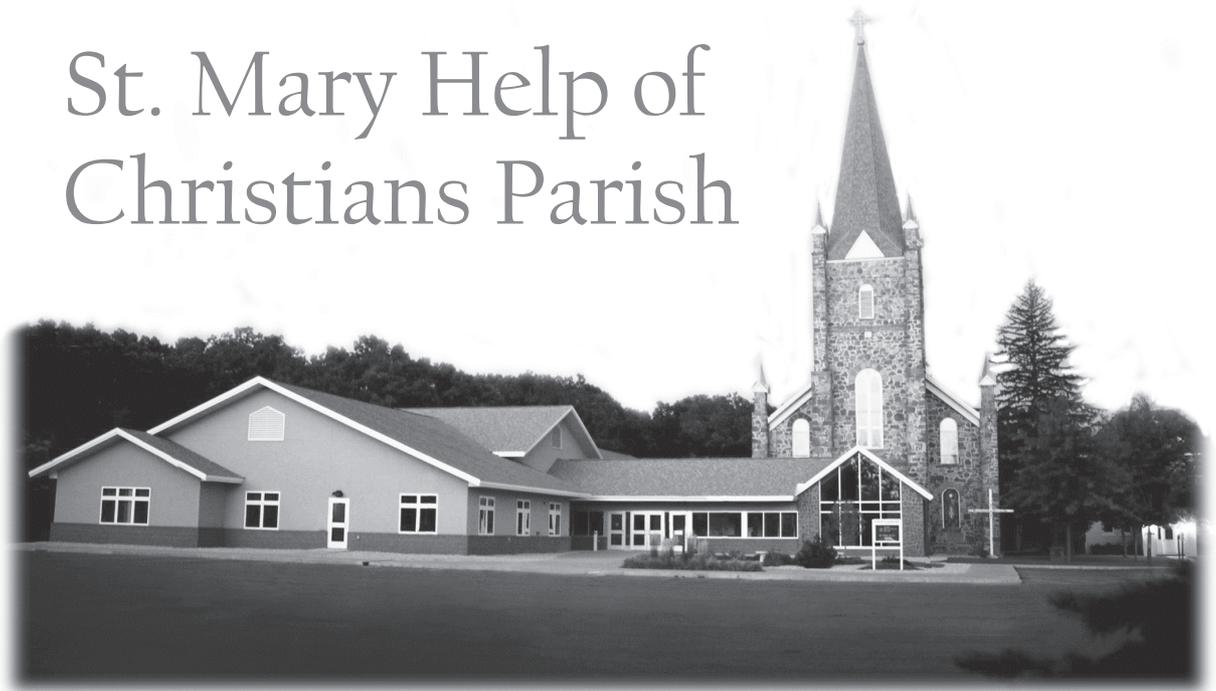


St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



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*

Bonnie Van Heel,

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 June 22, 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.

June 21, 2015 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Job 38: 1,8-11, 2Cor 5: 14-17, Mk 4:35-41

When the curtain of earthly life closes, we move on to the other side of the shore. It is He himself who takes the initiative to take us to the other side. We have to leave everything and everyone to make this journey but it is not a journey alone. It is a journey with Him, who Is. No one goes alone. He is always with us. As we recall our past, we know that it is He who has carried us in the boat, keeping us safe against all storms and tempests. But seldom are we aware of it. Biblical history is a witness to God’s constant accompaniment with the people. In the archetypical journey of the Exodus, His presence was there at night by fire and in the cloud by day. God carries His own. We are not alone. There are others too who move to the other side with him in other boats. Life is a sea of mighty storms and frightening tides that drift us. He is with each one of us even though our journeys are different. Why should we be afraid, if He is with us? But the truth remains. We are afraid. We cry out like the disciples thinking that we are going to perish in the sea.

There arose a great storm and they were in the mid-sea. The boat was swaying by the tossing waves. They become afraid. Why? Is it because Jesus is sleeping? No. It is because the storm is dangerous. More than Jesus’ presence the storm took control of them. They had greater faith in the power of the storm than in that of the sleeping Jesus. The sleeping Jesus reveals the sleeping faith of the disciples.

Are we like the frightened disciples? Does the storm overwhelm us and we too forget the Lord who is ever present to us? The constantly recurring words of the Bible need to resound within our hearts. “I am with you.” He calms down the storm and thus our hearts and asks: Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” Are we aware of the Lord’s presence in times of adversity, sorrow, failure, temptation and death?

To go to the other side we need faith – a faith that Jesus is the Lord and He Is. Fear comes from our sleeping faith. Active faith gives courage and hope. The disciples feared for their lives even though Jesus was present with them. We too must always be aware of the accompanying presence of Jesus to withstand the storms of life. St Augustine commented on this passage: “So when the winds blow and the waves mount high, the boat is in danger, your heart is imperiled, your heart is taking a battering. On hearing yourself insulted, you long to retaliate; but the joy of revenge brings with it another kind of misfortune - shipwreck. Why is this? Because Christ is asleep in you. What do I mean? I mean you have forgotten his presence. Rouse him, then; remember him, let him keep watch within you, pay heed to him... A temptation arises: it is the wind. It disturbs you: it is the surging of the sea. This is the moment to awaken Christ and let him remind you of those words: ‘Who can this be? Even the winds and the sea obey him.’” He is Emmanuel, “God is with us.” Are we the ones who are absent – absent in our faith?

The song “Amazing Grace” was written by the English poet and clergyman John Newton (1725-1807) in 1779. He was a slave trader. One night a violent storm tossed up his slave ship, and that was the beginning of his conversion. Later, as a minister of the gospel, he wrote the words to this popular song to celebrate God’s goodness to him.

