

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

April 9, 2017



PALM SUNDAY

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." —Mt 21:10-11

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
Kelly Kirks, *Principal*
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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

June 12, 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.



Tuesday, April 11
 5:00pm-5:45pm Reconciliation
 6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Soup and Bread Supper

Wednesday, April 12
 8:30am-9:00am Reconciliation
 6:00pm-7:00pm Reconciliation (1 guest priest)

Holy Thursday, April 13
 Mass at 6:00pm

Good Friday, April 14
 Services at 1:30pm & 6:00pm

Easter Vigil, April 15
 Mass at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 16
 Mass at 6:30am, 8:00am & 10:00am

Readings for This Sunday, April 9

Isaiah 50:4-7
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Readings for Next Sunday, April 16

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
 Colossians 3:1-4
 John 20:1-9

Thank You

Thank you to Fr. Ben Kociemba, Fr. Tony Kroll, Fr. Frank Tomaszewicz, Fr. Eb Scheffers, Fr. Bob Harren, Fr. Gerald Dalseth, and Fr. Bob Rolfes for filling in for Fr. Jose this past week. We appreciate your willingness to help out on short notice. May God Bless you for all you do!

Thank you for all your prayers and concern this past week during my illness. It is greatly appreciated. ~Fr. Jose~

Mass Intentions for the Week

- 10 Monday - No Mass
- 11 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Vernon Storms
- 12 Wednesday - 8:00am +Martha Zieglmeier
- 13 Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00pm
- 14 Good Friday Services at 1:30pm & 6:00pm
- 15 Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm
- 16 Easter Sunday Mass at 6:30am, 8:00am & 10:00am

Ushers/Greeters - Month of April

5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltcs
 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 8 & 9

5:00pm Andrew Hayward & Sam Hayward
 8:00am Jack Massmann & Will Massmann
 10:00am Hailey Keske & Brandon Rosha

Servers Holy Thursday, April 13

6:00pm Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann
 Colby Faber & Clay Faber

Servers Good Friday, April 14

1:30pm Everett Yarke & Thatcher Yarke
 6:00pm Jack Massmann & Will Massmann

Servers Easter Vigil, April 15

8:00pm Bryce Knapek & Julia Knapek

Servers Easter Sunday, April 16

6:30am Volunteers
 8:00am Logan Haselkamp & Hayden Hemmesch
 10:00am Kate Schreifels & Hannah Carlson

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,506.30
Youth	17.88
Votive Lights	42.75
Catholic Relief Services	20.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale: Our next Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale will be Sunday, April 23rd. If you can help with the Breakfast, please sign up on line on the Parish Website or call Greg Hopke. Group 7 (O-Schill) will be in charge of the Bake Sale with Karen Powell and Lisa Rosha as chairs.

Good Friday Collection - Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 14th and Easter Monday, April 17th.



Greetings from St. Mary Help of Christians School...

For this Holy Week, we continue on our spiritual journey, toward the celebration of Easter. The students will be having a day of retreat on Holy Thursday, April 13th. They will have time to reflect on the life of Jesus, celebrate a Seder Meal together and pray the Stations of the Cross. The students in grades 5 and 6 will present living Stations for our retreat. There will be no school April 14th or April 17th. Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 12th. We will be honoring those celebrating their birthdays in the month of April. The students in grade four will be assisting with the readings of the Mass.

Kindergarten Round Up is just around the corner (Friday, April 28th beginning at 9:30 am). Families with children who are ready to start school in the fall are encouraged to come spend the morning with us! Please contact the school office for more information.

Peace be with you all, Kelly Kirks, Principal

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 on Sunday, May 21.



The Parish Festival needs your help! We are looking for someone to chair the children's games. If you are willing to help please contact Doug Laudenbach at 320-291-5299, or Doug Mueller at 320-492-3101.

Attention Senior Citizen Singers! We will be singing at the 8:00am Easter Sunday Mass, with rehearsal on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00pm in the church. Please consider joining us for the Easter celebration.

Senior Dinner: Invitations have been mailed for the Senior Dinner following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, April 29. 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 Friday, April 21st, 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.

St. Augusta Lions are having a fundraiser on Monday, April 17th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Pizza Ranch. All are welcome!

Faith In Action....Fr. Anthony Kroll and Jonathan Solari from Working Capital for Community Needs will explain microcredit and how it helps the immigrant stay home. Sat. April 22, 2:00pm at the Speltz House, 308 3rd St. S., Sauk Rapids and Sat. April 22nd at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, 2875 10th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids.

Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes today, Sunday, April 9:
1st year Confirmation
5:00-7:00p.m.



No classes this week, Wednesday April 12: ***Holy Week***

Today we begin Holy week, a very solemn time during the Church year. We remember Christ's triumphant ride into Jerusalem. Then we watch the horror unfold as He does not do things the way the people wanted and the way they expected Him to do things. They wanted the immediate gratification of being freed of their Roman occupiers right then and there. They could not see the big picture of being freed from the slavery of sin and the cost that had to be paid for that deliverance. They couldn't grasp the value of that prize and what it meant for all mankind.

It can be difficult for children to understand how the crowds turned on Jesus so quickly. Or why He had to pay such a high price. He prayed for God's will. Helping our children to know that He chose to sacrifice Himself for us helps them to see how much He loves us. God did not desire for Christ to suffer, but He does desire a relationship with us. That relationship is blocked by sin and Christ was the Way to clear the path for us to come to God.

Even as adults this can be hard to understand. That doesn't mean we shouldn't try to explain it to our children, it's ok to say if we don't entirely understand it, but we trust God and know how much He loves us. As they grow they will come to understand that too.

Do you know your faith?

What does the season of Lent prepare us for?
How many days are there in Lent?

We all have something in our lives that pulls us away from our relationship with Jesus. Yeah, you go to church, and pray a before meal prayer with the family, but what is your relationship with Jesus? Do you really know that God is present in your life, or is he just there when you need him? Sometimes, are you wondering if He is there at all?

God has blessed you today and is going to answer all the above questions. Join us for the next Koinonia retreat on September 22, 23 and 24, 2017. You will meet people who were asking the same questions and found the answers. They will share it with you. All you need to bring is yourself. God will provide everything else.

Fr. David Grundman, from St. Joseph in Waite Park and St. Michael in St. Cloud will be the spiritual director for the weekend. The cost for the weekend is \$70 which includes retreat materials, fabulous meals and accommodations. Retreats are held at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie, near Little Falls. Contact Dorie Reiter at 320-217-2476 for more information or an application or send an email to: cmkoinonia@gmail.com.