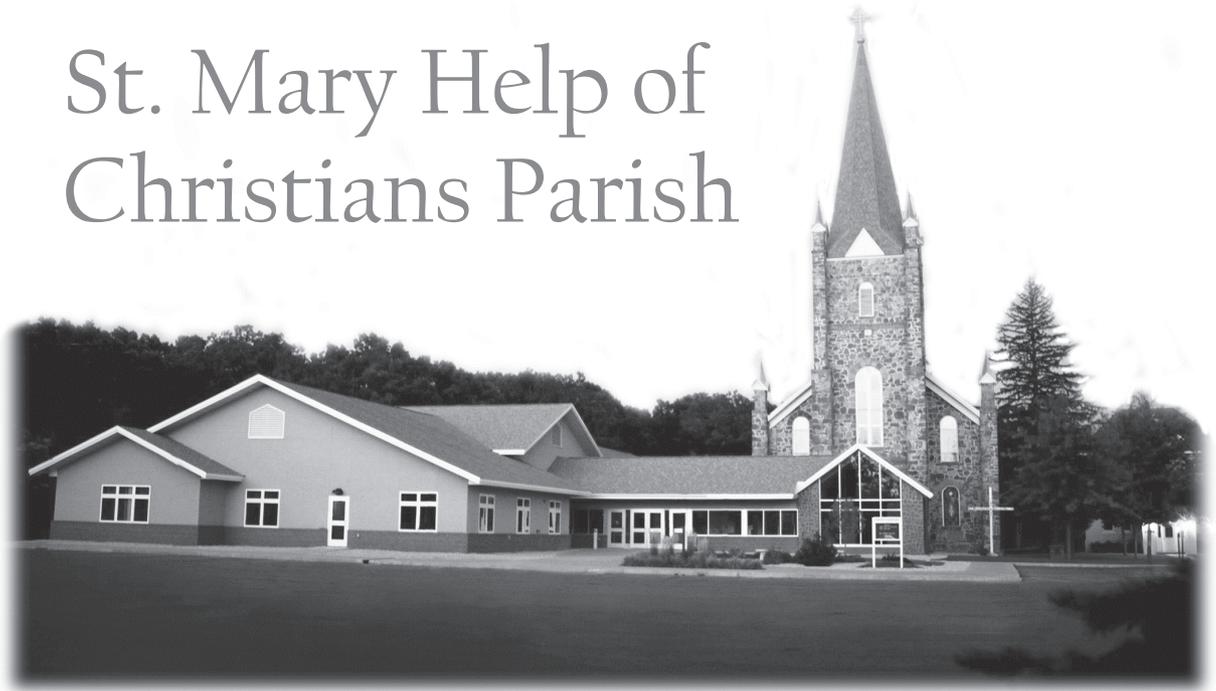


# St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



July 26, 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.

**July 26 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 Kings 4: 42-44 Eph 4:1-6, John 6: 1-15**

Last Sunday we reflected on Jesus and his disciples going to a deserted place for rest. Upon reaching there they saw the crowd. He had compassion on them and he began to teach them. This week the story of his compassion continues.

The people followed Jesus seeing the signs. For St. John, every miracle of Jesus was a sign. The miracle of the five loaves and two fishes was a sign. There are many aspects for this miracle, but we will just reflect upon the aspect of giving: our giving to God in faith.

Jesus turns the challenge of feeding the large crowd over to Philip. Philip was saying there was no way they could feed the crowd. As if to support Philip’s concern, Andrew pointed out their meager supply showing Jesus a boy who had only five barley loaves and two fish. “Master it is an impossible task.” It is the human way. But Jesus does the impossible. “He knew what he was going to do” (Jn 6:6). Even after the miracle, the disciples and the people did not fully comprehend it. They tried to make him King (Jn 6:15); then later many of his disciples left him (Jn 6:66) and the Jews tried to kill him (Jn 7:1), all because of the miracle and the signs that accompanied it. He had something to teach the disciples and the people, but first, a test (Jn 6:6).

By the time St. John’s Gospel was written, the Eucharist had already become the central prayer and worship rite of Christians. For John’s community, fish was a symbol of the Eucharist. The Eucharistic significance of the passage is evident from the expression: ‘He took the bread, blessed it and gave it.’ Jesus has something to give us that will truly feed us and that will last, and it is given in abundance. Today’s giving in the multiplication of bread is a sign of his giving of the Eucharist. Our celebration of Eucharist becomes meaningful only when there is real giving in our lives. We need to have something to offer him.

The gift we see today is meager, but in God’s hands, it is abundant. The faith the boy had in giving his little but valued food to Jesus is great. Jesus did the rest. He fed over 5,000 people. Not only could God accomplish something with these meager gifts, He could be unbelievably generous. As Jesus tested His disciples, He tests us too. We can make a difference in the lives of others through Him. God can do unbelievable miracles with us. It doesn’t matter what we give. But it matters how we give. It needs to come from the heart. It will have great worth, like that of the widow’s mite. Yes, the world has enough and more for the needs of all the children of the Heavenly Father, but not enough to feed the greed of a few.

