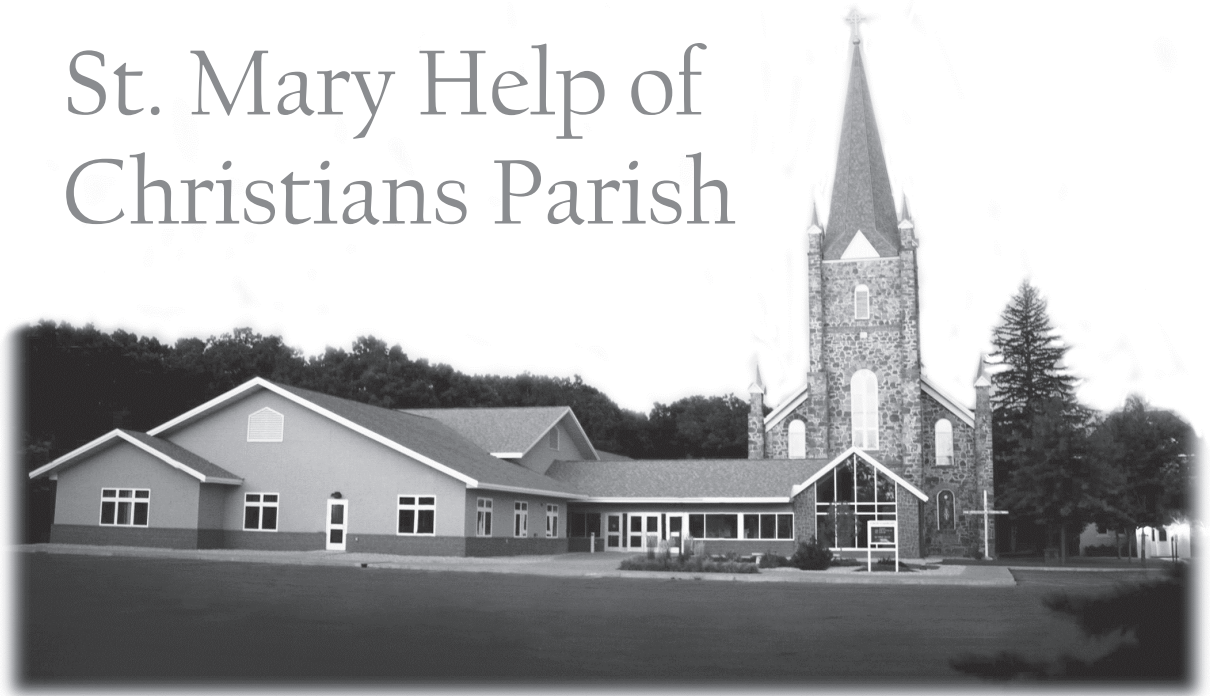


St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



July 5, 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.

July 5 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ez 2:2-5, 2 Cor 12:7-10, Mk 6:1-6a

“He was amazed at their lack of faith”. In the previous chapter and in last Sunday’s Gospel according to St. Mark, we heard Jesus speaking to the woman with a hemorrhage: “Daughter, your faith has saved you” (Mk 5:34a). She was an untouchable person in every sense of the word – according to Jewish laws and practices. That woman who was a total stranger and outcast could see, touch and get healed by the extraordinary person of Jesus who otherwise was just as ordinary or a bit below their standard as the sentence reveal, “Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary...” (Mk 6:3), as his own people saw him.

Today we find Jesus getting amazed at the lack of faith of the people of his own village. Nazareth is a small town even today. It is so small in Jesus’ time that all knew each other. That knowledge invites the danger of not being able to see the extraordinary in the ordinary. At times knowledge is very dangerous that doesn’t allow us to see the reality as it is. We all expect and crave for extraordinary persons, events and things. We may run after our president to touch him, to take a selfie with him or to dine with him, but do we go to an ordinary person living across the street to greet him, to pause with him for a photo, etc. He is “so ordinary” that even we forget to take notice of him or her. Do I see the extraordinary in the ordinary face of my wife, my husband, my parents, my children? We like to speak about big bang theory, but forget to take note of the wonder in the birth of a child. In life, seldom we realize that the extraordinary can appear only through the ordinary. Can we not see the extraordinary in ordinary things? Saints and heroes of faith are people who could see and live the ordinary in an extraordinary way. They too are born from man and woman and lived in this planet earth, just like anyone of us. Even the son of man was not different. “He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him” (Jn 1:11). “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (Jn 1:14a). The people of his time wrote him off because he was so ordinary who ate and drank with the people on the street and the sinners. Today because of his simple and ordinary ways (but challenging) many are trying to write off Pope Francis. Fr Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ writes:

*For Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, lovely in eyes not his,
Through the features of [our] faces.*

Are we blind? Even though we “think” that we see, the truth is that we do not see things as they are. We are seeing only our mental projections and the reality is hidden beneath those projected images. We write off the extraordinary as ordinary. In today’s gospel we see that his own people were astonished at his speaking, his wisdom, his mighty deeds, etc. (Mk 6:2). So in truth, there were indeed many things that were extraordinary in him. Not only that his own people ignored him, but rather they took offense at him. For what? Is it jealousy? This is a very common disease of humanity. “Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary...” They wrote him off with the impression that they know all about him. Their knowledge alone brought the peril. They did not give any space in their heart so that they can listen and see him as he is. They were not open. They forgot to take note that he himself is a mystery –the mystery of God revealed to them in flesh and blood. Every life is so. Are we open to others, to the world at large and to God himself?

