

# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 15, 2020



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

**PARISH:** 320-252-1799  
**SCHOOL:** 320-251-3937  
**WEBSITE:** [www.SMHOC.org](http://www.SMHOC.org)  
**PRAYER LINE:** 320-558-6187

### PARISH STAFF

Fr. Matthew Crane, *Pastor*  
Kelly Kirks, *Principal*  
Shelly Gohmann, *Secretary*  
Kathy Waletzko, *Music Director*  
Tracy Yarke, *Promoter of Catechesis*

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am**  
**Tuesday 6:00 pm**  
**Wed. Thurs. Fri 8:00 am**

### EVENING PRAYER & RECONCILIATION

**Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri., - 6:00pm-7:00pm**  
Saturday - 4:00-4:30pm  
(New Sacristy)

### 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.

### CEMETERY

JERRY KOLTES 320-252-1354

### BAPTISM PREP CLASS

April 13, 2020 at 6:30pm.  
Call the Parish Office to register.

### MARRIAGE PREP

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before wedding. Call the Parish Office.

### 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.

## March 15, 2020

We have been receiving calls with questions about whether or not the spread of Coronavirus has any effect on parish activity.

On March 9, 2020, Bishop Kettler issued a letter to all the faithful. I wish to quote a relevant passage here: "At this time, I am not requiring parishes to modify liturgical practices ... Worshipers who want to take additional precautions may choose to exchange the sign of peace verbally or with another gesture in lieu of a handshake, take Communion in the hand instead of on the tongue, and not receive the Precious Blood ... If you are feeling ill, please don't attend Mass and put others at risk. It is not a sin to miss Mass when you are sick. Use the time to watch the TV Mass at home, pray, and reflect on the Scriptures of the day."

*Fr. Matthew Crane*

### Readings for Next Sunday, March 22

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend March 21/22

5:00pm D. Hemmesch, P. Kunkel, R. Hemmesch  
8:00am E. Zipp, C. Gohmann, T. Gohmann  
10:00am R. Schreifels, T. Schmidt, A. Spielmann

### Servers - Next Weekend March 21/22

5:00pm Hayden Hemmesch and Claire Hemmesch  
8:00am Logan Gohmann and Will Massmann  
10:00am Zach Meyer and Allie Meyer

### 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 Koltas  
8:00am Francis & Nancy Kettner  
10:00am Jerry Welinski & Mark Blommel



### Lent Schedule

**Stations of the Cross** - Tuesday Mornings at 10:10am with the SMHOC

school children. Tuesday evenings following the 6:00pm Mass.

**Soup and Bread Supper** - Following the Tuesday evening Mass and Stations of the Cross on Mar. 17, Mar. 24, Mar. 31, and Apr. 7, we will be offering a Soup & Bread Supper

**Reconciliation Times** - Evening Prayers and Reconciliation available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday every week from 6pm-7pm.

**Festival of Forgiveness** - Friday, March 27th at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. 11am-Noon and 1pm-8pm

**Holy Thursday - April 9** - Mass at 6:00pm

**\*\* Incense will be used at the Holy Thursday Mass \*\***

**Good Friday - April 10** - Services at 6:00pm

**Holy Saturday - April 11** - Mass at 8:00pm

**\*\*Incense will be used at the Holy Saturday Mass\*\***

### Mass Intentions

16 Monday - **No Mass**  
17 Tuesday - 6:00pm ☩ Lloyd, ☩ Doris & ☩ Pat Rosha  
18 Wednesday - 8:00am ☩ Susie Winkelman  
19 Thursday - 8:00am Deceased Members of the Willard Schwinghammer Family  
20 Friday - 8:00am ☩ Luella Klaverkamp  
21 Saturday - 5:00pm ☩ Richard Muntifering  
22 Sunday - 8:00am Parishioners  
10:00am ☩ Virginia Feneis

### Looking Ahead:

#### Monday, March 16

6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

#### Tuesday, March 17

Quilting  
10:10am SMHOC School Stations of the Cross  
6:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread Supper

#### Wednesday, March 18

8:00am SMHOC School Mass assisted by Grade 2 Birthday Mass  
FF Grades 1-8 6:30pm-7:45pm  
2nd Year Confirmation 6:00pm-8:15pm  
6:00-6:30pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

