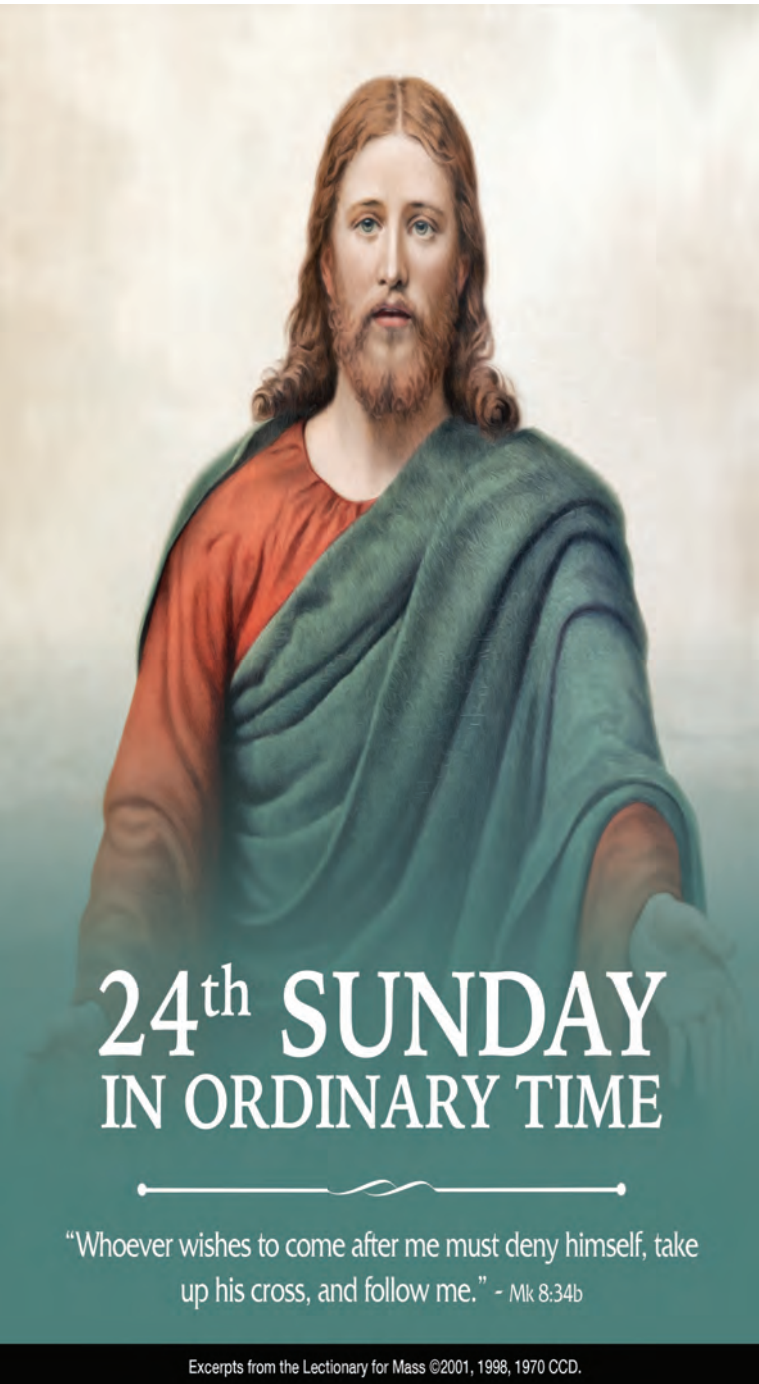


# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

September 16, 2018



## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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**PARISH:** 320-252-1799

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**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*

### 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.*

Mark 8: 27-35

Jesus is the teacher of the way. Like Him and his disciples, we are people on the way. We learn the lessons of the way if we pay attention to the Word of God. While in Caesarea Philippi, in the northern part of Israel, Jesus asked the question: “Who do people say that I am?” Jesus was a Galilean Jew who lived among people of other faiths. Caesarea Philippi is the land of the Gentiles and Jesus’ name was already popular in the region. His words and deeds are witness to the fact that he comes in the prophetic tradition of Israel. That is the reason some compared him with the well-known prophets, such as John the Baptist, Elijah or some other known prophets. There was a belief among the Jews that prophets like Moses and Elijah would come inaugurating the messianic age. Jesus’ words and deeds signaled the arrival of the messianic age.

