

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

September 8, 2019



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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PARISH: 320-252-1799
SCHOOL: 320-251-3937
WEBSITE: www.SMHOC.org
PRAYER LINE: 320-558-6187

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Matthew Crane, *Pastor*
Kelly Kirks, *Principal*
Shelly Gohmann, *Secretary*
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 14, 2019
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.*

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According to the Second Vatican Council, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Indeed, the substantial presence of Our Lord in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist is a tremendous gift to the Church and, at the same time, a tremendous responsibility for her to hand on with reverence and care.

Two weekends ago, at the training for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, I asked them, in keeping with our extraordinary care for the Eucharist, to ensure that, whenever someone receives a host on the hand, unless they receive it into a pyx, the host is immediately consumed. Some parishioners, I noted, ask for an additional host for a friend or family member who has difficulty coming forward in the communion line. I asked that, instead, the minister of Holy Communion walk to such persons to administer Holy Communion, minimizing the risk of sacrilege that might accidentally occur when transporting the Most Blessed Sacrament merely in the palm of one's hand.

Sometimes, the inability to come forward can happen suddenly, and is not anticipated when Mass starts. When it is anticipated, however, I encourage anyone who feels they cannot physically make the trip down the aisle to sit in the pews nearest the sanctuary, which are customarily reserved for such persons. ~*Father Matthew*

Readings for Next Sunday, September 15

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend Sept. 14/15

5:00pm R. Hemmesch, D. Hemmesch, D. Holovnia
8:00am E. Kiffmeyer, P. Gohmann, A. Hiemenz
10:00am G. Hopke, J. Schmidt, T. Schmidt

Servers - Next Weekend Sept. 14/15

5:00pm Hayden Hemmesch and Claire Hemmesch
8:00am Colby Faber and Clay Faber
10:00am Bryce Knapek and Natalie Knapek

Ushers/Greeters - Month of September

5:00pm Brad & Barb Toenjes
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

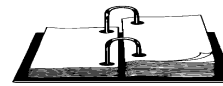
Parish Support

Adult	\$3,342.24
Youth	25.00
Funeral Fund	90.00
Votive Lights	45.65
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Welcome to any quilters on Tuesday mornings starting September 10th at 8:30am.

Mass Intentions

9 Monday - **No Mass**
10 Tuesday - 6:00pm ☩ Mike Holovnia
11 Wednesday - 8:00am ☩ Lyness & ☩ Odelle Held
12 Thursday - 8:00am ☩ Judi Finneman
13 Friday - 8:00am ☩ Lois Lommel
14 Saturday - 5:00pm ☩ Betty Storms
15 Sunday - 8:00am ☩ Richard Hellermann
10:00am Parishioners



The Week Ahead

Monday, September 9

4:00pm-5:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

Tuesday, September 10

4:00pm-5:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions
6:00pm Mass

St. Ann's Christian Women Meeting following the 6pm Mass

Wednesday, September 11

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Gr. 6
4:00pm-5:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

Thursday, September 12

4:00pm-5:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

Friday, September 13

4:00pm-5:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

Saturday, September 14

Bake Sale

Sunday, September 15

8:30am-11:30am Breakfast & Bake Sale - Group 1 (A-D) with Angela Amic and Victoria Ashbrook as chairs.

Diocesan Blue Mass - A Celebration of First

Responders Thursday, September 12th 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!

Spiritual and Self-Care Workshops: Diocesan Ministry Day is September 30 at St. John's University will feature sessions on topics such as ministry burnout, mental health, forgiveness, prayer styles, personal well-being, navigating change and living with integrity in a culture of extremes. For more information about these and other DMD workshops and to register, visit www.stcdio.org/dmd2019.

Regional Ministry Gathering Date - September 19 at St. Louis Parish in Paynesville

Hospitality: Would YOU Come Back?

by Aaron Carpenter

"Do You Realize What I have Done For You?": Servant Leadership Skills

by Kristi Bivens and Bailey Ziegler

Estate Planning and Taxes

by David Eickhoff

For more information or to register, go to www.stcdio.org/rmg click on the date and follow instructions.



Greetings from SMHOCS,

We invite you to join us our school community for Mass on Wednesday, September 11th, the students in grade 6 will be assisting with the music and readings.

The Harvest Celebration is just around the corner on Saturday, October 12th. This is largest annual fundraiser for the Home and School Association of SMHOCS. 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 9th at 6:30 pm in the school library. All SMHOCS families are encouraged to attend.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal



Save the date 2019 Harvest Celebration!

Saturday, October 12th from 6:00pm-10:00pm 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 auctions 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!

CATECHISM COURSE - All are welcome to a free course on the first major pillar of the Catechism: the Creed (What Catholics Believe) presented by Frederick Blonigen on Tuesday evenings at the St. Anthony Parish Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m. starting October 1 through December 17. (There will be no class November 12 or December 3.) Even if you are not able to make it to all of the classes, please come to as many as you are able. See flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

Sacristans - Please come to a brief training session on Sunday, September 22, at 9:10am. Please gather in the church.

St. Ann's Christian Women will be meeting on Tuesday, September 10th following the 6pm Mass. If you have any items for the agenda please contact Cindy Zieglmeier at 259-6696.



Fall Breakfast & Bake Sale: Sunday, September 15 starts our annual Breakfast & Bake Sales. Group 1 (A-D) will be in charge of the Bake Sale with Angela Amic & Victoria Ashbrook 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.*

Youth Group Gathering - Youth 9-12 Grade are invited to the Mary Center by the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud, Sunday, September 15 from 7-9pm! Fr. Matthew Crane will be speaking about Ways to Pray.

Volunteers 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, 252-1799, if you are willing to help!

The Parish is in need of someone who has a boilers license to help with the boilers. For more details, contact Father Matthew or Shelly in the Parish Office, 252-1799. Thank you.

Everyone is invited to join Bishop Kettler and the Mission Office for the 6th annual **Partnership Barn Dance on Saturday, September 28th at Stephanie and Peter Christianson's Farm in Battle Lake.** 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>

Join Catholic Charities' Social Concerns staff, Bishop Kettler and many others from across the diocese for the annual Parish Social Ministry Gathering, a day-long workshop to learn more about important topics in social ministry and join in prayer, fellowship, and idea-sharing with others wanting to make a difference in their communities. This year's Parish Social Ministry Gathering will take place on Saturday, October 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Christ the King Parish in Browerville. Based on the theme of the U.S. bishops' most recent pastoral letter *Open Wide Our Hearts, the Enduring Call to Love*, this year's event will feature keynoter Kevin Skwira-Brown of Cultural Fluency Associates as well as diverse panelists, all sharing on the topic of "Open Wide Our Hearts: Having Loving Conversations about Racism." More details and registration information can be found on Catholic Charities' website: www.ccstcloud.org/events or contact socialconcernsintern@ccstcloud.org

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of last August, the diocese raised \$1,060,440 in gifts and pledges. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith. Join others around the diocese in making a gift at www.stedio.org/annualappeal or mail it to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.