

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

April 8, 2018



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jose Edayadiyil, *Pastor*
Kelly Kirks, *Principal*
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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

Jn 20:19-31

They were still in fear. Fear of what? Fear for being the disciples of a man who had suffered the most terrible and agonizing death on the cross. They had placed their total trust in the charismatic preacher, the revolutionary prophet and the compassionate miracle worker called Jesus. They had left everything, trusting in him with the great expectation of a powerful kingdom that he was going to establish. Now, they were the members of the losing side and the winners may take revenge on them. They were at the rock bottom of their frustrations. So they locked themselves inside a room. Now comes the radical change. The Divine works when we reach rock bottom from where we have no escape, as in the case of the prodigal son or the woman caught in adultery.

Peace is what everyone is after. This is a perennial search of all people. That is what the Risen One offered them: "Peace be with you." (Verses 19, 21, 26). The disciples rejoiced when they realized that the intruder was Jesus and that he was alive. "He showed them his hands and his side" (verse 20). This was the sign to believe, believe that Jesus, the one who died on the cross was now amidst them. Now Jesus in the flesh and Jesus in the Spirit are the same. The glory of resurrection can be received only through the nails of the cross. Without suffering there is no resurrection. Without death, there is no rising. We have to die to rise again. The Easter season clearly shows us the path of the Only Son which we are called to follow.

Now another totally strange thing. He sends the fearful ones as his ambassadors: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." What an enormous chasm between the messengers: Jesus, the messenger of God as the perfect one, and the disciples, the lost and the sinful ones. But Jesus empowers them with His Spirit: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (verse 22). It is the Holy Spirit that enables one to be the messenger of God. He uses the least, the lost, the fearful, and the unfaithful sinners as his messengers. How great is God's trust in us. We have nothing to take pride in, except in Him and in Him alone. He trusts us. Only one thing he expects from us: our surrendering faith: "My Lord and my God" (verse 28). In our life's journey we will reach a point where there is no return and there He lifts us up. Then we find the one who is the core of all existence and meaning. Lord, bless us and help us to follow you, trusting in your Word. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for This Sunday, April 8

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

Readings for Next Sunday, April 15

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

Mass Intentions

- 9 Monday - NO MASS
- 10 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Roger Ohmann
- 11 Wednesday - 8:00am +Leander Notch
- 12 Thursday - NO MASS
- 13 Friday - NO MASS
- 14 Saturday - 5:00pm +Martin Corbin
- 15 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners
10:00am +Asher Faber
- 16 Monday - NO MASS
- 17 Tuesday - 6:00pm - +Vernon & +Leona Storms
- 18 Wednesday - 8:00am +Delbert Winkelman
- 19 Thursday - NO MASS
- 20 Friday - NO MASS
- 21 Saturday - 5:00pm +John Stock
- 22 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners
10:00am +Wilfred & +Marcella Zieglmeier
- 23 Monday - NO MASS
- 24 Tuesday - 6:00pm - Deceased Members of
Hurre Family
- 25 Wednesday - 8:00am +Ken Russell Sr.
- 26 Thursday - NO MASS
- 27 Friday - NO MASS
- 28 Saturday - 5:00pm +Fritz Rosha
- 29 Sunday - 8:00am +Betty Voigt
10:00am Parishioners

Banns of Marriage

III- Katie Honer and Derek Schmidt

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



The Week Ahead

Monday, April 9
6:30pm Baptism Class

Tuesday, April 10
6:00pm Mass
Diocesan Planning Meeting in the Parish Center following Mass.

Wednesday, April 11
6:00pm-6:30pm Last night of Youth Group until Fall!
6:30pm-8:00pm Faith Formation

Saturday, April 14
3:00pm Wedding -
Katie Honer & Derek Schmidt
Food Shelf Collection

Sunday, April 15
Food Shelf Collection
Breakfast & Bake Sale - Group 4 (K-Ko) with Lynn Kilian & Diane Kenning as chairs.
Easter Party

Monday, April 16
1:30pm-7:30pm - Blood Drive

Eucharistic Ministers, This 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

Eucharistic Ministers, Next Weekend April 14 & 15

5:00pm C. Diehl, D. Holovnia, E. Annis
 8:00am C. Gohmann, T. Fritz, S. Laudenschach
 10:00am J. Stang, R. Schreifels, T. Schmidt

Ushers/Greeters - Month of April

5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltos
 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 This Weekend, April 7 & 8

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

Servers Next Sunday, April 14 & 15

5:00pm Kaden Fruth & Madison Fruth
 8:00am Hannah Carlson & Jackson Pogatshnik
 10:00am Gavin Haehn & Volunteer

Parish Support

Adult	\$2,733.00
Youth	9.25
Easter Collection	11,863.50
Easter Youth	30.57
Holy Thursday - Rice Bowls	1,207.78
Good Friday - Holy Land	598.26
Visitor	17.00
Faith Formation	100.00
Votive Lights	53.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

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.



Condolences to LeRoy Hanisch and family and Ray Hanisch on the death of their mother, and to the family and friends of Zita Hanisch.

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

Graduating High School Seniors: If your child is graduating from High School this year, please call the Parish Office by April 18th with your child's name so we can send them an invitation to the Baccalaureate Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, May 20.

Senior Soup Luncheon - The next Senior Soup Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 17. Serving lunch Noon-1:00pm. Cards and games until 3pm.



Faith Formation: Jan Minke

Classes this week: This Wednesday, April 11 will be the last night of Faith Formation classes for the year.

Please drop your children off at their classrooms and pick them up from the Parish Center as per the note sent home last week.

I realize the schedule goes until the 18th, since we didn't have any missed classes due to weather, and with the changes this year, we will finish up this Wednesday. I believe the changes we made this year went well, thanks to our wonderful catechists. I plan on making a few improvements for next year.

As I am writing this we do not have enough adult volunteers for VBS this year, I need at least two more adults by Tuesday morning, April 10th otherwise we will not be doing VBS this summer.

EASTER PARTY!.. Next Sunday, April 15 we will have our annual Easter Party in the Gathering Space at church, beginning after the 8:00 Mass! - If you need a service project contact me this week.



Greetings from SMHOCS...

Kindergarten Round Up is just around the corner (April 27-beginning at 10 am). Families with children who are ready to start school in the fall are encouraged to come spend the morning with us! Please contact the school office for more information.

Please join us for the celebration of the Eucharist Wednesday, April 11th. Volunteers from several grades will be assisting with readings and singing in the choir.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Thank you: to Melanie Krippner, Chloe Krippner, Cyndi Walls, Angie Landwehr, Janelle Ahlet, Eileen Annis, Nancy Meyer and anyone else who helped with the Tuesday night suppers during Lent; **to all the volunteers** who helped decorate the church for the Easter Season; **to the ushers, servers, lectors, musicians, Eucharistic Ministers** for assisting at the Masses during Holy Week and at the Easter Masses. Your assistance helped make our services beautiful. Thank you!

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 Tues., April 10 following the 6:00pm Mass. All are encouraged to attend.

Senior Dinner: Invitations were mailed this week for the Senior Dinner following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, April 28. If you are 62 or older and did not receive an invitation, please call the parish office. Also, please remember to let us know by Friday, April 20th if you plan to come for the dinner. We hope to see all of our Seniors at the dinner this year to allow us to express our gratitude to you for your faithful service to our parish community!