

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

September 9, 2018



## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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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*

### 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.*

Mk 7: 31-37

What does Jesus' healing of the deaf man of today's Gospel signify? In it, the people see Jesus as the "one who is to come," the Messiah. Jesus himself quotes from the passage of Isaiah when John the Baptist sends two of his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the one who is to come or if they should wait for another. Jesus tells John's disciples to return and tell John what they have seen. Then he quotes from Isaiah. "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the poor have good news brought to them." The healing in today's Gospel passage is one more proof that Jesus is the Messiah and that in him we have the good news of God. Jesus' words and deeds reveal his person.

Jesus healed the man of his blindness. The healing touch that Jesus offers to the man in the gospel is offered to us as well. "Ephphatha," Jesus says, "Be opened!" For a long time this same word has been used in ancient baptismal liturgies: "Ephphatha, be opened." This is our prayer "Ephphatha!" that through the waters of baptism the spiritual blindness be removed so that we can hear the word of God within us and that the kingdom of God might be seen among us. Let us pray that the Lord continue to remove all our blindness.

The healing of the deaf-mute is a source of hope for many people today— people like you and me. We are deaf and dumb— not physically, but spiritually. Today's gospel invites us to give Jesus an opportunity to touch our tongue to loosen it, spiritually; and to put his fingers in our ears and open them, spiritually.

Let our eyes and ears be opened to the Messianic Age revealed in Jesus Christ. In him our ears are opened to God's word and our eyes opened to the kingdom of God among us. Being healed and being witnesses to His healing touch, let us join the gospel crowd and say about Jesus, "He has done all things well." Like the people of the Gospel, let us bring others too to Jesus that he may heal them all. ~Fr. Jose

**Readings for Next Sunday, Sept. 16**

Isaiah 50:4c-9a  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35

**Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend Sept. 15 & 16**

5:00pm D. Holovnia, J. Powell, K. Powell  
8:00am W. Koenig, D. Koenig, S. Laudenbach  
10:00am T. Schmidt, R. Schreifels, J. Stang

**Servers Next Weekend, Sept. 15 & 16**

5:00pm Maya Walls & Chloe Krippner  
8:00am Jackson Pogatshnik & Carter Pogatshnik  
10:00am Alaina Thull & Andray Stang

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of September**

5:00pm Tyrel & Karla Peterson  
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**

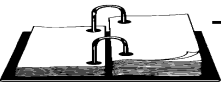
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| Adult             | \$4,217.75 |
| Youth             | 6.00       |
| Votive Lights     | 56.25      |
| Funeral Fund      | 50.00      |
| Stole Fees        | 200.00     |
| Hall Rent         | 150.00     |
| Organ Restoration | 1.00       |
| School Endowment  | 1.00       |

**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.

**Mass Intentions:**

- 10 Monday - No Mass
- 11 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Lyness & +Odelle Held
- 12 Wednesday - 8:00am +Zita Hanisch
- 13 Thursday - 8:00am +Roger & +Margaret Ohmann
- 14 Friday - 8:00am +Mary Pat Denne
- 15 Saturday - 5:00pm +Robbie Schultz
- 16 Sunday - 8:00am +Betty Storms  
10:00am Parishioners



**The Week Ahead**

**Tuesday, September 11**  
Quilting Resumes  
St. Ann's Christian Women Meeting following the 6:00pm Mass

**Wednesday, September 12**  
8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 6  
First Night of Class for Faith Formation Grades 1-8, 6:30pm-8:00pm. Meet in Parish Center.

**Thursday, September 13**  
Adult Choir Practice 6:00pm

**Saturday, September 15**  
Food Shelf Collection

**Sunday, September 16**  
Food Shelf Collection  
Breakfast and Bake Sale - Group 5 (Kr-L) with Betty Lommel and Dawn Laudenbach as chairs  
***9th Grade - First Year Confirmation Students*** - First Class begins tonight from 6:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Center.

**Diocesan Blue Mass - A Celebration of First Responders** - Thursday, September 13th at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. A Mass to honor police, fire and emergency medical service personnel who serve in the Diocese of St. Cloud. All are welcome!





### Greetings from SMHOCS

We invite you to join us our school community for Mass on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, the students in grade 6 will be assisting with the music and readings.

The Harvest Celebration is just around the corner on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is 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 Christian School. Please consider purchasing raffle tickets and attending the Harvest Celebration to be held in the Parish Center.

There will be a Home & School Meeting Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school library. All SMHOCS families are encouraged to attend.

*Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*



### Fall Breakfast & Bake Sale

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> starts our annual Breakfasts & Bake Sales. Group 5 (Kr-L) will be in charge of the Bake Sale with Betty Lommel and Dawn Laudenbach as chairs. If you have any garden produce to donate to the bake sale, it would be greatly appreciated. ***If you can help with the Breakfast, please sign up on line on the parish website, [www.smhoc.org](http://www.smhoc.org).*** Faith Formation students needing service hours, this is a great opportunity to help out. We appreciate everyone's support!

**Thank you** - to Father Jose for his visits and spiritual guidance, to Shelly for her behind the scenes help, to Kathy for the beautiful music, to the kitchen crew for serving a wonderful meal, and to those who served, ushered, and volunteered in anyway in the Celebration of Life at the funeral mass for our son, Richard "Rick" Muntifering. The prayers and support from our parish community are greatly appreciated.

*The Muntifering Family*



**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; May for the 5pm Mass; August for the 10am Mass; & September for the 5pm Mass.

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

**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.

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



### Faith Formation: Jan Minke Classes begin this week!! Classes begin for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders on

Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30p.m. in the Parish center. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders may be picked up from their classrooms in the school at 8:00. Parents must enter the building and go to the classroom to get your child in 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a safety issue and stays that way throughout the year. If you have not registered your children yet, please get your registrations in today. So that we can place your children in a class.

**Ninth grade(1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation students)** begin class on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 6:00p.m. **All parents** of 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation students are asked to attend this meeting. All 9<sup>th</sup> graders from our parish should be registered for Confirmation classes if they wish to be Confirmed at our parish.

**The parent meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** (parents of all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in our parish) will be on Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> following the 6:00p.m. Mass.

I am excited for this new year of learning about the Catholic faith and growing together in God's love!

**Catholic Community Schools Central Office** is hosting a "Get to Know Us Breakfast" on Monday, September 17, 2018 from 8:00-9:00am at the Kelly Inn. This is a complimentary breakfast to learn more about our new Catholic School system and what has been accomplished so far along with sharing the mission and vision for our unified schools. Please call Megan Rauch at 320-257-2140 to register by noon on Friday, 9/14/18. Registration table will open at 7:30am the morning of the event. We hope to see you there.

**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, followed by a meal, live music, dancing, live auction, fun for the kids, and more. Free will donations will support our diocesan partnerships with Maracay, Venezuela and Homa Bay, Kenya. Contact the Mission Office with questions: (320) 251-1100 or visit <http://mission.stedio.org>

**World Mission Rosary Day: Friday, October 5th** 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)