

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

April 14, 2019



## PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

**PARISH:** 320-252-1799  
**SCHOOL:** 320-251-3937  
**WEBSITE:** 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

June 10, 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 22:14-23

All the gospels agree that the death of Jesus took place on the Friday of the Passover. But the question remains: whether the Lord's Supper and the Passover fall on the same day? For synoptic gospels, the answer is yes. But for St. John, the Passover and crucifixion happen on the same day implying that the Last Supper was on the day before Passover. St. John introduces Jesus as the Passover lamb (Jn 1:29; 36). Accordingly St. John places Jesus's death on the day before Passover, the time when the Passover lamb was slaughtered. The difference in the passion narratives might have occurred because the authors used two different calendars or because of the special theological interests of the authors.

A reading of all the gospels will reveal that the evangelists gave primary importance to the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus than everything else. This shows the paramount importance of the passion, death and resurrection in the redemptive mystery of Jesus. The significance of the Passover narratives is very evident in all the gospel accounts.

There is a time for everything: "when the hour has come." Jesus's confrontation with the Jewish religious leaders has reached such a stage that he knew what lies before him. He is not scared to face it. Trusting in the providence of the heavenly father, Jesus embraces his mission. "He took his place at the table." A table of fellowship, a table of breaking the flesh and shedding the blood for others: so that they can have life in abundance. Ours is a time we look for the abundance: of beauty, name, fame, power, wealth, pleasure, etc. These are abundance that will disappear today or tomorrow. They will never take us to the table to which Jesus is calling us all. On the table of God, there is a special place for each one of us. Nobody will be left behind. Am I co-operating with him such that I will be able to join him in the heavenly Passover banquet? ~Fr. Jose

**Readings for Next Sunday, April 21**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
John 20:1-9

**Eucharistic Ministers - Holy Thursday, April 18**

6:00pm D. Holovnia, E. Annis, M. Kapsner

**Eucharistic Minister - Good Friday, April 19**

6:00pm T. Yarke

**Eucharistic Ministers - Holy Saturday April 20**

8:00pm P. Kunkel, C. Diehl, K. Moran

**Eucharistic Ministers - Easter Sunday, April 21**

8:00am P. Gohmann, A. Hiemenz, E. Kiffmeyer,  
S. Laudenbach

10:00am D. Meyer, J. Schmidt, T. Schmidt, R. Schreifels

**Servers - Holy Thursday, April 18**

6:00pm Madison Streit, Dylan Streit, Morgan Streit,  
Luke Ashbrook

**Servers - Good Friday, April 19**

6:00pm Maya Walls and Will Massmann

**Servers - Holy Saturday, April 20**

8:00pm Bryce Knapek and Natalie Knapek

**Servers - Easter Sunday, April 21**

8:00am Chloe Krippner and Maya Walls

10:00am Zachariah Meyer and Andray Stang

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of April**

5:00pm Jerry & Linda Koltes

8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner

10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel

**Ushers/Greeters - Month of May**

5:00pm Roger & Karen Brown

8:00am Allen Hiemenz & Kevin Voigt

10:00am Victoria Ashbrook & Luke Ashbrook



**Condolences** to **Mary Gohmann and family** and to **Jerry Koltes and family** on the death of their mother, Rosemary Koltes  
*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon her*

The Food Shelf Collection for the month of April will be the weekend of April 27 & 28 due to Easter being on the third weekend this month.

**Mass Intentions**

15 Monday - **\*\*NO MASS\*\***

16 Tuesday - 6:00pm Deceased Members of Janey & Schaefer Families

17 Wednesday - 8:00am † Adelaide Ruehle

18 Thursday - **Holy Thursday - 6:00pm**

19 Friday - **Good Friday Service at 6:00pm**

20 Saturday - **Holy Saturday - 8:00pm**

21 Sunday - **Easter Sunday - 8:00am & 10:00am**

**Looking Ahead**

**Tuesday, April 16**

Quilting

6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread Supper

**Wednesday, April 17**

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 4. Bishop Kettler celebrating Mass. Social in the school gym following mass.