In that context, Jesus asked another penetrating question to his chosen ones: “But who do you say that I am?” We hear many questions, but this is the most important one. It is a very personal one. We become aware of our own identity only when we know who Jesus is for us. Peter answered saying that Jesus is the Messiah. Even though Peter has the right answer, he has no understanding about the ways of the Messiah. He is yet to know Him deeper and know His way. That is the way of the cross.

Immediately Jesus begins to teach them about the ways of the Messiah: the way of suffering, death and resurrection. The elders, the chief priests and the scribes are the ones who prepare the final way of the Messiah. Jesus does not conceal the mystery of His life, death and resurrection. But how can they understand the mysterious and strange ways of Jesus when they were expecting a Messiah who comes in a glorious fashion: as a messianic King, a messianic Prophet, or a messianic Priest. They least expected a Messiah who would suffer and die. Furthermore, they have no idea of resurrection. So Peter’s reaction is quite natural. He shows his concern and care for Jesus: “Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.” Peter loved Jesus and his reaction was very spontaneous and human.

Jesus’ reaction was totally strange, calling the leader of the group, Satan. Jesus was criticizing their human ways. He was teaching them of God’s ways. His own disciples and their leader did not understand him. But he did not stop teaching. He began to teach the crowd, about the ways of God: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” Furthermore, he speaks clearly and openly about the strange ways of God: losing one’s life for him and his gospel is the way to save one’s life.

Jesus is to be the primary reference point and anchor of our lives. Life is precious and that life can be made meaningful only in the light of the mystery of Jesus Himself. He teaches that the unexpected way of gaining is by losing. Let us learn this lesson by living our lives in a meaningful way: finding meaning in Him and in His gospel. ~Fr. Jose

**Readings for Next Sunday, Sept. 23**

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
James 3:16-4:3  
Mark 9:30-37

**Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Sept. 22 & 23**

5:00pm C. Zieglmeier, E. Annis, C. Diehl  
8:00am S. Massmann, L. Miller, B. Miller  
10:00am T. Yarke, M. Schmidt, J. Wicker

**Servers Next Weekend, Sept. 22 & 23**

5:00pm Taylor Sowada & Madison Streit  
8:00am Jack Massmann & Will Massmann  
10:00am Cora Yarke & Thatcher Yarke

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of September**

5:00pm Volunteers  
8:00am Len & Sue Meyer  
10:00am Jacob Stang & Matt Siers

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of October**

5:00pm Marcia Rosha & Brit Rosha  
8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner  
10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$4,123.50
Youth	19.30
Campaign for Human Development	21.00
Funeral Fund	95.00
Votive Lights	61.60
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

**Mass Intentions:**

- 17 Monday - No Mass
- 18 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Harvey Laudenbach
- 19 Wednesday - 8:00am +Gertie Thole
- 20 Thursday - 8:00am +Agnes Thoma
- 21 Friday - 8:00am +Lorraine Jarnot
- 22 Saturday - 5:00pm +Lucille Schaaf
- 23 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners  
10:00am +LaMonte & +Troy Russell

**The Week Ahead:**

**Tuesday, September 18**

Quilting  
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting following the 6:00pm Mass  
Catholic United Financial Meeting following the 6:00pm Mass

**Wednesday, September 19**

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 5  
Faith Formation Grades 1-8, 6:30pm-8:00pm. Meet in Parish Center.

**Thursday, September 20**

7:00pm Finance Council  
8:00pm Parish Council

**Sunday, September 23**

Confirmation Retreat for Second Year Confirmation  
Students begins with 10:00Mass



**Banns of Marriage**

I - Kayla Dube & Mike Kociemba





**Greetings from SMHOCS...**

Please join us as we celebrate Eucharist together as a parish and school community on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.. The students in grade 5 will be assisting with the Mass. We will honor the students and staff who celebrate their birthdays in the month of September.

