

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

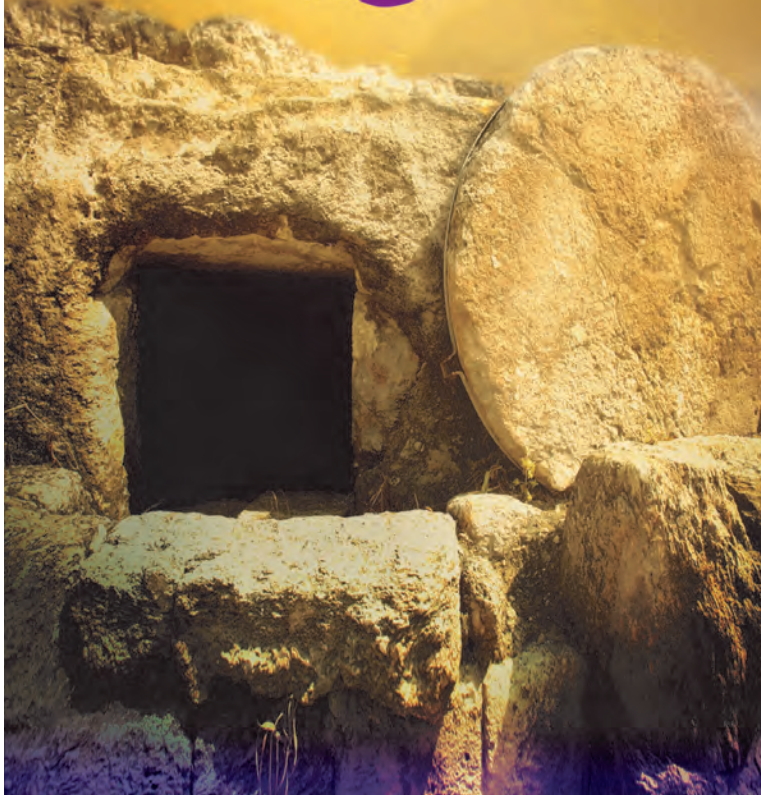
24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

April 16, 2017



EASTER SUNDAY

the  
*Resurrection*  
of the  
*Lord*



**PARISH:** 320-252-1799  
**SCHOOL:** 320-251-3937  
**WEBSITE:** [www.SMHOC.org](http://www.SMHOC.org)  
**PRAYER LINE:** 320-558-6187

#### PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*  
Kelly Kirks, *Principal*  
Shelly Gohmann, *Secretary*  
Jan Minke,  
*Faith Formation Director*  
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) or by  
*appointment*

#### 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 12, 2017 at  
7:00pm. Call the Parish  
Office to register.

#### MARRIAGE PREP

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

#### NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the parish office  
for more information.

#### 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.*



## April 16 - Easter Sunday - John 20:1-9

It is totally strange that a woman of Judah of the first century AD goes to the tomb all alone in the early morning. Mary of Magdala was a courageous woman. She loved Jesus. Love is the most powerful energy in the world. It strengthens one to go beyond the limit of one's own and others' expectations. But she saw something totally unexpected when she reached the tomb: the stone being removed from the tomb. The situation is strange and confusing. So she ran to Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved. Mary's words, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him" made them run toward the tomb. They saw and believed that somebody had taken the body of

Jesus away. Their seeing did not take them beyond the tomb. For it is written: "For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Faith is a gift of God. Love takes us to the tomb. But faith takes us beyond the tomb. Let our journeys of love and seeing lead us to faith - a faith in the risen One.

Let us pray that the Spirit of God opens our eyes of faith to go beyond the tomb. ~Fr. Jose~



### Mass Intentions for the Week

- 17 Monday - No Mass
- 18 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Wendy & +Ryan Kiffmeyer
- 19 Wednesday - No Mass
- 20 Thursday - No Mass
- 21 Friday - 8:00am +Bob Coons
- 22 Saturday - 5:00pm +LeRoy Wettstein
- 23 Sunday - 8:00am +Wilfred & +Marcella Zieglmeier  
10:00am Parishioners

#### Ushers/Greeters - Month of April

- 5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltcs
- 8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner
- 10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

#### Ushers/Greeters - Month of May

- 5:00pm Lloyd & Doris Rosha
- 8:00am Allen Hiemenz & Kevin Voigt
- 10:00am Volunteers