*“Amazing grace; how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.”*

Lord Jesus, increase our faith to recognize your abiding presence and give us the courage to face all the storms of life with you.

~Fr. Jose~

Scrip WILL NOT be sold the Parish Festival weekend, June 27 & 28. Orders needed before the 4th of July need to be placed by June 21.



Greetings from St. Mary HOC School...

This is a reminder to all families enrolled at St. Mary Help of Christians School for 2015-2016. Tuition is due on or before **July 1st, 2015**. Tuition payments may be mailed to St. Mary Help of Christian School or dropped it off at the parish office. There is a \$100.00 discount for any families paying the full year’s tuition on or before July 1st.

St. Mary Help of Christians School and Preschool are still accepting registrations for most grades. If you would like more information about an enriching Catholic education at our school you may call the school at 251-3937. The office will be closed in the month of July, but phone messages are checked periodically.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the SMHOC faith community for your kindness and support over the past 7 years. I will be teaching 4th grade at St. Francis Xavier School this next school year. God is good, and may He continue bless all of you.

Sincerely, Bonnie Van Heel, Principal

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday - No Mass
 Tuesday 6:00 pm Michael Sauerer
 Wednesday 8:00 am Gilbert Schmidt
 Thursday 8:00 am Dorothy Korman
 Friday 8:00 am Erwin Terwey
 Saturday 5:00 pm Parishioners
 Sunday 8:00 am Tim Tschida
 10:00 am Ellen Hurtle

Weekly Schedule

Monday, June 22

7:00pm Baptism Class

Saturday, June 27 & Sunday, June 28

Parish Festival - Check out the Parish website - smhoc.org for times of events.



If you are entering grades 7-12 sign up TODAY to make a difference! Join our youth group for a one of a kind

overnight experience that will raise money and awareness of homelessness. We will be sleeping out July 11-12 right here at our church!

Thank you to all who joined us for our Valleyfair day this past week! Thank you to Voigt's Bus for the transportation. We managed to pack a bus and had a great time together!

Readings for This Sunday, June 21

Job 38:1, 8-11
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41

Readings for Next Sunday, June 28

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,019.50
Youth	40.40
Peter's Pence	336.00
June - Automatic Withdrawals	3,310.66
Votive Lights	39.75
Windows	4,500.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Our Parish's Stewardship	
Amount Needed per Budget	\$6,923.00

There will be NO nursery next weekend, June 28.

**Thank you to Jeanette Krippner for taking care of the flower bed in front of church.

**Thank you to Bernard & Louise Gohmann for the donation of the new granite mission cross.

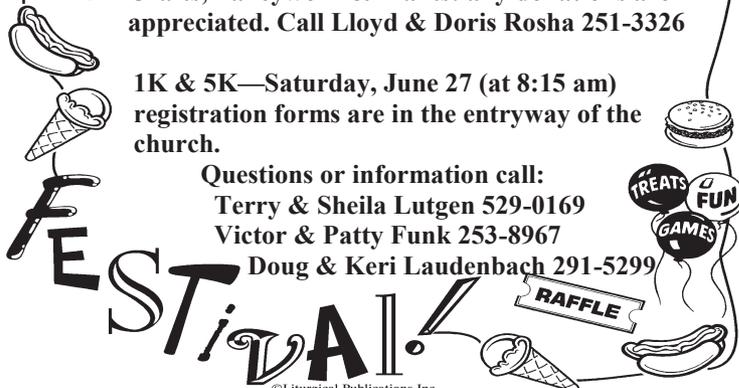
There is an elderly parishioner who is looking for help with her flower gardens, please call the Parish Office for more information if you are willing to help.

Next Weekend, June 27 & 28 is our Parish Festival

- ◆ Check out the St. Mary HOC Website - smhoc.org for the Festival Flyer information.
- ◆ Pray for good weather
- ◆ Please help us advertise
- ◆ Raffle: Please pick up your raffle tickets
- ◆ Bountiful Baskets or money donations for the festival Silent Auction, call Diane Koenig 253-4110 or Ellen Zipp 252-0650
- ◆ Crafts, Fancywork & Plants: any donations are appreciated. Call Lloyd & Doris Rosha 251-3326

1K & 5K—Saturday, June 27 (at 8:15 am) registration forms are in the entryway of the church.

Questions or information call:
Terry & Sheila Lutgen 529-0169
Victor & Patty Funk 253-8967
Doug & Keri Laudenbach 291-5299



Parish Festival: We ask that you please turn in your raffle tickets along with your other donations by Wednesday, June 24. Group Leaders will be calling their group to remind them of turning in their raffle tickets, and also to get a list of the pie and cake count. Group Leaders, please turn in your lists before Wednesday, June 24. Thank you for helping make our Festival a success.

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 June
5:00pm Richard & Joan Jendro
8:00am Ed & Mary Lou Meyer
10:00am Jim Schmidt & Travis Jenniges

Ushers/Greeters - Month of July
5:00pm Ricky Klaverkamp & Tanner Toenjes
8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell
10:00am Tom Denne & Bruce Braun

Servers This Weekend, June 20 & 21
5:00 pm Karissa Lintgen & Seth Walls
8:00 am Bryce Knappek & Julia Knappek
10:00 am Kate Schreifels & Anna Ludescher

Servers Next Weekend, June 27 & 28
5:00 pm Laura Klaverkamp & Otto Klaverkamp
8:00 am Gavin Campbell & Pavel Matter
10:00 am Jadyne Kivel & Paul Meyer