

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

February 11, 2018



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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PARISH: 320-252-1799
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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
Lisa Ludescher,
Youth Coordinator

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)

CEMETERY

JERRY KOLTES 320-252-1354

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.

MARRIAGE PREP

Arrangements must be
made at least 6 months
before wedding. Call
the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

April 9, 2018
at 6:30pm. Call the
Parish Office to register.

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.*

Mk 1: 40-45

Today we hear a simple but a very powerful prayer of the leper (Mk 1:40): "If you wish, you can make me clean." In one sentence he shared his heart's desire, what Jesus could do for him. The ball is in Jesus' court. In Cana, our Mother said: "Do whatever he tells you." In the same way Jesus' prayed in the garden of Gethsemane: "My Father, if it is possible let his cup pass from me, yet not as I will, but as you will" (Mt. 26:39)." The rational use of the Bible in prayer, often in an argumentative way, is a typical Eastern style. This is particularly evident, in the prayers of the early church fathers. It is a very beautiful style of prayer for us to imitate.

Jesus sternly ordered the man with leprosy (v.44) "See that you tell no one" Most often we Christians will surely follow this order, i.e., "not to tell anyone." We are so faithful!!! We may not announce the good news to anyone. That too, after receiving all the blessing of the Lord. Why is this so? It is because we are not excited, the way, the man cured of leprosy was. He could not but share it. For him, it was a great blessing. What about us? Do we consider it so? We often take things for granted and hence we miss the attitude of gratitude, like most of the children who forget to express their love and gratitude to their parents, teachers and care takers. The great wonders that the Lord has showered upon us, seems so simple and so we ignore them. We miss the heart of the child which looks at everything with awe and wonder.

This attitude of ingratitude, we find in the case of the nine lepers (Lk 17:11-19). To their cry Jesus responded: "Go and show yourselves to the priests." On the way all of them were cured. But only the Samaritan came back to praise and thank the Lord. All the other nine might have been Jews. Children of the kingdom often took things for granted. We, too, often fail to say thanks for what we have received, from the time of our birth, until today. Today's gospel passage is an invitation for us to be generous in giving gratitude to God and to our fellow human beings. ~Fr. Jose~

Readings for This Sunday, February 11

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Readings for Next Sunday, February 18

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

- 12 Monday - No Mass
- 13 Tuesday - 6:00pm +Gertie Thole
- 14 Wednesday - **Ash Wednesday**
8:00am +Tom Staller
6:00pm +Robert L. Voigt & +Leonard Voigt
- 15 Thursday - 8:00am +Jackie Zieglmeier
- 16 Friday - 8:00am +Betty Voigt
- 17 Saturday - 5:00pm +Ben & +Jean Meyer
- 18 Sunday - 8:00am +LeRoy Wettstein
10:00am Parishioners

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,593.62
Youth	9.52
January Auto Withdrawals	3,065.00
Funeral Fund	500.00
Stole Fee	300.00
St. Cloud Visitor	144.00
January Meat Raffle	1,000.00
Hall Rent	2,480.00
Votive Lights	65.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	151.00
SCRIP Payout FF	147.16
FF Tuition	355.00

Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

8:00am School Mass assisted by Grade 3
6:00pm Mass followed by Soup and Bread Supper

Thursday, February 15

Bible Study following the 8:00am Mass
8:45am School Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17

Food Shelf Collection

Sunday, February 18

Food Shelf Collection
Breakfast and Bake Sale - Group 3 (He-J)

Monday, February 19

6:00pm Mass Explained Part 1 - followed by Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Soup and Bread Supper

Tuesday, February 20

8:00am School Mass assisted by Grade 4 - Social to follow Mass in the School

NO 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday, February 21

NO 8:00am MASS

6:00pm - Youth Get Together - Elementary thru College Age
6:30pm Faith Formation

Thursday, February 22

NO 8:00am Mass

8:30am Bible Study

Friday, February 23

NO 8:00am Mass

5:00pm Church Meat Raffle at the Club Almar

Saturday, February 24

9:00am-3:00pm - Garage Sale

Sunday, February 25

9:00am-11:00am - Garage Sale

6:00pm First Year Confirmation Class

Father Jose will be gone Feb. 20 (afternoon) until Feb. 28. In case of an emergency, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799, M-F, 7:30am-Noon. After hours if it is an emergency, you can call Shelly at 654-1557. Please watch the bulletin for Mass times.



