

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

August 12, 2018



## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread  
that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

- Jn 6:51

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**PARISH:** 320-252-1799

**SCHOOL:** 320-251-3937

**WEBSITE:** [www.SMHOC.org](http://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

October 8, 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.*

1 Kings 19:4-8, Eph 4: 30-5:2, John 6: 41-51

Jesus said: "I am the bread that came down from heaven." The Jews murmured. They know Jesus' mother, father and all his relatives. Then how can he say: "I have come down from heaven"? Jesus saying that he is from heaven was a scandalous statement for his God-fearing audience. How can he come from heaven?

Jesus asks us to go beyond, go beyond flesh and blood. At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Peter: "Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you. But my heavenly Father." One who has come from the heaven has given us his body and blood as food for our spiritual nourishment. Today we have to go beyond the bread and wine. Jesus asks them to have faith. His teaching on the Eucharist is very clear. "Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. But the bread that I am, which you eat, is the nourishment for eternal life." It is the body and blood of Christ who is risen from the dead. Oh! Jesus is clear: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

We heard in the first reading about Elijah's being nourished for a long journey. Elijah is fleeing from Jezebel against whom he has spoken and whose false prophets he has slain. The forty days' journey to the mountain of God seems too much and he wishes to die. It is a long journey like Israel's forty years in the desert- the time of temptation and murmuring.

We are on a pilgrimage. We, as with Elijah, are nourished and encouraged each time we gather, to continue towards the mountain of God, the Kingdom of God. It is a difficult journey and at times like Prophet Elijah we get completely exhausted. But Jesus feeds us with the Eucharist. We, as with the Jews of Jesus' time, have problems in understanding and believing. We, too, murmur. Jesus never seems bent on convincing us, but on inviting us to trust Him, rather than our limited intellects. He asks us to go beyond, beyond the flesh and blood, beyond the bread and wine. It is a call to have faith. It is a call to trust Him who is.

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life that comes down from heaven... If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give him is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live." In every Eucharistic celebration this bread from heaven comes to us. Every day before communion we say "Amen" in response to the announcement: "The Body of Christ" by the minister. What does that Amen mean in our hearts? Is it a faith response to Jesus' call to receive Him in faith for eternal nourishment? Let us taste and see Him in faith. ~Fr. Jose

**Readings for Next Sunday, August 19**

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

**Eucharistic Ministers, Wednesday, August 15**  
**Holy Day - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00am E. Kiffmeyer, W. Koenig, D. Koenig  
6:00pm C. Diehl, D. Holovnia, E. Annis

**Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend August 18 & 19**

5:00pm K. Moran, C. Zieglmeier, P. Kunkel  
8:00am P. Gohmann, A. Hiemenz, S. Laudenschach  
10:00am T. Schmidt, R. Schreifels, J. Stang

**Servers Wednesday, August 15 - Holy Day**

8:00am Cora Yarde & Thatcher Yarde  
6:00pm Colby Faber & Clay Faber

**Servers Next Weekend, August 18 & 19**

5:00pm Isaac Voigt & Trevor Voigt  
8:00am Angela Witte & Matthew Witte  
10:00am Will Spielmann & Jordan Gulden

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of August**

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


**Ushers/Greeters - Month of September**

5:00pm Tyrel & Karla Peterson  
8:00am Len & Sue Meyer  
10:00am Jacob Stang & Matt Siers

**Since there was no registrations for the Baptism Class** scheduled for Monday, August 13, it stands **canceled**. The next Baptism Class will be on Monday, October 8, at 6:30pm. Please call the Parish Office, 252-1799 to register.

**Mass Intentions:**

13 Monday - No Mass  
14 Tuesday - 6:00pm Bernice Voigt  
15 Wednesday - **Holy Day - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**8:00am** +Gertie Thole  
**6:00pm** + Harvey Laudenschach  
16 Thursday - 8:00am +Mary Pat Denne  
17 Friday - 8:00am +Deceased Members of Kalusche Family  
18 Saturday - 5:00pm +Leonard & +Betty Voigt  
19 Sunday - 8:00am +Tim Tschida  
10:00am Parishioners



**Monday, August 13**  
Parish Offices Closed Today  
**Tuesday, August 14**  
6:30pm Festival Wrap Up Meeting

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$8,853.50
Youth	14.88
Catholic Relief Services	20.00
Votive Lights	40.00
May, June & July Auto Withdrawals	8,386.98
Funeral Fund	825.00
Stole Fee	300.00
Faith Formation	150.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



**Youth Group - Lisa Ludescher** It is with great sadness and regret that I am resigning my position as the Youth Coordinator at St. Mary Help of Christians. I have accepted a new position in Detroit Lakes, MN and for the past two months have been preparing for that move. I have truly enjoyed getting to know, and working with the youth of this parish as well as the energy and enthusiasm they have shown for their faith, and their ability to be future leaders of the parish.

**St. Mary Help of Christians Church** is pleased to announce that we have received **\$1,650.00 for St. Mary Help of Christians School, \$425.00 for Adult Education and \$600.00 for Faith Formation** from the **Living the Promise** facilitated by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Saint Cloud. The Catholic Foundation is a non-profit organization that acquires, manages, and distributes financial gifts and bequests in service to the Catholic community and parishes of the Diocese of Saint Cloud.



**Yum! Yum! Yum! Sweet Corn**

Support your local 4-H Club!  
Breezy Pines 4-H is selling fresh local sweet corn. Contact Cyndi Walls at 259-1261, Lisa Rosha 251-3326. Call or text Melanie Krippner 291-4320 or Tracy Yarke 333-6651

**A heartfelt Thank you** to Father Jose and Shelly Gohmann for all their help in making our mom's celebration of life so beautiful. To Kathy Waletzko and Bob Spoden for the amazing music and singing, to Eileen Annis and all the workers who helped in the kitchen and dining hall with the luncheon, and to our wonderful parish family for their support and condolences. Thank you!

*The family of Donna Janski Lawrence*

**2018 Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year end & Results from the Parish Festival are available on the shelf in the back of church below the bulletin board.**

**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](http://www.stcdio.org/stewardship).

**Interested in becoming a Catholic** or know someone who is? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process will be starting this fall. Please call the Parish Office to sign up.



**Save the date  
2018 Harvest  
Celebration!**

**Saturday, October 13 from 6:00p.m. -10:00p.m. in the Parish Center. This is the biggest fundraiser for our school. The night consists of grand hors d'oeuvres and an open bar, live and silent auction and raffle. ALL are welcome to join us at this great event!**

**We are currently seeking donations for the raffle and auctions. If you'd like to donate, please contact Amanda Carlson 320-333-2954. Thank you!**

**First Year and Second Year CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

- Are you in need of Community Service Hours? The St. Augusta Legion members are putting on a benefit for Pam Loch and family to help with medical bills. They are in need of volunteers to help clean tables during the event. The Benefit is August 26<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 6pm. Please contact Megen Rapaway at The St. Augusta Legion, 320-252-6693, if you are interested in helping. Thank you in advance for your support and assistance.



**Baptism Congratulations to:**  
**Gabriel Michael Gosz** son of Patrick Gosz & Alyssa Berscheid

**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)

**The Church is** looking to hire a Youth Coordinator and an Office/Rectory Cleaning person. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 320-252-1799.