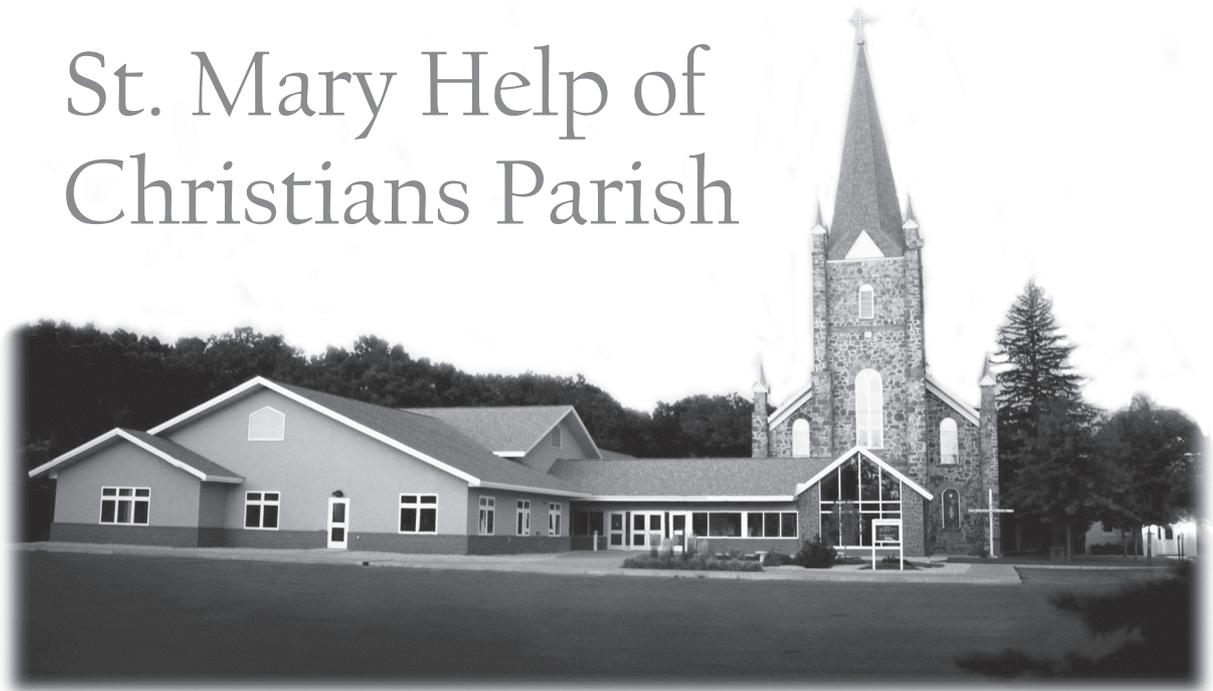


# St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



August 2, 2015

24588 COUNTY ROAD 7, ST. AUGUSTA, MN 56301

## 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.*

March 2000

## PARISH OFFICE:

320-252-1799

**School:** 320-251-3937

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

## PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*

Ken Roshia, *Deacon*

Kelly Kirks,

*School Principal of K-6*

Shelly Gohmann,

*Parish Secretary*

Jan Minke,

*Faith Formation Director*

Deb Klaverkamp

*Youth Coordinator*

Kathy Waletzko,

*Music Director*

## WORSHIP:

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass:

Sun. 8:00 & 10:00am

Sat. evening at 5:00 pm

Daily Mass: 8:00 am

Wednesday,

Thursday & Friday

Tuesday evening 6:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:15pm or by  
*appointment*

## NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you as a new  
member of our faith  
community. Call the parish  
office for information.

## BAPTISM PREP

Sessions held 2nd Monday  
every other month. Next  
session is August 17, 2015  
Call the Parish Office to  
register.

## MARRIAGE PREP

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

## RCIA “RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS”

Anyone interested in  
becoming a member of  
the Catholic Faith call the  
Parish Office.

August 2, 2015 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ex 16: 2-4,12-15, Eph 4: 17, 20-14, John 6: 24-35

There are two kinds of hunger. First, there is a physical hunger, which the food can satisfy. Second, there is a spiritual hunger, which no food in the world can satisfy. In other words, we can be rich and successful and still feel an incredible hunger inside us.

Deepak Chopra in his book How to Know God narrates a story. A great devotee of God prayed night and day with the ardent desire to see God. One day his wish was granted and God appeared to him. Falling on his knees, the devotee cried out, "I will do anything for you, my Lord, just ask." "How about a drink of water?" replied God. Although surprised by the request, the devotee immediately ran to the river as fast as his legs could carry him. Getting there he knelt to dip up some water, then he saw a beautiful maiden standing on an island in the middle of the river. He fell madly in love with her on the spot. He grabbed a boat and rowed over to her. He proposed to her, and the two were married. They had children in a house on the island. The devotee became a merchant and grew rich. Many years later, a typhoon came along and devastated the island. The merchant was swept away in the storm. He nearly drowned but regained consciousness on the very spot where he had once begged to see God. His whole life, including his house, wife, children, seemed never to have happened. Suddenly he looked over his shoulder, only to see God standing there in all his radiance. "Well," God said, "did you find me a glass of water?"

This little story illustrates how easily the never ceasing hunger for the world can take over our spiritual search. Israel was saved from slavery to make a nation where Yahweh became her sole ruler. But immediately after leaving the land of Egypt the people began to murmur. "If only we had died..." (Ex 16:3). It shows their unceasing cravings and their lack of trust in the saving God.

