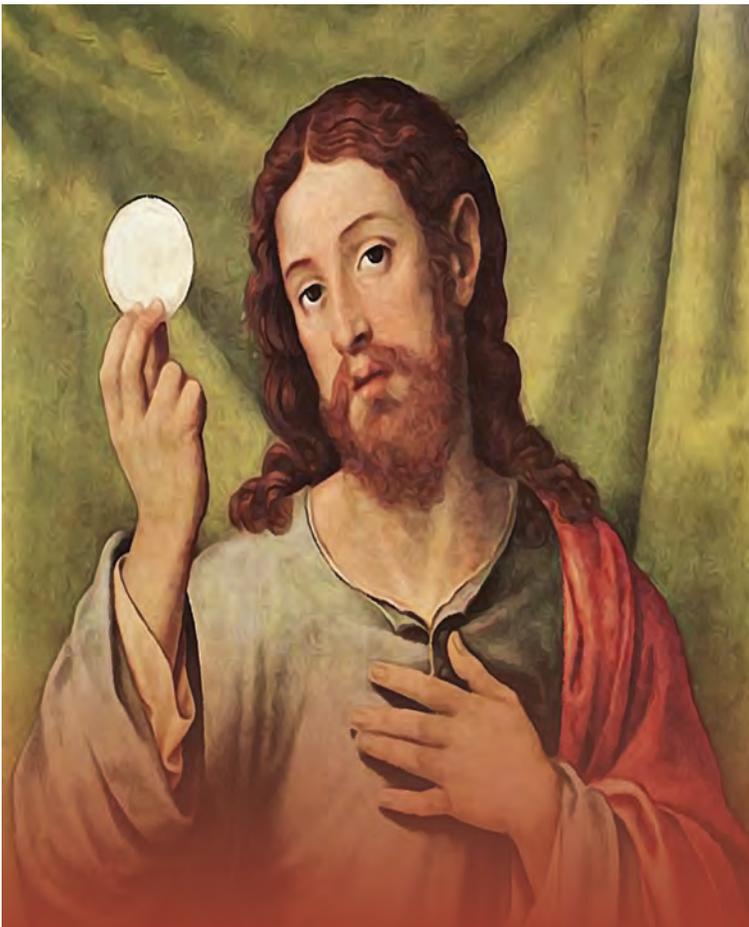


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

August 5, 2018



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the bread of God is that which comes down from
heaven and gives life to the world.” - Jn 6:33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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

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.*

John 6: 24-35

There are two kinds of hunger. First, there's a physical hunger, which the food can satisfy. Second, there's a spiritual hunger, which no food in the world can satisfy. In other words, we can be rich, powerful and successful and still feel an incredible hunger inside us.

Deepak Chopra in his book *How to Know God* narrates a story. A great devotee of God prayed night and day with the ardent desire to see God. One day his wish was granted and God appeared to him. Falling on his knees, the devotee cried out, "I will do anything for you, my Lord, just ask." "How about a drink of water?" asked God. Although surprised by the request, the devotee immediately ran to the river as fast as his legs could carry him. Getting there he knelt to dip up some water, then he saw a beautiful maiden standing on an island in the middle of the river. He fell madly in love with her on the spot. He grabbed a boat and rowed over to her. She responded to him, and the two were married. They had children in a house on the island. The devotee became a merchant and grew rich. Many years later, a typhoon came along and devastated the island. The merchant was swept away in the storm. He nearly drowned but regained consciousness on the very spot where he had once begged to see God. His whole life, including his house, wife, children, seemed never to have happened. Suddenly he looked over his shoulder, only to see God standing there in all his radiance. "Well," God said, "did you find me a glass of water?"

This little story illustrates how easily the never ceasing hunger for the world can take over our spiritual search. Israel was saved from slavery to make a nation where Yahweh became her sole ruler. But immediately after leaving the land of Egypt the people began to murmur. "If only we had died..." (Ex 16:3). It shows their unceasing cravings and their lack of trust in the saving God.

