

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

April 17, 2016



4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." *Jn 10:27-28a*

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
Kelly Kirks, *Principal*
Shelly Gohmann, *Secretary*
Jan Minke,
Faith Formation Director
Deb Klaverkamp,
Youth Coordinator
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

NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the parish office for
more information.

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 13, 2016 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.

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 17 – 4th Sunday of Easter – Acts 13:14,43-52, Rev 7:9,14b-17, Jn 10:27-30

The close intimate relationship between Jesus and his disciples is explained in today’s Gospel passage. This relationship is not a casual one. It is something that was destined by the Father long ago: even before the foundation of the world. Jesus the true shepherd knows his own. They hear his voice and follow him. What Jesus gives, no one else can give. The greatest gift of God to us is life and eternal life that is an imperishable life. No one can snatch the sheep out of the hand of the good shepherd as he holds them close to him. It is not that the sheep stay close to the shepherd, but that the shepherd holds them close to his heart. The Lord blesses us with His loving, life-giving and eternal grip so that we may not become the prey of the wolves.

I am reminded of the story of the five year old child getting out of the car to go to the church festival. As she climbed out, her dad asked her to hold onto his hand. To which, instead, the child asked the dad to hold onto her hand. “Why should I hold onto your hand?” he asked. The child answered, “If you are holding my hand, no matter what happens you are strong enough not to lose me.”

Jesus’ hold on us is so strong that nothing can break it loose. Lord, we pray to open our eyes to see your loving and caring hand that keeps us safe always in your loving protection. ~Fr. Jose~

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- 18 Monday - No Mass
- 19 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Virgil Koenig
- 20 Wednesday 8:00 am +Leonard & +Bob Voigt
- 21 Thursday 8:00 am +Erwin Terwey
- 22 Friday 8:00 am +Jeanette Mondloch
- 23 Saturday 5:00 pm +Ralph & +Melanie Hinkemeyer
- 24 Sunday 8:00 am +Richard & +Martha Janski
10:00 am Parishioners

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,790.26
Youth	23.49
Easter	20.00
Visitor	17.00
Votive Lights	45.00
Hall Rent	500.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Ushers/Greeters - Month of April

- 5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltes
- 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 16th & 17th

- 5:00 pm Andrew Hayward & Alexis Jelen
- 8:00 am Victoria Schill & Gavin Campbell
- 10:00 am Colin Irlbeck & Brady Kenning

Servers This Weekend, April 23rd & 24th

- 5:00pm Nevin Bloom & Seth Walls
- 8:00am Will Massmann & Jack Massmann
- 10:00am Everett Yarke & Thatcher Yarke

Readings for This Sunday, April 17th

- Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52
- Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
- John 10:27-30

Readings for Next Sunday, April 10th

- Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27
- Revelation 21:1-5a
- John 13:31-33a, 34-35



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, April 19

- 12:00 Senior Soup Luncheon & Social
- 6:30pm CUF Mtg.

Thursday, April 21

- 8:45-11:00 Bible Study

Saturday, April 23

- 2:00pm Wedding: Jim Laudenbach & Shelly Sauer

Sunday, April 24

- 6:00pm Mass

Monday, April 25

- Mobile Mammography

Tuesday, April 26

- 2nd Graders & Parents First Eucharist Retreat starts with Mass at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 28

- 8:00am School Mass - School Volunteer Appreciation
- 8:45-11:00 Bible Study

Friday, April 29

- 5:00pm Meat Raffle at Club Almar. Tom Zieglemeier & Denise Hommerding are chairing.

Saturday, April 30 & Sunday May 1

- First Eucharist at all Masses

Banns of Marriage

- III- Jim Laudenbach & Shelly Sauer

Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale is going on today. Stop in for a delicious breakfast and fellowship.



Nursery Next Sunday, April 24th:

Lynn Sandhurst & Family



School News

Greetings from SMHOCS...

Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, April 21st. The students in grade five will be assisting with the readings of the Mass.

We wish to thank and extend a special blessing to all those who volunteer at our school throughout the year. The students will have a special musical performance and social in the parish center on Thursday, April 28th.

Service Saturday is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. Service at SMHOCS is at the core of the commitment we make to living the Gospel. Throughout the year, we work to foster an enthusiasm for service to others in the name of Christ. In experiencing service to others, we deepen our understanding of who is our neighbor and an understanding of what it is to love that neighbor. Service Saturday is an opportunity for us to serve senior citizens and other neighbors in need of assistance in our community.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Thank you from the Senior Members of our Parish Community:

to the members of the Parish Council and their spouses and to Eileen Annis and Doris Rosha for the wonderful Senior Dinner on Saturday, April 2. Thank you to the Seniors who were able to attend. Thank you also to the Seniors of our Parish Community for your wisdom and your faithfulness 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.

The nursery is looking for volunteers to help in the nursery during the 10:00 Mass. Please call or text Amy Spielmann at 309-5393 or by email amyspielmann@gmail.com

Jewelry Shoppe Booth for Festival - If you have any unwanted new or old jewelry, please consider donating to the Jewelry Shoppe Booth. A drop box will be in the back of church or drop it off in the parish office. If you have any questions, please call Eleanor Heyda at 229-7410.

Ushers Needed:

We are in need of Ushers for the month of May at the 10:00am Mass; We also need one more usher for the 10:00 Mass for the months of March, July, and August. If you are able to help us out, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you for donating your ham receipts and cards. We were able to get 15 hams for our parish.

Religious Education Program

Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes this week, Wed. April 20:
1st – 6th gr. 6:15-7:20p.m.
7th & 8th gr. 7:25- 8:30p.m.

Parents of 2nd graders please be sure to be in class this week to help your child make their banner.

Next Sunday, April 24 will be the last Sunday of **Liturgy of the Word for Children** of this school year. Thank you to Victoria Ashbrook for her wonderful ministry with the children in this program. She does a beautiful job of sharing the Gospel with the children each week! Thank you also to Aeron and Luke who also help with the program!

Coming up:

The **Retreat and rehearsal for First Holy Communion** will be on Tuesday, April 26 at 6:00p.m. beginning with Mass. Students and both parents please attend.

Last Night of classes for grades 1-8 will be Wednesday, April 27th. This will also be our last YES night. Don't miss it!

Save the date **VBS is June 6-10**. Registrations coming soon.!!!



Youth Group - Deb Klaverkamp

This will be the LAST Youth Group for this school year! Come and join us as we celebrate with lots of games - including some of your favorite from the year!

Next Wednesday (April 27) will be our LAST YES Night! We need a few good youth leaders willing to come and help with the games, songs and a skit! Text/call Deb if you can help (828-0807). Those who are helping will meet at 5:45 to prepare for the night!

Summer Event Forms will be available soon - just working on finalizing a few things! Some of what we have planned includes: Valleyfair, an afternoon at the beach, Paintball, an afternoon of service and Airmaxx. Our Canoe & Camp will occur in early fall as well as our annual box sleep for homeless.

Help with Canoe and Camping! Do you have canoes we could use? Let Deb know 828-0807.

VBS - plan on helping with this fun week! This is an amazing way to share your faith, have fun with your friends, make new friends and learn in the process!

Our next Light a Fire Mass will be Sunday, April 24th at 6pm. Want to help by reading, ushering, bringing up the gifts? Let Deb or Kelly know ASAP! We hope to see many of you there! Come early for some time spent in song as we Praise and Worship our Lord - stay after for snacks and make a new friend!

Divine Mercy DVD Series

April 17-Fatima-hear about the "secrets" revealed by Our Lady to the world as the "sun danced". You didn't know the sun danced? Come check this out!

Join us-9:00 Sunday morning in the Youth Room