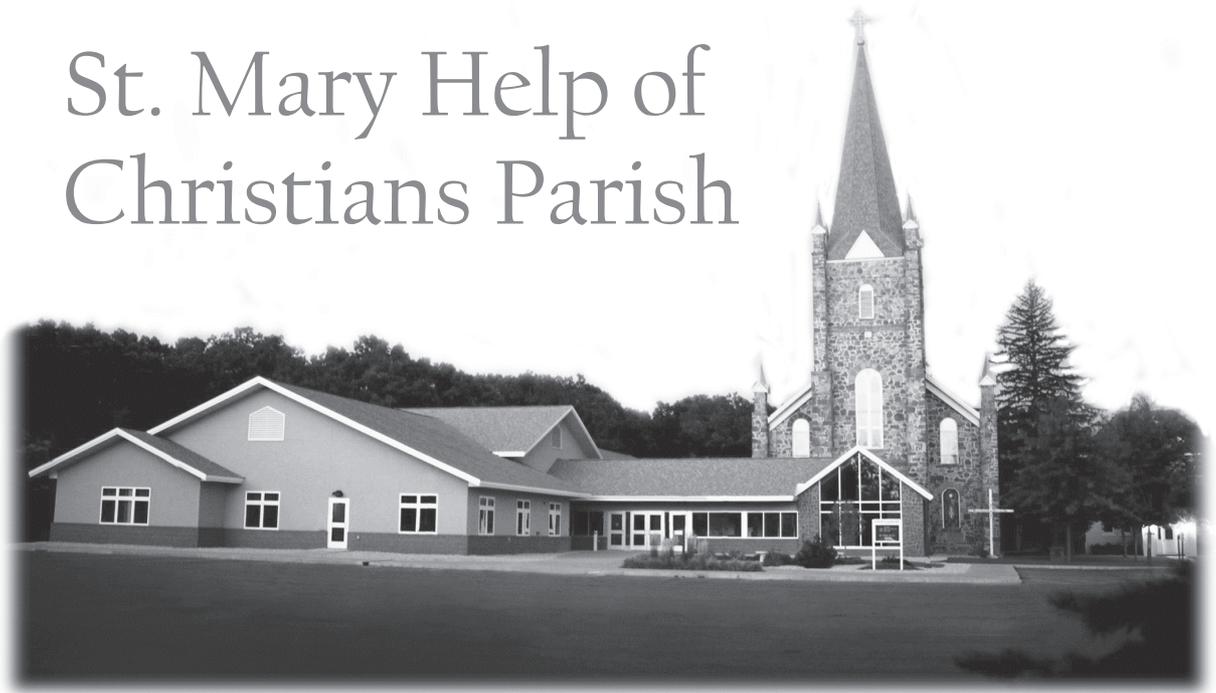


St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



August 30, 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 30- 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8, James 1:17-18, 21b-22,27, Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Jesus addresses a people who reduced religion itself as a matter of some externals that has nothing to do with the internal life and the life of conversion. Jesus says: “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts” (Mk 7:6-7). If there is no heart, then there is no true worship. If there is no spirit of the law in our hearts, then there is no Spirit of God in our worship.

What is true worship? What is true religion? In today’s second reading Apostle James answers this question. “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: “to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James 1: 27). There are two things that characterize true religion that pleases God: first, be good, i.e., to “keep ourselves unstained by the world,” means “unstained by evils” Why is it so? In the book of Genesis, God created everything good. In Genesis chapter 1 we find the expression, “God said that it was good” repeated six times. After creating humanity he saw whatever he had made was very good. This is the world of God’s creation. This is a beautiful world, but our greed and selfishness make an unjust and evil world. It is our evil desires that make everything ugly and distorted. In itself everything is good and beautiful.

And Jesus says: “Nothing that comes from outside can defile a person” (Mk 7:15). After studying 16 world civilizations the great historian Arnold Toyanbee said that out of the 16 great world civilizations, 12 were destroyed not of any external attack, but of internal decay. We who live in the modern civilization are witness to the same truth. We see decay creeping in our culture, society, family and in us all. We need to be careful. The devil is not outside. When the evil is inside us, we will be losing the battle. That is what Jesus says: “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person, but the things that come out from within are what defile.” From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile” (Mk 7:21-23). Gandhi while leading a non-violent struggle in South Africa has confronted with situation where his disciples were disheartened when they were imprisoned and tortured. He said: “they can imprison you, they can torture you, and they can even kill you - but only your body. They cannot have your obedience, they cannot have your mind, and they cannot have your will.” We will have strength to fight against what comes from outside, but not what comes from within. So we need to keep ourselves watchful and pure. It is what comes from within that destroys. This is true of human civilizations and us, human individuals as well. To sum up we are called to be good in our heart.

Second aspect of true religion, as St. James puts it: is to “take care of the orphans and widows,” i.e., to help the weak and the unprotected, to help the poor and the needy. St. James says further: “we should be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding ourselves.” If we who hear fail to act, then we are fooling ourselves.