#### Servers This Weekend, April 15 & 16


- 8:00pm Bryce Knapcik & Julia Knapcik
- 6:30am Volunteers
- 8:00am Logan Haselkamp & Hayden Hemmesch
- 10:00am Kate Schreifels & Hannah Carlson

#### Servers Next Weekend, April 22 & 23

- 5:00pm Madison Streit & Zack Streit
- 8:00am Nick Jenniges & Angela Witte
- 10:00am Jackson Pogatschnik & Colin Irlbeck

#### Parish Support

Adult	\$4,724.60
Youth	18.25
Votive Lights	43.00
Easter Collection	20.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



**The Week Ahead**

**Monday, April 17**  
Parish Offices Closed

**Tuesday, April 18**  
Catholic United Financial Meeting following the 6:00pm Mass

**Friday, April 21**  
8:00am SMHOC School Mass

**Saturday, April 22**  
Food Shelf Collection

**Sunday, April 23**  
Food Shelf Collection  
Breakfast & Bake Sale - Group 7 (O-Schill) with Karen Powell and Lisa Rosha as chairs.

#### **Readings for This Sunday, April 16**

- Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
- Colossians 3:1-4
- John 20:1-9

#### **Readings for Next Sunday, April 23**

- Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31





**Greetings from SMHOCS...**

*Happy Easter! May Christ the risen King of Kings fill all of your days with life's good things.*

The students and staff at SMHOCS will be on Easter break through April 17<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we celebrate Eucharist

as a school family at 8:00 a.m., **Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. The students in grade one will be assisting with the readings of the Mass.

*Peace be with you, Kelly Kirks, Principal*



**Faith Formation: Jan Minke**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!  
May the seeds of faith, planted during Lent, grow and flower in your life and in the lives of those around you!  
May your lives be full of the joy of the new life given to us on Easter!  
May we all continue to grow in God's love as Christ's disciples.*

The Faith Formation year is winding down fast! Our volunteers continue to be amazing ambassadors of God's love. Please take the time to thank them for their unselfish gift of time and faith sharing. Also please consider if you would be able to help out in the classroom next year. It is a great learning and growing experience for all of us.

**Classes this week, Wed. April 19:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> gr. 6:15-7:20p.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> gr. 7:25-8:30p.m.

**Next Sunday, April 23**, the Faith Formation students will be assisting with the 10:00a.m. Mass. Please arrive by 9:30.

**Easter Party....**Next Sunday, April 23 we will have our annual Easter Party in the Gathering Space at church. Beginning after the 8:00p.m. Mass!

**Senior Dinner:** Invitations have been mailed for the Senior Dinner following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, April 29. If you are 62 or older and did not receive an invitation, please call the parish office. Also, please remember to let us know by Friday, April 21st, if you plan to come for the dinner. We hope to see all of our Seniors at the dinner this year to allow us to express our gratitude to you for your faithful service to our parish community.

**Graduating High School Seniors:** If your child is graduating from High School this year, please call the Parish Office by April 25th with your child's name so we can send them an invitation to the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 21.

**St. Augusta Lions** are having a fundraiser on Monday, April 17th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Pizza Ranch. All are welcome!

**Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale:** Our next Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale will be Sunday, April 23rd. If you can help with the Breakfast, please sign up on line on the Parish Website or call Greg Hopke. Group 7 (O-Schill) will be in charge of the Bake Sale with Karen Powell and Lisa Rosha as chairs.

**Faith In Action....**Fr. Anthony Kroll and Jonathan Solari from Working Capital for Community Needs will explain microcredit and how it helps the immigrant stay home. Sat. April 22, 2:00pm at the Speltz House, 308 3rd St. S., Sauk Rapids and Sat. April 22nd at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, 2875 10th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids.

**What is Easter?**

It's not about the eggs to hunt  
It's not about a bunny  
It's not about brand new clothes  
Or candy as sweet as hunny

On this day many years ago  
A man named Jesus Christ  
Upon a cross for you and me  
Gladly gave his life

Not for sins that He had done  
Or crimes He must repay  
He did it all for you and me  
For our sins He died that day

But that's not the end of Jesus Christ  
They put Him in a grave  
But three days later He rose again  
Our sin debt had finally been paid

So this Easter as you hunt for eggs  
Dressed up in brand new clothes  
Don't think about the Easter Bunny  
Think about why Christ arose

Wishing you a Blessed Easter!

~Father Jose and the Staff of

St. Mary Help of Christians Church~