

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

December 22, 2019



## 4th Sunday of Advent

# SAVE

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

MATTHEW 1:21

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**PARISH:** 320-252-1799

**SCHOOL:** 320-251-3937

**WEBSITE:** [www.SMHOC.org](http://www.SMHOC.org)

**PRAYER LINE:** 320-558-6187

### 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

February 10, 2020 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 22, 2019

As we head into almost the shortest possible Fourth Week of Advent, the celebration of the Nativity of Christ is at hand. I pray that you are enlightened by the recollection of the First Coming of Christ, and on behalf of the leadership of St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

~Fr. Matthew Crane

### Readings for Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62:1-5

Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

### Readings for Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

### Readings for Next Sunday, December 29

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

### Eucharistic Ministers - Christmas Eve

6:00pm C. Gohmann, T. Gohmann, S. Gohmann, D. Holovnia, K. Moran

### Eucharistic Ministers - Christmas Day

8:00am T. Fritz, P. Gohmann, G. Gohmann

10:00am D. Meyer, Volunteer, D. Dold

### Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend December 29

5:00pm C. Zieglmeier, J. Powell, K. Powell

8:00am W. Koenig, D. Koenig, A. Hiemenz

10:00am R. Schreifels, T. Schmidt, J. Schmidt

### Servers - Christmas Eve

Colby Faber & Clay Faber

### Servers - Christmas Day

8:00am Will Massmann & Jordan Gulden

10:00am Roslyn Stang & Andray Stang

### Servers - Next Weekend December 29

5:00pm Taylor Sowada & Chloe Krippner

8:00am Zachary Henkemeyer & Logan Gohmann

10:00am Gavin Haehn & Carter Pogatschnik

### 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 & Mike Thull

**Holiday Office Hours:** The Parish Office will be closed December 24, 25, & 26 and January 1st, 2020

## Mass Intentions

23 Monday - No Mass

24 Tuesday - **Christmas Eve**

6:00pm † Ahnna Faber

25 Wednesday - **Christmas Day**

8:00am Deceased Storms Family

10:00am † Dean Hinkemeyer

26 Thursday - 8:00am † Mike Holovnia & † Julie Sandberg

27 Friday - 8:00am † Larry Reiter

28 Saturday - 5:00pm Omar Alkhudair

29 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners

10:00am † Rita Witte

## Looking Ahead:



### Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Parish Offices Closed

6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

**\*\*Incense will be used at the 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass\*\***

### Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:00am & 10:00am Masses

Parish Offices Closed

**NO EVENING PRAYERS OR CONFESSIONS**

### Thursday, December 26

Parish Offices Closed

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

### Friday, December 27

5:00pm SMHOC School Meat Raffle at the Club Almar

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

### Monday, December 30

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

### Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

Quilting

6:00pm Mass

### Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - New Year's Day

Mass at 8:00am & 6:00pm

### Thursday, January 2

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

Nocturnal Adoration

### Friday, January 3

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

### New Years Eve Mass:

Tuesday, December 31 at 6:00pm

### New Years Day Mass:

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

### Parish Support

Adult	\$4,114.25
Youth	13.50
Christmas	50.00
Religious Retirement	20.00
Fall Collection	150.00
Votive Lights	54.80
Christmas Flowers	25.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



**Greetings from SMHOCS...**

Merry Christmas!!!! The students and staff will be on Christmas break until Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The school office will also be closed during this time. Tuition may be dropped off at the Parish Office during Christmas break.  
*Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*



**Condolences to Joyce Jelen, Keith Klaverkamp, and Bob Klaverkamp and families**

on the death of their mother, to **Addie Laudenbach and Marlene Laudenbach and families** on the death of their sister, to **Family and Friends** of Luella Klaverkamp  
*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her*

**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!

**5th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or MORE Anniversaries:**

If you are celebrating any of these anniversaries in 2020, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799 by January 31st, 2020 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 2, 2020.

**The Office of Stewardship and Development** for the Diocese of St. Cloud thanks you for your support of diocesan ministries through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. May you and your loved ones experience all the love and joy of this holy season.

**Youth Envelopes for 2020** have been distributed. If your child did not receive them and you wish for them to have them, please call the Parish Office.

**Dinner Theatre:** Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to the many, many hands that helped make "The Sound of Music" very successful! Thank you for your support of this community builder. It is greatly appreciated!



Merry Christmas from the Staff of St. Mary Help of Christians Parish. **We Wish You All...** A glad and peaceful Christmastide with all its memories sweet; May Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be yours, with kindly friends to greet; The echo of the angel's song, The star's clear guiding light, The **Christ** child in your Heart and Home, to make this Christmas bright.



**Faith Formation - Tracy Yarke**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families: Please mark your calendars for the First Communion Parent Meeting following Tuesday night mass on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.*

There will be no class this week as we celebrate the coming of our Savior. I wish you all a safe and very blessed Christmas season.

**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 8:00am and 10:00am Mass

**\$10,000 Raffle** - Our Annual Raffle drawing and Social is Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

**MORE** opportunities to win: Prize 1 - \$5,000.00; Prize 2 - \$3,000.00; Prize 3 - \$2,000.00  
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. Tickets are \$100.00 and are available in the Parish Office, M-F, 7:30am-Noon.

**To the Parish of St. Mary Help of Christians,**

*I attended one of the evening shows of your production of "The Sound of Music." I loved it! Your parish has an amazing amount of talent. From the decorations, to the delicious meal, to the waiters & waitresses, to the amazing cast. WOW! I was truly impressed. Your parish is truly blessed! ~Mary N.*