

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

July 29, 2018



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*

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Jan Minke,

Faith Formation Director

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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.*

Jn 6:1-15

Today we see Jesus turns the problem of feeding the large crowd over to Philip. Philip was saying there was no way they could feed the crowd. As if to support Philip’s concern, Andrew pointed out their meager supply telling Jesus that a boy had five loaves and two fishes. Master, it is an impossible task. In human way with human faith it is so. But Jesus’ does the impossible. So it is a miracle. But “He himself knew what he was going to do.” The disciples did not comprehend it.

The gift we see today in John is meager, but in God’s hands, they were ample. He fed over 5,000 people. Not only could God accomplish something with these meager gifts, He could be unbelievably generous. As Jesus tested His disciples, He tests us too. God can do unbelievable miracles with us. It doesn’t matter what we give? But it matters how we give? It needs to come from the heart. It will have great worth, like that of the widow’s mite. Yes, the world has enough and more for the need of all the children of the heavenly Father, but not enough to feed the greed of all.

Jesus needs our five loaves and two fishes so that he can multiply and satisfy thousands. All of us have that five loaves and two fishes, in some form or other, in our attitudes, in our works of mercy, in our doing service, etc. It is in our faith and goodwill to give that makes the difference. It is from our generous giving that the Lord feed thousands.

Today’s readings invite us to look into our hearts and to ask ourselves this question: How much of our resources are we currently placing in the hands of Jesus to do with as he wishes? History has pictures of persons that made that difference. Mother Theresa of Calcutta did. Who was she to take care of thousands of people? She was a fragile and weak nun. But in her giving for Christ, in her commitment, in her trust in God, God made her an instrument of his miracle in our age. Dorothy Day writes: “It is exactly the same with our lives. Left alone to face the difficult challenges of life today, we feel conscious of our own inadequacy and afraid of what the future may hold for us. Let us place our lives in the hands of Jesus. He will accept us and bless us, and he will make use of our lives in a way that exceeds our greatest expectation.”

Jesus invites us to cooperate with him in faith in working miracles of mercy and giving. Whatever we give him— our time, talent, prayers, sacrifices, resources— he will use them in a way that will exceed our greatest expectations. He will multiply them beyond anything we can dream of, just as he did with the boy’s five loaves and two fishes for the nourishment of thousands. Can I be an instrument of God’s miracle? Just give to Jesus yourself. You will be storing treasure in heaven. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for Next Sunday, August 5

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
 John 6:24-35

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend August 4 & 5

5:00pm M. Kapsner, P. Kunkel, K. Moran
 8:00am C. Ziegler, E. Zipp, G. Rosha
 10:00am J. Dirksen, D. Dold, T. Yarke

Servers Next Weekend, August 4 & 5

5:00pm Volunteers
 8:00am Colby Faber & Clay Faber
 10:00am Gavin Haehn & Andrew Thull

Ushers/Greeters - Month of July

5:00pm Marcia Rosha & Brit Rosha
 8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell
 10:00am Tom Denne & Lisa or Brandon Rosha

Ushers/Greeters - Month of August


5:00pm Joe Voigt & David Meyer
 8:00am Adrian & Judy Ethen
 10:00am Rocky Keske & Tyrel Peterson

Parish Support

Adult	\$5,147.25
Youth	19.60
Votive Lights	54.50
Food Shelf	541.10
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Mass Intentions:

- 30 Monday - No Mass
- 31 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Leona Storms
- 1 Wednesday - 8:00am +Tim Tschida
- 2 Thursday - 8:00am +Harold Storms
- 3 Friday - 8:00am +Agnes Thoma
- 4 Saturday - 5:00pm +Cyril Heid
- 5 Sunday - 8:00am St. Ann’s Christian Women
 10:00am Parishioners



The Week Ahead

Thursday, August 2
 Nocturnal Adoration



The next Baptism Class

is Monday, August 13, at 6:30pm.
 Please call the Parish Office, 252-1799 to register.



Condolences to Marcia Rosha and

family on the death of her mother, to **family and friends** of Donna Janski Lawrence; to **Lisa Ludescher and family** on the death of her brother-in-law, Perry Dzuik.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them.

