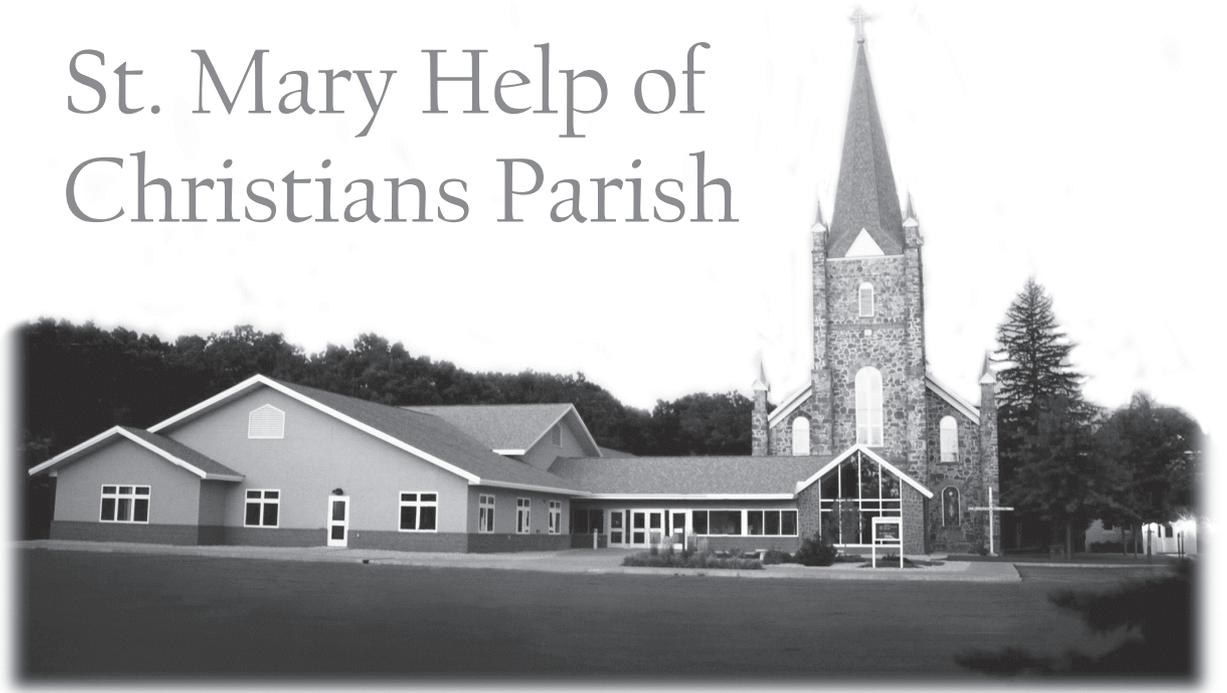


St. Mary Help of Christians Parish



September 6, 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 October 12,
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.

Sept. 6, 2015 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 35:4-7a, James 2:1-5, Mk 7: 31-37

Prophet Isaiah speaks to a fearful, depressed, dejected and disheartened people in Babylonian captivity. The kingdom and temple that they thought would last forever were no more. He tells them that they will witness the new saving act of God, like something that their forefathers witnessed during the Exodus times. Prophet Isaiah promises that the healing of the deaf and the blind, the lame and the mute would announce that the Messianic Age had arrived. The responsorial Psalm sees this as a time when the oppressed get justice, the hungry were fed. The captives were set free. The messianic time is a time of liberation for all the oppressed and the powerless. It is the time of wholeness. Everything will be made whole.

What does Jesus' healing of the deaf man of today's Gospel signify? Jesus fulfills the messianic signs - the "Day of the Lord" has arrived. In the miracle of the healing of the man, people see Jesus as the "one who is to come," the Messiah. Jesus himself quotes from the passage of Isaiah when John the Baptist sends two of his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the one who is to come or if they should wait for another. Jesus tells John's disciples to return and tell John what they have seen. Then he quotes today's reading from Isaiah. "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the poor have good news brought to them." The healing in today's Gospel passage is one more proof that Jesus is the Messiah and that in him we hear and see the good news of God.

The healing of the deaf-mute is a source of hope for people today. Many of us today are deaf and dumb— not physically, but spiritually. Today's gospel is inviting us to give Jesus an opportunity to touch our tongue to loosen it, spiritually; and to put his fingers in our ears and open them, spiritually.

Let our eyes and ears be opened to the Messianic Age revealed in Jesus Christ. In him our ears are opened to God's word and our eyes opened to the kingdom of God among us. Being witnesses to His healing touch, let us join the gospel crowd and say about Jesus, "He has done all things well." ~Fr. Jose~



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 7 Monday - No Mass
- 8 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Mary Bloch
- 9 Wednesday 8:00 am 55th Wedding Anniversary
Ed & Mary Lou Meyer
- 10 Thursday 8:00 am +Wilfred & +Marcella Zieglmeier
- 11 Friday 8:00 am +Dorothy Korman
- 12 Saturday 5:00 pm +Judy Janey
- 13 Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners
10:00 am Mitch & Molly Wurm

This Week's Schedule:

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Quilting Resumes

Wednesday, Sept. 9

6:00pm Adult Choir

6:15pm Youth Group

Thursday, Sept. 10

7:00pm Board of Ed

Next Sunday, Sept. 13

Music Practice for Auditions after 8am & 10am Mass

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 September

- 5:00pm Lloyd & Doris Rosha
- 8:00am Jeff Tschida & Doug Kilanowski
- 10:00am Jake Stang & Matt Siers

