

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

April 7, 2019



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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.*

John 8: 1-11

Jesus is a man of the past, present and future. One who builds a bright future with radical commitment to the present in the light of the past. Today's message is simple "Go your way, and from now on do not sin again." Go forward, create anew, and don't carry the baggage of the past. It is a call for radical conversion. Past is history and it is an unchangeable truth and reality. Learn from it and proceed along the way.

Based on his interview of Pope Francis, Andrea Tornielli had written a book titled, "The Name of God is Mercy." Mercy is at the heart of the mystery of God and the mystery of human salvation. Pope Benedict wrote: "Mercy is in reality the core of the Gospel message; it is the name of God himself, the face with which he revealed himself in the Old Testament and fully in Jesus Christ, incarnation of Creative and Redemptive Love." The Name of God is Mercy. This is what we see in today's Gospel.

The word mercy comes from the word "misericordis" which means opening one's heart to wretchedness. Mystery of incarnation is the mystery of love and mercy. It tells the story of God's opening to humanity's wretchedness. In the book *The Name of God is Mercy*, the Pope narrates the event of one young capuchin priest telling him about so many people coming to him for confession. One day he said to the Pope while he was in Buenos Aires. "I forgive a lot and sometimes I have doubts. I wonder if I have forgiven too much." When he was asked how he handled his doubt, the priest said: "'I go to the chapel and stand in front of the tabernacle and say to Jesus: 'Lord, forgive me if I have forgiven too much. But you're the one who gave me the bad example!'" Season of Lent is an occasion to continue this mission of Jesus. It is by forgiving others that we receive the mercy God and experience the unfathomable love of God. ~Fr. Jose

Readings for Next Sunday, April 14

Isaiah 50:4-7
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Luke 22:14-23:56

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend April 13 & 14

5:00pm K. Powell, E. Annis, J. Powell
 8:00am C. Gohmann, T. Fritz, G. Gohmann
 10:00am J. Wicker, T. Yarke, J. Dirksen

Servers Next Weekend - April 13 & 14

5:00pm Hayden Hemmesch & Claire Hemmesch
 8:00am Colby Faber & Clay Faber
 10:00am Thatcher Yarke & Cora Yarke

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

Parish Support

Adult	\$3,302.50
Youth	24.00
Visitor	20.00
Catholic Relief Services	596.00
Votive Lights	56.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

The Baptism Class scheduled for Monday, April 8 is cancelled due to no registrations.



Baptism Congratulations to:
Emery Rose Schmidt daughter of
 Nicholas Schmidt and Kelsey Berg
Wyatt David son of Adam & Mallory
 Laudenbach

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

Mass Intentions

8 Monday - ****NO MASS****
 9 Tuesday - 6:00pm ☩ Richard Hellermann
 10 Wednesday - 8:00am ☩ Leo Krippner
 11 Thursday - 8:00am ☩ Roger & ☩ Margaret Ohmann
 12 Friday - 8:00am ☩ Vernon & ☩ Leona Storms
 13 Saturday - 5:00pm ☩ Martin Corban
 14 Sunday - 8:00am ☩ Norbert, ☩ Rose & ☩ Joe Kenning
 10:00am Parishioners

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, April 9

Quilting
 5:00pm-5:55pm Reconciliation
 6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread Supper

Wednesday, April 10

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 1.
 Social for Gr. K & 1 in the school gym following mass.
 8:45-9:00am Reconciliation
 5:30pm-6:30pm Reconciliation
 Faith Formation Grades 1-8, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Thursday, April 11

8:45am SMHOC School Stations of the Cross
 7:00pm Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud

Lent Schedule

Stations of the Cross - Thursday Morning, 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 Apr. 9 & Apr. 16.
Reconciliation Times -
 Tuesday, April 9, 5:00pm-5:55pm
 Wednesday, April 10, 8:45am-9:00am
 Wednesday, April 10, 5:30pm-6:30pm
Holy Thursday - April 18 - Mass at 6:00pm
Good Friday - April 19 - Services at 6:00pm
Holy Saturday - April 20 - Mass at 8:00pm
Easter Sunday - April 21 - Mass at 8:00am & 10:00am



Greetings from SMHOCS...

We will celebrate the Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 10th. The students in grade one will be assisting with the Mass. There will be a social for the students in kindergarten and first grade and their families following Mass in the school gym. All are welcome to join our school community to pray the Stations of the Cross Thursday, April 11th at 8:45 a.m. Father Jose will be leading us in this prayer time.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

Thank you to Father Jose, Father Bob, Shelly, Kathy, Jim, and the mass servers for their assistance and participation with Mom’s Funeral. Thank you also to the cooks and helpers for the wonderful meal. Thank you to all who visited mom and kept her in your thoughts and prayers. It is greatly appreciated.

~The Family of Edna Kieke

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!



Condolences to **Steve Voigt, Greg Voigt, Phil Voigt and families** on the death of their sister, Susan Winkelman

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

A diocesan Regional Ministry Gathering will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, April 30 at St. John the Baptist Church in Swanville. It features speakers Aaron Carpenter (“The Voice of the Assembly”), Bailey Ziegler (“Budgeting for Mission and Ministry”) and Kateri Mancini and JoAnn Braegelman (Baptized in Christ’s Body, Called in Christ’s Service). Event is free but please register at <http://stcdio.org/regional-ministry-gatherings>.

Steve Swenson from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of April 8, securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers! If you are interested in sponsoring an ad call Steve at 320-557-6776.



If you are homebound/hospitalized or unable to attend Mass because of illness or age, please call the Parish Office, 252-1799 to request a home visit, hospital visit and/or Eucharist to be brought to you. ~Father Jose



Faith Formation: Jan Minke
Classes today, Sunday, April 7:
Hopke/Reiter Confirmation class

6:30-9:00p.m.

Classes this week, Wed. April 10:

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

How do we want to be judged? Fairly or mercifully? These are the questions I asked the large groups last Wednesday at our Youth Encountering the Spirit meeting. One student blurted out, “I want both.”

If we were all judged fairly for our sins, who could be saved? And if we are judged with mercy, how is that fair? How can we possibly have both, and do we really want both? When we start to judge others we can be very harsh and our feelings of “Fairness” can trap us, as it did the older son in last week’s Gospel. We want mercy for ourselves and fairness- how is that possible? How can that work?? My mind cannot comprehend- but with God, all things are possible. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus gives us a lesson in mercy. Thank you God for your divine mercy and forgiveness!

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

Sunday, April 28 Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids celebrates a centennial Mass at 9:30 a.m. An old-fashioned chicken dinner will be served at 11 a.m. Dinner is pre-sale only. Tickets (\$10/person) available by calling parish office at 320-251-8115 by April 21.

The St. Anthony Christian Mothers/Christian Women will be holding their Annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony Center Gym, 2410 1st St N, St. Cloud. Dollar bag begins at 11:00 a.m.

St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud is serving breakfast on Sunday, April 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony Parish Center, 2410 1st St N, St. Cloud. The menu features fresh and smoked sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with fruit toppings, fresh fruit, rolls, hash browns, coffee, and milk or orange juice. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 years old \$3 and preschool eat for free.

Area Fish Fries

- Friday, April 12. Fish fry including hand-breaded fried fish, au gratin potatoes, baked vegetarian beans, coleslaw and rolls served from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud.
- Friday, April 12. St. Katharine Drexel School hosts fish fry including coleslaw, potato salad, chips and beans from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Parish in St. Cloud.
- Friday, April 12. Fish fry of deep-fried fish, potato salad and baked beans from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph School (32 W. Main St.) in St. Joseph.