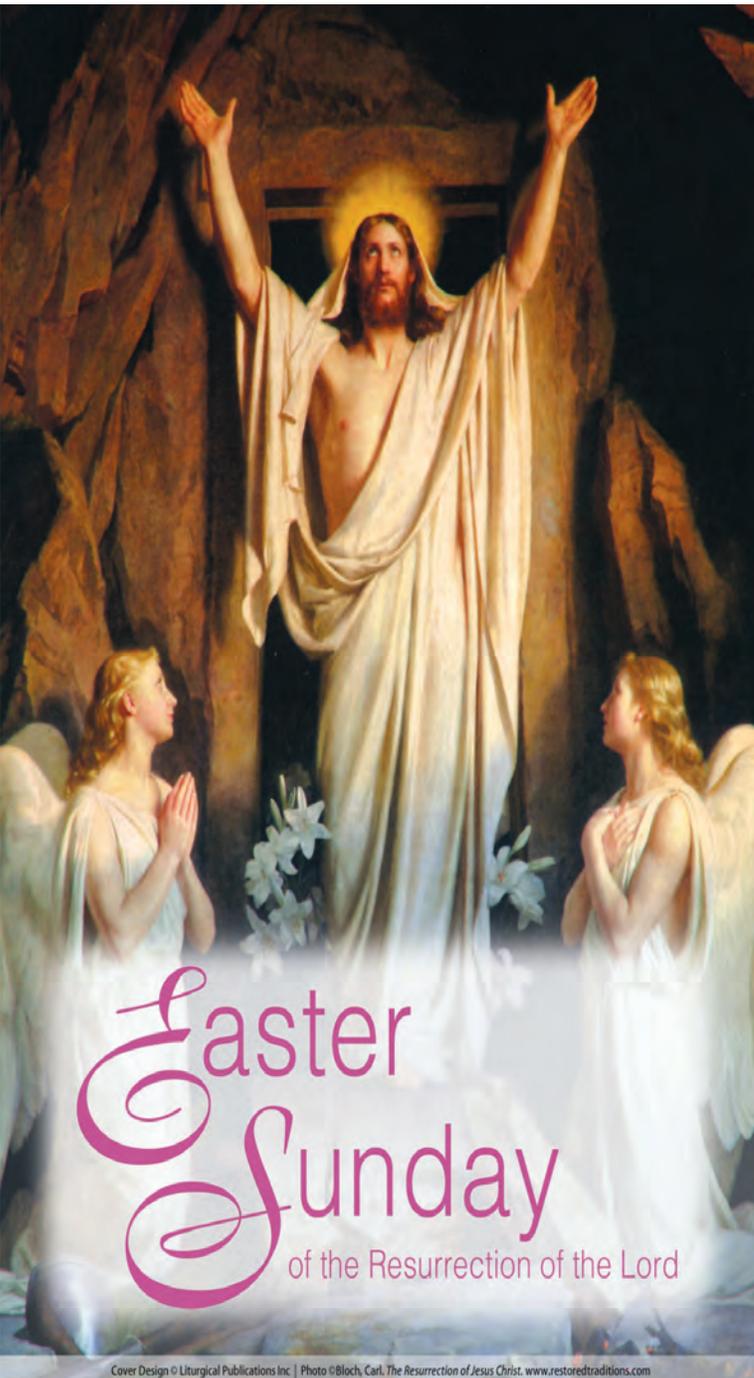


St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

April 1, 2018



Easter
Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord

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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 16:1-7

The three women were at the tomb to anoint the dead body of Jesus: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome. Where was the mother of Jesus? Her absence from the scene is totally puzzling. Where were all the disciples? This is yet another puzzling issue. Is the presence and absence, a question of faith or of love? For our mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, her whole life from the moment we encountered the word of God (Lk 1: 26ff) until her end was a journey of surrendering faith, and for her no proof of resurrection was needed.

What motivated the women to be there at the tomb in the early morning, before sunrise on the first day of the week? (Verse 2). It is their love and concern for Jesus. The response of the women vindicates that it is not their faith in the resurrection that prompted them to be there. Like others, they too had not come to believe in the resurrection until that time. They did not expect anything strange at the tomb. They came to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body expecting nothing in return. It was simply an outpouring of love that they had learned from their master. The greatest mystery of life happens at the tomb and women are the first witnesses to the mystery of the resurrection.

The intention of the three women is clear: to anoint the dead body of Jesus (verse 1). But strange things happened which unveiled a radically new chain of events. To their surprise, in the tomb they met a young man dressed in white and they found the tomb empty. The young man asked them to proclaim the truth of Jesus' ever living presence to the disciples and to Peter. Jesus is risen from the dead. They did not understand his words properly. The women least expected this sudden turn of events. But they had love in their hearts and that led them to faith in the risen Jesus. Faith is generated in a gradual way and through the instrumentality of a series of events and persons. Does not love stand at the heart of the journey of faith? Through stages we are led to a deeper and deeper faith to the ever living presence of God. Faith is not a onetime act, but a long process. Let us be sincere and receive the grace of God that gradually unfolds in our life. Like the women, let us also be people of love to embrace the light of the resurrection. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for This Sunday, April 1

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 John 20:1-9

Readings for Next Sunday, April 8

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 20:19-31

Eucharistic Ministers, Easter Sunday, April 1

8:00am G. Gohmann, P. Gohmann, A. Hiemenz
 10:00am J. Dirksen, D. Dold, D. Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend April 7 & 8

