

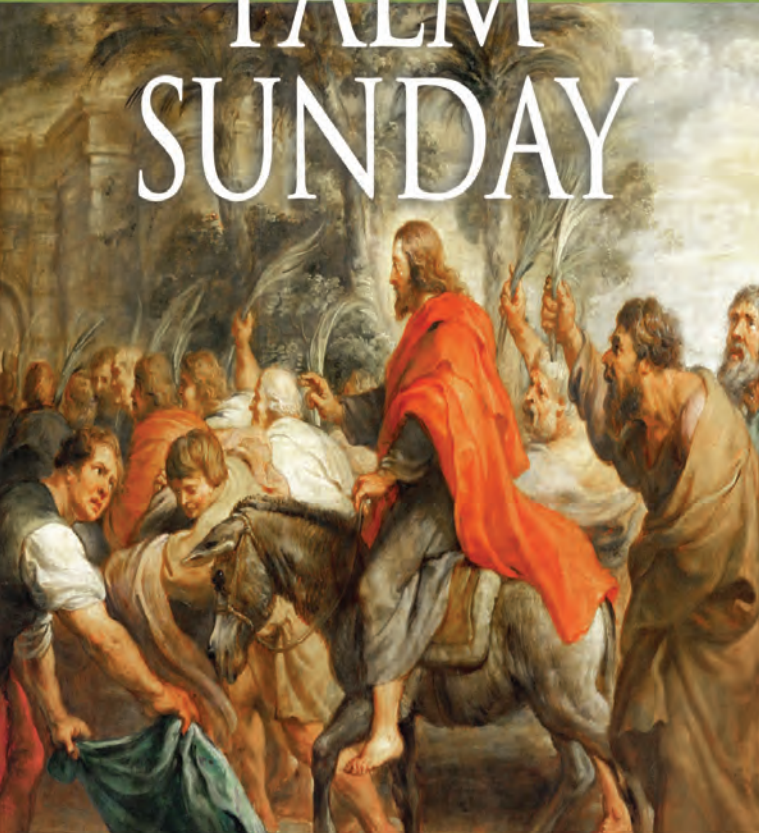
# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 25, 2018



## PALM SUNDAY



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.

- Mk 11:7-8

**PARISH:** 320-252-1799

**SCHOOL:** 320-251-3937

**WEBSITE:** [www.SMHOC.org](http://www.SMHOC.org)

**PRAYER LINE:** 320-558-6187

### 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 14: 1-47

The context of today's gospel is the Jewish Passover, the greatest pilgrim festival of the Jews. And the Jews recalled the greatest saving event of their remote historical past, the Exodus from Egypt. Against this context, today's gospel narrates the dramatic events that happened in the final phase of Jesus' earthly life: the Jewish authorities' plot to kill Jesus, the anointing of Jesus at Bethany and the hypocrisy of the disciples, Judas' betrayal of Jesus, the celebration of Passover, the institution of Eucharist, Peter's denial, agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and arrest of Jesus.

Each of the above events, speak of the saving deeds of Yahweh and the treacherous ways of men. Man is so blind to distinguish truth from evil. He is so cunning to interpret darkness as light. The evil is so strong and treacherous that it turns good into bad. Even though the whole context is charged by the Passover events, people have no heart for just and fair ways. Is it not an indication that the religious celebrations alone have no strength of their own to purify the human person unless God works in miraculous ways? Is not a fact that we forget the content of our religious celebration? Is it not that we are only interested in the externals? We are approaching the holy season of Easter. We need to be very careful not to miss the spiritual content of the celebrations of the holy week and the Easter.

The most unjust deeds of history take place in the context of the greatest feast of the Jews. It is a great paradox. The disciples assured their trust in Jesus (verse 31). But none of them kept the word because they were carried away by the currents of their day.

