

October 25, 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 Rosha, 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 December 14, 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.

Oct. 25, 2015 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jere 31:7-9, Heb 5:1-6, Mk 10: 46-52

"As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd" (v.46). Among the sizable crowd who followed Jesus, how many recognized him as "son of David," the promised savior of Israel? That we don't know. But one thing we know. The blind beggar, Bartimaeus, saw in Jesus, the man from Nazareth, his savior, the promised one, the son of David. Out of so many thousands who saw and witnessed his miracles, how many others saw in him the promised One? That, too, we don't know. The blind man, Bartimaeus saw Jesus through the eyes of faith, his internal eyes. Sometimes blindness opens up the truth of realities, opening the internal eyes. Sometimes it is in pain that the meaning of realities are revealed. Sometimes when we are without, we realize the worth of what we have.

We see the blind man following Jesus on the way. This is the way to Jerusalem – the way of suffering and death. Abraham, Moses and other prophets and the saints are people who walked on the way, the way of the Lord. They did not know where the road would take them to. But they trusted the One whom they followed. It is not the road that matters, but the person, the person of Jesus whom we follow. It is not in the road that we place our trust, but in the One who called us to life to travel in his footsteps. If we have faith in Jesus we too will be enabled to walk his walk. Let us ask God to give us the faith, the grace to walk with him on the road to Jerusalem. Jesus and his disciples were going from Jericho to Jerusalem. Recall the parable of the Good Samaritan where we find the man robbed. Even today it is dangerous to walk that way. The chances are many that following the way of Jesus, danger could befall any one of us. Today, how many are being persecuted just because they are trying to walk in the path of Jesus. The ISIS is persecuting thousands of Christians just because they follow Jesus. Are we ready to take that path? The blind man did because he had faith in the person of Jesus. Our faith in Jesus alone helps us to take that path: "He received his sight and followed Him on the way" (v.52). Let us have that sight which will help us to follow Him on the way. Let us not have the kind of sight that will blind us to see the true light, i.e., Jesus himself. ~Fr. Jose~



- 26 Monday No Mass
- 27 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Erwin Terwey
- 28 Wednesday 8:00 am +Gilbert & +Dora Winter Family
- 29 Thursday 8:00 am Mitch Wurm
- 30 Friday 8:00 am +Frances Witte
- 31 Saturday 5:00 pm +Mike & +Theresa Bauer
- 1 Sunday 8:00 am Christian Women 10:00 am Parishioners

<u>Ushers/Greeters - Month of October</u>

5:00pm Al & Doris Pilarski

8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner

10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

<u>Ushers/Greeters - Month of November</u>

5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltes

8:00am Ed & Mary Lou Meyer

10:00am Volunteers Needed

Servers This Weekend, October 24 & 25

5:00 pm Andrew Hayward & Alexis Jelen 8:00 am Brady Kenning & Karissa Lintgen 10:00 am Jadyn Kivel & Anna Ludescher

Servers Next Weekend, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1

5:00 pm Jack Mueller & Bryce Vasek 8:00 am Madison Perreault & Victoria Schill 10:00 am Madison Streit & Zack Streit

Readings for This Sunday, Oct. 25

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

Readings for Next Sunday, Nov. 1

Sunday, Nov. 1 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a Remembrance Candle Lighting: Saturday, October 31st, during the 5:00 p.m. Mass, we will remember those who have died this past year. After the homily, the names of the deceased will be read. At that time a family member is invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of them. These candles will also be lit for the remaining weekend Masses throughout November. At the end of November, the families can take the candle home and burn them on special occasions. Please pray for these departed:

W Dorothy Korman	Doug Schwinghammer
Richard Carland	💓 Inez Kronenberg
Marcella Schill	Erma Benoit
Wirgil Koenig	Adelaide Ruehle
Carol Eversman	Jeanette Cater

Parish Support

Adult	\$6,396.53
Youth	9.77
October Auto Withdrawals	3,210.66
Catholic Home Mission	806.00
Votive Lights	26.00
Funeral Fund	63.35
Food Shelf	475.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

We will again be having an additional 7:00 p.m. evening Mass on the two weekends of deer hunting which this year will be November 7th & 14th.