5:00pm K. Powell, P. Kunkel, J. Powell
 8:00am D. Koenig, W. Koenig, E. Kiffmeyer
 10:00am J. Schmidt, G. Hopke, S. Gohmann

Ushers/Greeters - Month of April

5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltas
 8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner
 10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

Ushers/Greeters - Month of May

5:00pm Tyrel & Karla Peterson
 8:00am Allen Hiemenz & Kevin Voigt
 10:00am Volunteers

Servers Easter Sunday, April 1

8:00am Angela Witte & Matthew Witte
 10:00am Luke Ashbrook & Zachariah Meyer

Servers Next Weekend, April 7 & 8

5:00pm Isaac Voigt & Trevor Voigt
 8:00am Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann
 10:00am Jordan Gulden & Madison Streit

Parish Support

Adult	\$4,232.15
Youth	15.69
Easter	200.00
Easter Flowers	35.00
Votive Lights	41.25
Visitor	20.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

 **Mass Intentions**

- 2 Monday - NO MASS
- 3 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Tim Tschida
- 4 Wednesday - 8:00am +Tom Staller
- 5 Thursday - NO MASS
- 6 Friday - NO MASS
- 7 Saturday - 5:00pm +Cordy Rosha Heroux
- 8 Sunday - 8:00am St. Ann's Christian Women
 10:00am Parishioners

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, April 3

Quilting
 5:45pm Rosary for World Peace
 6:00pm Mass
 Confirmation Rehearsal directly following the
 6:00pm Mass

Wednesday, April 4

7:00pm Confirmation

Thursday, April 5

8:30am Bible Study
 Nocturnal Adoration

Sunday, April 8

10:00am Youth Mass



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 April 2nd. Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 4th. The students in grade five will be assisting with the readings of the Mass.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Banns of Marriage

II- Katie Honer and Derek Schmidt

Diocesan Planning Meeting - The Diocese has asked all parishes to hold a planning meeting to discuss the future of the churches with the decline in the number of priests. Brenda Kresky, the Director of Pastoral Planning for the Diocese, will lead our meeting on Tuesday, April 10 following the 6:00pm Mass. All are encouraged to attend.

The next blood drive will be here on April 16. Blood Drive signups at all masses on Weekends of April 7-8, and April 14-15.

Wood Sign Making Party

St. Ann's Christian Women are hosting a Wood Sign Making Party on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Join us for a fun morning and create your own wood sign. Register and choose the sign you want to make at <https://www.meandmygirlsandourguy.com/events-private-public>. Please bring an appetizer, beverage or dessert to share. Any questions, contact Wanda Sis at 320-266-0293.

The Jewelry Stand for the festival is looking for new or gently used jewelry. If you have any items to donate, please put them in the box marked "Jewelry" in the coat room. Thank you!

Join us on Thursday, April 26th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Clarissa for the Diocesan Mission Rally from 8am-2:30pm. Mission Group women, as well as other social ministry, mission, service and justice-minded parishioners are invited. The day will include fair trade sales, mission group displays, Mass and lunch with Bishop Kettler, and speakers that will share with us about who Pope Francis is talking about when he invited the whole Catholic Church to "Share the Journey". Join us as we hear from our speakers, whose history as well as present, are immersed in the reality of refugee and immigrant issues, and how we can be better connected to our brothers and sisters in need. *The cost is \$10 and registration is requested to the St. Cloud Mission Office (320-251-1100) by April 13th.*



The parish offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 2.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke
Alleluia He is Risen!!

Our entire faith hinges on this miraculous event! It is Christ who brings meaning to our lives! It is the Good News of the Gospel that is our mission in life! God is not just loving, He is love! He is merciful and forgiving and loves us unconditionally! We are an Easter people! How can we keep from singing?!!

May the Easter season fill your homes with the light of Christ!

Confirmation- Our parish will celebrate Confirmation on Wednesday, April 4th. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for our young people as they take this final step of initiation into the faith.

Come Holy Spirit!

We will have Confirmation rehearsal directly following the 6:00p.m. Mass on Tuesday, April 3.

*There will be **no** Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, April 4.*

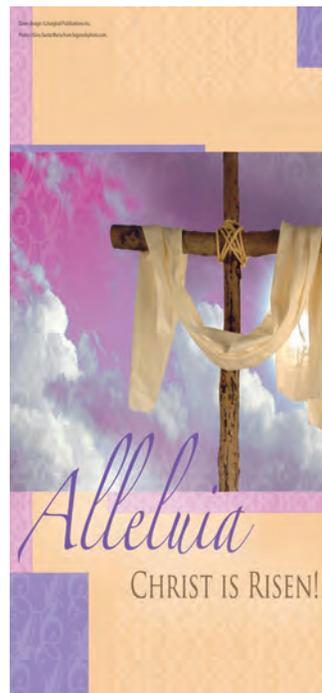
We will have class on Wednesday, April 11 at the regular time. Please bring students directly to their classrooms at 6:30 and pick them up at church at 8:00.

Thank you.

The next Baptism Class is Monday, April 9 at 6:30pm. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Senior Soup Luncheon - The next Senior Soup Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 17. Serving lunch Noon-1:00pm. Cards and games until 3pm. Come to eat, socialize, to play. Stay only as long as you like. Bring a friend and enjoy the day!

Father Jose will be out of town, April 5-May 3. 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.



Wishing you a Blessed Easter!
 ~Father Jose and the Staff of St. Mary Help of Christians Church~