

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 11, 2018



PRAYER
FASTING
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PARISH: 320-252-1799

SCHOOL: 320-251-3937

WEBSITE: www.SMHOC.org

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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.*

Jn 3: 14-21

We have different mother tongues. We understand better those who speak our mother tongue. Is there a language that everyone, the young and the old, the healthy and the weak, the poor and the rich, the Christians and non-Christians, the Catholics and non-Catholics, the unlearned and the learned, the black and the white can understand and speak? Yes, it is the language of love. This is the language of the Father that he spoke through Jesus (Jn 3:16). It is the language of the cross. It is the language of the heart. The season of Lent is an occasion for us to meditate on this language and become people of love.

As Christians this is our language. Why does God love us? It is that we believe and want to have eternal life. To believe means to acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, who was sent to redeem. Redemption or eternal life is a gift of God resulting from our belief in the Only Son.

Does Jesus condemn anyone? No, one condemns oneself by not believing in spite of God's revelation. God sent the son so that everyone may be saved (verse 17). St. Augustine says: "God loves each one of us as if he/she is the only person to love." God loves each one very personally and intimately. We condemn ourselves by rejecting the light that comes to us every day and every moment: a call to receive the truth of God, Jesus himself. Let us proclaim the light of truth that we have witnessed in Christ Jesus. Let this season of Lent give us the needed courage and strength to be his witnesses. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for This Sunday, March 11

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

Readings for Next Sunday, March 18

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

Mass Intentions

12 Monday - NO MASS

13 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Tom Staller

14 Wednesday - 8:00am Anna Yurrick

15 Thursday - 8:00am +Virgil Koenig

16 Friday - 8:00am Special Intention

17 Saturday - 5:00pm + Doug Schwinghammer

18 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners
10:00am +Mary Pat Denne

Eucharistic Ministers, This Weekend March 10 & 11

5:00pm K. Moran

8:00am C. Ziegler

10:00am G. Hopke

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend March 17 & 18

5:00pm C. Diehl

8:00am T. Fritz

10:00am S. Gohmann

Ushers/Greeters - Month of March

5:00pm Al & Doris Pilarski

8:00am Len & Sue Meyer

10:00am Rocky Keske & Lisa or Brandon Rosha

Ushers/Greeters - Month of April

5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltes

8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner

10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

Servers This Weekend, March 10 & 11

5:00pm Dylan Streit & Morgan Streit

8:00am Colin Irlbeck & Hayden Hemmesch


10:00am Nick Jenniges & Makayla Jenniges

Servers Next Weekend, March 17 & 18

5:00pm Andrew Hayward & Sam Hayward

8:00am Jack Massmann & Will Massmann

10:00am Elizabeth Thull & Andrew Thull



Tuesday, March 13
6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross followed by Soup and Bread Supper
**Bishop Kettler will be joining us for the Soup and Bread Supper

Thursday, March 15
8:30am Bible Study
8:45am SMHOC School Stations of the Cross
6:00pm Budget Meeting
7:00pm Finance Council Meeting
8:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday, March 16
5:45pm Doors Open for Movie Night sponsored by CUF

Saturday, March 17
Food Shelf Collection

Sunday, March 18
Food Shelf Collection
Breakfast and Bake Sale - Group 2 (E-Ha)

Lent Schedule

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 Mar. 13, Mar, 20, & Mar. 27

Reconciliation Times -

Tuesday, March 27, 5:00pm-5:45pm

Wednesday, March 28, 8:30am-9:00am

Wednesday, March 28, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Holy Thursday - March 29 - Mass at 6:00pm

Good Friday - March 30 - Services at 1:30pm & 6:00pm

Holy Saturday - March 31 - Mass at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday - April 1 - Mass at 8:00am & 10:00am

The next blood drive will be here on April 16.

Blood Drive signups at all masses on Weekends of March 9-10, March 17-18, April 7-8, and April 14-15.

Parish Support

Adult	\$6,036.64
Youth	15.31
Votive Lights	51.55
February Meat Raffle	1,000.00
Visitor	139.00
Catholic Relief Services	15.00
Easter Flowers	50.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



Greetings from SMHOCS.

The school will not be in session March 12-16 due to a scheduled Spring Break.

Our next school liturgy is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st. We will be sharing a special blessing with those students and staff celebrating March birthdays. The students in grade 2 will be assisting with the Mass.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Campaign for Cathedral High School - Car raffle tickets on sale now! Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket to win a new car, and other cash prizes. The car has been donated from Brandl motors and all proceeds go to the campaign for Cathedral building fund. There are 800 tickets being sold and they are \$100 each. Tickets are available in the church or school office. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who purchased fresh bread from the Bread Sale and to all the workers who helped make the bread. It is greatly appreciated. The profit from the Bread Sale was \$792.00



Condolences to *Carmen Tschida* and family on the death of her brother, to the *family and friends* of Brian Cremers.

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

Parish Council will have two openings (men). 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.

Legion Post 621 Summer Baseball: Want to play legion baseball this summer? Come play for St. Augusta! See future posting for player meetings before the season. Contact for more information: (call or text) Richard Thompson: (320)237-1376 Mitch Voigt: (320)310-5203

Firearms Safety begins Monday, March 26 at 7pm at the St. Augusta Legion. Must be at least 11 years old to attend. Any questions, call Doug at 333-0819.

Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale: Our next Parish Breakfast and Bake is next Sunday, March 18th. Group 2 (E-Ha) will be in charge of the Bake Sale with Judy Ethen & Judy Hall as chairs.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

NO Classes this week- Spring Break

I have had some 'Team Leaders' help to make sure our students know some very basic things about our Faith. They and the students that they are teaching, have done a great job! It is part of our living as missionary disciples to teach others about our faith. It is great to watch this in action! The other thing we are focusing on during Lent is giving to the CRS Rice Bowl project. We were able to see videos of some of the people who's lives are drastically changed because of the generosity of those who give. Ask your kids about Thomas of Ghana and Cesia of Nicaragua. They are just 2 stories of many who benefited from the Rice Bowl Project.

VBS Planning Meeting: There will be a meeting for any adults and/or Confirmation students wishing to help with the planning for VBS this year. Even if you cannot help the week of VBS (June 11-15) but are willing to help with the planning stages we would love to hear from you. It takes a lot of planning to make VBS happen every year. If you have ideas to share or just want to see where you can help please come to the meeting on Monday, March 19 at 7:00p.m. at church.

2nd year Confirmation students - if you are planning on being Confirmed this year, all of your service project reports must be in.



Baptism Congratulations to:

Korbin Nicholas son of Nicholas and Heather Moehrle
Carter Jace son of Tyler and Tiffany Brinkman

If you are homebound/hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness or age, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799, to request a home visit, hospital visit and/or Eucharist to be brought to you. ~Fr. Jose

Our Parish Festival is June 23 & 24. Have you thought about donating a Basket for the Silent Auction?



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars.
June 11-15
SonSurf Beach Bash VBS is coming!!!

