

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

June 21, 2020



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge...
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:29, 31

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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

EVENING PRAYER & RECONCILIATION

**Wed., Thurs., & Fri. -
6:00pm-7:00pm**

RCIA “RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS”

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

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

August 10, 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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Last weekend, with the bluntness the brevity a bulletin column requires, I spelled out the responsibility we have to truly give donations to the Church, relinquishing our ownership of them. I recognize that message might sound ludicrous to some, and at least represents a different approach for many, meaning their former approach to donating has been lost.

Acknowledging loss is the responsibility I wish to call you to this weekend. In other assignments, already clustered before I arrived, I have frequently heard that, as the cluster was forming, clerics and other leaders in the Church told parishioners that despite clustering, “nothing would change.” The parishes would “simply be sharing a priest.” Again, this is a bulletin column so I must be brief; these statements were wrong. They were wrong because they were a misguided attempt to placate parishioners, and they were wrong because they were untrue.

Things WILL change as a result of the formation of this Area Catholic Community, and those changes will be felt, at least partially, as a loss. That loss is real, and we do ourselves no good service if we try to ignore it or explain it away. For example, it has been the experience of St. Mary Help of Christians for many years now, to simply have its own pastor, a priest without any responsibilities beyond the parish. Most other parishes in the diocese, already clustered, remember that situation from their distant history and have longed to once again have their own pastor, a priest not shared with any other parishes. However, financial strains, a predictably and steadily diminishing number of priests, changes to infrastructure and demographics, and – most importantly – a steadily diminishing number of Catholics has forced us to acknowledge the reality that such an arrangement is lost to the majority of our parishes. Some combination of parishes, we have elected to call them Area Catholic Communities, is here to stay. By even the most generous projections, projections verging on the unrealistic, the number of the priests in the diocese will reach 75 by the year 2055 – we currently have 131 parishes in the diocese. So, clusters will always be with us. And ACCs like ours, unless parishes combine, will always consist of parishes sharing pastors. The experience of one-pastor-to-one-parish has been lost to St. Mary Help of Christians, and it is perfectly legitimate to grieve that loss. For it is real; a great good thing is no more. We have a responsibility, therefore, to acknowledge that loss and those who grieve it.

Also, however, there will be gain. That is another responsibility, harder to fulfill, perhaps, than acknowledging the loss. There is real gain, though, from this Area Catholic Community, and we must acknowledge it when we see it. I will point out just a few gains in next week’s column.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Matthew Crane

Readings for Next Sunday, June 28

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

Mass Intentions

22 Monday - **No Mass**
23 Tuesday - 6:00pm ☩ Carol Meyer
24 Wednesday - 8:00am ☩ Ralph Fuchs
25 Thursday - 8:00am ☩ Walter Kenning
26 Friday - 8:00am ☩ Max & LaVonne Villeneuve Family
27 Saturday - 5:00pm ☩ LeRoy & ☩ Eileen Young
28 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners
10:00am ☩ Zita Hanisch

****Just a friendly reminder when there is a funeral, there will NOT be a daily mass the same day as the funeral.****

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, June 23

6:00pm Mass

Wednesday, June 24

8:00am Mass

Thursday, June 25

8:00am Mass

Friday, June 26

8:00am Mass

Saturday, June 27

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, June 28

Mass at 8:00am & 10:00am

Ushers/Greeters - Month of June

5:00pm Richard & Joan Jendro

8:00am Ed & Mary Lou Meyer

10:00am Jim Schmidt, Victoria and/or Luke Ashbrook

Ushers/Greeters - Month of July

6:30pm Lisa Roshia and Brandon Roshia

8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell

****For the remainder of the month of June, we will not be using Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, or Sacristans.**

****Beginning July 1, we will slowly start phasing the ministries back in. We will be starting with the Lectors. New schedules have been sent to the Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Sacristans. The schedules were created so that as soon as we can start using the ministries, we have the volunteers scheduled. If at anytime you are wondering if your ministry has started back up, please feel free to contact the parish office during office hours.**

Parish Support

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| Adult | \$5,952.00 |
| Youth | 5.75 |
| Votive Lights | 41.00 |
| Peter’s Pence | 181.00 |
| Stole Fees | 350.00 |
| Organ Restoration | 1.00 |
| School Endowment | 1.00 |

In Sympathy

Condolences to Melvin Voigt on the death of his wife, to **Jeff Voigt, Brenda Randolph, Melanie Primus, Russell Voigt, Mark Voigt, and Dan Voigt and families** on the death of their mother, to **Mary Fruth and family** on the death of her sister, to **Darwin Voigt and Shirley Laudenbach and families** on the death of their sister-in-law, to **Family and Friends** of Barbara Voigt
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her



June 28th - The 2020 Bizarre Bazaar
The SMHOC Parish "2020 Bizarre Bazaar Outdoor Mass & Festivities" will be on Sunday, June 28 at 10AM.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions with a 250 person limit for an Outdoor Mass still lingering, we will need to sign up on the MASS sign-up on the parish website.

We plan to have Mass at 10am with a social distancing gathering afterward including SMHOC entertainment, Pizza and Beverages for sale. Please consider buying your lunch and/or donating to support our parish community through this event. Please watch the bulletin and parish website for updates on any changes.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Sincerely,
SMHOC 2020 Bizarre Bazaar Committee

Special Thanks to: Donna Holovnia, Angie Landwehr, Betty Lommel, & Elaine Kiffmeyer for assembling & stitching the graduation stoles & first communicant masks. Good work ladies!

St. Wendelin's Catholic School is Planning an "Online Auction" Fundraiser

St. Wendelin's Catholic School has so many wonderful donations for their spring event, which had to be cancelled. After giving it some thought as to what could be done with these generous items, an "online auction" was decided on. Organizing this "on-line" fundraiser has taken place and the auction is ready!!! The "online auction" will run from June 12th to June 26th. To participate in this auction, simply go to the following link: <https://www.32auctions.com/stwendelins>. Once the auction is complete, the highest bidder will be able to pick up their item at St. Wendelin's from July 8th to July 10th (9:00 am to Noon). If a person cannot pick up during these dates, a special pick up date can be arranged by contacting Lynn Rasmussen at lasmussen@stwendelins.org. This is one of our school's major fundraisers and we hope that you will enjoy bidding on some of these amazing items. If you need any help on how to place a bid or to access the link, please contact Lynn Rasmussen, Principal at lasmussen@stwendelins.org.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We are the Church Together: The diocese is grateful to be able to offer weekly Mass to the faithful in many formats. TV, online and radio options are available at <http://worship.stcdio.org/tv-mass/>.



Baptism Congratulations to:
Harvey Lee Pramann son of Joshua Pramann & Kayla Dougherty
Kepler Richard son of Nathan & Sharon Ronning
Calvin James son of Steven & Erin Hendrickson

Religious Freedom WEEK

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you. Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly. We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage. We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.

Amen.

Religious Freedom week June 22-29 – Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, through June 29, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Religious freedom gives us the space to carry out the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church. Religious freedom means that Catholics and all people of goodwill are free to seek the truth, to live in accordance with that truth and to strengthen our common life as a nation. In the midst of our current challenges, join us as we seek the kingdom and find "Strength in Hope."

Happy Father's Day: A Blessed Father's Day to all Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and Father Figures. We hope and pray that this day is special for you and that all Father's enjoy God's special blessing on this day. We ask God to bless all our Fathers, living and deceased.



This week we wish to acknowledge: **J & S Excavating, Security Locksmiths, INC. and Nelson Bros.**

Thank you for your support!