

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

January 17, 2016



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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Deb Klaverkamp,
Youth Coordinator
Kathy Waletzko,
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed. Thurs. Fri 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00-4:30pm
(New Sacristy) or by
appointment

NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the parish office for
more information.

RCIA "RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS"

Anyone interested in
becoming a member of
the Catholic Faith call
the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

February 8, 2016 at
7:00pm. Call the Parish
Office to register.

MARRIAGE PREP

Arrangements must be
made at least 6 months
before wedding. Call
the Parish Office.

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.*

Jan. 17, 2016 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 62: 1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, John 2:1-11



The Gospel ends with: “Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.” The miracles reveal the glory of God. In St. John’s Gospel, miracles are signs. In fact, St. John’s gospel has seven signs. Where do these signs take us to? The answer is found at the end of the sentence: “His disciples began to believe him.” Miracles are signs that reveal the hidden character of the Kingdom of God, resulting in faith. When miracles are seen as signs, then they will generate faith. When the people of Israel saw the miracle at the Red Sea, they believed in Yahweh and His servant Moses. Miracles are a call to believe. If they do not lead to faith, then they have no meaning. Miracles that happen around us – the miracles of daily life are a call to believe.

Had I been in Cana would I have taken notice of that wonder? Surely not, unless I had been the servant who drew the water. Even if I had been that, I might have questioned the need of filling the jars, because Mary was an ordinary woman and Jesus had not yet worked a miracle. Why should I care for them. I am impressed with the dutifulness of the servants.

In order that miracles can happen, we need to do as the wait-ers did at the wedding at Cana. They did what was asked of them: “Fill the jars with water” and the rest Jesus did. We have to do such homework: “Fill the jars with water.” God transforms not only the water, but us into his own likeness.

The wedding feast at Cana reminds us that nothing is perfect and that we have to invite the presence of Jesus everywhere. Mary shows us the way. She knows perfectly well that we can find the solution only in Jesus. He alone is the solution for all our brokenness and emptiness. We have to invite Jesus’ presence into our hearts, minds and families for the true joy of life. If we invite Jesus into our lives of emptiness and frustration with an open heart and faith, we too will become changed persons and God will bless us with the wine of joy. We have only to invite him daily into our lives through prayer. Then he will transform the water of our human emptiness, shortcomings and weaknesses into a wine of divine abundance: an abundance of needed strength, tender compassion, mutual love, trust and hope.

When we find our hearts are empty, recall the voice of Mary: “Do whatever he tells you.” He is the way, truth and life.

~Fr. Jose~

Mass Intentions

- 18 Monday - No Mass
- 19 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Linda Coons
- 20 Wednesday 8:00 am +Catherine Eichers
- 21 Thursday 8:00 am +Ed & +Alice Hinkemeyer
- 22 Friday 8:00 am +Joe & +Alice Kieke Family
- 23 Saturday 5:00 pm +Carol Eversman
- 24 Sunday 8:00 am +Mary Zwack
10:00 am Parishioners

Ushers/Greeters - Month of January

- 5:00pm Richard & Joan Jendro
- 8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell
- 10:00am Jim Schmidt & Bruce Braun

Ushers/Greeters - Month of February

- 5:00pm Roger & Pat Kunkel
- 8:00am Tom Denne & Doug Kilanowski
- 10:00am Dale & Amy Hurrle

Servers This Weekend, Jan. 16th & 17th

- 5:00 pm Brandon Rosha & Faith Bloom
- 8:00 am Jackson Pogatshnik & Nick Jenniges
- 10:00 am Sarah Ziegelmeier & Hailey Keske

Servers Next Weekend, Jan. 23rd & 24th

- 5:00 pm Madison & Kaden Fruth
- 8:00 am Victoria Schill & Madison Perreault
- 10:00 am Karissa Lintgen & Colin Irlbeck

Memorial Roses will be handed out at all the masses this weekend, January 16 & 17 by the Knights of Columbus to commemorate the unborn children aborted. Any donations will be distributed to prolife organizations. Thank you!

Readings for This Sunday, Jan. 17 **Readings for Next Sunday, Jan. 24**

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| Isaiah 62:1-5 | Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 |
| 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 |
| John 2:1-11 | Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 |

This Week’s Schedule:

Tuesday, January 19

Catholic United Financial Mtg. in Parish Center following 6pm Mass.
Couple to Couple Mtg. in the Meeting Room following 6pm Mass

Wednesday, January 20

2:30-4:30 Matter of Balance Class #2
7:00pm German Dinner Meeting in the Mtg. Room

Thursday, January 21

8:45-11:00 Women’s Bible Study
7:00pm Finance Council

8:00pm Parish Council

Next Weekend, January 23 & 24

Donut Sales Weekend

Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, Jan. 24 starting promptly at 12:30

Looking for: gently used Checker games, Chess, Cribbage Boards, decks of cards, Farkle, Yahtzee, Dominos, for the parish to keep for our upcoming Senior Social gathering in January. If you have any you would like to donate, please drop them off to Shelly in the Parish Office.