A 70 year – old priest made a retreat. In the course of the retreat he was struck deeply by the three things that he was always been aware of but had never really taken to heart. First, there are millions of people in the world who are hungry and homeless. Second, he has spent his entire priestly life living in a comfortable rectory and preaching comfortable sermons to comfortable people. Third, he had bent over backward to avoid disturbing or alienating his people. The next Sunday’s reading was what we heard today: “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” Then the old priest decided to share his soul-searching with his parishioners. So he began the homily by saying: “My homily this morning will be exactly 30 seconds long. That’s the shortest homily that I’ve ever preached in my life, but it’s also the most important homily I’ve ever preached.” With that attention-grabbing introduction, the old priest gave his 30-second homily. He said: “I want to make just three points. First, millions of people in the world are hungry and homeless. Second, most people in the world don’t give a damn about that. Third, many of you are more disturbed by the fact that I just said damn in the pulpit than by the fact that I said that there are millions of hungry and homeless people in the world.” With that, the old priest made the sign of the cross and sat down. “This people honors me with their lips, but their

hearts are far from me.”

~Fr. Jose~



Mass Intentions for the Week

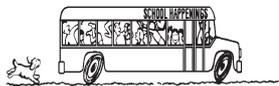
- 31 Monday - No Mass
- 1 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Tim Tschida
- 2 Wednesday 8:00 am +Leonard & +Bob Voigt
- 3 Thursday 8:00 am +Bonnie Benoit
- 4 Friday 8:00 am +Erwin Terwey
- 5 Saturday 5:00 pm Parishioners
- 6 Sunday 8:00 am Christian Women
- 10:00 am +Inez Kronenberg

This Week’s Schedule
Thursday, September 3
 Nocturnal Adoration

Nursery Next Sunday,
September 6:
 Beth Smith & Family

Condolences to: Ernest Klaverkamp and family on the death of his brother, Louis Klaverkamp. Mary Laudenschach and family on the death of her mother, Verna “Renee” Gregory.

Prayers for the repose of the soul of Marlys Bishman



Greetings from SMHOCS...

We welcome all students, parents and staff of St. Mary Help of Christians School to a new school year. The first few days were filled with enthusiasm.

The students were excited to reunite with friends and their teachers. Much of the first day was spent getting reacquainted with one another and discussing expectations for the school year. Mrs. Noss welcomed our new kindergarten class on Wednesday.

Please join us for our first school liturgy on Thursday, September 3rd at 8:00 a.m. September Birthday Mass will be on Thursday, September 10th.

Preschool Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1st from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Preschoolers will begin their school year on Wednesday, September 2nd. *Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*



Please save the date for the 2015 Harvest Celebration! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 6:00p.m., at the Parish Center. We are currently

seeking donations for the raffle and auctions. If you'd like to donate, please contact Amanda Carlson 333-2954. Thank you!

Thank you to Fr. Gregory Lieser, Fr. Aaron Nett, Fr. Eb Schefers, and Fr. Bob Rolofs for filling in for Fr. Jose while he was gone. We appreciate them taking time to come celebrate Mass with us.

Parish Support

Adult	\$6,396.25
Youth	24.28
Assumption	31.00
July & Aug. Auto Withdrawals	6,621.32
Campaign for Human Development	20.00
Votive Lights	34.00
Funeral Fund	30.00
Meat Raffle	1,000.00
Lighthouse Kiosk	8.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Rural Faith in Action needs more volunteers to meet the growing demand coming from seniors in the St. Augusta area. Seniors in St. Augusta currently need help with light housework, a friendly visit, and rides to medical appointments. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details on who to contact to help out.

Area Events:

- ◆ 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 grand daughters of Kevin & Tami Voigt. See flyer on bulletin board for all the details.

Readings for This Sunday, August 30

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

Readings for Next Sunday, September 6

Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37



Faith Formation - Jan Minke

Registration ends tomorrow, **Monday, August 31!** Please be sure to get your forms in today!

Classes for the 1st- 8th graders begin on Wed. Sept. 9. Our 1st year Confirmation students will begin class on Wed. Sept. 23.

2nd Year Confirmation Students, sign up sheet for Introduction meeting is in the back of church.

Catechists-teachers and assistants meeting. All volunteers helping in the 1st through 6th grade please meet on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 in the Meeting Room. 7th & 8th grade volunteers will meet at 7:30 in the Meeting Room. I will be contacting 1st and 2nd year Confirmation catechists with meeting times and dates.

Youth Group will start on Wed. Sept. 16!

If you are in Grades 7-12, join us for canoeing and camping on Sept 19 & 20. Pick up a registration form in the back of church.

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 Roshia
8:00am Jeff Tschida & Doug Kilanowski
10:00am Jake Stang & Matt Siers

Servers This Weekend, August 29 & 30

5:00 pm Isaac Voigt & Trevor Voigt
8:00 am Jadyn Kivel & Nevin Bloom
10:00 am Pavel Matter & Aryahna Schwinghammer

Servers Next Weekend, September 5 & 6

5:00 pm Brooke Wilson & Karissa Lintgen
8:00 am Bryce Vasek & Gavin Campbell
10:00 am Everett Yarke & Brady Kenning