

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

June 24, 2018



THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. - Lk 1:62-63

PARISH: 320-252-1799
SCHOOL: 320-251-3937
WEBSITE: www.SMHOC.org
PRAYER LINE: 320-558-6187

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
Kelly Kirks, *Principal*
Shelly Gohmann, *Secretary*
Jan Minke,
Faith Formation Director
Kathy Waletzko,
Music Director
Lisa Ludescher,
Youth Coordinator

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)

CEMETERY

JERRY KOLTES 320-252-1354

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.

MARRIAGE PREP

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

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

August 13, 2018
at 6:30pm. Call the
Parish Office to register.

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.*

Lk 1:57-66,80

The birth of the child of Elizabeth is seen as an extension of the mercy of God, and the people rejoiced at the birth: “Her neighbors and relatives, upon hearing that the Lord had extended his mercy to her, rejoiced with her.” God’s mercy is seen in the birth of a child. Here it is all the more so, because the child is the gift of God to the parents at an old age, and further, the child is the herald of the Messiah, the promised one. Of the child it is said, “The child grew and matured in the Spirit.” Growth is a natural phenomenon provided nature’s needs are met. This happens automatically in the animal and human beings. For humans, along with the natural growth, maturing in the Spirit has to take place. As for us, Christian maturity is to become more like Christ through the power of the Spirit. It is to walk in the Spirit, to live in the Spirit so that the Spirit may guide us to be Christ-like in Love and compassion, in knowledge and wisdom, in discernment and integrity, and in obedience and in mission, all for the glory of God. John’s training took place in the desert: “He lived in the desert until the day he made his public appearance in Israel.”

The desert is the place of encountering God, of walking in the path of nothingness. In the desert, for everything - food, water, shelter, safety, etc.- one has to turn to God. To encounter God means to know that He is all in all - the source and sustenance of everything. It is in the desert of life that we experience God. It is a hard and tough way of knowledge. It is the openness to the Spirit that helps us to encounter the great mercy of God in the desert. God takes us all into the desert of life to speak and to reveal his mysteries to our hearts, guiding us to live in the Spirit. As individuals and as members of communities of God’s children we too have to undergo this desert experience to realize that God is all in all. Let us submit ourselves to the Spirit of the Lord so that we may gradually be transformed unto Him. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for Next Sunday, July 1

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

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend June 30 & July 1

5:00pm K. Moran, C. Ziegmeier, P. Kunkel
 8:00am B. Miller, S. Massmann, L. Miller
 10:00am J. Wicker, T. Yarde, J. Dirksen

Servers Next Weekend, June 30 & July 1

5:00pm Volunteers
 8:00am Jack Massmann & Will Massmann
 10:00am Gavin Haehn & Luke Ashbrook

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 Marcia Rosha & Brit Rosha
 8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell
 10:00am Tom Denne & Lisa or Brandon Rosha

Parish Support

Adult	\$5,058.50
Youth	19.25
Votive Lights	42.20
Food Shelf	601.50
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Mass Intentions:

25 Monday - No Mass
 26 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Roman Landwehr
 27 Wednesday - 8:00am +Utley Kronenberg Sr.
 28 Thursday - 8:00am +Ellen Hurrle
 29 Friday - 8:00am +Bob Fruth
 30 Saturday - 5:00pm +Jim & +Bernice Henkemeyer
 1 Sunday - 8:00am St. Ann’s Christian Women
 10:00am Parishioners




Sunday, June 24

10:00am Indoor Polka Mass
 10:30am to 12:30pm Chicken Dinner
 11:00am All Stands Open
 11:00am to 4:00pm Bountiful Baskets (Silent Auction)
 11:00am to 4:00pm Music by “Kevin Lange and the Mississippi Drifters”
 2:00pm Quilt Auction
 3:00pm Kid’s Pedal Tractor Pull
 4:00pm HUGE Raffle Drawing


Monday, June 25

Help needed for parish grounds cleanup



Join The Fun!

The School Meat Raffle is Friday, June 29th at 5:00pm at the Club Almar. Bring your friends and neighbors and help support SMHOC School!



