

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

December 1, 2019



## 1st Sunday of Advent

# PREPARE



“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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**SCHOOL:** 320-251-3937

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### PARISH STAFF

Fr. Matthew Crane, *Pastor*

Kelly Kirks, *Principal*

Shelly Gohmann, *Secretary*

Kathy Waletzko,

*Music Director*

Tracy Yarke

*Promoter of Catechesis*

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday 5:00 pm**

**Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am**

**Tuesday 6:00 pm**

**Wed. Thurs. Fri 8:00 am**

### EVENING PRAYER & RECONCILIATION

**Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 6:00pm-7:00pm**

**Saturday - 4:00-4:30pm**

(New Sacristy)

### 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.

### CEMETERY

JERRY KOLTES 320-252-1354

### BAPTISM PREP CLASS

December 9, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Call the Parish Office to register.

### MARRIAGE PREP

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before wedding. Call the Parish Office.

### 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.*

## December 1, 2019

December First marks the First Sunday of Advent. This brief preparatory season for the celebration of Christmas is an excellent opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As I noted in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago, there will not be any large penance services at St. Mary Help of Christians, due to the routine availability of Confession throughout the week. Because of the busyness of this season, however, the regularity of that schedule is somewhat disrupted, especially in the last week before Christmas.

Please be attentive to the December Calendar, distributed through the bulletin.

~Fr. Matthew Crane

### Readings for Next Sunday, December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12

### Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend December 8

5:00pm E. Annis, A. Carlson, D. Holovnia  
8:00am W. Koenig, D. Koenig, D. Laudenbach  
10:00am G. Hopke, R. Schreifels, M. Schmidt

### Servers - Next Weekend December 8

5:00pm Hannah Carlson & Truman Toenjes  
8:00am Jared Laudenbach & Anna Laudenbach  
10:00am Carter Pogatshnik & Jackson Pogatshnik

### Ushers/Greeters - Month of December

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

### Ushers/Greeters - Month of January

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



### Christmas Eve Mass:

Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00pm

### Christmas Day Mass:

Wednesday, December 25 at  
8:00am & 10:00am

### New Years Eve Mass:

Tuesday, December 31 at 6:00pm

### New Years Day Mass:

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 8:00am & 6:00pm

**Religious Retirement:** Next weekend, December 7 & 8, 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 is

Monday, December 9th at 6:30pm.  
Please call the Parish Office, 320-252-1799 to register.

## Mass Intentions

2 Monday - **No Mass**  
3 Tuesday - 6:00pm ☩ Harvey Laudenbach  
4 Wednesday - 8:00am Waletzko Family  
5 Thursday - 8:00am ☩ David Loehrer  
6 Friday - 8:00am ☩ Delmar Rosha  
7 Saturday - 5:00pm ☩ Tom & ☩ Edna Kieke  
8 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners  
10:00am ☩ Richard Hellermann

## Looking Ahead:

### Monday, December 2

6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

### Tuesday, December 3

Quilting  
5:45pm Rosary  
6:00pm Mass

### Wednesday, December 4

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Gr. 2. Birthday Mass.

6:00pm-6:30pm Evening Prayers and Confessions  
Faith Formation Grades 1-8 - 6:30pm-7:45pm

### Thursday, December 5

6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions  
Nocturnal Adoration

### Friday, December 6

6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

### Saturday, December 7

St. Ann's Christian Women Craft & Bake Sale  
\$10,000 Raffle Kick Off

### Sunday, December 8

St. Ann's Christian Women Craft & Bake Sale  
\$10,000 Raffle Kick Off

### Monday, December 9

8:00am Mass assisted by Grade 4  
6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions  
6:30pm Baptism Class

### Tuesday, December 10

Quilting  
6:00pm Mass

### Wednesday, December 11

6:00pm-6:30pm Evening Prayers and Confessions  
Faith Formation Grades 1-8 - 6:30pm-7:45pm

### Thursday, December 12

5:00pm-6:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions  
6:00pm Seating for "The Sound of Music"  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Show

### Friday, December 13

5:00pm-6:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions  
6:00pm Seating for "The Sound of Music"  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Show

### Saturday, December 14

6:00pm Seating for "The Sound of Music"  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Show

### Sunday, December 15

1:30pm Seating for "The Sound of Music"  
2:00pm Show





### Celebrating Advent at SMHOCS

Our theme this Advent season is “Following the Light.” We are excited to implement this theme with songs, hallway displays, and various classroom activities. Jesus is our Light and during this special season we want to pause and make sure we are taking time everyday to speak, listen and follow Him.

