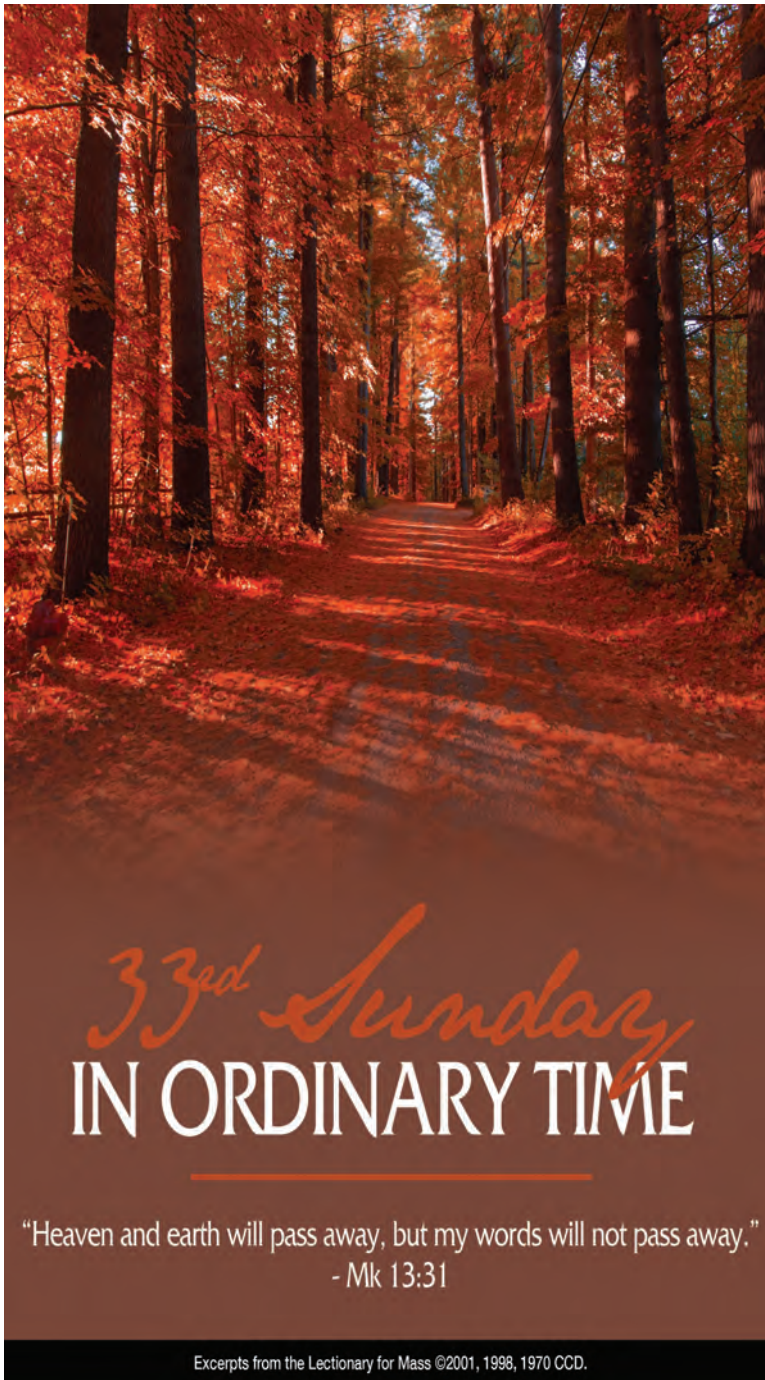


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

November 18, 2018



33rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."
- Mk 13:31

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.*

Mk 13:24-32

The time is coming. It is coming for everyone, today or tomorrow. It is the time of the coming of the Son of Man. The Son of Man who comes with great power and glory (V 26) is the one who comes at the judgment/saving time. In today's Gospel passage, nature gives the signs of the coming of the Son of Man. It is not difficult to discern the time of His coming. We need to be sensitive to the created world and to learn from it. This is all the more needed because we are becoming insensitive towards the created world and the ways of God. Pope Francis clearly speaks about the need to care for our home "the universe." The signs that are mentioned in the Gospel are the signs of disorder (vv 24-25). Such signs were present at the time of creation (there was no order) and at the time of Egyptian exodus (the ten plagues). The divine presence is a healing, cleansing and saving presence. It brings harmony. The Son of Man comes to save the good and to punish the wicked.

For us all, now is the time to learn (13:28ff), to learn the lessons from the nature. The trees change themselves and get ready to welcome the new season. The nature calls us for preparation to convert and to be watchful. The said time is short and it is at the doorstep. Things of the world will pass away quickly. On the occasion of the celebration of his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination, a priest said: "I opened my eyes to see that 50 years have gone. Now If I close them, they will not open again. Now is the time to prepare for what is so near." Everything will pass away within a fraction of a second. For many of our near ones, life has gone like a flash of lightening. They were with us till yesterday, but today they are no more with us.

