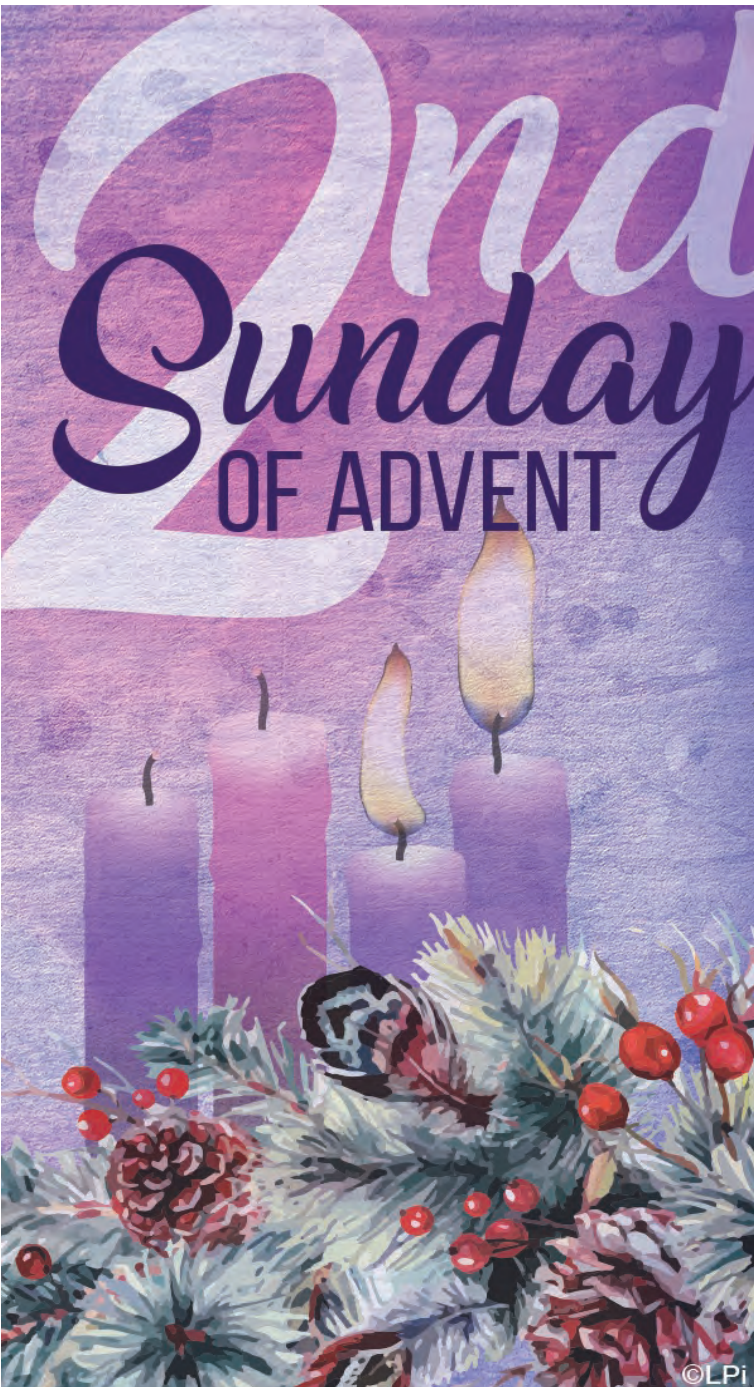


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

December 9, 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

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 16

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Dec. 15 & 16

5:00pm E. Annis, C. Zieglmeier, C. Diehl
 8:00am D. Koenig, E. Kiffmeyer, W. Koenig
 10:00am T. Schmidt, J. Schmidt, J. Dirksen

Servers Next Weekend, Dec. 15 & 16

5:00pm Hayden Hemmesch & Claire Hemmesch
 8:00am Taylor Sowada & Hannah Carlson
 10:00am Bryce Knapek & Natalie Knapek

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.******

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

- 10 Monday - No Mass
- 11 Tuesday - 6:00pm - Soltis & Waletzko Families
- 12 Wednesday - 8:00am - +Rob Kilian
- 13 Thursday - 8:00am +Mary Pat Denne
- 14 Friday - 8:00am - +Judi Finneman
- 15 Saturday - 5:00pm +Lois Lommel
- 16 Sunday - 8:00am +Tim Tschida
 10:00am Parishioners

Looking Ahead:

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.

9th Grade First Year Confirmation Students - Class

tonight 6:00pm-8:30pm

Tuesday, December 18

Reconciliation 5:00pm-5:55pm

Mass at 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 19

Reconciliation 8:30am-9:00am

Reconciliation 5:30pm-6:15pm

Friday, December 21

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

Parish Support

Adult	\$7,963.66
Youth	18.60
Oct. & Nov. Auto Withdrawals	5,925.82
November Meat Raffle	500.00
Hall Rent	300.00
Stole Fees	325.00
Funeral Fund	1,300.00
Religious Retirement	100.00
Fall Collection	810.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Votive Lights	67.25
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



Greetings for SMHOCS...

Please join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family on December 12th. We will have a special blessing for all students and staff celebrating birthdays in December and June. The students in first grade will be assisting with the liturgy.

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

The students will begin Christmas break on Dec. 22nd and will resume classes on Monday, January 7th. The school office will also be closed during this time.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Thank you to all who donated items for the bake sale and for everyone who bought items. We had a very successful bake and craft sale, with a profit of \$1,785.35. Thank you, St. Ann's Christian Women.

Catholic Recording Artist, Michael O'Brien will be performing at SMHOC on Friday, December 14th at 7:00pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available in the Parish Office, M-F, 7:30am-Noon.

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



Next Sunday, December 16th is Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast will be served from 8:30am-11:30am. If you can help with the breakfast, please sign up on the parish website or call Greg Hopke. Group 7 (O-Schill)

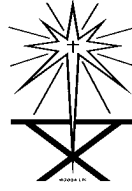
will be in charge of the Bake Sale with Karen Powell and Lisa Rosha as chairs.

\$10,000 Raffle - Tickets for the \$10,000 Raffle are available in the Parish Office, M-F, 7:30am-Noon.

- 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.

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!

Dinner Theatre: The Dinner Theatre this year was again very successful! Thank you to the many, many hands that made this possible! All four shows were fully attended. Thank you for your support of this community builder. It is greatly appreciated!



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Christmas Then and Now! The Faith Formation **Advent Event** (Christmas Program) is this **Wednesday, Dec. 12!**

Please drop off your students at the regular time, we will have a rehearsal and then open the doors for family and friends! (Approximately 7:15 p.m.) The 1st – 8th graders will be putting on a Christmas show in the Parish Center. We will sing, recite scripture and put on skits all about Christmas and the meaning behind some of our Christmas traditions.

We will have classes for 1st-8th gr. on Dec. 19. Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 2019 - 1st-8th gr. do not have class-Christmas break!!

Classes next week, Sunday Dec. 16:

1st year Confirmation 6:00-8:00p.m.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 19:

1st-6th gr. 6:30-8:00p.m.

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

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

Holiday Office Hours:

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

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.

You are invited to join the Crosier Fathers and Brothers at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on Sunday, December 16, at 9:00 a.m., for an Advent Healing Mass. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and the ritual of blessing with the Relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls will be served following the Mass. All are welcome! For further information call 320.532.3103 or email onomia@crosier.org

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