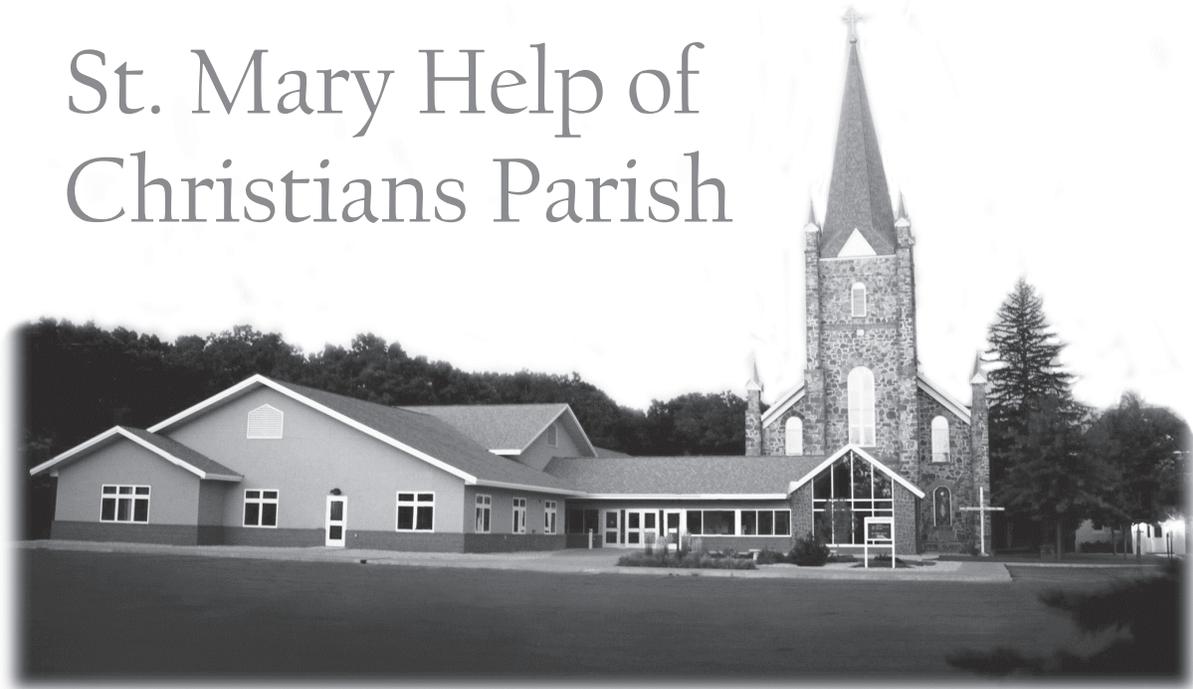


St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



August 23, 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

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 October 12,
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 23 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time -Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17,18b, Eph 5:21-32, John 6: 60-69

After the miracle of the multiplication of the bread, Jesus was trying hard to take people beyond the miracle to faith – faith in Him. The miracle is fine. The miracle is only a sign. Here in this context, the sign refers to something else. That something is the Eucharist. But Jesus’ explanations are indigestible even for the disciples of Jesus: “This saying is hard; who can accept it”? (6:60). Lack of belief led them to murmur. The murmuring of the First Testament tradition of the desert is found reflected here. In Egypt, the people witnessed the ten miracles/signs that Yahweh has worked for them. They were a call to belief. But people murmured and rebelled on the way to the Promised Land because they did not believe Yahweh in spite of all the miracles that they have witnessed.

I like miracles the way most of us do - so too, the people of Jesus’ time. The miracle can lead one to faith, but it is no guarantee for faith generation. What is a miracle? It is an extraordinary event that we fail to explain with our human capacities. In the book, How to know God, we read: “the actual world of miracles shows that reality doesn’t begin and end at the material level.” Yes, miracles show that there is something beyond this world order. It is impossible to find reasons for miracles through the eyes of science (material world). Our ordinary senses can’t comprehend the nature of the miracles. In the Gospel of St. John, miracles are a call to believe. Those who believe can trust in the Lord who gives his body and blood for our nourishment. This nourishment will take us to the world of immortality – to a world beyond our senses and faculties. Jesus speaks in clear terms about eternal life as a life after death. Jesus’ teaching has shocked the people. But a greater shock is yet to come: “What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?” (6:62). Through that he can only bring more confusion and murmur. Even his closest disciples deserted him upon his death.

When Jesus spoke about the giving of his body and blood as food and drink, many of his disciples left him forever (6:66) because they could not believe. Knowing that all his disciples will desert him at some time, he asks: “Do you also want to leave?” (6:67). Peter’s acknowledgment that Jesus has word of eternal life and that Jesus is the Holy One of God is truly a faith proclamation of the believing community of the late first century A.D. Today too, many do not believe in the giving of the Eucharist. Let us ask the gift of the Holy Spirit to enkindle our hearts to know the truth of Jesus’ giving of himself in Eucharist that gives us inheritance in the heavenly kingdom as His daughters and sons. ~Fr. Jose~



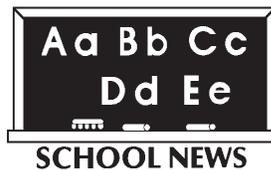
Please save the date for the 2015 Harvest Celebration! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th at the Parish Center 6:00 p.m. We are currently seeking donations for the raffle and auctions. If you'd like to donate, please contact Amanda Carlson 333-2954. Thank you!

