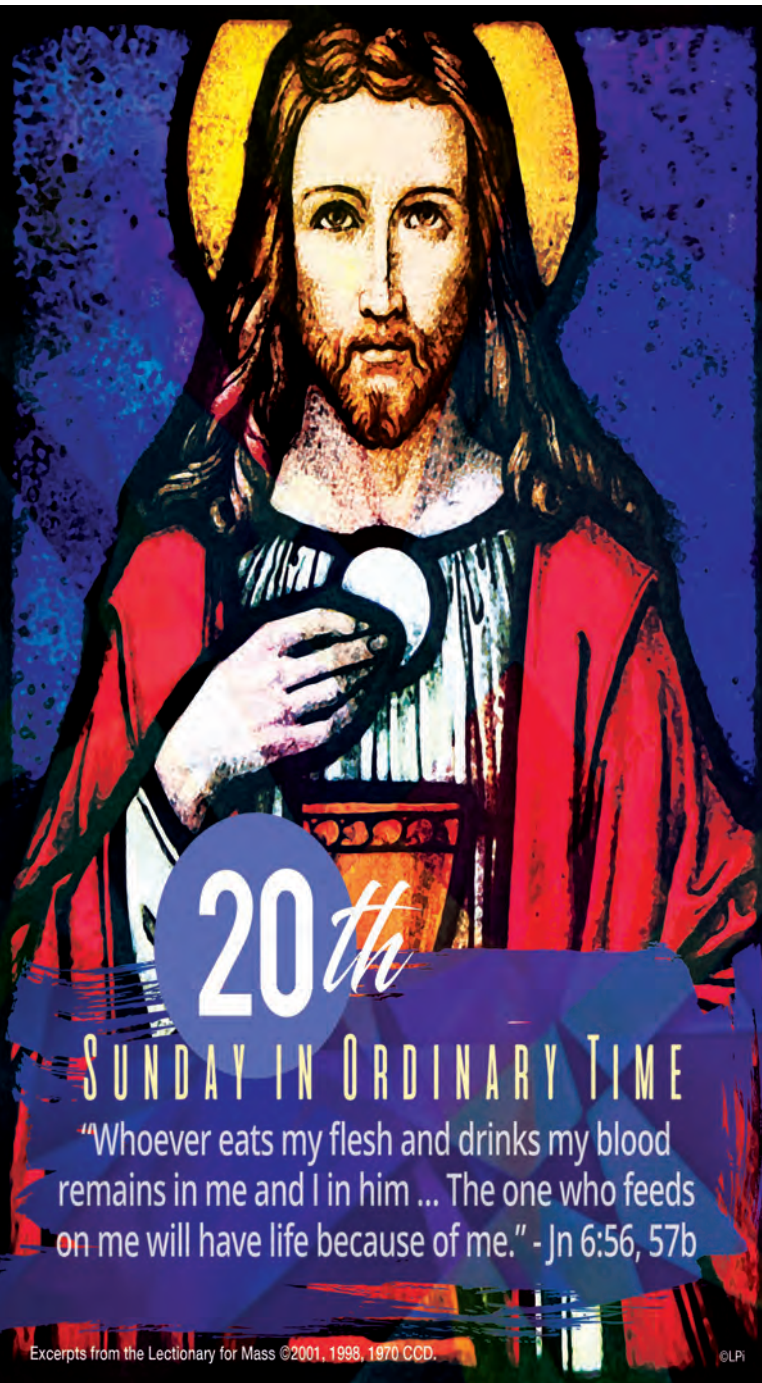


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

August 19, 2018



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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.*

John 6:51-58

In today's Gospel we find the most clear biblical teaching on the Eucharist. This passage is as meaningful as it was two thousand years ago. In response to Jesus' words in Jn 6:51: "I am the living bread come down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh," many Jews said, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (6:52). It is a very sensible and rational question. Jesus' words provoked a quarrel among the Jews. There upon Jesus explains in clear terms the truth of the giving of his body and blood for eternal life. "Unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (6:53). It is through him alone we can have life; without him there is no everlasting life. He is the source of the fullness of life from whom everything came and eventually will return.

It is through Jesus that we can have communion with God and eternal life. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (6:56). The Eucharist is the bread of communion here and hereafter. How can this eating and drinking be possible? That was the doubt of Jesus' audience. The scripture says that the people killed Jesus and they buried him and he rose. None physically ate his flesh and drank his blood while he was alive or after his death. The eating and drinking takes us to the true meaning of the Sacrament of Eucharist. He instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper and it gets its true meaning through his death on the cross and resurrection. This is the giving that he was referring to. It is a sacrament of faith.

