St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 27, 2016

PARISH: 320-252-1799
SCHOOL: 320-251-3937
WEBSITE: www.SMHOC.org

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
Ken Rosha, *Deacon*
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

April 11, 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.

March 27 - 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. It shows that this courageous woman, Mary of Magdala, has great passion for the tomb in which Jesus was buried. 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. Mary was powered by the energy of love. But she saw something totally unexpected when she reached the tomb: the stone being removed from the tomb. The situation is strange and confusing and she felt that she was alone. She needs some friends. 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 and love 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 carries us beyond the tomb. Cross becomes the sign of glory through faith. 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~**

28 Monday - No Mass
29 Tuesday 6:00 pm +Richard Dingmann
30 Wednesday 8:00 am +Guy Schwieters
31 Thursday 8:00 am
1 Friday 8:00 am +Roger Ohmann
2 Saturday 5:00 pm +Adelaide Ruehle
3 Sunday 8:00 am Christian Women
10:00 am Parishioners
There will not be Masses for April 5-8th as Fr. Jose is on a retreat.

Ushers/Greeters - Month of March
5:00pm Al & Doris Pilarski
8:00am Len & Sue Meyer
10:00am Rocky Keske & Michele Rosha

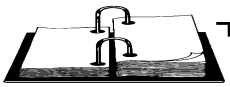
Ushers/Greeters - Month of April
5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltes
8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner
10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

Servers Easter Sunday, March 27
6:30 am Seth Walls & Maya Walls
8:00 am Anna Ludescher & Sarah Zieglmeier
10:00am Kate Schreifels & Volunteer

Servers Next Weekend, April 2nd & 3rd
5:00 pm Faith Bloom & Brandon Rosha
8:00 am Volunteers
10:00 am Hailey Keske & Logan Haselkamp

Nursery Next Sunday, April 3rd:
Mary Danielson & Amber Linn

Parish Council (One opening for a man's position):
If you would like to submit your name for the Parish Council member selection, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799, by April 15th, to have your name put in the drawing.



Tuesday, March 29
12:00-4:00 Senior Luncheon
Thursday, March 31
6:00 Finance Council Mtg.
8:00 Parish Council Mtg.
Nocturnal Adoration
Saturday, April 2nd
Senior Dinner following the 5:00 Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sunday, April 3rd
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Parish Support

Adult	$5,277.00
Youth	17.46
Easter Collection	70.00
Easter Flowers	370.00
St. Cloud Visitor	17.00
Catholic Relief Services	15.00
Votive Lights	55.25
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 28th.

The Board of Education has an opening for one female's position. This is a three year term. If you would like to serve on the Board of Education, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799, by April 15th to have your name put in the drawing.

Wishing you a Blessed Easter!
the Staff at St. Mary Help of Christians Church

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 March 28th. Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 31st. The students in grade two will be assisting with the readings of the Mass.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Service Saturday: St. Mary Help of Christians School's 3rd Annual Service Saturday will be held April 30th. We are looking for job requests from those in need (seniors, disabled, deployed military, etc..) in St. Augusta. Our school families will come and clean up your yard to ready it for Spring! Please contact Rachael Diehl at 493-8534 if you have a job request.

Signup is going on now for Parochial Athletic Association Spring Softball and Baseball. This program is for all of our young parishioners in grades 4, 5, and 6. Cost is just $20. Games are Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 from mid-April to mid-May. Contact Barb Toenjes at 282-8549 for more Information.

Summer ball sign up will take place on Thursday, April 7th, 6:00pm-8:00pm in the school gym. Tee-ball, Softball, Little League baseball and Babe Ruth baseball.

The next Blood Drive will be April 11, 2016. Sign up date for donating is April 2 & 3.

Mobile Mammography Unit: The CentraCare Breast Center will be doing screening mammography in the St. Mary Help of Christians parking lot on Monday, April 25th. This is a very convenient way to get your annual screening. Scheduling ends April 18th. Contact Mary Danielson, 240-9361 to sign up or if you have any questions!

Divine Mercy DVD Series

Join us April 3 to learn about St. Faustina's role in spreading the important message of Divine Mercy to the Modern World. See how her message affects your life today. The group meets in the Youth Group Room at 9 AM. Come even if you haven't seen the other DVDs.

Condolences to: ***Bernie Gohmann*** and family on the death of his brother-in-law, Andrew Rothstein

Faith Formation: Jan Minke

He is Risen!! Alleluia!!

This event changed everything for all of us! We are changed, life is changed. The miracle of the resurrection changed the cross from a symbol of death to one of victory, our Savior's victory over sin and death for us! May the Easter season renew us in life, in our faith and in loving gratitude of our merciful Lord! Happy Easter!

Classes this week, Wed. March 30:

1st-6th gr. 6:15-7:20p.m.

7th-9th gr. 7:25-8:30p.m.

Coming up: All 2nd year confirmation students - your attendance is required for:

The sending forth Mass will be on Sunday, April 10, at the 10:00 Mass. Confirmation practice is on Monday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud.

Confirmation will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud, on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00pm

Youth Group - Deb Klaverkamp

If you are in grades 7-12 come to youth group this week at 6:15!

We are still in need of an adult who wants to come and get to know our youth who come to youth group. If you are interested – let Deb know!

What do you want to see the youth group do this summer? Send Deb a text or give her a call! 828-0807

Thank you to the parish for your prayers last weekend. About 20 people from our community joined others from around the Diocese at the annual senior high Castaway Retreat!

Senior Dinner: Invitations have been mailed for the Senior Dinner following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, April 2. 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 Tuesday, March 29th, 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.

Thank you to all the hard working volunteers that helped with the Parish Breakfast on March 13th. We served 162 people with a profit of $723. Also thank you also who came and enjoyed the breakfast. The next Parish breakfast will be April 17th.

Thank you - The Breakfast Committee.