The whole event narrated in today's gospel reveal the utter loneliness of Jesus: Judas betrayed him; Peter, the captain of his team who vowed not to desert him, left him as a stranger, publically announcing that he had no business at all with Jesus; the most beloved disciple escaped from the scene out of fear for his life. The way of the cross leading to the sacrifice at Calvary is a journey of utter loneliness, it is a crushing experience. Let us trust in the Lord on the journey of life to embrace the light of resurrection that frees us from all bondages of life. ~Fr. Jose

**Readings for This Sunday, March 25**

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

**Readings for Next Sunday, April 1**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers, This Weekend March 24 & 25**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers Holy Thursday, March 29**

6:00pm M. Kapsner, K. Moran, P. Kunkel, D. Holovnia

**Eucharistic Ministers Good Friday, March 30**

1:30pm D. Holovnia, C. Gohmann  
 6:00pm J. Powell

**Eucharistic Ministers, Holy Saturday, March 31**

8:00pm P. Kunkel, E. Annis, C. Diehl

**Eucharistic Ministers, Easter Sunday, April 1**

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

**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 24 & 25**

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

**Servers Holy Thursday, March 29**

6:00pm Colby Faber, Clay Faber, Bryce Knapek, Natalie Knapek

**Servers Good Friday, March 30**

1:30pm Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann  
 6:00pm Trey Toenjes & Truman Toenjes

**Servers Holy Saturday, March 31**

8:00pm Tyler Gohmann & Logan Gohmann

**Servers Easter Sunday, April 1**

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

 *Mass Intentions*

- 26 Monday - NO MASS
- 27 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Matt Koltes
- 28 Wednesday - 8:00am +Leander Notch
- 29 Holy Thursday - 6:00pm
- 30 Good Friday Services at 1:30pm & 6:00pm
- 31 Holy Saturday - 8:00pm
- 1 Easter Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners
- 10:00am

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$4,571.66
Youth	15.80
Feb. & March Auto Withdrawals	6,011.32
Easter	20.00
Easter Flowers	343.00
Visitor	51.00
Catholic Relief Services	260.00
Fall Collection	20.00
Funeral Fund	320.00
Stole Fees	150.00
Votive Lights	67.50
Food Shelf	571.20
Faith Formation	200.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



**Tuesday, March 27**

12:00 Senior Soup Luncheon  
 5:00pm-5:45pm Reconciliation  
 6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross followed by Soup and Bread Supper

**Wednesday, March 28**

8:30am-9:00am Reconciliation  
 5:30pm-6:30pm Reconciliation (2 guest priests)  
 6:00pm Youth Group  
 6:30pm-8:00pm Faith Formation

**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

**Banns of Marriage**

I - Katie Honer and Derek Schmidt

**Thank you** to Fr. Jose for his spiritual guidance, to Kathy and Lisa for the beautiful music, to the cooks who prepared the delicious luncheon, to the parish community for your prayers and support. It is greatly appreciated. ~*The Family of Robert H. Spoden*

**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.

**Eucharistic Ministers please check the schedule listed in the bulletin for Holy Week. Beginning with Holy Thursday, we will be distributing both species (consecrated bread & cup) again.**



**Vacation Bible School Needs YOUR Help!**

- We still need some people committed to key positions for VBS! This will determine whether we will be able to have VBS this year. If you can help with VBS, we need to know by Tuesday, March 27th. Please call Jan at the Parish Office, 252-1799.

Thank you to all those who have helped in the past. It has been a fun and faith filled week for everyone involved!

**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.

**The parish offices will be closed on Good Friday, March 30 and on Easter Monday, April 2.**



**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, March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 March 30<sup>th</sup> or April 1<sup>st</sup>. Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The students in grade five will be assisting with the readings of the Mass.

*Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*



**Faith Formation: Jan Minke**

Classes this week, Wed., March 28:  
 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> gr. 6:30- 8:00pm.

Today we begin an emotional rollercoaster ride toward Easter Sunday. Christ enters Jerusalem to songs and praise, later in the week the Apostles celebrate the Last Supper (or First Eucharist) with Christ but then things begin to go very wrong. Wrong in our eyes, in the eyes of the world, but right in God's plan. And then-the unbelievable joy of Easter! But first we must travel the path with Christ to new life. What a week, may God bless you during this holy time.

**Confirmation Rehearsal is Tuesday, April 3rd directly following the 6:00pm Mass. Confirmation is Wednesday, April 4th at 7:00pm**



**Baptism Congratulations to:**  
**Aubrielle Bernadette** daughter of Anthony Spoden and Sarah Oman  
**Reagan Mae** daughter of Tyler and April Netter  
**Lincoln Robert** son of Akhom and Alena Sounthala

**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!

**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.

**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.