

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 26, 2017



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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.

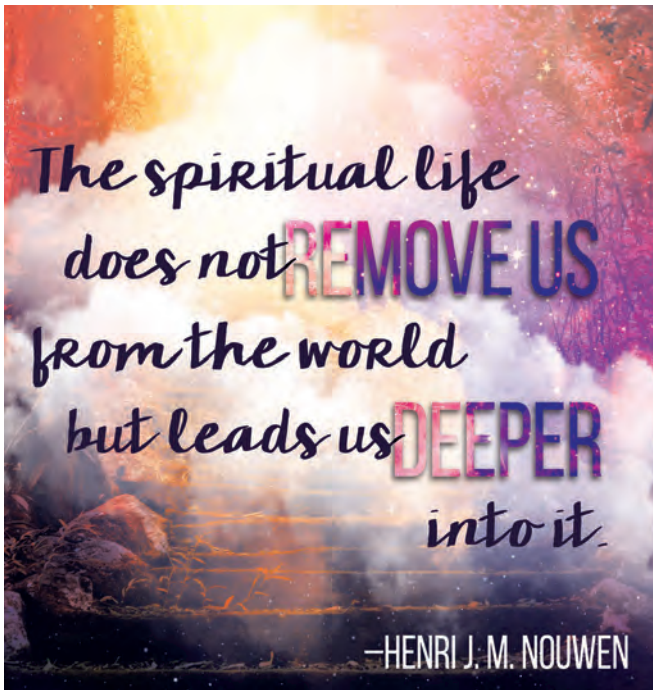
MISSION STATEMENT

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 26

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

Readings for Next Sunday, April 2

Ezekiel 37:12-14
 Romans 8:8-11
 John 11:1-45

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 Koltres
 8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner
 10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

Servers This Weekend, March 25 & 26

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

Servers Next Weekend, April 1 & 2


5:00pm Madison Fruth & Kaden Fruth
 8:00am Trey Toenjes & Truman Toenjes
 10:00am Luke Ashbrook & Paul Meyer



The Parish Festival needs your help! We are looking for a 3rd couple to co-chair the festival and someone to chair the children's games. If you are willing to help please contact Doug Laudenschach at 320-291-5299, or Doug Mueller at 320-492-3101. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

- 27 Monday - No Mass
- 28 Tuesday - 6:00pm Max Villeneuve
- 29 Wednesday - 8:00am +Harvey Laudenschach
- 30 Thursday - 8:00am +Matt Koltres
- 31 Friday - 8:00am +Adelaide Ruehle
- 1 Saturday - 5:00pm Parishioners
- 2 Sunday - 8:00 am +Clarence Schmidt
 10:00 am Christian Women



Tuesday, March 28
 9:00am Stations of the Cross with the students from SMHOC School
 12:00pm-4:00pm Senior Soup Luncheon
 6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Soup and Bread Supper

Friday, March 31
 5:00pm School Meat Raffle at the Club Almar

Sunday, April 2
 6:30pm-9:00pm First Year Confirmation Class in the Parish Center

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,459.35
Youth	12.49
Catholic Relief Services	50.00
Votive Lights	45.52
St. Cloud Visitor	34.00
Food Shelf	540.00
Funeral Fund	11.91
Easter Flowers	387.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

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.

Thank You Thank you to those who helped clean the church this past Saturday. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Greetings from SMHOCS,

We are continuing to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter through the forty days of Lent. We rededicate ourselves to prayer. We invite the parish community to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross in church on Tuesday, March 28th at 9 a.m. Father Jose will lead us in prayer and students will assist with readings for each station.

Also, please join our school community for Mass on Wednesday, March 29th as we celebrate the Eucharist. The students in Grade 6 will be assisting with the Mass.

Blessings, Kelly Kirks, Principal



Scrip News:

Just in time for Easter shopping... Coborns is offering 5% back!

Watch for flyer and order form in next week's bulletin, or stop by the Scrip Table this weekend. You may select where you want your 5% to go. Support our community by shopping with Scrip!

Bishop Kettler will be joining us on Tuesday, March 28th for the Soup and Bread Supper. All are welcome to come for Mass at 6:00pm followed by Stations of the Cross and Soup and Bread Supper with Bishop Kettler.

Senior Soup Luncheon is on Tuesday March 28th. Serving lunch Noon-1:00pm. Cards and games until 4:00pm. Come to eat, socialize, to play. Stay only as long as you like. Bring a friend and enjoy the day!

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.



Baptism Congratulations to:

Presley Kay daughter of Tyler & Tiffany Brinkman

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.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes this week, Wed. March 29:
 1st – 6th gr. 6:15-7:20p.m.
 7th - 8th gr. 7:25-8:30p.m.

In this week's Gospel Jesus heals a blind man. Instead of being amazed at this miracle, the Pharisees try to find fault. They say terrible things about Jesus because He worked this miracle on the Sabbath.

If you talk to your children about this event, ask them to imagine not being able to see since birth. No light, no color, not even the faces of those you love. Jesus happens to pass by and gives this man sight! An enormous miracle, changing every facet of this man's life. Who could possibly find anything wrong with that? Are we grateful for all of the miracles we experience every day? The gift of life, light, color, family, Faith, love and the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist! Do we see the blessings and miracles in our lives or do we look for fault? Try this game with your kids, say, "Jesus open my eyes to all the miracles in my life." Then take turns naming all the blessings around you- seen and un seen.

Do you know your Faith?

Can you name the prayer that professes what we believe? (The Creed)

Which form of the creed do we say at Mass?



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars.
 June 12th-16th
 SonRock Kids Camp VBS is coming!!!

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.

Thank you to those who donated items for the Bake Sale and also to those who bought items from the Bake Sale. Our profit was \$395.10.



Condolences to **Cathy Mondloch** and family on the death of her father Richard Vierling;

to **Randy Hommerding** and family on the death of his mother, LaVerne Hommerding.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them

Fish Frys:

Friday, March 31 - Rockville Parish Center. Serving from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Adults \$10.00, Age 10 and under \$5.00. Sponsored by the Rockville Fire Department

Friday, March 31 - St. Augusta Legion. Serving from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Fish \$10.75 - With Shrimp \$11.75

Friday, March 31 - Church of the Immaculate Conception in Rice. Serving from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Adults \$9.00, 12 & Under \$5.00. Under 4 are Free.