

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 3, 2019



## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

**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*

### 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 6:39-45

Jesus' common sense language is very evident in today's Gospel passage. This is the local wisdom expressed with simple images. Jesus knew his audience very well. Jesus is speaking about the hypocrisy of the people and the leaders. He said: "Hypocrite, remove the plank from your own eye first; then you will see clearly enough to remove the speck from your brother's eye." We have to remove a lot of plank from our hearts and minds. They are much more dangerous than the plank in the eye. A blind man cannot guide another blind. Nor can a man with a plank in his heart lead another.

There is a lot of hypocrisy in our society: among the people and among the leaders. One Sunday morning during a church service, the 2,000-member congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying submachine guns. One of the men shouted, "Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are!" Immediately, the choir fled, the deacons fled, and most of the congregation fled. Out of the 2,000 there, only around 20 remained. The man called aloud: "Preacher are you still there?" Preacher: "I am too frightened to run." The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the preacher and said, "Pastor, you cannot escape. All the hypocrites are gone. Now you may begin your service. Have a nice day!" And the two men turned and walked out. That truly is the faith of many of us. It is the social pressure or the instant gratification of some needs that bring many to the Church, but not real, sound faith. Let our faith expressions come out of our heart. Let our words be an extension of our hearts. Let us be people of word and deed with sincerity, openness and trust. Let us be good in our heart so that we may be truly good faithful servants yielding good fruits.

~Fr. Jose

**Readings for Next Sunday, March 10**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13

**Distribute Ashes - Ash Wednesday, March 6**

8:00am P. Nydeen, R. Waletzko, K. Kirks  
6:00pm J. Wicker, T. Yarke, S. Massmann

**Eucharistic Ministers - Ash Wednesday, March 6**

8:00am K. Kirks  
6:00pm C. Diehl, E. Annis, P. Gohmann

**Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend March 9 & 10**

5:00pm P. Kunkel, C. Zieglmeier  
8:00am E. Zipp, C. Gohmann, T. Fritz,  
10:00am G. Hopke, R. Schreifels, M. Schmidt

**Servers Ash Wednesday - March 6**

6:00pm Colby Faber & Clay Faber

**Servers Next Weekend - March 9 & 10**

5:00pm Bryce Knapek & Natalie Knapek  
8:00am Matthew Witte & Angela Witte  
10:00am Zachary Henkemeyer & Gavin Haehn

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of March**

5:00pm Al & Doris Pilarski  
8:00am Len & Sue Meyer  
10:00am Rocky Keske & Lisa or Brandon Rosh

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of April**


5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltos  
8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner  
10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$3,896.93
Youth	9.88
Dec., Jan., & Feb. Auto Withdrawals	9,440.48
Votive Lights	60.50
Visitor	20.00
February Meat Raffle	500.00
Easter Flowers	7.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

**Mass Intentions**

4 Monday - **\*\*NO MASS\*\***  
5 Tuesday - 6:00pm ☩ Brian Cremers  
6 Wednesday - **\*\*Ash Wednesday\*\***  
8:00am ☩ Wilfred Zieglmeier  
6:00pm ☩ Lorraine Jarnot  
7 Thursday -8:00am ☩ Albert & ☩ Agnes Thoma  
8 Friday - 8:00am ☩ Lyness & ☩ Odelle Held  
9 Saturday - 5:00pm ☩ David Loehrer  
10 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners  
10:00am ☩ Joyce Yarke



**Sunday, March 3**  
*9th Grade First Year Confirmation Students Class - 6:00pm-8:00pm*

**Tuesday, March 5**  
Quilting  
5:45pm Rosary  
6:00pm Mass

**Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday**  
8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 1.  
6:00pm Mass  
**\*\*Faith Formation Grades 1-8, begins with Mass at 6:00pm**

**Friday, March 8**  
Garage Sale Set up

**Saturday, March 9**  
9:00am-3:00pm Garage Sale

**Sunday, March 10**  
9:00am-11:00am Garage Sale

**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 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



**Greetings from SMHOCS,**

Registrations for 2019-20 are still being accepted. Please contact the school office to schedule a visit and learn more about our academic programs preK-6 (251-3937).

Please join our school community as we celebrate the Eucharist on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The students in first grade will be assisting with the Mass.

Thank to all of those who supported SMHOCS in the Catholic United Financial Raffle. The drawing will take place this week!

*Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*

**Lost and Found** - Please check the Lost and Found tub in the coat room. There is also a blue lawn chair and a plaid jacket hanging in the coat room. All items left in the lost and found will be put on the garage sale on March 9.

**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. Please sign up in the back 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 who are willing to share

their talent. Please call Eileen Annis at 320-251-3217.

Thank you!

**This Lent** our community along with more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that will help you experience Lenten spirituality by living in solidarity with people in need around the world. Let us as part of the global Church, continue our prayerful walk. Prepare simple, meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

**The Church of St. Paul's Social Committee** invites you to their annual Baked Fish Dinner on Friday, March 15. Menu includes our famous baked fish, homemade cheesy hash browns, green beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls, coffee and milk, and brownies for dessert. We have macaroni and cheese available for any little ones. Prices are \$9 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12; 4 and under are free. Join us at the parish center, 1125 11th Ave. N. St. Cloud MN 56303. Hope to see you there!



**Faith Formation: Jan Minke**  
**Classes today, Sunday March 3:**

1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation 6:00-8:00p.m.

**Classes this week Wednesday, March 6:**

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> gr. 6:00-8:00p.m. beginning with Mass at 6:00, students will go straight from Mass to class.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Please take this time to really focus on prayer memorization with your child.

A few weeks ago we sent home the diocesan recommendation for prayer memorization for each grade level. Please use this to help them to learn the prayers that they should know. Prayer is our communication with God. How many times a day do we connect with others through technology? Can we match our prayer time to that?

Lent is the perfect time to concentrate on our prayer life as a family!

**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.

**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.

**Volunteers Needed**

- Are you 55 years of age or older?
- Would you enjoy working with children?
- Would you like to share a lifetime of wisdom & build stronger communities?

**We have special opportunities in your community for you to help young people grow and gain confidence by giving them one-to-one attention.**

**Foster Grandparents are friends from the community who care.**

By Volunteering, you will receive:

- Tax-Free Stipend
- Transportation and Meal Allowances
- Annual Medical Review
- Accident & Personal Liability Insurance
- Time off & Recognition

**If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, call Sara Heurung (320)229-4589.**

**Taizé Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud**

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them this Lent for **Taizé Prayer** at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. Join them on Fridays March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 for this contemplative prayer around the Cross. The service begins at 7 p.m. and lasts about one hour. It includes a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. All are welcome!