Please join us as we gather as a school community to celebrate the Eucharist on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The students in grade 2 will be assisting with readings and music. We will be honoring the students and staff members who have birthdays in the months of December and June. We are also anticipating our annual visit from St. Nick this week.

*Peace to all, Kelly Kirks, Principal*

### \$10,000 Raffle Kick Off – December 7 & 8

Our Annual Raffle drawing and Social is Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

**MORE** opportunities to win this year!

**THREE** Top prizes!

Seller of #1 Top prize wins \$500.00.

Every 50<sup>th</sup> ticket drawn, will receive their \$100.00 back!

Opportunity to get into social **FREE** by selling ten (10) tickets, otherwise social admission is \$10.00 per person

Providing tasty hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages.

Hope to see you there!

**St. Ann's Christians Women Potluck:** The Christian Women's Christmas Potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, following the 6:00pm mass in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish or dessert to share at this fellowship event! Hope to see you there!

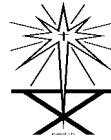
**The Christian Women's Craft and Bake Sale** will be the weekend of December 7-8. Please bring one batch of your family's favorite Christmas cookie or candy and/crafts to the parish center by 12:00pm, Saturday, December 7. Any questions, please call Cindy Zieglmeier at 320-259-6696.

### SANTA - “St Augusta Night Together At”

Quiet Oaks Hospice House. Please join the St Augusta Lions on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Quiet Oaks (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) for the annual SANTA Event sponsored by local businesses. We truly hope to see your family there making the evening a memorable one.

**Clear Lake: On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, the St Marcus Knights of Columbus will be hosting an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8:30am til noon. Funds raised will support the Holy Cross school in Belize. (Mass is at 10am)

**The Church of St. Mary in Upsala** is hosting a Women's Night of Worship Mon, Dec. 9 starting with Mass at 6:30pm followed by Worship Hour 7:30 – 8:30pm. Social with refreshments to follow. Childcare is available.



### Faith Formation - Tracy Yarke

Classes this week:

Gr. 1-8 6:30-7:45pm

1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 6:30-8:15pm

This weekend begins the season of Advent.

For many families this is a busy time preparing for parties and buying presents, and it's easy to forget the real reason we are preparing----**for the birth of our savior**. Here are a few ways we can spiritually prepare as a family:

--Have an advent wreath and calendar & display a nativity in your home

--Attend mass as a family each Sunday during Advent

--Go to reconciliation as a family

--Serve others—there are many volunteer opportunities within our community to help others

--Slow down and focus on what is truly important during this time

**Advent Giving Tree** Consider donating to one of the charities SMHOC is sponsoring this year: Anna Marie's Alliance, Elevate (formerly Birthline) and Quiet Oaks Hospice. Nov 30 - Dec 15 there will be tags on the tree marked with a requested donation. Please take a tag, purchase the item(s) and place the unwrapped item(s) with it's tag under the tree. All donations should be turned in on or before Wed. Dec 18. Thank you for helping make Christmas a happier time for those in need. You are blessed in giving.

### St. Mary Help of Christians Parish proudly presents in association with R & H Theatricals “The Sound of Music”

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

#### **December 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> Dinner Theatre**

\$30 per ticket. 6pm Seating, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Show

**December 15<sup>th</sup> Dessert Matinee - TABLES SOLD OUT**. Limited Chair Space Available. 1:30 Seating, 2:00 Show



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Christmas  
with  
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hearts