

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

July 12, 2020



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Thursday 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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Dear Parishioners of Holy Saints Area Catholic Community,

Administrative obligations being what they are, especially at the outset of any cooperative enterprise between carefully distinct institutions, I do not expect to regularly deliver a bulletin column from here on out. However, I wanted to use this, perhaps my last column for some time, to suggest to you what my goals and concerns at the outset of my new assignment.

Most immediately, I need to learn about the concrete facts of the new parishes I am responsible for as pastor: territory, demographics, sacramental records, and resources. In addition, I have noted that I will need to do a careful review and implementation of the guidelines we are to have in place to prevent the spread of COVID19.

Nothing in the foregoing paragraph is my chief concern, however. What troubles me most in the parishes of the Diocese of Saint Cloud is the departure of my generation from religious practice (I'm 36). According to statistics from 2012, half of baptized Catholic Americans 30 years of age and younger voluntarily admit that they simply no longer have any religious affiliation. And that statistic is old. Subsequent surveys suggest the departure of young Catholics from religious practice is increasing rather than decreasing – that is, they are not coming back because they want to get married or have their children baptized. And, even if they do return for those sacraments, they do not consider themselves Catholics or members of any religious organization.

To put that concretely: picture all the baptisms, confirmations, and first communions you've witnessed anywhere in the Catholic United States in the last thirty or so years – half those people are gone. Go down the first row of photo of the Confirmation class: he's here, she's gone, she's here, he's gone, here, gone, here, gone ...

Going forward as an ACC, we have a tremendous opportunity to witness to our unity as a church or, alternatively, confirm for these young Catholics of today that our religion is just a fairytale. If each parish makes dramatic, self-sacrificing moves for the good of the ACC and the greater, divinely instituted, global Catholic Church, we can change the narrative and force today's young Catholics to reconsider their conclusions.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Matthew Crane

Readings for Next Sunday, July 19

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Banns of Marriage

III - Bridgette Kettner & Daniel Janski

Mass Intentions

13 Monday - **No Mass**
14 Tuesday - 6:00pm SMHOC ☩ Louise Gohmann
15 Wednesday - 7:45 SW Deceased Catholic United Financial Members
16 Thursday - 7:45am SW Holy Souls
8:00am SMHOC ☩ Sharon Lauer
17 Friday - 8:30am HC ☩ Joseph Kiffmeyer
18 Saturday - 4:00pm HC ☩ ☩ Marcus & Lillian Garding & Deceased Family Members
6:30pm SMHOC ☩ ☩ LeRoy & Eileen Young
19 Sunday - 8:00am SMHOC ☩ ☩ Tom & Edna Kieke
10:00am SW ☩ Irma Bautch

SW = St. Wendelin HC = Holy Cross
SMHOC = St. Mary Help of Christians

****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, July 14

6:00pm Mass at SMHOC

Wednesday, July 15

6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Prayers & Confessions

Thursday, July 16

8:00am Mass at SMHOC

NO Evening Prayers & Confessions

Friday, July 17

6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Prayers & Confessions

Saturday, July 18

2:30pm Wedding: Bridgette Kettner & Daniel Janski

6:30pm Mass at SMHOC

Sunday, July 19

8:00am Mass

Ushers/Greeters - Month of July

6:30pm Lisa Rosha and Brandon Rosha

8:00am Jerry & Karen Powell

Ushers/Greeters - Month of August

6:30pm Volunteers

8:00am Adrian & Judy Ethen



We would like to Thank all those who were able to make it to celebrate our 2020 Bizarre Bazaar Outdoor Mass. We had a wonderful mass turnout, fantastic helpers to make and serve our yummy pizza & beverages!!

Thank you to all those who made this possible. Fr Crane for his leadership, Kathy for her expertise of beautiful music with the Laudenbach brothers. Cyndi Walls and Melanie Krippner for pizza supply donations and kitchen expertise. Seth & Maya Walls, Lisa Rosha and Amanda Carlson for kitchen help. Sheila & Dean Laudenbach for beverage donations and Snack Shack expertise. Doug Kilanowski for the beer donation. Patty & Vic Funk, Scott & Sue Massmann, and Karen & Jerry Powell, the set up, cleanup and break down crew and ALL those who made the day possible. It is greatly appreciated.