Faith Formation Grades 1-8, 6:30pm-8:00pm

**Thursday, April 18, \*Holy Thursday\***

6:00pm Mass

**Friday, April 19, \*Good Friday\***

Parish Offices Closed

Services at 6:00pm

**Saturday, April 20 \*Holy Saturday\***

8:00pm Mass

**Sunday, April 21 \*Easter Sunday\***

Mass at 8:00am & 10:00am

**Monday, April 22**

Parish Offices Closed

**Tuesday, April 23**

Confirmation Rehearsal begins with the 6:00pm Mass

**Just a reminder to all Nocturnal Adoration members,** following the Holy Thursday evening Mass on April 18th, 2019, we will spend a hour in prayer and rosary.



**Baptism Congratulations** to:  
**Ruby Lynn** daughter of  
Andrew & Sydney Schwinghammer

**Parish Support**

Adult	\$6,085.50
Youth	14.09
Easter	100.00
Catholic Relief Services	50.00
Stole Fees	150.00
Funeral Fund	750.00
Hall Rent	150.00
Votive Lights	59.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00



**Greetings from SMHOCS...**

Join us as we celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 17th. The students in grade four will be assisting with the readings of the Mass. We will be honoring those who have birthdays in the month of April.

Bishop Kettler will be joining us for this celebration.

During 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, April 18<sup>th</sup>. They will have time to reflect on the life of Jesus and celebrate a Seder Meal together. There will be no school Good Friday (April 19) or Easter Monday (April 22).

We wish to thank and extend a special blessing to all those who volunteer in our school throughout the year. Please join us at the 8 am Mass on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Kindergarten Round Up is just around the corner (April 26-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.

*Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*

**St. Mary Help of Christians School raises an amazing \$12,500 in just six weeks!**

2019 brought another successful Catholic Schools Raffle at **St. Mary Help of Christians**. Teachers, staff and the surrounding community of St. Cloud united with students and their families to raise an outstanding total of \$12,500 for the school. The school averaged tickets sold per student, earning them an additional \$3,000 in Grant money from program sponsor Catholic United Financial!

Funds raised are used to enhance school programs and facilities, including funding field trips, building playgrounds, supplementing tuition costs and providing new education technology. Video, photos and a list of prize-winners and results are available

at: [www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/raffle](http://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/raffle).

**The Jewelry Stand** for the Parish Festival is looking for new or gently used jewelry. If you have any items to donate, please put them in the box marked "Jewelry" in the coat room. Thank you!

**Rice Bowl Collection** - Please bring your Rice Bowls to the 6:00pm Mass on Holy Thursday, April 18.



**Faith Formation: Jan Minke**

Classes this week, Wed. April 17:  
1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> gr. 6:30-8:00p.m.

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and we begin the emotional rollercoaster of Holy Week. This is the holiest week in the Church year. From a triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the pain of the cross, death and finally the Resurrection, there is a lot to comprehend. We want our children to understand the sacrifice, the price that was paid for us, and appreciate the gift of sharing in His resurrection. Children can have a hard time with the cruelty of it all. Sometimes as adults, we've heard what happened so many times that we may be desensitized to the reality of it all. I think we can all benefit from acknowledging the brutality and agreeing with them that it was terrible-do not downplay that, but then share the joy and the good news of the resurrection and our salvation drives us to follow Jesus and live out our lives as Catholic Christians.

Coming up - **Confirmation rehearsal** begins with Mass at 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 23.

**Senior Dinner** - Invitations have been mailed for the Senior Dinner following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, April 27. 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 19th, if you plan to come to the dinner. We hope to see all of our Seniors at the dinner this year to allows us to express our gratitude to you for your faithful service to our parish community.

**Graduating High School Seniors** - If your child is graduating from High School this year, please call the Parish Office by April 25th with your child's name so we can send them an invitation to the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 19.

**Good Friday Collection** - Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

**Parish Offices will be** closed on Good Friday, April 19 & Easter Monday, April 22.

**April is Donate Life Month** and brings awareness to organ tissue donation. Currently 124,000 await transplants to save their lives. Please take steps to donate life and sight and provide hope to those who wait by checking the box on your driver's license.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of April 8, 5,572 parishioners have donated \$785,403 in gifts and pledges. That is 60% of the Diocese's goal of \$1,300,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like Catholic Education and TV Mass, and is not used for any other purpose.