As human beings, we hunger for many things besides food and material possessions. We seldom seek for heavenly things in the way we seek after material things. But only God can satisfy our true hunger. St. Augustine said: "O Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, till they rest in you." This is why Jesus makes the unique claim in today's gospel: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (Jn 6:35). In Jn 4:13-14, while speaking with the Samaritan woman Jesus introduced himself as the source of living water: "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Jesus knew that the people followed him only looking for material things because he satisfied their physical hunger. He is asking them to look for the food that does not perish, i.e., Jesus himself. Jesus wants the people to recognize the sign that the miracle carries with it that He himself is the bread of life. This is possible only by believing Him to be the messenger of God. "The work of God is that you believe in the one He sent." The sign, the miracle, is a call to believe. They must believe Him to be the Messiah, the Savior.

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, 11) because it contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely, Jesus Christ himself. The Eucharist, the sacrament of faith, is a sacrament of love that unites us with Christ who lived, died and rose again to bring us salvation. It strengthens and makes us holy and nourishes us with the transforming power of grace and prepares us for the future glory of God's heavenly banquet.

~Fr. Jose~



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

- 3 Monday - No Mass
- 4 Tuesday 6:00 pm Jim & Judy Janey Family
- 5 Wednesday 8:00 am +Harold Storms
- 6 Thursday 8:00 am Parker Wurm
- 7 Friday 8:00 am +Virgil Koenig
- 8 Saturday 5:00 pm +Gilbert Schmidt
- 9 Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners
- 10:00 am +Ray & Donna Voigt

Readings for This Sunday, August 2

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
John 6:24-35

Readings for Next Sunday, August 9

1 Kings 19:4-8  
Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
John 6:41-51

**Fr. Jose will be on vacation from Sunday afternoon, August 9 - August 27. Please watch the bulletin for weekday Mass schedules. In case of an emergency, you may call the Parish Office, 252-1799, M-F 7:30am-12:00pm. After hours you may call Shelly at 654-1557.**



## Weekly Schedule

**Thursday, August 6**

Nocturnal Adoration

**Friday, August 7**

5:00pm Wedding

Rachel Jansen & JR Richardson

**Saturday, August 8**

2:00pm Wedding

Alyssa Zieglmeier & Jake Swanson



The next event for SMHOC youth and their friends will be an afternoon of Paintball and Pizza! August 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 6:00. Sign up today!

Coming up – end your summer with a canoe and camp overnight!

Registration forms are available in the back of church!



Banns of Marriage

III - Rachel Jansen & JR Richardson

III - Alyssa Zieglmeier & Jake Swanson

I - Dustin Voigt & Casey Laudenbach

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$3,761.12
Youth	32.00
Votive Lights	26.06
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



Our 20th annual Golf Extravaganza will be Thursday, August 13 at Boulder Ridge Golf

Course beginning at 5:30pm. If you would like to donate a prize, please call Amy Hurrle 252-4311, or drop it off at the parish office. **Deadline for registration is August 6.**

**2015 Festival Results:** Overall results of the festival, Gross Income \$107,635.43, Expenses \$44,881.67 = Net Profit of \$62,753.76. If you would like more detailed information, it is posted on the bulletin board and printed copies are on the table in the back of church. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. A BIG **THANK YOU** to the festival chairs: Terry & Sheila Lutgen, Vic & Patty Funk, Doug & Keri Laudenbach

**Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of the following:**

- ◆ Group 1 (A-D) Co-Leader
- ◆ Group 9 (T-L Voigt) Co-Leader
- ◆ Chairs/Co-Chairs for the 2016 Parish Festival for the following stands: Beer Stand, Snack Shack, Children's Games, & Raffle.
- ◆ Lead person for funeral luncheons

If you would like more information, or can volunteer, please call the parish office. Thank you!



**Area Events**

- ◆ Tuesday, August 4, 4:00-8:00pm National Night Out hosted by the City of St. Augusta at the Fire Hall. Hotdogs, chips and cookies will be served. Pop and water available. Inflatable games and other events for kids. The City Council meeting will also be held that day at the Fire Hall at 7:00 pm

**Thanks to all the volunteers who showed interest in helping produce our Dinner Theatre this December. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30pm in the dining hall. We are going to divide the jobs and get moving on producing a successful show! Please watch for audition information in future bulletins!! And....save the dates for our performances on December 18th and 19th.**

**Baptism: Congratulations and Welcome to St. Mary Help of Christians Parish:**

Colton Ryan, son of Ryan & Chrissy Boeckmann

**Next Baptism class is Monday, August 17, 7:00 pm. Please call the Parish Office, 252-1799, to register.**

**Nursery Next Sunday, August 9:**

Lynn Sandhurst & Family

*Please check your schedules to see if you are a lector, usher/greeter, Eucharistic minister, or if your child is serving, etc. If you can not make your scheduled time, please find a substitute.*

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of August**

5:00pm Joe Voigt & David Meyer  
8:00am Adrian & Judy Ethen  
10:00am Rocky Keske & Volunteer

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of September**

5:00pm Lloyd & Doris Rosha  
8:00am Jeff Tschida & Doug Kilanowski  
10:00am Jake Stang & Matt Siers

**Servers This Weekend, August 1 & 2**

5:00 pm Jack Mueller & Madison Fruth  
8:00 am Tyler Gohmann & Colby Faber  
10:00 am Emma Harens & Paul Meyer

**Servers Next Weekend, August 8 & 9**

5:00 pm Alexis Jelen & Volunteer  
8:00 am Bryce Knapek & Julia Knapek  
10:00 am Nick Jenniges & Anna Ludescher