Parish Support - Weekend June 27/28

Adult	\$6,716.00
Youth	5.00
May Auto Withdrawals	5,028.82
June Auto Withdrawals	5,128.82
Votive Lights	84.00
Organ Restoration	2.00
School Endowment	2.00

Parish Support - Weekend July 4/5

Adult	\$2,699.35
Youth	.50
Votive Lights	25.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Weekly Donation Envelopes: Your weekly donation envelope can be dropped in the collection basket at any parish in our cluster and the parish offices will forward them to the parish you are registered at.



Condolences to Dale Hinkemeyer and Roy Hinkemeyer and families on the death of their sister, to **Kay Hinkemeyer and Colleen Reiter and families** on the death of their sister-in-law, to **Family and Friends** of Ardis Reiter; to **Bernie Gohmann** on the death of his brother-in-law, Jerome Heinze; to **Dave Bloch** on the death of his sister, Marcella Stangler; to **Family and Friends** of Dale McStott; to **Family and Friends** of Elaine Feldges.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who is supporting diocesan ministries through the Appeal, especially during these trying times. We are the Church Together. Your diocesan ministers are walking with you during these challenging times. Our prayers are also with you as we all work together and open our parishes to the celebration of the Eucharist. Diocesan staff continue to reach out to parishes and advance ministries in new and creative ways. [Our diocesan website has updates, spiritual resources and prayers at www.stcdio.org.](http://www.stcdio.org) As of June 29, the Appeal raised \$1,013,905 in gifts and pledges toward the goal \$1,300,000. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** May God be with you and those you love.

Weekly Family Sessions - Are you looking for a resource to help your family keep holy the Sabbath day at home? Perhaps you are looking for a way to build up your family's faith life. Visit <http://familytogether.stcdio.org/> where you will find weekly sessions based on the Sunday Gospel.



New Bulletin Deadline: Beginning July 12th, if you wish to have something printed in the bulletin, you will need to have it to the Parish Office by 9:00am on the Monday **BEFORE** the weekend you wish to have it printed. SMHOC Office email is shellyg@smhoc.org. St. Wendelin & Holy Cross Office email is micrparish@gmail.com

Holy Saints Mass Schedule Effective July 1, 2020

Monday 8:00am SA	Tuesday 8:00am SN 6:00pm SMHOC	Wednesday 7:45am SW 8:00am SA
Thursday 7:45am SW 8:00am SMHOC	Friday 8:30am HC	Saturday 4:00pm HC 5:00pm SA 6:30pm SMHOC
Sunday 8:00am SMHOC 9:00am SN 10:00am SW		

SA = St. Anne's in Kimball
SN = St. Nicholas in St. Nicholas
HC = Holy Cross in Pearl Lake
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HOLY SAINTS LOGO CONTEST

We are looking for a prize-winning logo for our new, Holy Saints Community and you could be the winner! Ideally the logo will represent all five Parishes within our Area Catholic Community which includes:

- *Holy Cross in Pearl Lake
- *St. Anne's in Kimball
- *St. Nicholas in St. Nicholas
- *St. Mary Help of Christians in St. Augusta
- *St. Wendelin's in Luxemburg

The logo could include portions of each parish, symbols from the names of parishes, or whatever creative idea you can think of. We will collect the logos, narrow the entries to 3 and ask parishioners to vote on the winning logo. Rules of the contest:

- *One entry per page (standard copy paper size)
- *Include Entrants name and phone number
- *Meaning behind the logo design

***Turned into parish office or collection basket by July 19th, 2020**

Camp Creation Online Vacation Bible School set for August 3-7 - "Camp Creation: Day by Day with God,"

a free online Vacation Bible School, is being offered for parishes and families in the Diocese of St. Cloud during the week of August 3-7. It will be an 'asynchronous' experience — those who would like to participate may join in from 9 a.m. to noon each day during the VBS week or whenever they wish, after the activities have been posted the for each day. Every Day of Camp Creation will have a Bible passage from Genesis Chapter 1, songs, prayer, activities and snack ideas... and a few jokes! Start saving your empty toilet paper rolls for activities on Day 5! It will be hosted at <http://familytogether.stcdio.org/>. There is no need to register.