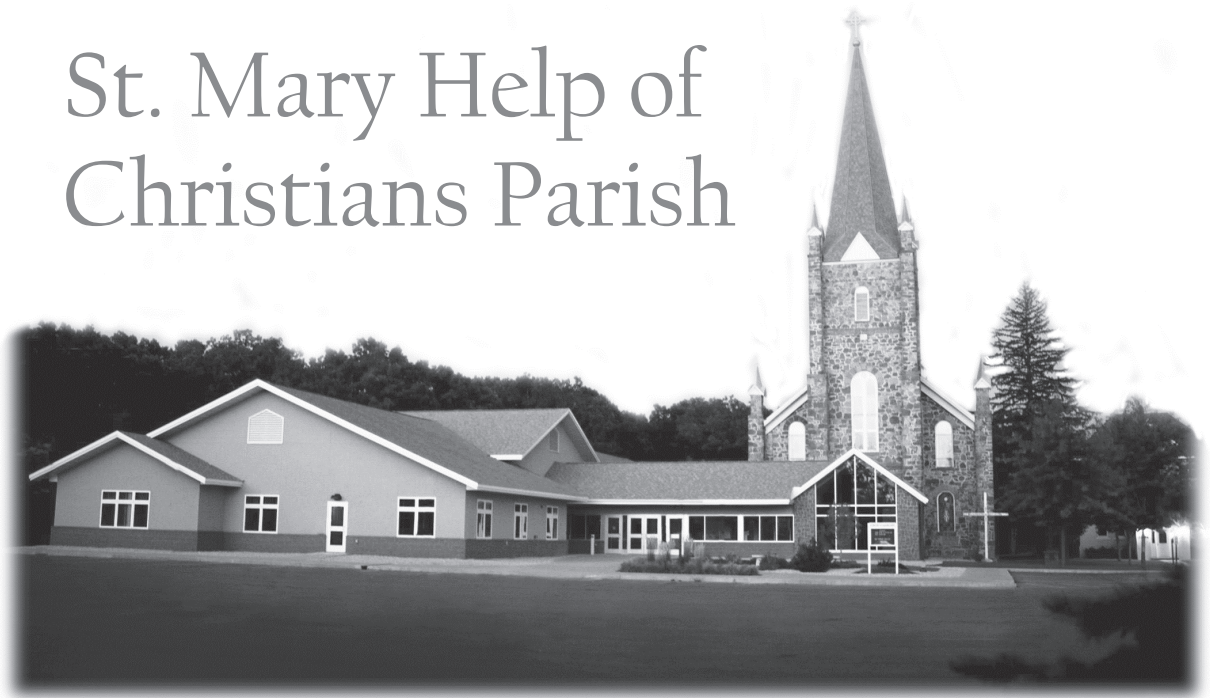


St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



August 9, 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 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 9 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kings 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, John 6: 41-51

Jesus said: “I am the bread that came from heaven.” The Jews murmured. They know Jesus’ mother, father and all his relatives. Then how can he say: “I have come down from heaven!” Jesus saying that he is from heaven was a scandalous statement for his God-fearing audience. How can he come from heaven? Today Jesus asks us to go beyond.

“How can I find God?” a young disciple once asked a famous guru. “I cannot see any evidence that He is anywhere around us, and millions of people live very well without him.” “Everything without God happens in space and time. This is the world you are used to,” his Guru replied. “Space and time are like a net that has trapped you, but nets always have holes. Find such a hole and jump through it. Then God will be obvious”.

Jesus asks us to go beyond, go beyond flesh and blood. At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Peter: “Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you. But my heavenly Father.” One who has come from the heaven has given us his body and blood as food for our spiritual nourishment. Today we have to go beyond the bread and wine. Jesus asks them to have faith. His teaching on the Eucharist is very clear. ‘Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. But the bread that I am, which you eat, is the nourishment for eternal life.’ It is body and blood of Christ who is risen from the dead. Oh! Jesus is clear: “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

We heard in the first reading about Elijah’s being nourished for a long journey. Elijah is fleeing from Jezebel against whom he has spoken and whose false prophets he has slain. The forty days’ journey to the mountain of God seems too much and he wishes to die. It is a long journey like Israel’s forty years in the desert - the time of temptation and murmuring.