Looking for a way to get involved at SMHOC...

- ◆ Group Leaders are needed for Group 1 (A-D)
- ◆ Ushers are needed for the following months:
 - December - 5:00pm Mass
 - December - 10:00am Mass
 - May - 10:00am Mass
- ◆ Sacristans (Father Jose will train you)



Summer SCRIP Schedule: Scrip will be sold **EVERY OTHER** Sunday after the 8:00am Mass and before the 10:00am Mass. Weekly orders will be placed **EVERY OTHER** week. Orders are **DUE ON TUESDAY MORNINGS BY 9:00am** and will be ready for pick up on Thursdays.

Orders can be dropped off at the following locations:
 ~**School** - during Summer Care hours. Please put orders in the SCRIP box on the table by the gym door. Please send Lacey Solbro a text (320-291-1455) letting her know you dropped off an order.

- ~ **Parish Office** - M-F, 7:30am-Noon
- ~ **SCRIP table** at Sunday Masses
- ~ **Online ordering** using shopwithscrip.com
- ~ **Call Lacey Solbro** at 320-291-1455

Orders will be placed on the following Tuesdays:

- ~ June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21

Any questions regarding SCRIP, please contact Lacey Solbro at 320-291-1455. Thank you!

Bishop Donald Kettler will preside at a Holy Hour from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, June 25, at the Cathedral of St. Mary as part of the national Religious Freedom Week.

The U.S. Bishops have called all the faithful to celebrate Religious Freedom Week June 22-29, 2018. For more information, resources and promotional material, visit www.stedio.org and click on "Religious Freedom Holy Hour." The Cathedral of St. Mary is located at 25 8th Ave South in St. Cloud.

Foster Grandparent Program Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud.

*Consider assisting children in local schools or non-profit daycares.

Help children succeed

Men and Women ages 55+
 15 hours per week or more

Hourly reimbursement, Travel reimbursement

Contact Sara at 320-229-4589 or through email at sheurung@ccstcloud.org for more information.

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite single men (21-40) to a retreat at their priory in Onamia the week-end of July 13-15. The retreat, *Habits of Crosier Spiritual Architecture*, will provide an opportunity for young men to experience Crosier Religious Life by: living and praying with the Crosiers, learning about their religious life and outreach ministries, meeting their students in formation, interacting with the community and spending time in personal prayer and reflection. There is no cost for the retreat, but space is limited. Do you feel God may be leading you to leave your ordinary life and enter into a closer relationship with Christ? Are you joyful, generous with your talents and have a desire to live in community? If so, please contact Br. Timothy to register for this retreat: 602.881.1346 or by email at: vocations@crosier.org.



Golf Extravaganza: People are busy making plans for the summer. Please keep in mind the date for our annual Golf Extravaganza----Thursday, August 9, at Boulder Ridge starting 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, please contact Amy Hurrle 266-0435.

If you are having trouble lighting the votive candles with the lighters, you can put your money and a note with how many candles you would like lit, in an envelope, write "Votive Candles" on the envelope and put it in the collection basket. The office will then light the candle(s) for you on Monday morning. You can also stop by the office M-F 7:30am-Noon and the office will gladly help you light them. For safety reasons, we are not providing matches or wicks.



Condolences to Renee Anderson and family on the death of her father, Erland Hansen

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon him

If you are homebound/hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness or age, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799 to request a home visit, hospital visit and/or Eucharist to be brought to you.
 ~Fr. Jose

The Prayer Network is available when you want spiritual help for your special need(s). Contact Marcia at 558-6187.

Area Festivals:

- ◆ Saturday, June 30, St. Mary's Parish in Melrose. Polka Mass begins at 4:00pm at Sauk River Park.
- ◆ Sunday, July 1, St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Bowlus. Outdoor Polka Mass at 10:00am.
- ◆ Tuesday, July 3, St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph. Stands open at 5:00pm. Festival continues on Wednesday, July 4.
- ◆ Wednesday, July 4, St. Lawrence Parish in Duelm. Chicken and Ham Dinner starting at 11:00am.



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