The next Parish Meat Raffle will be Friday, October 30 at 5:00pm at the Club Almar. Lisa Ludescher and Tim May will be chairing.



Monday, October 26

7:30pm CLAC Mtg. in Youth Room

Tuesday, October 27

Quilting

Wednesday, October 28

8:00am-Noon Traveling Health Fair - For 50+ in the Parish Center

6:00pm Choir Practice

6:15pm Youth Group

Thursday, October 29

8:00am School Mass

8:45-11:00 Women's Bible Study - Mtg. Room

Friday, October 30

5:00pm Meat Raffle at Club Almar

Saturday, October 31

5:00pm Mass - Candle Lighting in Remembrance of those who have died this past year.

Thank you to all those that helped make the Parish Breakfast last weekend a success. The hardworking team served 228 people with a profit of \$1,024. Thank you also to those who came and enjoyed the breakfast. The next Parish breakfast will be December 13th, "Breakfast with Santa", plan to bring the family, especially the kids and take a few pictures. Watch the bulletin for the menu for "Breakfast with Santa".

Thank you - The Breakfast Committee.

Fall Collection: You should have received a letter in the mail this past week regarding our annual Fall Collection. It is important that each member of our parish community respond to this annual collection. In making your contribution to the collection, please remember to put your name on the envelope. Thank you.

Help is needed to clean your Parish Center Kitchen on Thurs., October 29th, 8:30am and Wed. Nov. 4th at 8:30am. If you are available to help, please call Eileen 251-3217.

There are some books for adults now available in the "Free Libraries" in St. Augusta.



Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the 6:00pm Mass on October 27th for those who are sick or aged.

World Priest Day: This weekend we celebrate World Priest Day. This is a celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord, and the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Holy Orders. Please take the opportunity to thank Fr. Jose and show appreciation for his commitment to the priesthood, and for all the work he does for our parish community.



Greetings from SMHOCS,

We will be honoring the Veterans of our school and parish community. We would like to invite all Veterans.

service men and women, to attend Mass on November 11th. Refreshments will be served that day for all our guests and parishioners in the parish center, following the Mass.

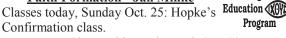


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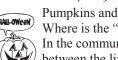
Please join our school community this week as we celebrate the Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 29th. A group of student volunteers will be singing in the choir and assisting with readings.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Faith Formation - Jan Minke



Classes this week, Wed. Oct. 28: $1^{st} - 6^{th}$ gr. 6:15-7:20 p.m. $7^{th} - 9^{th}$ gr. 7:25-8:30 p.m.



Pumpkins and ghosts, black cats and witches! Where is the "holy" in Halloween? In the communion of saints there is a link between the living and the dead. Those who have gone before us and reached their heavenly

home are remembered on All Saints Day (Nov.1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2) Celebrating All Hallow's Eve without celebrating the feasts of All Saints and All Souls is like celebrating New Year's Eve without New Year's Day or Christmas Eve without Christmas Day!



Youth Group - Deb Klaverkamp

Have you checked out youth group this year? Youth group is for anyone in grades 7-12. We meet in the youth

room from 6:15-7:25 most Wednesdays. You never know what is going to happen at youth group! We have games, prayer, food, and fun as we grow in our faith! I hope to see you Wednesday night!

Sign up now for... Brunch and mass with the Benedictines! Paintball!

Registrations available in the back of church Adults – do you like to laugh and share your faith in a relaxed atmosphere? I need another adult to help at youth group! Your responsibility would simply be to build relationships with and care about the kids of our parish! Call or text Deb to help 828-0807



Condolences to: Sue Massmann and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Deborah Bell; to Vicky Prom-Becker and family on the death of her father, Nicholas Prom.

Nursery Next Sunday, November 1: Lynn Sandhurst & Family

Ski Club Registration is now going on. Please contact Nancy Schmidt at 240-1072 if you are interested.