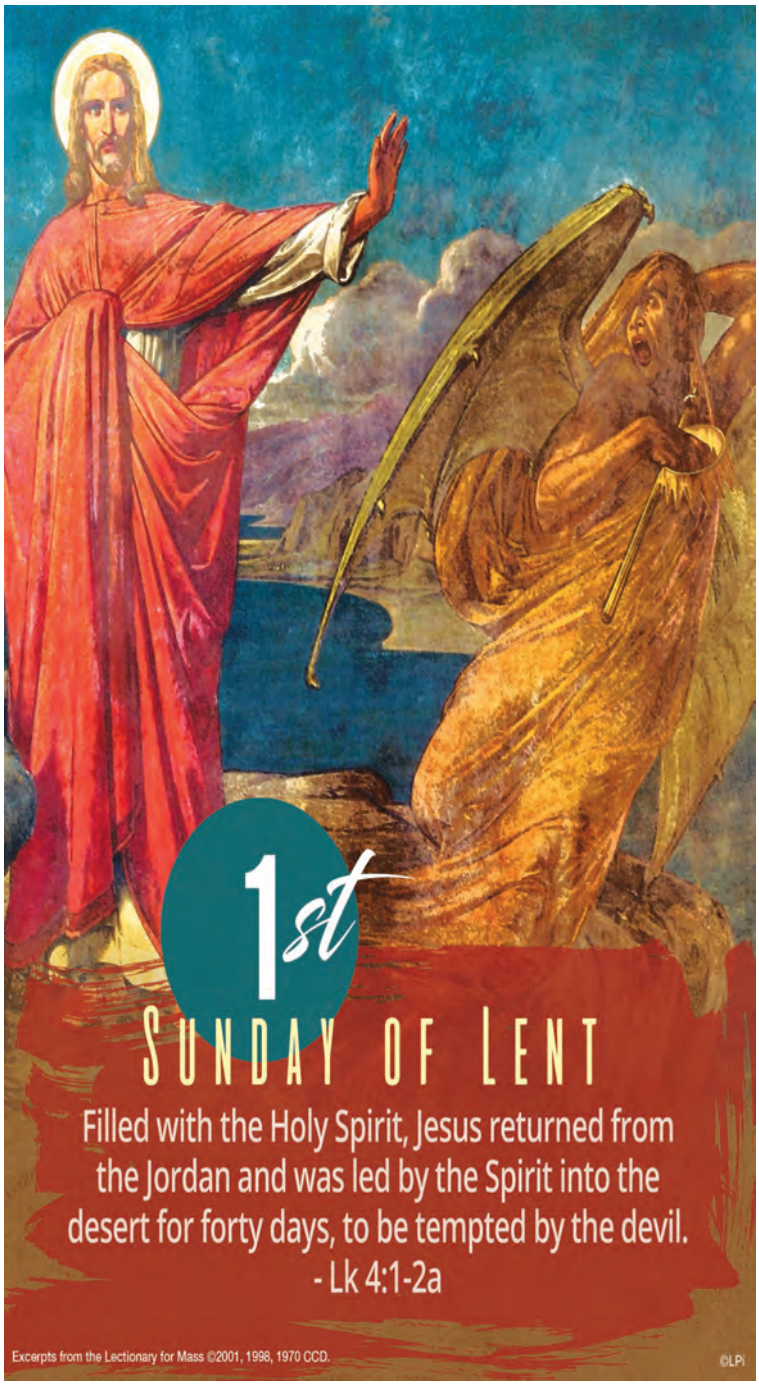
St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 10, 2019



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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*

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 8, 2019 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.

Lk 4:1-13.19

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert, to be tested by the devil. It is the trials, tests and tribulations that demonstrate the worth of our true freedom and the power of making choices. It is freedom that makes us children of God. During his recent visit to the United Arab Emirates, Pope Francis said: "without freedom, we are no longer children of God, but slaves." The devil tested Jesus. But Jesus won the struggle and we read in Mathew 4:11, "At that the devil left him, and angels came and waited on him."

But what will be our situation, do we succumb to temptation? Do we find meaning in the word of God when we are challenged by the basic needs of life? Do we prostrate before the devils for power and glory? Do we test God for no reasons? All these things happen, every day. Most often we fail to opt for God (the will to do the will of God) and we fall into the trap of the devil. Once we are trapped we find it very difficult to escape as the devil is so cunning to enchant us with the pleasures of the world.

Jesus waited till the devil finished his tempting. Do we have the patience to undergo suffering? I heard of a famous South Indian Hindu actor who was asked to stage the role of Jesus in a film. He agreed. But after having gone through the script of the film the actor said: "I want one scene changed. When I am crucified the people will mock me and shout: 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, the chosen one.' At that time I want to break everything and come off the cross to smash them all. I can't suffer their scornful look and atrocities." To undergo testing and temptation is not easy. For that we need tremendous inner strength.

Let us not succumb to the temptations of the devil. As for Jesus, he reputed the devil using the word of God. So too let the word of God be our source of strength. St Ephraim wrote: "Who can know the meaning of one of your words, O, Lord. No one." Lord strengthen us in your life giving spirit and word. ***~Fr. Jose***

Readings for Next Sunday, March 17
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend March 16 & 17
5:00pm E. Annis, D. Holovnia, M. Kapsner
8:00am G. Gohmann, P. Gohmann, A. Hiemenz
10:00am J. Stang, A. Spielmann, J. Wicker

Servers Next Weekend - March 16 & 17
5:00pm Hayden Hemmesch & Claire Hemmesch
8:00am Jared Laudenbach & Anna Laudenbach
10:00am Will Spielmann & Claire Spielmann

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

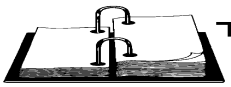
*****Just a friendly reminder:***

- ***If you can not make your scheduled time, PLEASE find a substitute.***
- ***Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, please arrive at least ten minutes before the scheduled mass start time.***
- ***Servers please arrive at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled mass start time.***
- ***Eucharistic Ministers please remember to pick up your cross in the sacristy. If all the crosses are gone, someone has been found to take your place.***

It takes many hands to make the liturgy go smoothly. Thank you for volunteering!