Jesus failed to perform mighty deeds among them because of their lack of faith. All the deeds of God are acts of faith. It is the extraordinary eyes that could see the hand of God in the evens of the world. These eyes we call eyes of faith. Today’s gospel invites to see everything with a heart of faith and give glory to God seeing his hands that works everywhere. Like the psalmist (Ps 136) let us give glory and praise to God for the wonders of creation and wonders of our own individual existence and that of every life that is on the face of the universe. Let His name be glorified through everything that exists.

~Fr. Jose~



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

- 6 Monday - No Mass
- 7 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Tim Tschida
- 8 Wednesday 8:00 am +Louise Gohmann
- 9 Thursday 8:00 am +Erwin Terwey
- 10 Friday 8:00 am +Wilfred & Marcella Zieglmeier
- 11 Saturday 5:00 pm +Marcella Schill
- 12 Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners
10:00 am +Ray & Donna Voigt

**Readings for This
Sunday, July 5**

- Ezekiel 2:2-5
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Mark 6:1-6a

**Readings for Next
Sunday, July 12**

- Amos 7:12-15
- Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
- Mark 6:7-13



Our Golf Extravaganza will be on Thursday, August 13 at Boulder Ridge beginning at 5:30pm. Mark the date on your calendars and start thinking about putting together a team of family members, friends or neighbors and plan for a fun evening of golfing and dinner in the parish center following the golfing. Any questions, contact Amy Hurrle 252-4311.

Weekly Schedule

Saturday, July 11

Youth sleeping overnight to raise awareness for homelessness in the area.

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,245.01
Youth	13.51
Peter's Pence	75.00
Votive Lights	36.02

Banns of Marriage

II- Todd Schlangen & Ashley Kunkel

Our Parish's Stewardship

Amount Needed per Budget \$6,923.00

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to EVERYONE who helped make this year's Parish Festival a **HUGE** success! This includes so many of you: setting up, chairing and/or working a booth, counting money, working security, calling group members, **GENEROUS** donations to keep expenses down, posting flyers, helping with parking, clean up on Saturday night, clean up on Monday, local businesses donating materials, city help, and MORE! We also want to thank all of you who worked behind the scenes. Please know that this Festival could not have been successful without ALL OF YOU!! Save the date for next year's festival, June 25 & 26, 2016!

Terry and Sheila Lutgen
Vic and Patty Funk
Doug and Keri Laudenbach

Nursery Next Sunday, July 12:

Ashley Haselkamp & Family

Area Festivals

- ◆ Saturday July 11, Holy Cross Parish Festival in Pearl Lake. Polka Mass at 4:00pm
- ◆ Sunday, July 12, St. Benedict Parish Festival in Avon with outdoor Mass at 9:30 am
- ◆ Saturday, July 18 Sacred Heart Parish Festival in Freeport. Outdoor Polka Mass at 7:30 pm
- ◆ Sunday, July 19 Immaculate Conception Parish Summerfest Outdoor Mass at 10:00am



our community. Please take a minute and stop and talk to the youth about their experience! We are looking for large appliance boxes for the youth to sleep in. If you have any we can use, please contact Deb! If you haven't signed up for next weekends overnight - it is not too late! Contact Deb today by calling or texting 828-0807. Anyone going into grades 7-12 is welcome to join us - so bring a friend!

Senior High Students - join us for a fun day of PAINTBALL!!! We will be playing together August 11th and will end with pizza!

Coming up...Canoe and Camp the Mississippi! If you are entering grades 7-12, save your spot now! If you are willing to let us use your canoes; or if you are willing to help transport canoes - let Deb know (call or text 828-0807). Our trip will be August 22-23. Depart SCSU - End in Clearwater!

Next weekend some students from 7-12 grades will be sleeping overnight in boxes to raise awareness and money for homelessness in the St. Cloud area. All funds raised will be donated to Catholic Charities programs that combat homelessness in our community. Please take a minute and stop and talk to the youth about their experience! We are looking for large appliance boxes for the youth to sleep in. If you have any we can use, please contact Deb! If you haven't signed up for next weekends overnight - it is not too late! Contact Deb today by calling or texting 828-0807. Anyone going into grades 7-12 is welcome to join us - so bring a friend!

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St. Mary Help of Christians School

is seeking an individual to serve as Head Cook. The candidate should have knowledge of methods and procedures involved in the ordering, preparation, cooking, and serving of all meals in the school cafeteria. Additional qualifications include: ability to follow recipes, maintain proper records, and willingness to learn the National School Lunch Program Meal Regulations. Hours are Monday through Friday 8-1 during the school year. Please contact Kelly Kirks (493-7423) for more information or if you are interested in the position

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 Tom 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 4 & 5

5:00 pm Madison Streit & Zack Streit
8:00 am Julia Massmann & Jack Massmann
10:00 am Brandon Roshia & Alaina Thull

Servers Next Weekend, July 11 & 12

5:00 pm Trey Toenjes & Brooke Wilson
8:00 am Sarah Zieglmeier & Colby Faber
10:00 am Seth Walls & Everett Yarde