As human beings, we hunger for many things besides food and material possessions. We seldom seek for heavenly things in the way we seek after material things. But only God can satisfy our true hunger. St. Augustine said: "O Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless 'till they rest in you." This is why Jesus makes the unique claim in today's gospel: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (Jn 6:35). In Jn 4:13-14, while speaking with the Samaritan woman Jesus introduced himself as the source of living water: "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Jesus knew that the people followed him only looking for material things because he satisfied their physical hunger. He is asking them to look for the food that does not perish, i.e., Jesus himself. Jesus wants the people to recognize the sign that the miracle carries with it that He himself is the bread of life. This is possible only by believing Him as the savior, the Christ. "The work of God is that you believe in the one He sent." The sign, the miracle, is a call to believe. They must believe Him to be the Messiah, the Savior.

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (*Lumen Gentium*, 11) because it contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely, Jesus Christ himself. The Eucharist, the sacrament of faith, is a sacrament of love that unites us with Christ who lived, died and rose again to bring us salvation. It strengthens and makes us holy and nourishes us with the transforming power of grace and prepares us for the future glory of God's heavenly banquet. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for Next Sunday, August 12

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



Tuesday, August 7
5:45pm Rosary for World Peace
6:00pm Mass

Thursday, August 9
Annual Golf Outing

Monday, August 13
6:30pm Baptism Class

Mass Intentions:

- 6 Monday - No Mass
- 7 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Ora Rose Healy
- 8 Wednesday - 8:00am +Gilbert Schmidt
- 9 Thursday - 8:00am +Julie Sandberg
- 10 Friday - 8:00am +Jackie Zieglmeier
- 11 Saturday - 5:00pm +Dorothy Wettstein
- 12 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners
10:00am +Utley Kronenberg Sr.

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,195.50
Youth	10.50
Votive Lights	72.50
Stole Fees	150.00
Hall Rent	1,435.00
Funeral Fund	630.00
July Meat Raffle	500.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

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

2018 Festival Results: Overall results of the festival: Gross Income: \$98,058.33, Expenses \$41,886.81 = Net Profit of \$56,171.52. If you would like more detailed information, printed copies are available on the shelf below the bulletin board in the back of church. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. A **BIG THANK YOU** to the festival chairs: Doug & Stephanie Mueller, Tony & Lori Laudenbach, and Jerry & Kim Hurrel.

*Save the date for next year's festival
June 22 & 23, 2019*

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 26th 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.



Condolences to Don Jones and family on the death of his wife, to **family and friends** of Gloria Jones; to **Mary Gustafson and family** on the death of her mother, to **family and friends** of Margaret Ohmann.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them.

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend August 11 & 12

5:00pm J. Powell, K. Powell, M. Kapsner
8:00am C. Gohmann, T. Fritz, G. Gohmann
10:00am G. Hopke, D. Meyer, J. Schmidt

Eucharistic Ministers, Wednesday, August 15

Holy Day of Obligation - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Servers Next Weekend, August 11 & 12

5:00pm Morgan Streit & Dylan Streit
8:00am Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann
10:00am Sam Hayward & Luke Ashbrook

Servers Wednesday, August 15 - Holy Day of Obligation

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

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



Baptism Congratulations to:
Amaya Jeanne daughter of Brady & Bethany Blonigen



*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!*

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.

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

**National Night Out, Fire Department Open House -
Tuesday, August 7**

The St. Augusta Fire Department Open House, held in conjunction with National Night Out, is an annual event designed to strengthen our community by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with local emergency responders. The goal is to heighten crime prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors even better.

*This event will be held at the
St. Augusta Fire Hall, 23415 43rd Avenue
Tuesday, August 7 between 4pm and 8pm
The City Council Meeting will begin at 7pm*

Come join us for food and fun for everyone! Visiting guests will include City Officials, Gold Cross Ambulance, and Stearns County Sheriff's Department.

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.