God's love for us has taken on flesh and blood in the incarnation and he dwelt amidst us and on his return he gave himself as the food for us on the road to eternal life. In the Eucharistic celebration, in the bread and wine, we have the cosmic presence of Jesus who comes from the abode of the Heavenly Father to take us to the shore of immortality. The communion in Eucharistic celebration is the communion with the person of Jesus which transforms us into his likeness leading us to the eternal heaven. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for Next Sunday, August 26

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
 Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
 John 6:60-69

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend August 25 & 26

5:00pm K. Moran, J. Powell, K. Powell
 8:00am S. Massmann, L. Miller, B. Miller
 10:00am M. Schmidt, C. Thelen, J. Wicker

Servers Next Weekend, August 25 & 26

5:00pm Bryce Knapek & Natalie Knapek
 8:00am Jack Massmann & Will Massmann
 10:00am Zachariah Meyer & Luke Ashbrook

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

Servers and Eucharistic Ministers please pick up your new schedules for September - New Year's Day, in the mailboxes in the coat room. If you have already picked yours up, Thank you!



Baptism Congratulations to:
Rowan Maeve daughter of
 Cameron & Michelle McCambridge



Welcome to any quilters on Tuesday mornings starting September 11th at 8:30am. Do we have anyone interested in embroidering or sewing quilt tops? Please call Jean Reiter 253-3178 or Nancy Meyer 251-2248

Mass Intentions:

20 Monday - No Mass
 21 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Zita Hanisch
 22 Wednesday - 8:00am 60th Wedding Anniversary
 Gene & Jan Fruth
 23 Thursday - 8:00am +Samantha Fruth
 24 Friday - 8:00am +Robert H. Spoden
 25 Saturday - 5:00pm +Marlys Bischman
 26 Sunday - 8:00am +Wendy & +Ryan Kiffmeyer
 10:00am Parishioners

Parish Support

Adult	\$7,827.60
Youth	34.55
Votive Lights	63.00
Stole Fees	50.00
Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary	5.00
Funeral Fund	10.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Thank You to Amy Hurrle for chairing the golf outing on August 9th, to all the hard workers in the kitchen, to those who did the grilling for dinner, to all the golfers and to everyone who donated prizes. Thank you!

Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegeville, MN Abbey Day of Prayer, Friday, September 14, 2018
 Conversatio morum and the Exaltation of the Cross
 Presenter: Br. Aelred Senna, O.S.B.

The day begins with Morning Prayer at 7:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$55 includes programming, breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and materials. To learn more or to register for a retreat go to: www.abbeyguesthouse.org or call the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929.



Greetings from SMHOCS...

St. Mary Help of Christians School will be having the back-to-school Open House on Thursday, August 23rd from 4:00-6:30 p.m. There will also be sign-up for PAA Fall sports that evening in the school gym from 5:00-6:00pm. PAA sports are open to all parish members grades 3-6. Fall sports include football and volleyball for grades 5 & 6, and intramural flag football and volleyball for grades 3 & 4. If you would like to volunteer to coach any of these sports, please contact the school office. School photos will be taken the night of Open House. Please visit www.inter-state.com/order to view packages and place an order ahead of time. Our school code is **29966NA**. Preschool Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 28th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Supply lists and the school calendar are on the website: smhoc.org/school.

Students in grades K-6 return to school on Monday, August 27th. Half day preschoolers begin September 4th and all day preschoolers begin September 5th. I am excited for the new school year!

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal



*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!

CANCER PRAYER SERVICE

All are invited to a cancer prayer service at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, at the Church of St. Anthony, 2405 1st St N, St. Cloud. The prayer service will include a Mass, Anointing of the Sick for those struggling with cancer or other illnesses/chronic conditions, along with a special blessing for health care workers. This is an opportunity to bring families, friends and neighbors together in prayer, hope and gratitude for the gift of life. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center after Mass.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

It's time again to register for Faith Formation Classes!!

The forms are available in the entryway of the church. Please fill out one per family.

If you would like to help out in the classroom this year, please contact me at the Parish office.

All 1st – 8th gr. students will meet at the church at 6:30p.m. and be picked up from their classrooms at 8:00p.m.

The 1st – 6th graders will be picked up from school and parents must come to the classroom to pick them up. This is a safety issue that we do not bend on. We want to keep everyone safe!

Confirmation students register now, watch for sign up dates for student/parent/sponsor meetings.

Please fill out the forms completely and get them in before the end of August. Planning class sizes and teachers will depend on registrations received.

Last year we began some new things, this year we hope, we have worked out some of the bugs and I am looking forward to a fun and blessed year of growing together in our faith!

All those helping with our Faith Formation program please go to the Diocesan website www.stedio.org and complete the Safe Environment training for this school year.

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.

Sincere thank you to Fr Jose and Shelly for helping with the beautiful celebration of the Mass for Mom. To Kathy Waletzko, Mark, Dean, Carol and Ruth for sharing their gifts of song. To all the kitchen and dining room workers for serving a wonderful luncheon. And to the amazing parishioners at SMHOC who showed their support and condolences during this difficult time. Thank you all so very much. ~*The family of Margaret Ohmann.*

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.



Save the date!

Our Holiday Dinner Theatre production this Year will be performed December 6, 7, 8 & 9. Auditions will be starting The weekend of Sept. 1 Catch the Spirit of The season!!