

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 17, 2019



2nd Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

PARISH: 320-252-1799
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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. 9: 28b-36

Today’s Gospel passage narrates the transfiguration event. Luke 9:28a gives the context of the event using the phrase, “after saying this.” ‘This’ refers to the process a disciple has to go through: the narrow road (Lk 9: 23-27). Following the path of Jesus’ self-denial is the way to glory. The transfiguration/ glorification is explicitly associated with Jesus’ passion and resurrection in Mk 9:9ff. Moses and Elijah appeared in glory and spoke of Jesus’ passage, the exodus that is to be fulfilled in Jerusalem. It refers to his passion and death on the cross in Jerusalem. So the context and the content of the passage is about the suffering that leads to Jesus’ glorification.

In Christian life too, we can’t deny the essential relation between passion, death, resurrection and glorification. As we are in the season of Lent, the reading reminds us of the path that we have to take in our life. In today’s world all try to escape the tough road, and they want the easy road. The glory of resurrection comes only through the path of the cross. The cross and glorification are the two sides of the mystery of life.

The expression “while he was praying” (9:29) refers to the foundational role of prayer on the way of glorification. Without prayer nothing works. Prayer is the means of change. Prayer gives the strength to surrender oneself totally into the hands of God. Let us pray that the light of the resurrection of Jesus gives us the strength and hope to embrace the path of renunciation, fasting and penance to attain our own glory of resurrection. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for Next Sunday, March 24

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
 Luke 13:1-9

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend March 23 & 24

5:00pm J. Powell, K. Moran, K. Powell
 8:00am E. Kiffmeyer, W. Koenig, D. Koenig
 10:00am D. Dold, J. Dirksen, S. Gohmann

Servers Next Weekend - March 23 & 24

5:00pm Taylor Sowada & Chloe Krippner
 8:00am Hannah Carlson & Nora Carlson
 10:00am Andrew Thull & Elizabeth Thull

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!*

Parish Support

Adult	\$2,685.00
Youth	23.75
Visitor	34.00
Easter Flowers	40.00
Votive Lights	53.00

Mass Intentions

18 Monday - ****NO MASS****
 19 Tuesday - 6:00pm ☩ Virgil Koenig
 20 Wednesday - 8:00am Souls of Purgatory
 21 Thursday - 8:00am Special Intention
 22 Friday - 8:00am ☩ Lloyd & ☩ Doris Rosha
 23 Saturday - 5:00pm Parishioners
 24 Sunday - 8:00am ☩ Pete Meyer & ☩ George Schill
 10:00am ☩ Doug Schwinghammer



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, March 19
 Quilting
 6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread Supper

Wednesday, March 20
 8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 2.
 Faith Formation Grades 1-8, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Thursday, March 21
 8:45am SMHOC School Stations of the Cross
 5:45pm Budget Mtg.
 6:00pm Finance Council Mtg.
 7:00pm Parish Council Mtg.

Saturday, March 23
 5:00pm German Dinner

Sunday, March 24
 9th Grade First Year Confirmation Students Class tonight - 6:00pm-8:00pm



Parish Festival June 22 & 23 Children’s Games

Last year a group of people came together to make the children’s games a huge success. We would like to get a list of all those willing to help this year, if interested please contact Lori Laudenschlager 290-7556 or laudenschlager@q.com

Security - Help is needed for security on Saturday evening and overnight. Please consider helping for as many or few hours as you can.

“Many Hands Make Light Work”



Greetings from SMHOC School...

We will celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 20th. The students in grade two will be assisting with the Mass. All are welcome to join our school community to pray the *Stations of the Cross Thursday, March 21st at 8:45 a.m.* Father Jose will be leading us in this prayer time.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

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 Diane Vadnais and family on the death of her mother,

Rose Funk;

to **Lila Schmidt and family** on the death of her brother, Alvin Stommes

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

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!

Firearms Safety begins Monday, March 25 at 7pm at the St Augusta Legion. Must be at least 11 years old to attend. Any questions, call Doug Kilanowski at 320-333-0819.

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.

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 from 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.

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



Faith Formation: Jan Minke
Classes this week, Wed., March 20:

1st-8th gr. 6:30-8:00p.m.

Schmidt/Bromenschenkel Confirmation class
6:00-8:00p.m.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Try to explain to your kids how St. Patrick used the shamrock to understand the Trinity. 3 separate leaves - 1 shamrock. Don't be too frustrated if they have a hard time with it, it IS a mystery! Water can be another example. H2O in solid form is ice, liquid form is water and vapor form is steam. All still H2O but with different characteristics!

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. 19, Mar. 26, Apr. 2, Apr. 9 & Apr. 16

Catholic Relief Services Collection: In your envelope packet there is an envelope for The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholicrelief



Today is our Parish Breakfast and Bake Sale! This is the last one until September! Stop by for a delicious breakfast and fellowship !

St. Mary's Catholic United Financial Council would like to send many, many, many THANKS!

To Joan Jendro & Melanie Krippner & family for chairing the garage sale.

To all volunteers who help make this event possible.

To SMHOC School for their support.

To all parishioners who donate items.

Lastly to all our customers for coming and shopping. Thank you all for helping us have a successful Garage Sale. We raised \$3220.00. CUF will match \$1000.00 to make our total profit \$4220.00.

Fish Fry: March 29, 4:30-8:00PM, Church of St. Anthony, Watkins. Serving: All-you-can-eat fish, homemade coleslaw, homemade potato salad, baked beans, bread, bars and a beverage. Adults: \$10, 5-11: \$5, 4 & under: Free.

Cathedral Baseball Program is sponsoring

An All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, March 31, from 8am-12pm at Cathedral High School. Menu includes, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Cheesy Hashbrown Potatoes, Caramel Rolls, Sausage, Bacon, Fruit, Milk, Juice, Coffee. Tickets are \$10.00 Adult (Age 13 & up), \$8.00 Senior Citizen (Age 55 and over) \$5.00 Student (Ages 6-12) FREE for ages 5 and under. Tickets are available from any CHS baseball player or at the door.