\$10,000 Raffle: The Raffle drawing will be held on Sat., February 6, 2016, in the Parish Center. Tickets are still available. Stop by the Parish Office and see Shelly to purchase one.

Meat Raffle The next Church Meat Raffle will be Friday, Jan. 29, 5:00pm at the Club Almar. Denise Hommerding & Tami Voigt are chairing.

Parish Support

Adult	\$7,172.50
Youth	17.32
Windows	1,807.90
Votive Lights	72.00
Lighthouse Kiosk	6.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



Greetings from SMHOCS

Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, January 21st. Students in grade 6 will assist with music and the readings. There will be hospitality for the families of 5th and 6th graders following Mass.

Our Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held on Sunday, January 31st at 10:00 a.m. Students of SMHOCS will be assisting with the Mass. I would like to extend a special invitation for this Mass to all alumni of SMHOCS.

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will begin later this month. Our Catholic school supports children each day as they grow in mind, body and faith. Students have the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist weekly at school Masses. Children are taught the values of Catholic social teaching, which guide them in moral decision making. Please consider enrolling your child at St. Mary Help of Christians School, call the school office for more information – 251-3937. Families are invited to learn more about our school at our open house on Monday, February 1st from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Calling all Parishioners 55 and older:

Invitations were mailed out this past week for the Senior Soup Luncheon being held on Tuesday, January 26. We apologize if we missed anyone!

- Serving Lunch Noon-1:30*
- Social Noon-6:00pm*
- Cards & Games Noon-6:00*
- Mass at 6:00pm*

Come just to eat, or stay to play. Stay only as long as you like. Bring a friend and enjoy the day! Please RSVP to Shelly in the Parish Office at 252-1799.

Condolences to: *Bonnie Hopke* and family on the death of her father, Richard Dingmann

Baptism Congratulations to:

Berkley Mae daughter of Richard & Jody Clubb
Paisley Mae daughter of Dan Roeder & Emily Krueger

Nursery Next Sunday, January 24th:
Cyndi & Seth Walls



Faith Formation: Jan Minke
Classes this week, Wed. Jan. 20:
1st-6th gr. 6:15-7:20p.m.
7th-9th gr. 7:25-8:30p.m.

Zieglmeier's Confirmation class

2nd year Confirmation students- Please try to have all of your Spirit & Service projects turned in before the Retreat. Final due date is Feb. 14, but it would be good to get them in right away.

The Confirmation Retreat for 2nd year Confirmation students is next Sunday, Jan. 24 at 12:30 in the Parish Center. Please be on time so we can start right away. Parents and sponsors meet at 4:30 for a prayer service and informational meeting. Potluck dinner as soon as the students join us. Plates, napkins, silverware and beverages will be provided.

“Being aware of the spiritual works of mercy can deepen and expand one’s prayer life. Suddenly the spiritual life is not all about me and my relationship with God. Instead I am also concerned with the spiritual welfare of others. By praying for others, forgiving others, and being concerned for their spiritual growth, my own spiritual life can grow.”
catechist.com



Youth Group - Deb Klaverkamp

Next weekend, Jan. 23 & 24, the Youth Group will be sponsoring DONUT SUNDAY! Come and have a donut and support our youth group! If you are interested in helping call/text Deb at 828-0807.

Our next Start a Fire Mass will be Sunday, Feb. 14th at 6 p.m. We are looking to start a praise and worship band – if you are interested in helping with this or in any other way at this mass contact Deb Klaverkamp or Kelly Kirks!

GRADES 9-12 – Sign up now for **CASTAWAY!** We will be joining over 300 high school students **March 18-20** for a weekend of fun, faith and friends (and some really great food)! Spaces are limited and registrations are due January 27th.

Youth Group will again be making **subs for the super bowl!** Watch for more info!

Youth Group Continues **Wednesday nights 6:15-7:20** in the youth room – anyone grades 7-12 welcome!



Booth Chairs Needed for 2016 Parish Festival

We are looking for a chairperson for the following booths for our Parish Festival on June 25 and 26: Beer Stand, Raffle, Snack Shack, Root Beer Float Stand and Popcorn Stand. We would greatly appreciate your help in contributing to the success of the festival. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Vic or Patty Funk at 320-253-8967.

Welcome Sunday - Invitations were mailed out this week to parishioners who recently joined our parish. We will be having an informal gathering on Sunday, Jan. 31st at 9:00 to welcome you. Please RSVP to the parish office. If you are interested in joining our parish, please call Shelly in the Parish Office at 252-1799.

St. Anne's Christian Women Annual Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 7, following the 8am Mass. If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. Ann's Christian Women group, please call Nancy Kettner at 259-4448.