Jesus needs our five loaves and two fishes so that he can multiply and satisfy thousands. All of us have that five loaves and two fishes in some form or other: in our attitudes, in our works of mercy, in our doing service, etc. It is in our faith and goodwill to give that makes the difference. It is in our giving that God works miracles; it is in our giving that Jesus becomes present to others. It is from our generous giving that the Lord feeds thousands.

Jesus invites us to cooperate with him in faith in working miracles of mercy and giving. Whatever we give him— our time, our talent, our prayers, our sacrifices, our resources— he will use in a way that will exceed our greatest imaginations. He will multiply them beyond anything we can dream of, just as he did with the boy’s loaves and fish for the nourishment of thousands. Today let me reflect “How can I be the instrument of God’s feeding?” ~Fr. Jose~

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

- 27 Monday - No Mass
- 28 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Jackie Zieglmeier
- 29 Wednesday 8:00 am +Dorothy Korman
- 30 Thursday 8:00 am +Vernon Storms
- 31 Friday 8:00 am +Marcella Schill
- 1 Saturday 5:00 pm +Cyril Heid
- 2 Sunday 8:00 am Christian Women
- 10:00 am Parishioners



**Please Drop in!**

**Parish Meat Raffle is on Friday, July 31st, 5:00 pm, Club Almar. Al Witte is chairing.**

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

Mayah Eve, daughter of Isaac & Abbey Meemken

**Festival Stand Chairs: The Festival Wrap Up meeting is going to be held in the meeting room on Wed., July 29th at 6:30 pm.**

**Nursery Next Sunday, August 2:**

Sue & Julia Massmann



## Weekly Schedule

**Wednesday, July 29**

6:30pm Festival wrap up meeting for stand chairs

**Friday, July 31**

5:00pm Meat Raffle - Club Almar

**Saturday, August 1**

2:00pm - Wedding - Tyler Brinkman & Tiffany Bersheid

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$6,497.56
Youth	26.75
Visitor	17.00
Food Shelf	500.00
Funeral Fund	57.06
Windows	100.00
Votive Lights	44.01
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 Hurrell 252-4311, or drop it off at the parish office. **Deadline for registration is August 6.**

**Readings for This**

**Sunday, July 26**

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Ephesians 4:1-6  
John 6:1-15

**Readings for Next**

**Sunday, August 2**

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

St. Marcus Knights of Columbus in Clear Lake is having a Pork chop feed, Sunday, July 26, from 11am to 2pm. Cost will be \$8 dollars per plate. All proceeds go to the costs of NCYC

**Area Festivals**

- ◆ Sunday, July 26 St. Wendelin Parish in Luxemburg, Mass at 10:00am followed by Chicken and Ham Dinner.
- ◆ Sunday, August 2 Seven Dolors Parish in Albany, Polka Mass at 10:30am. Chicken and Ham Dinner starting at 11:00 am.
- ◆ Sunday, August 2 St. Joseph Parish in Pierz, Polka Mass at 10:00am followed by chicken and sauerkraut dinner.



Thanks to your support the youth who slept outside in boxes on Sat. July 11. They were able to raise over \$548 to help homeless women and children in the St Cloud area. The money raised was donated to the Catholic Charities DOMUS program – a transitional housing program to help families find permanent housing!

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!

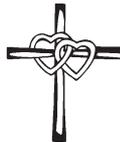
Registration forms are available in the back of church!



**Greetings from St. Mary Help of Christians School...**

This is a reminder to all families enrolled at SMHOCS for 2015-2016. Tuition was due **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**. Tuition payments may be mailed to St. Mary Help of Christians School or dropped off at the parish office. Preschool tuition can either be paid in full by August 14 or monthly beginning September 1. **SMHOCS is hiring a Cook**, food service experience preferred. If interested, please contact me: kkirks@smhocs.org or 320-251-3937. *Blessings, Kelly Kirks, Principal*

**Condolences to** Karen Irlbeck (school secretary) and family on the death of her mother-in-law, Virginia Irlbeck.



**Banns of Marriage**

- III- Tyler Brinkman & Tiffany Bersheid
- II - Rachel Jansen & JR Richardson
- II - Alyssa Zieglmeier & Jake Swanson

*Summer is here and we know how busy everyone can get. 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 July**

5:00pm Ricky Klaverkamp & Tanner Toenjes  
8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell  
10:00am Tome Denne & Bruce Braun

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of August**

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

**Servers This Weekend, July 25 & 26**

5:00 pm Logan Haselkamp & Tyler Haselkamp  
8:00 am Nevin Bloom & Madison Perreault  
10:00 am Gavin Campbell & Andrew Hayward

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

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