

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 18, 2018



FIFTH SUNDAY OF

LENT



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 12: 20-33

The Greeks came to see Jesus: “Sir, we would like to see Jesus” (verse 21b). And they managed to communicate the message to Jesus. Immediately Jesus spoke about his death and the glorification: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified” (verse 23b).

What this seeing of Jesus is? Is it to see a miracle worker, a great teacher, a revolutionary prophet, a compassionate young man? These count nothing, if they don’t lead him to recognize Jesus as the only Son of God. It is about seeing him beyond the flesh and the blood as the Lord, the Risen One, the Glorified One. But we have the tendency to chain Jesus down in flesh and blood as a miracle worker, preacher, etc. who satisfies our daily needs. Hence our spirituality becomes a need satisfaction rather than the surrendering faith in Jesus as the Son of God which realizes our existential call. The mundane spirituality doesn’t allow us to rise to the realm of the divine.

Jesus came to reveal the other side of life but always remained faithful to life on the Earth. He revealed himself through his journey of life. It’s climax was the suffering, death and resurrection. The hour of death is a painful one (verse 27) for anyone living in flesh and blood. But the Son of Man came to die. It is through the suffering and death that he was glorified. Jesus's close circle of disciples too understood his true identity only after his glorification.

Our way to glory is not different from that of Jesus' as Dietrich Bonhoeffer puts it: “There are four stations on the way to freedom: discipline, action, suffering and death.” He added: “death is the supreme festival on the road to freedom.” Let us also die with him, so that we too may be raised from the dead with him. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for This Sunday, March 18

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Readings for Next Sunday, March 25

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

 **Mass Intentions**

- 19 Monday - **NO MASS**
- 20 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Harvey Laudenbach
- 21 Wednesday - 8:00am +Ben Rothstein
- 22 Thursday - 8:00am +Doris Rosha
- 23 Friday - 8:00am +Leonard & +Betty Voigt
- 24 Saturday - 5:00pm + Elsie Mergen
- 25 Sunday - 8:00am +Eileen Hartung
10:00am +Parishioners

Parish Support

Adult	\$6,058.00
Youth	15.00
Votive Lights	68.00
Catholic Relief Services	395.00
Visitor	20.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



Condolences to *Shirley Spoden* and family on the death of her husband, to the **family and friends** of Robert H. Spoden;
to **Bernie Gohmann** and family on the death of his sister, to the **family and friends** of Evelyn Kraus.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them.

The next blood drive will be here on April 16. Blood Drive signups at all masses on Weekends of March 17-18, April 7-8, and April 14-15.

Eucharistic Ministers, This Weekend March 17 & 18

5:00pm C. Diehl
8:00am T. Fritz
10:00am S. Gohmann

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend March 24 & 25

5:00pm E. Annis
8:00am D. Koenig
10:00am C. Thelen

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

Servers This Weekend, March 17 & 18

5:00pm Andrew Hayward & Sam Hayward
8:00am Jack Massmann & Will Massmann
10:00am Elizabeth Thull & Andrew Thull

Servers Next Weekend, March 24 & 25

5:00pm Kaden Fruth & Madison Fruth
8:00am Logan Haselkamp & Maya Walls
10:00am Jackson Pogatshnik & Kate Schreifels

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, 20, & Mar. 27

Reconciliation Times -

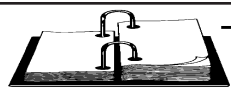
Tuesday, March 27, 5:00pm-5:45pm
Wednesday, March 28, 8:30am-9:00am
Wednesday, March 28, 5:30pm-6:30pm

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 Week Ahead

Monday, March 19

7:00pm VBS Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 20

Quilting

6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross followed by Soup and Bread Supper

Wednesday, March 21

6:00pm-6:30pm Youth Group

6:30pm Faith Formation Grades 1-8

Thursday, March 22

8:30am Bible Study

8:45am SMHOC School Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud

Friday, March 23

5:00pm School Meat Raffle at Club Almar



Greetings from SMHOC School...

We will celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 21st. The students in grade two will be assisting with the Mass. We will be honoring the students and staff with birthdays in the month of March. All are welcome to join our school community to pray the Stations of the Cross Thursday, March 22nd at 8:45 a.m. Father Jose will be leading us in this prayer time.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Scrip News: Just in time for Easter Shopping.... Coborn's is offering 5% back.! This promotion starts March 18th and goes through March 26th. There will be no SCRIP sales at the weekend Masses on Easter weekend, March 31 & April 1. Please plan accordingly. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lacey Solbro or Brenda Jacobson.



Baptism Congratulations to:

Lennox Elizabeth daughter of Cole and Sarah Mohr

Senior Soup Luncheon - The next Senior Soup Luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 27. 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!

Spring in to the Blue Line for dinner on the evening of March 20th (1st day of Spring). A percentage of sales will support the community thru the St. Augusta Lions. Let Spring begin with the St. Augusta Lions!

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 Today!



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes this week, Wed., March 21: 1st- 8th gr. 6:30-8:00p.m.

All Confirmation students should have their Service Project Reports in by now. Please check with your children to see if they have anything outstanding. Everything should have been in by last month. Especially those wishing to be Confirmed this year must have everything complete and turned in, if they have decided to wait to be Confirmed next year please let me know.

As we journey through Lent we have been talking about prayer and how important it is in our relationship with Christ. We have talked about "fasting" from things that demand too much of our free time and using that time for others. We have also seen stories of some of the people that have benefited from the **Rice Bowl** donations. Please ask your children about what they have learned about these people, and remember 25% of what we give stays in our area. I hope this has been a heart changing and growing experience for your kids. Just to see how big of a difference we can make in the lives of others. Thank you for walking with them as they give to the less fortunate. Your Rice Bowls can be turned in at Mass on Holy Thursday or at any of the liturgies that weekend.

German Dinner thank you ...

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers that helped with the German Dinner on Saturday, March 10. We served 311 people with a profit of \$3,615. From prep- ping to serving, from cleaning to cooking, we have so much to be grateful for in our Parish Community. An additional huge thank you to those who donated food and supplies for the success of the dinner. Also thank you to those who came and enjoyed the dinner.

Again thank you - German Dinner Committee.

Cathedral High School Baseball program will be sponsoring a delicious breakfast on Sunday, April 8th at Cathedral High School, 312 7th Avenue N, St. Cloud. Serving from 8a.m until 12p.m. The menu includes sausage, bacon, pancakes, hash browns, scrambled eggs, fruit and homemade caramel rolls. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. \$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors, \$5 Students, Under 5 are free.

Healing Hearts of Suicide Survivors - April 3rd

Healing Hearts is a support group that assists when a loved one has died by suicide, working through the complex emotions. With support and hope of other survivors, members of the group walk alongside each other "through" the grief. For more information contact Roxann at (320) 248-1563.

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 or Mitch Voigt: (320)310-5203