Greetings from SMHOCS,

Please join us to celebrate the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, the students in third grade will be assisting with the Mass.

Raffle tickets for the Catholic United Financial Raffle are now on sale. The tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds from the raffle go directly to St. Mary Help of Christians School.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal



Condolences to **Pat Kramer and family** on the death of his mother, Agnes Kramer

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

Forty Days for Life Campaign - March for Life in front of Planned Parenthood, begins on February 14th (Ash Wednesday) and ends on Wednesday, March 21st. For more information, call Joyce Rau at 320-248-7052

Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale - Next Sunday, February 17th is our Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale. If you can help with the help breakfast, please sign up on-line on the parish website or call Greg Hopke. Group 3(He-J) will be in charge of the Bake Sale with Sheri Jansen and Mary Jenniges as chairs.

Eucharistic Ministers, This Weekend Feb. 10 & 11

5:00pm C. Zieglmeier

8:00am C. Ziegler

10:00am D. Dold

Eucharistic Ministers, Ash Wednesday, February 14

6:00pm E. Annis, G. Gohmann, D. Holovnia

Eucharistic Ministers, This Weekend Feb. 17 & 18

5:00pm P. Kunkel

8:00am T. Fritz

10:00am M. Schmidt

Ushers/Greeters - Month of February

5:00pm Roger & Pat Kunkel

8:00am Tom Denne & Doug Kilanowski

10:00am Dale Hurrle & Dan Hiemenz

Ushers/Greeters - Month of March

5:00pm Al & Doris Pilarski

8:00am Len & Sue Meyer

10:00am Rocky Keske & Lisa or Brandon Rosha

Servers This Weekend, February 10 & 11

5:00pm Madison Fruth & Kaden Fruth

8:00am Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann

10:00am Dylan Streit & Alaina Thull

Servers Ash Wednesday, February 14

6:00pm Bryce Knapek & Will Massmann

Servers Next Weekend, February 17 & 18

5:00pm Andrew Hayward & Sam Hayward

8:00am Maya Walls & Hannah Carlson

10:00am Nick Jenniges & Makayla Jenniges

Lost and Found - Please check the Lost and Found tub in the coat room. All items left in the lost and found will be put in the garage sale, February 24.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

1st year Confirmation students meet today at 6:00p.m.

Classes this week, Wed. Feb. 14:

Attend the 6:00p.m. Mass –students may sit with their families. If you are not going to the Soup & Bread Supper after Mass, please bring your child directly to their classroom. If you are going to the Supper your children can certainly go with you! Please bring them right to their classroom after they have eaten.

With Ash Wednesday comes the beginning of Lent. We enter into a time of focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer - spending more time in prayer, talking to God, listening to God, being in God's presence. Fasting- from food, yes, but how about the things that distract us from truly living our lives as Christ taught us- maybe social media or television have become too important to us, crowding God into a corner out of the way. Almsgiving- giving not just from our excess but from our hearts. Money, time, ability to help others. Thinking outside of ourselves. Every year we make an attempt to change and grow in this "spring time" of our faith. We know that God is with us as we journey on this path toward home.

Bishop's Annual Appeal - Commitment Weekend is Feb. 17-18. Please support our Diocesan Mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice through your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal www.stcdio.org

Parish Council will have two openings (male).

This is a two year term. If you would like to have your name in the drawing for a chance to serve on the Parish Council, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799, by March 15th.

This Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. Let us as part of the global Church, continue our prayerful walk. Prepare simple, meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 14 - Mass at 8am & 6pm
Stations of the Cross - Thursday Mornings at 8:45am with the SMHOC School Children.

Soup and Bread Supper - Following Mass and Stations of the Cross, we will be offering a Soup and Bread supper on Feb. 19, Mar. 1, Mar. 6, Mar. 13, Mar. 20, & Mar. 27

Mass Explained - Monday, February 19th and Thursday, March 1st, at the 6pm Mass, Father Jose will explain the different parts of the Mass and why we do what we do.