Ushers/Greeters - Month of October

- 5:00pm Al & Doris Pilarski
- 8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner
- 10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

Servers This Weekend, September 5 & 6

- 5:00 pm Brooke Wilson & Karissa Lintgen
- 8:00 am Bryce Vasek & Gavin Campbell
- 10:00 am Everett Yarke & Brady Kenning

Servers Next Weekend, September 12 & 13

- 5:00 pm Madison Fruth & Nevin Bloom
- 8:00 am Colby Faber & Clay Faber
- 10:00 am Alaina Thull & Elizabeth Thull

Parish Support

Adult	\$3,570.25
Youth	17.32
August Meat Raffle	1,000.00
Votive Lights	41.04
Funeral Fund	185.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Readings for This Sunday, September 6

- Isaiah 35:4-7a
- James 2:1-5
- Mark 7:31-37

Readings for Next Sunday, September 13

- Isaiah 50:4c-9a
- James 2:14-18
- Mark 8:27-35



Condolences: To Jerry Kilanowski and family on the death of his brother, John Kilanowski.

To Lisa Ludescher and family on the death of her great-nephew, Travis Monson.



Greetings from SMHOCS...

We welcome all students, parents and staff of St. Mary Help of Christians School to a new school year.

The first few days of school were filled with enthusiasm. Students were excited to reunite with friends and their teachers. Please join us for Birthday Mass on Thursday, September 10th.

Catholic Community Schools Update

As Catholic Community Schools (CCS) takes shape, we will keep you informed of the latest news and respond to frequently asked questions on a regular basis.

Question: Why do we need this new approach to Catholic schools?

Answer: Bishop Donald Kettler believes this initiative is the best solution for keeping Catholic school education in the St. Cloud area academically and spiritually strong, and financially viable in light of rising costs and ongoing enrollment challenges. Among the goals are to get more children into classrooms, strengthen and improve the programs offered, and ensure teachers and principals receive just salaries. CCS will enable schools to do more extensive marketing and fundraising together, leaving principals and teachers to focus on their primary job: the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of their students.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal



Please save the date for the 2015 Harvest Celebration! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 6:00p.m., at the Parish Center. We are currently seeking donations for the raffle and auctions. If you'd like to donate, please contact Amanda Carlson 333-2954. Thank you!

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

Maxwell Eugene son of Damian & Megan Laudenbach

Nursery Next Sunday, Sept. 13:

Nancy Schmidt & Jackie

Christian Women: Reminder there is a Christian Women Meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 15.

Area Events:

- ◆ Sunday, Sept. 13, St Joseph's Parish, Waite Park Annual Parish Festival held at the Waite Park Community Park. Polka Mass at 10:30
- ◆ Saturday, Sept. 19th, from 4:00-8:00pm here at St. Mary Help of Christians, join us for a Spaghetti Dinner for Abigail & Zoey's Cure to Hear. Abigail & Zoey Voigt are the grand daughters of Kevin & Tami Voigt. See flyer on bulletin board for all the details.
- ◆ Saturday, Sept. 26th, 6:00pm here at St. Mary Help of Christians, Benefit for Colton Kenning

Religious Education Program

Faith Formation - Jan Minke

We are excited for another year of growing in our faith!!

Classes begin this **Wed. Sept. 9th** for **grades 1-8!!**

1st-6th gr. will meet from 6:15 - 7:20p.m.

7th & 8th gr. will meet from 7:25 - 8:30p.m.

The parking lot is just too dangerous so we must insist that students in grades 1-6 be dropped off and picked up in their classroom by a parent every week.

Please come in and meet and greet your child's Catechists.

Schedules are available, be sure to pick one up! **1st year Confirmation students** begin class on **Wed. Sept. 23.** Watch for a parent/student meeting coming soon!

2nd year Confirmation students if you haven't signed up for your Parent/student intro. meeting, do so now. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church.



Youth Group - Deb Klaverkamp

Watch for details for the Server Appreciation Event! You make such a difference in our parish and we all appreciate the time and

prayer you devote to our masses!

Are you in grades 7-12? Come check out youth group on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:25 in the youth room! No need to register!

Don't forget to sign up for the overnight Canoe and Camp! Registrations are in the back of church.

Parish Breakfast & Bake Sale: Thank you to Greg Hopke for agreeing to chair our annual Parish Breakfasts. Our next Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale will be on Sunday, September 20. If you can volunteer to help work at the breakfast please call Greg at 654-1010. Group 4 (K-Ko) is in charge of the bake sale with Lynn Kilian & Diane Kenning as chairs.

ALL WOMEN IN THE ST. CLOUD DIOCESE:

The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to attend the 62nd Annual Fall Conference on Sept. 19, 2015, from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. It will be held @ St. Mary Church, Hwy. 238, Upsala, MN. The theme is "Walking in God's Love With the Family" We are continuing to collect "Caps of Love" to recycle (all hard plastic caps from almost anything, no metal, paper inserts removed) - so please bring along to the conference or see contact info below.

Registration fee is \$15.00 by Sept. 14th (\$20.00 after and walk-ins). Mail registration to: Lora Knafla, 11719 16th Ave. N.E. Rice, MN 56367 For add'l info contact: Your parish CCW president or Julie Moorhead/Miller, DCCW Pres. @ 320-243-3891; julimoorhead@meltel.net