We are on a pilgrimage. We, as with Elijah, are nourished and encouraged each time we gather, to continue towards the mountain of God, the Kingdom of God. It is a difficult journey and at times like Prophet Elijah we get completely exhausted. But Jesus feeds us with the Eucharist. We, as with the Jews of Jesus’ time, have problems in understanding and believing. We, too, murmur. Jesus never seems bent on convincing us, but on inviting us to trust Him, rather than our limited intellects. He asks us to go beyond, beyond the flesh and blood, beyond the bread and wine. It is a call to have faith. It is a call to trust Him who Is.

Jesus said: “I am the bread of life that comes down from heaven... If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give him is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live.” In every Eucharist this bread from heaven comes to us. Every day before communion we say “Amen” in response to the announcement: “The Body of Christ” by the minister. What does that Amen mean in our hearts? Is it a faith response to Jesus’ call to receive Him in faith for eternal nourishment? In faith, let us taste and see Him.

~Fr. Jose~



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 10 Monday - **No Mass**
- 11 Tuesday - **No Mass**
- 12 Wednesday - **No Mass**
- 13 Thursday 8:00 am +Roman Landwehr
- 14 Friday 8:00 am +Dorothy Korman
- 15 Saturday 5:00 pm +Dorothy Wettstein
- 16 Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners
10:00 am Dale & Marcy Voss
- 17 Monday - **No Mass**
- 18 Tuesday - 6:00 pm +Delphine Terwey
- 19 Wednesday - **No Mass**
- 20 Thursday - Randy Reimann
- 21 Friday - **No Mass**
- 22 Saturday - 5:00 pm +Marcella Schill
- 23 Sunday - 8:00 am Parishioners
10:00 am William Boogaard



Greetings from SMHOCS!

The school office is staffed part-time **Monday-Thursday** in the month of August.

Tuition payments may be mailed to the school or

dropped off at the school office. **Preschool tuition** can either be paid in full by **August 14th** or monthly beginning September 1st. **Open House for SMHOCS will be Thursday, August 20th from 4:00-6:30 p.m. and Preschool Open House will be Tuesday, September 1st, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** I am excited to share that Mr. Jeri Bachel and Ms. Tami Pick are joining our team this fall; Mr. Bachel in grade three and Ms. Pick in the kitchen. We are still looking for second cook. Please contact me at school, 252-1799, if you are interested.

Sincerely,
Kelly Kirks, Principal



Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, August 11

1:00 pm Youth Group Paintball & Pizza

Thursday, August 13

5:30pm Golf Outing at Boulder Ridge.

Dinner to follow in Parish Center

Saturday, August 16

Food Shelf Collection

Sunday, August 17

Food Shelf Collection

10:00am 50th Wedding Anniversary -

Dale & Marcy Voss



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

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

Joseph Richard, son of Daniel & Kristin Hughes
 Carlie Marie, daughter of Brad & Mindy Laudenbach



Banns of Marriage

II - Dustin Voigt & Casey Laudenbach
 I - Trevor Koshiol & Mallory Danford

Nursery Next Sunday, August 16:

Rose & Nicole Dube



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.

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

Thank you!



Parish Support

Adult	\$4,923.75
Youth	12.50
Votive Lights	55.50
Rent	50.00
Funeral Fund	10.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

The Prayer Network is available when you want spiritual help for your special need(s). Call Betty 252-5570 or Marcia 558-6187.

Condolences to Gayle Gilbert and family on the death of her mother, Eleanor Blechinger

Readings for This Sunday, August 9

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

Readings for Next Sunday, August 16

Proverbs 9:1-6
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58

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.

Thank you Thank you Thank you from Domus Transitional Housing for the wonderful donation of over \$500 your parish raised to help assist our mothers and children who are homeless. Thank you for making a difference!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

~Margaret Mead

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 8 & 9

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

Servers Next Weekend, August 15 & 16

5:00 pm Laura & Otto Klaverkamp
 8:00 am Julia Massmann & Jack Massmann
 10:00 am Sarah Zieglmeier & Kate Schreifels