

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

May 31, 2020



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed. Thurs. Fri 8:00 am

RCIA "RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS"

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

June 8, 2020 at 6:30pm. Call the Parish Office to register.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the parish office for more information.

CEMETERY

JERRY KOLTES 320-252-1354

MARRIAGE PREP

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before wedding. Call the Parish Office.

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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After the bishops of Minnesota politely challenged the governor's restrictions on religious gatherings, we are now permitted to have larger public Masses at 25% of our usual capacity. Because all these developments occurred over last weekend, we were unable to make the previous weekend's bulletin reflect the restoration of the Mass schedule this weekend.

At least for the remainder of June, you will need to sign up for Mass, preferably through the sign-up genius, online, or by calling the office before Noon on Friday. If you choose to call the office, you cannot simply leave a message. You must receive verbal confirmation that you have been signed up. See the handout inserted in this bulletin for other rules regarding public Mass during a pandemic.

Communication of these rules, as well as adjustments to the Mass schedule have been complicated by our reliance on a paper bulletin, distributed on a weekend. Hence, I am asking that you would please call or email the office with a current email address. Developments regarding public health move quickly, sometimes within a span of hours. We cannot rely on a paper bulletin that may never even get distributed! Please call the office or, even better, email Shelly at shellyg@smhoc.org

Finally, I need to announce a change to my assignment, effective June 30. Fr. Ron Weyrens will be leaving our Area Catholic Community for another assignment. Therefore, Bishop Kettler has asked me to take on two of the parishes he currently pastors: St. Wendelin in Luxemburg and The Church of the Holy Cross in Pearl Lake. I will be pastor of these two parishes, while also being pastor here at St. Mary Help of Christians and Adjutant Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of St. Cloud. Obviously, with such a complex assignment – three parishes, three schools, and a post in the tribunal – I will not be able to conduct “business as usual” at St. Mary Help of Christians. I'll say more about that in the coming weeks.

Most immediately, I want to point out that Fr. James Statz and I will be the only two priests serving the five parishes of Holy Saints Area Catholic Community. Therefore, the Mass schedule will be altered. The final version of this should be ready for publication next month, and it will need to be in effect by June 30, when these new assignments begin.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Matthew Crane

Readings for Next Sunday, June 7

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

Banns of Marriage

III - Gary Gohmann & Sandra Hercules

The next Baptism Class is Monday, June 8th at 6:30pm. Please call the Parish Office, 320-252-1799 to register. Depending on numbers, class may be held virtually.

Mass Intentions

1 Monday - **No Mass**

2 Tuesday - 6:00pm ☩ Sister Dominica Freund

3 Wednesday - 8:00am ☩ Claude Mosley

4 Thursday - 8:00am ☩ Carol Meyer

5 Friday - **No Public Mass** ☩ Bob Fruth

6 Saturday - 5:00pm ☩ ☩ Virgil & Marie Koenig

7 Sunday - 8:00am St. Ann's Christian Women
10:00am Parishioners

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, June 2

6:00pm Mass

6:30pm CUF Meeting in the Parish Center

Wednesday, June 3

8:00am Mass

Thursday, June 4

8:00am Mass

Nocturnal Adoration

Friday, June 5

3:00pm Wedding - Gary Gohmann & Sandra Hercules

Saturday, June 6

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, June 7

Mass at 8:00am & 10:00am

*Thank
You.*

Thank you to Jim Janey for his time and commitment to the Pastoral Council. We appreciate all that he has done! We welcome Conrad Henkemeyer to the Pastoral Council.

Thank you to everyone who had their name in the drawing.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You

are present in the Most Holy sacrament, I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**



Thank you, parents, for choosing our school, and thank you to all parishioners who continue to support Catholic education at St. Mary Help of Christians. We wish all of you a blessed and beautiful summer.

Sincerely,

The faculty and staff at St. Mary Help of Christians School

In Sympathy

Condolences to *Don Moeller and family* and *Polly Brown and family* on the death of their mother, to *Family and Friends* of Delma "Del" Moeller.

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

Cemetery Regulations - Please remember that flowers may be on the graves at our cemetery until June 15th. If the flowers are not attached to the gravestone, they will be discarded.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: May God bless you and those you love. Diocesan ministries are here for YOU! Our diocesan website has updates, spiritual resources and prayers at www.stcdio.org. We are the Church Together.

Holy Humor:

- ◆ The Pastor came to visit the other day. He said that at my advanced age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time." "No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I am always asking myself: "Now what am I here after?"
- ◆ The Pastor's wife walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" She asked. "Hunting flies" He responded. "Oh. Killing any?" She asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied. Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?" He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."
- ◆ A bored young man decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So we went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, (100 legged bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house. He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him. So he asked the centipede in the box "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from he new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?" This time, a little voice came out of the box, " I Heard you the first time! I'm putting on my shoes!"



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