

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

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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

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 18th. 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 24th.

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.

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:
1st -8th 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.