The Harvest Celebration is only a few weeks away on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is the largest annual fundraiser for the Home and School Association of SHMOCS. This is an opportunity for the entire parish community to support the Catholic education of the students at St. Mary Help of Christians School. Please consider purchasing raffle tickets and attending the Harvest Celebration to be held in the Parish Center.

*Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*

**All parishioners 55 and older:** The Senior Soup Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, serving lunch Noon-1:00pm. Cards and games until 3:00pm. Come to eat, to socialize, to play. Stay only as long as you like. Bring a friend and enjoy the day!

**Join The Fun!** **School Meat Raffle** - Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Club Almar beginning at 5:00pm. Stop by to support SMHOC School.



**Volunteer(s) to shovel the sidewalks** - We are looking for volunteers to shovel the sidewalks, this winter, on the weekends before Masses when needed. Please call the Parish Office if you are willing to help!

**Ushers** - Ushers are needed for December for the 10am Mass; August for the 10am Mass (one more needed)

**Group Leaders** - are needed for Group 1 (A-D)



**Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale** is going on today! Stop in and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

**Are you looking for an opportunity to proclaim God's word?** Do you enjoy reading out loud or public speaking? We are in need of Lectors for all the weekend Masses. We are looking for Adults and High School students who are willing to share their talent. Please call Eileen Annis 320-251-3217.

**ACT-OBERFEST Variety Show!**

Join us **Sunday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 4 p.m. at the Freeport Community Center** for entertainment for the entire family. Bishop Kettler, the Our Fathers, "Vocal Spirit", Fr. Ron and Fr. Marv's Old Time Group and various community members will perform a variety show, including music and comedy. There will be food available for purchase, and free refreshments. **No tickets needed, but all guests will have an opportunity to contribute to Generation Next, a fund for diocesan youth retreats and faith activities.**

Brought to you by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Saint Cloud and the Diocesan Council for Catholic Women. For more information, call the foundation (320) 258-7656.



**Faith Formation: Jan Minke**

Classes begin for **9<sup>th</sup> graders 1<sup>st</sup> year confirmation**, tonight Sept. 16 at 6:00p.m. **It is important that parents attend this first meeting.**

Classes this week, Wednesday, Sept. 19:  
1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade 6:30-8:00p.m.

This year we are going to look at becoming all that God wants us to be. What are we called to? How can we be the best version of ourselves?

Last week we talked about our loving Creator and all of His creation! We thought about how wonderfully each of us was made, recognizing God in His creation. Knowing God is loving God!

Next Sunday, **Sept. 23 is the Presentation Mass (10:00) and Confirmation Retreat for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation students.** Parents and sponsors are asked to attend Mass with their candidates. A potluck lunch and parent/sponsor meeting will follow the Mass. The Retreat begins for candidates right after lunch. If you have any questions, feel free to call me.



**The Seeds of Faith in Prayer**

May the seed of faith blossom,  
as you nurture God's young disciples...  
and may our ever-present  
connection to Christ through prayer,  
be a joyful blessing for you  
and the children in your care.

*Thank you to all of our Catechists who volunteer to share their faith with the young people of our parish. You are a blessing to us all!*

**Everyone is invited** to join Bishop Kettler and the Mission Office for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Partnership Barn Dance on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Shooting Sports Center in Parkers Prairie.** Mass with Bishop Kettler will begin at 4:00pm. Contact the Mission Office with questions: (320) 251-1100 or visit <http://mission.stcdio.org>

**World Mission Rosary Day: Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is our annual diocesan World Mission Rosary Day,** a day when Catholic children, young people and adults everywhere commit to praying for one another. Missionary Childhood Day takes place every first Friday in October. Catholic schools and parishes around our diocese will be celebrating this day, as we kick-off Mission Month and the Month of the Rosary, by praying the World Mission Rosary. This special five-colored Rosary represents the different regions of the world; its symbolism allows us to "embrace the world in prayer," as Venerable Archbishop Fulton John Sheen said. For more information you can contact the St. Cloud Mission Office at 320-251-1100 or email [katymission@cloudnet.com](mailto:katymission@cloudnet.com)