The life that each of us have lived until today has vanished like a dream: some remember it, some have some vague idea and some even may not be able to recall anything at all. We ourselves have changed over the years. So our life on earth is not a lasting one. The whole creation teaches this truth. It simply fades away. Be vigilant and wait on the light of God: the cleansing, purifying and saving light of God. Let us embrace Him in love and service so that we too may be glorified with Him. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for Next Sunday, November 25

Daniel 7:13-14
 Revelation 1:5-8
 John 18:33b-37

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Nov. 24 & 25

5:00pm J. Powell, K. Powell, E. Annis
 8:00am C. Ziegler, J. Minke, G. Rosha
 10:00am R. Schreifels, J. Stang, M. Schmidt

Servers Next Weekend, Nov. 24 & 25

5:00pm Truman Toenjes & Trey Toenjes
 8:00am Angela Witte & Matthew Witte
 10:00am Andray Stang & Gavin Haehn

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

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

Parish Support

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| Adult | \$4,053.02 |
| Youth | 8.06 |
| Votive Lights | 42.75 |
| Catholic Charities | 1,090.00 |
| Fall Collection | 905.00 |
| Funeral Fund | 100.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 6.00 |
| Organ Restoration | 1.00 |
| School Endowment | 1.00 |

Condolences to *Family and Friends* of Larry Storms
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him.

Mass Intentions

19 Monday - **No Mass**
 20 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Doris Rosha
 21 Wednesday - 8:00am - +Mary Pat Denne
 22 Thursday - **Thanksgiving Day**
 8:00am +Brian Cremers
 23 Friday - **No Mass**
 24 Saturday - 5:00pm +Butch & +Ellen Gohman
 25 Sunday - 8:00am +Tim Tschida
 10:00am Parishioners

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, November 20

Quilting
 6:30pm CUF Mtg.

Wednesday, November 21

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 4

Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Day

8:00am Mass
 Parish Offices Closed

Friday, November 23

No Mass
 Parish Offices Closed



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



Greetings from SMHOCS,

On Wednesday, November 21st, the students in Grade 4 will assist with Mass at 8:00 a.m. All are invited to celebrate the Eucharist with our school community. Students will be bringing non-perishable items to donate to the local food shelf. The parish community is also invited to participate in our annual food drive for the Catholic Charities Food Shelf.

We give thanks for the gifts of the earth and the good people in our lives. School will not be in session November 22nd & 23rd.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving, Kelly Kirks, Principal

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

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. Ann's Christians Women Potluck: The Christian Women's Christmas Potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, December 11th, following the 6:00 mass in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish or dessert to share at this fellowship event! Hope to see you there!

The Christian Women's Craft and Bake Sale will be the weekend of December 1-2. Please bring one batch of your family's favorite Christmas cookie or candy to the parish center by 1:00pm, Saturday, December 1.

Any questions, please call Cyndi Walls at 259-1261. Thank you!



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



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes today, Sunday, Nov. 18:
1st year Confirmation 6:00-8:00p.m.

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

No classes for 1st -8th grades on Wed. Nov. 28- Thanksgiving Break

We have so much to be Thankful for! God's blessings are all around us!

It can be easy to take it all for granted. As adults we can help children recognize the wonder of all that God has created and the everyday blessings that we enjoy. Our families, our abilities, our world, the stars, the very air that we breathe are gifts from God. It also helps us to stop and be thankful, seeing the world through a child's eyes and rediscovering for ourselves how blessed we are!

May God bless you with a truly grateful Thanksgiving! On Saturday our 2nd graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It is so marvelous to see them take this step in their faith. And it reminds me how blessed we are to take part in the Sacramental life of the Church. Another amazing thing to be thankful for!

SCRIP News: The holidays are right around the corner. SCRIP cards make great stocking stuffers!

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. There will be **NO weekend SCRIP sales next weekend Nov. 24 & 25**, due to Thanksgiving. If you have any questions regarding SCRIP, please contact Lacey Solbro 291-1455 or Brenda Jacobson 492-5672.



The next Parish Meat Raffle is Friday, November 30 at 5pm at the Club Almar.

Ed Krippner and Tom Zieglmeier will be chairing. The Club Almar makes a generous donation each month to the Parish or School. Stop by to support the Parish and Club Almar.

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.

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 2019. Visit CcStCloud.org to learn how you can Make God's Love Visible to our Central Minnesota neighbors.

Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse in Colledgeville, MN is hosting an Advent Retreat from December 7-9, 2018
Journey Partners Fr. Nicholas Kleespie, O.S.B.

The retreat begins with supper at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes after lunch on Sunday. Cost: single room, \$195; double room, \$340 (\$170 per person); suite (double), \$380 (\$190 per person); meals included. To learn more or to register go to: www.abbeyguesthouse.org or call the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929.

