

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

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July 19, 2020



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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.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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Readings for Next Sunday, July 26

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

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

Mass Intentions

20 Monday - No Mass

21 Tuesday - 6:00pm SMHOC † John, † Luella,
& † Bruce Klaverkamp

22 Wednesday - 7:45 SW † Kerry Stang

23 Thursday - 7:45am SW † Rollie Albers

8:00am SMHOC † Daniel Massmann

24 Friday - 8:30am HC † Robert Backer

25 Saturday - 4:00pm HC † Del Frank

6:30pm SMHOC - Parishioners

26 Sunday - 8:00am SMHOC † Jack Eugene Laudenbach

10:00am SW Lou Orth Family Members

SW = St. Wendelin HC = Holy Cross

SMHOC = St. Mary Help of Christians

****Just a friendly reminder when there is a funeral, the priest who has that funeral will not celebrate a daily mass****

Looking Ahead:

Tuesday, July 21

6:00pm Mass at SMHOC

Wednesday, July 22

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

Thursday, July 23

8:00am Mass at SMHOC

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

Friday, July 24

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

Saturday, July 25

6:30pm Mass at SMHOC

Sunday, July 26

8:00am Mass

Parish Support

Adult	\$2,685.50
Youth	8.00
Votive Lights	20.00
Stole Fees	150.00
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.

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 for more information or to sign up.

Prayer Blankets are made with care on concern for those who receive the blanket. The prayer blanket brings comfort to the suffering and peace to the fearful. It is a symbol of being covered with love and prayers from our parish community. If you or someone you know are in need of a prayer blanket, they are in the meeting room in the cupboard, or call the Parish Office.

Thank You.

2020 Parish Festival Update:

We would like to thank the following local businesses for their continued support of SMHOC and the annual festival. Although this year we were unable to have the normal raffle, their donations are very much appreciated and will assist with the 4-wheeler/lawn mower raffle.

- Catholic United Financial**
- Gohmann Supply, LLC**
- Pat Fruth Trucking, Inc,**
- MTH – Minnesota Truck Headquarters**
- Creative Design Construction**
- Schill Trucking, Inc.**
- Gregory Gall**
- Joe’s Auto/Truck repair**
- Knight’s of Columbus Council #961**
- Land O’Lakes Oil & Propane**
- Mid Minnesota Central Vacuum System**
- North Star Signs & Engraving**
- Steve’s Excavating, Inc.**
- Sun & Fun Pool Service, LLC**
- Tri-County Auto Glass**
- A.M. Maus & Sons, Inc.**
- Benson Funeral Home**
- John’s Body Shop – John Krippner**
- Williams Dingmann Funeral Home**

Thank you for your continued support. Raffle Tickets are available in the Parish Office, M-F, 7:30am-Noon.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: “Transformed by faith and sent in service to all.” The Appeal supports ministries that affect you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and are not used for any other purpose.**

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.

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 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.

Holy Saints Mass Schedule Effective July 1, 2020

<u>Monday</u> 8:00am SA	<u>Tuesday</u> 8:00am SN 6:00pm SMHOC	<u>Wednesday</u> 7:45am SW 8:00am SA
<u>Thursday</u> 7:45am SW 8:00am SMHOC	<u>Friday</u> 8:30am HC	<u>Saturday</u> 4:00pm HC 5:00pm SA 6:30pm SMHOC
<u>Sunday</u> 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
 SW = St. Wendelin in Luxemburg
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Employment Opportunity - Our ACC is hiring a Director of Faith Formation!

This person will be a representative of the pastor. They will manage and develop the overall religious education programs for school aged children and youth, cultivate a youth ministry program, and provide opportunities for continuing adult education. There is more information on the parish website www.smhoc.org. Click on the Faith Formation Picture, then click on the Director of Faith Formation Description. If you know of anyone that would be interested in applying, please pass on the information! Applications accepted until July 31, 2020.

The Prayer Network is available when you want spiritual help for your special need(s). Contact Marcia Rosha at 558-6187.



6th Annual Bike & Classic Car Run benefiting Chloe’s Courage Fund will be on Saturday, August 22nd at

Rollies Rednecks and Longnecks in Sauk Rapids.
 10:00am Registration
 11:00am Ride Leaves
 11:00am-4:00pm Ride

4:00pm-6:00pm Food, Beverages & Silent Auction
 Ride Fee: \$20.00 per person + \$10.00 for passenger
 100% of proceeds will be used to impact children and families facing a life threatening illness by promoting courage and celebrating bravery. Don’t have a Bike or Classic Car?? Hop on the party bus provided by Voigt’s Bus Service. To reserve your seat on the bus, please call 320-339-7100.

Chloe Fruth is the granddaughter of Ralph & Judy Fruth. Chloe passed away from cancer in February of 2012.

The next Baptism Class will be Monday, August 10th at 6:30pm. Please call the Parish Office at 320-252-1799 to register.