

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 12, 2017



2nd Sunday of Lent

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here.

If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." *Mt 17:4-5*

PARISH: 320-252-1799
SCHOOL: 320-251-3937
WEBSITE: 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

April 10, 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.



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Readings for This Sunday, March 12

Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Readings for Next Sunday, March 19

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

Ushers/Greeters - Month of March

5:00pm Al & Doris Pilarski
8:00am Len & Sue Meyer
10:00am Rocky Keske & Lisa or Brandon Roshia

Ushers/Greeters - Month of April

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

Servers This Weekend, March 11 & 12

5:00pm Brooke Wilson & Kendra Wilson
8:00am Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann
10:00am Hayden Hemmesch & Hannah Carlson

Servers Next Weekend, March 18 & 19

5:00pm Zach Streit & Morgan Streit
8:00am Angela Witte & Karissa Lintgen
10:00am Everett Yarke & Thatcher Yarke

From the Diocese of St. Cloud - Pope Francis has described mercy as “the very foundation of the Church’s life.” During Lent 2017, the Church in the Diocese of Saint Cloud wants every person to experience the life-changing power of God’s mercy and love.

On March 31st - the Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent - the diocese is holding a 12 hour “Festival of Forgiveness” during which the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at designated churches throughout the diocese.

Our parishioners here at St. Mary Help of Christians Church, are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, March 31st at the Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud, between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm.


The Catholic faithful, including those who have been away from the sacraments, are invited to participate in this special celebration.



We will be cleaning the Church on Saturday, March 18th starting at 8:00am



- 13 Monday - **No Mass**
- 14 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Virgil Koenig
- 15 Wednesday - 8:00am +Anton Sr. & Doria Elbinger
- 16 Thursday - 8:00am +Bob Fruth
- 17 Friday - 8:00am +Julia Voigt
- 18 Saturday - 5:00pm +George & +Marcella Schill
- 19 Sunday - 8:00 am Parishioners
10:00 am +Fred Meyer



Tuesday, March 14
6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Soup and Bread Supper

Thursday, March 16
6:00pm Finance Council
8:00pm Parish Council

Friday, March 17
5:45pm CUF Movie Night

Saturday, March 18
8:00am Church Cleaning
Food Shelf Collection

Sunday, March 19
8:00am-11:30 Parish Breakfast & Bake Sale (Group 6)
Food Shelf Collection

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,744.25
Youth	19.75
Votive Lights	55.00
Visitor	119.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

German Dinner - Come enjoy an Authentic German Dinner on Saturday, March 25th. Serving begins at 5:00pm. Tickets are available before and after all Masses and in the Parish Office. Tickets are \$13.00 in advance or \$16.00 at the door.

Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale: Our next Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale is next Sunday, March 19th. Group 6 (M-N) will be in charge of the Bake Sale with Lu Meemken and Geralyn Murphy as chairs.

Firearms Safety begins Monday, March 20th at 7pm at the St. Augusta Legion. Must be at least 11 years old to attend. Any questions call Doug at 333-0819.



Condolences: to *Richard Kloepner and family* and *Edna Kieke and family* on the death of their sister,
Alvera Gohmann



Greetings from SMHOCS,

The school will not be in session March 13-17 due to a scheduled Spring Break.

Our next school liturgy is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd. We will be sharing a special blessing with those students and staff celebrating March birthdays. The students in grade 2 will be assisting with the Mass.

We are currently looking to build our team for the summer care program. Those who love working with children are encouraged to apply. Please contact me for more information. (kkirks@smhocs.org)

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

If you are homebound/hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness or age, please call the Parish Office to request a home visit, hospital visit and/or Eucharist to be brought to you. Please contact the Parish Office at 252-1799. ~Fr. Jose



Welcome to St. Mary Help of Christians

Nicole Gawloski

Matthew Schwinghammer and

Marites Larson

Nick Matten & Kayla Mertens

We are so glad you are here!

The next Blood Drive will be here on April 24th. Sign up will be starting soon. Sponsored by the Parish Health Committee.

**Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegetown MN
Abbey Lenten Retreat, March 24-26, 2017**

Lenten Direction from Saint Paul

Led by Prior Bradley Jenniges, OSB

What might St. Paul say to us today during this season of renewal of our personal relationships to Christ and as we seek the renewal of our church communities?

All are welcome! The retreat starts with supper on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and concludes after lunch on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$195 for a single room, and \$340 for a double room (\$170 per person).

To learn more or to register for this retreat, contact the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929 or go online: www.abbeyguesthouse.org.

**Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegetown MN
Abbey Day of Reflection, Friday, April 7, 2017**

A New Creation: Discernment in Prayer and Community Led by Alyssa Maty and Br. Aidan Putnam, OSB

How do we know what God is calling us to do? This day-long program considers ways to observe and discern divine promptings in our lives.

All are welcome! The retreat starts with Morning Prayer with the Saint John's monastic community at 7:00 a.m. and concludes around 3:30 p.m. The cost of \$25 includes breakfast, lunch, and the retreat sessions. For those wishing to stay the evening before, rooms are available at the Abbey Guesthouse.

To learn more or to register for this retreat, contact the Spiritual Life Office at 320-363-3929 or go online: www.abbeyguesthouse.org.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

No classes this week, Wednesday, March 15th *Spring Break*

Please note: The Mass that Faith Formation students were going to help with is being rescheduled. Watch for information to come home with your students.

Last Wednesday the younger children learned about the Stations of the Cross. I hope you can go to Stations of the Cross with your children on Tuesday evenings following the 6:00p.m. Mass during Lent. It is a wonderful experience that helps to remind us of Christ's sacrifice for each of us. It is one of the many treasures of our Catholic faith. Giving our children this experience will help them to know how much God loves us. It is part of teaching them who Jesus is so that they can know and love Him as our brother and Savior.

2nd Year Confirmation students: A few of you still have Spirit and Service project reports to get in. Please turn them in ASAP. They were due Feb. 14.



**Booth Chairs Needed for
2017 Parish Festival**

We are looking for a chairperson for the following booths for our Parish Festival on June 24 and 25: Kids Games and Ring Toss. In order to continue to offer these booths, we need your help.

We greatly appreciate your help in contributing to the making the festival a success.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact

Doug and Keri Laudenbach 320-291-5299.

Group Leaders - We are in need of a co-group leader(s) for the following groups:

Group 1 (A-D) and Group 10 (M Voigt-Z). If you are willing to help, please contact the parish office.

Legion Post 621 summer baseball: Want to play legion baseball this summer? Come play for St. Augusta! New uniforms and no fee this year! See future postings for player meetings before the season.

Contact for more information: (call or text)

Richard Thompson: (320) 237-1376

Mitch Voigt: (320) 310-5203

Mobile Mammography Unit: The CentraCare Breast Center Mobile Mammography Unit will no longer be coming to St. Augusta. Thank you for your support in the past. Please remember to get your annual screening scheduled with your physician.

Fish Frys:

Friday, March 17 - Church of the Immaculate Conception in Rice. Serving from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Adults \$9.00, 12 & Under \$5.00. Under 4 are Free.

Friday, March 17 - St. Augusta Legion. Serving from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Fish \$10.75 - With Shrimp \$11.75