

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 19, 2017



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." —Jn 4:10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**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

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.

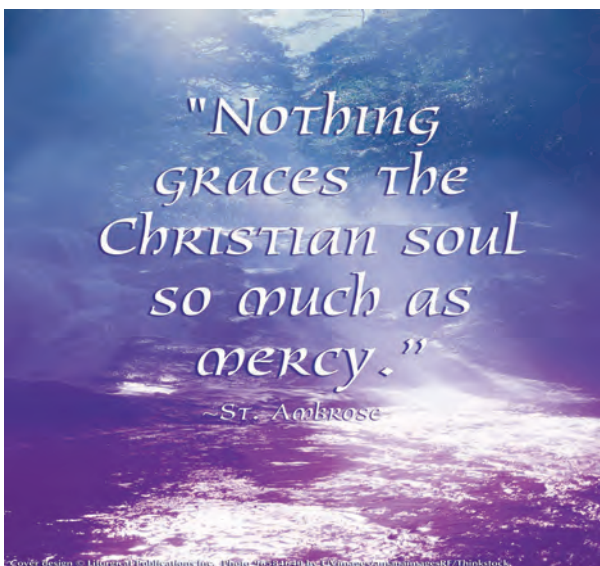
### MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*



**Readings for This Sunday, March 19**

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

**Readings for Next Sunday, March 26**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**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 18 & 19**

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

**Servers Next Weekend, March 25 & 26**


5:00pm Isaac Voigt & Trevor Voigt  
8:00am Bryce Knapek & Julia Knapek  
10:00am Seth Walls & Maya Walls

**Catholic Relief Services Collection:** In your envelope packet there is an envelope for The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**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.

**Mass Intentions**

- 20 Monday - No Mass
- 21 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Jeanette Mondloch
- 22 Wednesday - 8:00am Special Intention
- 23 Thursday - 8:00am +Tim Tschida
- 24 Friday - 8:00am +Pete Meyer
- 25 Saturday - 5:00pm +Betty Voigt
- 26 Sunday - 8:00 am Parishioners  
10:00 am +Judy Janey



**The Week Ahead**

**Tuesday, March 21**  
9:00am Stations of the Cross with the students from SMHOC School  
6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Soup and Bread Supper

**Thursday, March 23**  
6:00pm Board of Ed meeting

**Saturday, March 25**  
5:00pm German Dinner

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$5,623.50
Youth	17.15
Votive Lights	61.00
St. Cloud Visitor	17.00
Easter Flowers	70.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

**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.

**Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale:**

Today is our Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale. Stop in and enjoy a delicious breakfast

**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.



**Greetings from SMHOCS...**

All are welcome to join our school community to pray the Stations of the Cross Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. Father Jose will be leading us in this prayer time. Also, we will celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The students in grade two will be assisting with the Mass. We will honor those students and staff members who celebrate their birthdays in the month of March.

Students and families of St. Mary Help of Christians were able to raise \$9,350 by taking part in the 2017 Annual Catholic Schools Raffle, a fundraiser sponsored by Catholic United Financial. Thank you to all who supported our school by purchasing tickets for the raffle. These funds will be used to update our phone system. Your support is appreciated.

*Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*

**St. Mary's Catholic United Financial Council would like to send many, many, many THANKS!**

*To* Joan Kiffmeyer & Joan Jendro for chairing the garage sale. *To* over 30 volunteers who help make this event possible. *To* all parishioners who donate items. *Lastly to* all our customers for coming and shopping. Thank you all for helping us have a successful Garage Sale. We raised \$2907.00. CUF will match \$1000.00 to make our total profit \$3907.00.

If you have children's clothes, they have outgrown, or unused household items please consider saving them for us for next year.

Our next Garage Sale is February 24th & 25th, 2018.

**Reminder to those** who signed up for the bus to the Passion Play on Friday, March 24th, we will load the bus at 2:15pm, with the bus leaving by 2:30pm.

**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



**Faith Formation: Jan Minke**

Classes today, March 19:

Laudenbach/Schreifels Confirmation class 6:00-8:30p.m.

Classes this week, Wednesday, March 22:

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.

Schmidt/Kronenberg Confirmation class 6:00-8:30p.m.

Today's Gospel demonstrates that God's mercy is without limits. A good lesson for all of us. Nothing we have done is unredeemable. Also others are worthy of God's mercy. If this is true shouldn't we also show mercy? Easier said than done, but still that is what we are called to. Forgiveness and mercy are supposed to be a way of life for us, but it can be a stumbling block. So it becomes a difficult thing to teach and model to our children. We need to think and guard our words. We are the example for the next generation.

**Do you know your Faith?** Ask your children if they know what the 2 major parts of the Mass are. (Liturgy of The Word and Liturgy of The Eucharist) At what point do we transition from one to the other?

**The next Blood Drive** will be here on April 24th. You can sign up starting this weekend, for the next three weekends before and after the Masses. The Blood Drive is sponsored by the Parish Health Committee.

**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.

**Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Colledgeville 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](http://www.abbeyguesthouse.org).

**Fish Frys:**

**Friday, March 24** - 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 24** - St. Augusta Legion. Serving from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Fish \$10.75 - With Shrimp \$11.75

