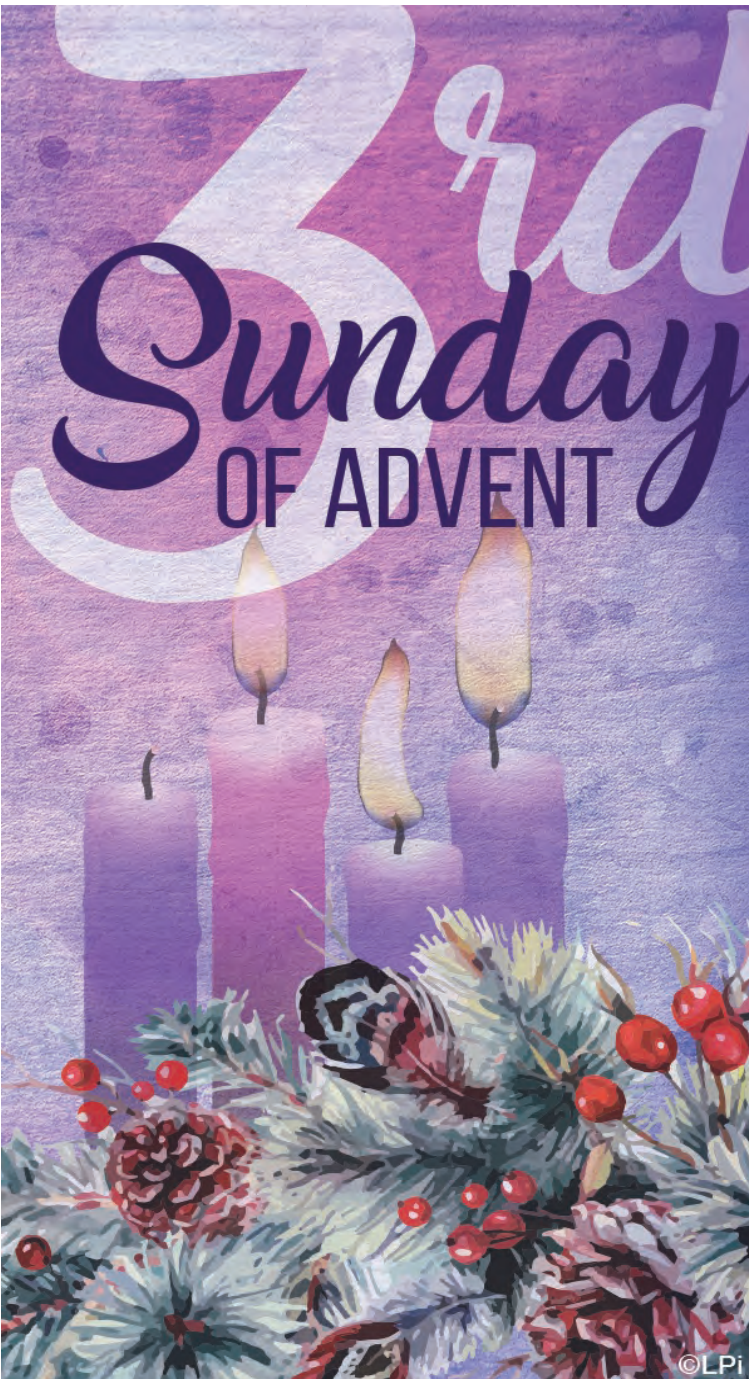


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

December 16, 2018



PARISH: 320-252-1799
SCHOOL: 320-251-3937
WEBSITE: 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

February 11, 2019
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 23

Micah 5:1-4a
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Dec. 22 & 23

5:00pm M. Kapsner, P. Kunkel, D. Holovnia
 8:00am S. Laudenbach, S. Massmann, J. Minke
 10:00am R. Schreifels, J. Stang, M. Schmidt

Servers Next Weekend, Dec. 22 & 23

5:00pm Truman Toenjes & Trey Toenjes
 8:00am Jackson Pogatshnik & Carter Pogatshnik
 10:00am Gavin Haehn & Alaina Thull

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

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,217.00
Youth	19.38
Immaculate Conception	990.50
Religious Retirement	816.00
Votive Lights	69.10
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



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

Holiday Office Hours:

The Parish Office will be closed December 24th, 25th & 26th, and January 1st, 2019.

Mass Intentions

17 Monday - No Mass
 18 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Richard Muntiferung
 19 Wednesday - 8:00am - +Dean Hinkemeyer
 20 Thursday - 8:00am +Lorie Fischer
 21 Friday - 8:00am - +Doris Rosha
 22 Saturday - 5:00pm +Elwood & +Ellen Hurrle
 23 Sunday - 8:00am +Ahanna Faber
 10:00am Parishioners

Looking Ahead:

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.