Fr. Jose will be on vacation until Thursday, 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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 24 Monday - No Mass
- 25 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Wendy & +Ryan Kiffmeyer
- 26 Wednesday 8:00 am No Mass
- 27 Thursday 8:00 am +Camryn Gohmann
- 28 Friday 8:00 am +Ruth Sands
- 29 Saturday 5:00 pm +Virgil Koenig
- 30 Sunday 8:00 am +Gilbert Schmidt
10:00 am Parishioners



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Greetings from SMHOCS...

This past week, the teachers and staff have been preparing for a new school year. It is our privilege to continue the tradition of Catholic education at SMHOCS.

CHRIST is the reason for this school. He is the unseen, but ever present teacher in its classrooms. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

Tuesday, August 25th is the first day of school for students in grades 1-6 and kindergarten students will start school on Wednesday, August 26th. Please pray for the students, faculty, and staff at SMHOCS that we may be faithful and dedicated to building the kingdom of God.

Preschool Open House will be held Tuesday, September 1st from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Many Blessings,
Kelly Kirks, Principal



Banns of Marriage

- III - Trevor Koshiol & Mallory Danford
- I - Jon Zwilling & Madeline Schug



Weekly Schedule

Friday, August 28

5:00pm Meat Raffle - Club Almar

Saturday, August 29

2:00pm Wedding - Trevor Koshiol & Mallory Danford

Parish Support

Adult	\$3,919.30
Youth	13.35
Food Shelf	451.72
Assumption	461.00
Funeral Fund	260.00
Votive Lights	26.71
Stole Fees	175.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, to: Amy Hurrle for chairing the golf outing last Thursday; to Nancy Meyer, Eileen Annis, Doris Rosha, and Carol Segler for all their hard work in the kitchen; to Len Meyer, Lloyd Rosha, and Cal Ziegler for grilling the pork chops for dinner; to all the golfers, to everyone who donated prizes. The profit was \$1,379.01. Thank you!

Our Parish meat raffle at the Club Almar will be on Friday, August 28, 5:00pm. Jeannie Schmidt & Amanda Carlson are chairing. Please join us and help support our church.

Quilting Resumes September 8**Nursery Next Sunday, August 30:**

Amy Spielmann & Abby Voigt

Thank you to everyone who worked the Brat Sale and to everyone who came out and supported the Brat Sale.

Area Events:

- ◆ Sunday, August 30, St. Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond, Quilt Bingo. Doors open at 5:00pm. Bingo starts at 6:30pm
- ◆ Sunday, Sept. 13, St Joseph's Parish, Waite Park Annual Parish Festival held at the Waite Park Community Park. Polka Mass at 10:30
- ◆ Saturday, Sept. 19th, from 4:00-8:00pm here at St. Mary Help of Christians, join us for a Spaghetti Dinner for Abigail & Zoey's Cure to Hear. Abigail & Zoey Voigt are the granddaughters of Kevin & Tami Voigt. See flyer on bulletin board for all the details.

Readings for This Sunday, August 23

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
John 6:60-69

Readings for Next Sunday, August 30

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Religious



Program

Faith Formation - Jan Minke

Faith Formation registration continues this week. Please get your forms filled out completely and handed in as soon as possible to assure a place in class for your child. Planning class sizes, ordering materials and getting volunteers really depends on how many children are planning to attend. **Registrations are due by Monday, August 31st.** Tentative schedules are also available in the back of church.

Classes will begin for 1st-8th grades on **Wednesday, Sept. 9.** Classes for 2nd-6th grade begin at 6:15p.m. Classes for 7th & 8th grades begins at 7:25p.m. please be sure your child arrives on time.

Note that 1st Grade will meet on Wednesday evenings.

1st year Confirmation Students (9th grade) -

Watch the bulletin for information to come regarding class.

2nd Year Confirmation Students & Parents -

Sign up for the Parent/Candidate meeting is available in the back of church. In order to participate in this program, both student and parents **MUST** attend this meeting. Please sign up and put the date on your schedule now. This is an important time of preparation and we want to be sure you are aware of what is expected of both students and parents at this time. If your child is registered, you will be receiving a letter with more information.

God Bless you and your families!!

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 22 & 23

5:00 pm Trey Toenjes & Madison Perreault

8:00 am Victoria Schill & Brandon Rosha

10:00 am Madison Streit & Alexis Streit

Servers Next Weekend, August 29 & 30

5:00 pm Isaac Voigt & Trevor Voigt

8:00 am Jady Kivel & Nevin Bloom

10:00 am Pavel Matter & Aryahna Schwinghammer