The family of Sharon Lauer would like to thank Father Jose, Kathy Waletzko, Jim Laudenbach, Shelly Gohmann and the kitchen helpers for the Memorial Service held for Sharon. You truly are a Christian community. Thank you!



SCRIP - WILL NOT be sold this weekend. If you are looking for SCRIP cards, please contact Lacey Solbro at 320-291-1455. The next order date will be Tuesday, August 7. Thank you!



Golf Extravaganza: Thurs., August 9th at Boulder Ridge starting at 5:30pm. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Registration and payment are due in the Parish Office by August 3rd. Any questions, please contact Amy Hurrle 266-0435.

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

- ◆ Group Leaders are needed for Group 1 (A-D)
- ◆ Co-Group Leader for Group 3 (He-J)
- ◆ Ushers are needed for the following months:
 - December - 5:00pm Mass
 - December - 10:00am Mass
 - May - 10:00am Mass
 - June - 10:00am Mass (One more needed)

Stewardship Day 2018

Stewardship as a Way of Life: Building Vibrant and Engaged Parishes

The keynote speaker is Eric McArdle, president and co-founder of Catholic Stewardship Consultants. For nearly 20 years, he has worked with hundreds of parishes across the country on every aspect of stewardship development. McArdle works closely with parishes and diocese to develop spiritual-based stewardship programs that focus on communication, education, and evangelization. The day will also feature a panel discussion with local parish representatives sharing their experiences with stewardship.

The event is Wednesday, August 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Register online at: www.stcdio.org/stewardship.

Under the Stars – ‘Free’ Date night for couples, August 10

Join us at the showing of Fireproof (Spanish and English) on the Holy Spirit Church lawn. Music, popcorn, snacks, lemonade from 7:30pm – 8:00 p.m., Welcome and prayer by Fr. Tom Knoblach at 8:15 p.m., movie begins at 8:30 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. In case of rain, movie will be moved inside the church. Call 320-252-4721 for more information or visit <http://omf.stcdio.org/theevent/under-the-stars-date-night-movie-for-couples/>.

Festival Wrap-Up meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14, following the 6:00pm Mass.

Harvest Bank and Voigt’s Bus are cosponsoring a Bus Trip to the Minnesota State Fair on Thursday, August, 30, 2018.

Cost: Seniors (65+) - \$21.00
 Adults (13-64) - \$26.00
 Children (12 & under) - \$24.00

This price includes the bus fare and admission into the fairgrounds.

Pickup & Time:

Voigt’s Bus in St. Augusta at 6:45am, leaving terminal at 7:00am;
 and Generations Ballroom in Kimball at 7:15am.
 Returning to both locations before 8:00pm
 To register call Harvest Bank in St. Augusta 320-251-6100 or Harvest Bank in Kimball 320-398-3500

Jesus Loves Me, This I know - - Do you REALLY know how much JESUS LOVES YOU? Join us for the next Koinonia retreat to see just how much Jesus LOVES YOU. Koinonia is people joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other, and ourselves as we experience Christian Community. We take central teachings of our faith and show how it applies to our daily lives. He calls us each by name...to be one with each other. Join us in this Christian Living experience designed for adults age 20 and older.

Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC center 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held on September 21-23, 2018. The weekend starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications can be downloaded from the website: centralmnkoinonia.org or by calling Dorie Reiter at 320-217-2476. Or send an email to cmkoinonia@gmail.com to get an application.

Cost of the weekend is \$70 includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available for those in need.

Kimball Lions 5K run/walk will be held Kimball Days Saturday, August 11. Rain or shine benefiting the American Cancer Society in Memory of Sam Rossman. Go to www.ci.kimball.mn.us (under announcements and then Kimball Days Festival info) for registration form and details. Also 1K for children 11 and under, registration 8 am, run 9 am. Registration at Willow Creek Lions Shelter.

Area Festivals:

- ◆ Sunday, July 29, St. Wendelin Parish Bazaar in Luxemburg starts with Mass at 10:00am followed by Chicken and Ham Dinner
- ◆ Sunday, August 5, Seven Dolars Parish in Albany celebrates their 150th anniversary with an indoor Polka Mass at 10:30am.