9th Grade First Year Confirmation Students - Class tonight 6:00pm-8:30pm

Tuesday, December 18

Reconciliation 5:00pm-5:55pm (There will be one more priest)
 Mass at 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 19

Reconciliation 8:30am-9:00am
 Reconciliation 5:30pm-6:15pm (There will be two more priests)

Friday, December 21

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 5.
 Birthday Party for Jesus after mass in the school gym

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Mass at 6:00pm

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Mass at 8:00am & 10:00am

NO 6:00pm Mass

Friday, December 28

5:00pm School Meat Raffle at the Club Almar

Christmas Eve Carols will start at 5:35pm on Christmas Eve with Mass at 6:00pm.

Christmas Day will feature caroling 15 minutes before the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses.



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!

Father Jose will be gone January 2, 2019 - January 31, 2019. In case of an emergency, please call the parish office, 320-252-1799, M-F, 7:30am-12:00pm. After hours, if it is an emergency, you can call Shelly at 320-654-1557. Please watch the bulletin for Mass times.

If you are homebound/hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness or age, please call the Parish Office at 320-252-1799 to request a home visit, hospital visit and/or the Eucharist to be brought to you. ~Fr. Jose



Greetings from SMHOCS...

Our school community will gather for Mass at 8:00 on Friday, December 21st. Students in grade 6 will be assisting. Following Mass, there will be a little party for Jesus in the school gym - 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 from December 22 until Monday, January 7th. The school office will also be closed during this time. Tuition may be dropped off at the Parish Office during Christmas break.

*Christmas Blessings to all of you-
Kelly Kirks, Principal*

5th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more Anniversaries:

If you are celebrating any of these anniversaries in 2019, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799 by January 31st, 2019 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 4, 2019.

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

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!

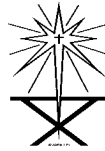
To Father Jose and the parishioners of St.

Augusta: Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, for including us in your various programs at St. Mary Help of Christians. It is greatly appreciated. We wish you a Blessed Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

*~The Retired Priests of the Diocese of St. Cloud
and the Retired Sisters from St. Ben's*

Prayer needs: If you are in need of prayers or know someone who is in need of spiritual support, please call Marcia Rosha at 320-558-6187.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas following the 10:00am Mass next Sunday, Dec. 23.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes today, Sunday Dec. 16:

1st year Confirmation class 6:00-8:00p.m.
Hopke/ Reiter Confirmation class
6:30-8:00p.m.

Classes this week, Wednesday, Dec. 19:

1st-8th gr. 6:30-8:00p.m.
Bromenschenkel/Schmidt Confirmation class
6:00-8:30p.m.

We do meet this Wednesday after our Advent Event last week, we will think about preparing our hearts for Jesus. How do we make our hearts and our lives a worthy dwelling place for our Savior?

This 3rd week of Advent we joyfully anticipate His coming, it is easy to get caught up in the excitement of the season!

St. Benedict's Senior Community is seeking volunteers to assist with Catholic ministries. The primary need of the community at this time is Eucharistic Ministers. You do not need to have any prior experience in eucharistic ministry as SBSC will provide training and commissioning. Eucharistic ministers arrive at 8:30a.m., round the floors distributing Communion, and serve during the 10am Mass. The current needs are for Thursday mornings and/or one Sunday a month. If you are unable to make a weekly commitment, any amount of time would be a welcome help. If interested in another ministry, other opportunities include rosary leaders (daily at 3:45 p.m.) and chapel attendants (setting up for Mass, escorting residents in and out of the chapel and tending to their needs during Mass). For more information, you can contact Rebecca Calderone, director of pastoral care, at 320-252-0010 ext. 30276 or at rebecca.calderone@centracare.com.

"I was sick and you visited me (Mt. 25:36)." Do you feel called to visit the sick? Volunteers are needed on week-ends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) to provide Eucharist to Catholic patients at the Saint Cloud Hospital. The St. Cloud Hospital has a long standing tradition of providing daily Communion to patients who want to receive the Sacrament. This ministry is flexible to your schedule and training is provided. For more information, contact Anita Fischer, 320-251-2700 ext. 54621.

Minnesota Catholic Podcasts— The Diocese of St. Cloud recently began podcasting. Podcast episodes feature interviews with local and national guests on topics and themes of interest to Catholics. You can subscribe to "Minnesota Catholic Podcasts" on iTunes and Google Play. You also can access episodes on The Visitor's website: www.stcloudvisitor.org.

Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, February 23 – New location: Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids. This year's theme is Men of Integrity, "Mentoring Disciples," with an emphasis on evangelizing to youth and young adults. Our keynote speaker will be Deacon Ralph Poyo. For more information, visit: http://omf.stcdio.org/th_event/catholic-mens-conference-2019/