Mass Intentions

11 Monday - ****NO MASS****
12 Tuesday - 6:00pm ✝ Chloe Fruth
13 Wednesday - 8:00am ✝ Mary Pat Denne
14 Thursday - 8:00am ✝ Lois Lommel
15 Friday - 8:00am ✝ Harvey Laudenbach
16 Saturday - 5:00pm ✝ Randy DesMarais
17 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners
10:00am ✝ William McDowall



Tuesday, March 12
Quilting
6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread Supper

Saturday, March 16
Food Shelf Collection

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Breakfast & Bake Sale - Group 10 (M. Voigt - Z) with Tracy Yarke and Cyndi Walls as chairs.

Parish Support

Adult	$4,329.00
Youth	20.81
Visitor	122.00
Votive Lights	71.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

German Dinner - Come enjoy an Authentic German Dinner on Saturday, March 23. Serving begins at 5:00pm. Tickets are available in the Parish Office, M-F, 7:30am-Noon, and before and after all Masses. Tickets are $13.00 in advance; Ages 3-10: $5.00 or $18.00 at the door.

Greetings from SMHOCS,

The school will not be in session March 11-15 due to a scheduled Spring Break.

Our next school liturgy is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th. The students in grade 2 will be assisting with the Mass.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Parish Council will have one opening for a female position. 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.

Regional Ministry Gatherings - For upcoming dates on area gatherings, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the entry way of the church. Parish Council & Finance Council Members, Catechists, Liturgical Ministers and anyone else who is interested is encouraged to attend these meetings.

Condolences to ***Ross Jacobson and family*** on the death of his mother, Lisa Jacobson;
to ***Jane Witte and family*** on the death of her father, Richard Mobilia;
to ***Jeff Lintgen and family*** on the death of his brother, to ***Family and Friends*** of Paul Lintgen.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them

Fun, Free Lenten Almsgiving Opportunity

Kids (and Adults) Fighting Hunger
"To respond to any area in crisis locally and globally with humanitarian food relief"
Saturday, March 16, 9:30-11:00 am. (Bus will load at 9:00am). Voigt's Bus is donating a bus to give parishioners of any age a ride to and from the Sauk Rapid's packing site. The cost of the event is covered by a donor. 60 spots are available. Sign up sheets are in the entry way of the church or call/text Shawn Meyer at 320-333-5462 to reserve your seat (or for questions). Let's spend time as a community feeding the hungry this Lent.

Are you looking for an opportunity to proclaim God's word? Do you enjoy reading out loud or public speaking? We are in need of Lectors for all the weekend Masses. We are looking for Adults and High School Students who are confirmed and are willing to share their talent. Please call Eileen Annis at 320-251-3217. Thank you!

Faith Formation: Jan Minke

No Faith Formation classes this Wednesday, March 13 - Spring Break

As we journey through Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving come to the forefront of our thoughts. May they also become our actions throughout Lent. The many forms of prayer that we have, help us to grow in our relationship with God. Please help your children become comfortable with the beautiful formal prayers of our faith as well as spontaneous prayer from their hearts. We've talked about using our "screen time" for something else during Lent, like connecting with our families or spending that time in prayer.

VBS News…….

As we consider planning VBS for this June we need to have adult volunteers in key positions. If you have been Confirmed and are willing to help the week of June 10-15. Please call me asap. We still need someone for crafts and someone for games. We will need a firm commitment by March 15th. If you are interested please call Jan 310-7057. If we do not get volunteers we cannot have Vacation Bible School here this year.

Lent Schedule

Stations of the Cross - Thursday Mornings starting March 21 (Mar. 21, Mar. 28, Apr. 4, Apr. 11) with the SMHOC school children.

Soup and Bread Supper - Following Tuesday evening Mass and Stations of the Cross, we will be offering a Soup & Bread Supper on Mar. 12, Mar. 19, Mar. 26, Apr. 2, Apr. 9 & Apr. 16

Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale is next Sunday, March 17 from 8:30-11:30. Group 10 (M. Voigt - Z) will be in charge of the Bake Sale with Tracy Yarke & Cyndi Walls as chairs.

Breakfast with the Bishop is Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 8am-9am at Gorecki Center at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. If you are interested in reserving a seat or hosting a table, call Alice Coudron at 320-258-7656 or email ACoudron@catholicfoundation.info

Save the Date for the Bishop's Charitable Golf Tournament on Monday, June 17th at Territory Golf Club in St. Cloud. There will be a 12 noon shotgun start and a 5pm social followed by dinner at 5:30pm. To sign up your team or sponsor go to www.catholicfoundation.info. All proceeds benefit seminarian education.

Movie: UNPLANNED - A free showing of the movie *Unplanned* will be held on March 28 at 7:00pm at Parkwood Theatre in Waite Park. This is the true life story of Abby Johnson and her journey form a Planned Parenthood director involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and a spokesperson fighting to enact legislation for the cause to the day she saw something that changed everything. If you are interested in tickets, call KYES at 320-257-9700 or Birthline at 320-252-4150 in St. Cloud.