#### Thursday, March 19

Bible Study 8:45am  
**\*\*6:00-6:30pm Evening Prayers and Confessions\*\***  
6:30pm Budget Meeting  
6:45pm Finance Council Meeting  
7:45pm Parish Council Meeting

#### Friday, March 20

5:45pm Doors open for movie night sponsored by Catholic United Financial. They will be showing the movie "Frozen 2"

**\*\*NO Evening Prayers and Confessions\*\***

#### Saturday, March 21

Bake Sale  
Sunday, March 22  
Breakfast 8:30am-11:30am  
Bake Sale Group 6 (M-N) with Lu Meemken and GERALYN MURPHY as chairs.

### Parish Support

Adult	\$5,773.00
Youth	35.75
Votive Lights	57.00
Easter Flowers	70.00
Catholic Magazine	80.00
Liturgy	350.00
February Meat Raffle	500.00
Funeral Fund	975.00
Stole Fees	300.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

**Our next Parish Breakfast & Bake Sale is:** March 21 & 22nd. Breakfast served from 8:30am-11:30am. Group 6 (M-N) will be in charge of the Bake Sale with GERALYN MURPHY and LU MEEMKEN as chairs.



**Greetings from SMHOC School...**

We will celebrate Eucharist as a school family at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 18th. The students in grade two will be assisting with the Mass. We will be honoring the students and staff with birthdays in the month of March. All are welcome to join our school community to pray the *Stations of the Cross Tuesdays during Lent beginning at 10:10.*

*Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal*

**Thank you** - to Father Matthew for celebrating the funeral mass for our dad. To Kathy and Jim for the beautiful music. To the kitchen workers for their delicious meal. To the mass servers and anyone who assisted with Dad’s funeral Mass. Thank you to the parish community for your prayers and support. It is greatly appreciated. ~*The Family of Walter Kenning*

**March 21st & March 22nd** - Rev. Juan de Jesus Solorzano, mxy from the Yarumal Mission Society will be visiting our parish. He is a missionary priest who has served the people of God in Cambodia, Southeast Asia. He is originally from Colombia, South America. The goal of the Yarumal Mission Society, founded 90 years ago, is to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ among people and cultures where the Gospel is not yet fully preached. We are present in Bolovia, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Angola, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Cambodia, and Thailand, In order to carry out our pastoral programs and social projects, these missionaries depend very much on the generosity of the Christians from the parishes they visit. Our support for Rev. Solorzano is a sign that reminds us of our baptismal vocation: We are also missionaries of Christ.

**The Catholic Foundation invites you to Breakfast with the Bishop** April 29 from 8-9 a.m. at Gorecki Center in St. Joseph. This event includes a freewill offering which benefits the Catholic Schools Student Scholarship Fund.

Headlining the event is Dominican Sister Mary Jo Sobieck, who gained fame in August 2018 when throwing out the ceremonial first pitch — a perfect strike — during a Chicago White Sox-Kansas City Royals game in Chicago. Sister Mary Jo, a native of Sauk Rapids, is a 1987 graduate of Cathedral High School and currently teaches theology at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago.

Thanks to generous donations, the scholarship fund has reached \$920,000 — very close to our goal of \$1 million! Catholic grade school students in our diocese have the opportunity to apply for one of 100 - \$400 scholarships for those in need of tuition assistance.

If you would like to attend this free breakfast, please call 320-258-7656 to reserve a seat.

**Bishop’s Annual Appeal:** Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. It is when we are reminded of Christ’s journey to Calvary and the great sacrifice he made to save us from our sins. We deeply appreciate the sacrifices you make in order to support diocesan ministries, your parish and worthy causes in our communities.



**Faith Formation - Tracy Yarke**  
**Classes this week:**

Grades 1-8 6:30-7:45pm

2nd Year Confirmation 6:00pm-8:15pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation class will be meeting with Father Matthew **TODAY** March 15th at 7:00pm.

**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](http://www.usccb.org/catholicrelief)

**Parish Festival - June 27 & 28**

- **Any donations of Crafts, Fancyworks & Plants** are greatly appreciated. Call Barb Legatt at 1-218-298-1823 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help work the Fancywork Stand.
- **Silent Auction/Basket Boutique** - It is time to start thinking about a theme basket or a silent auction item to donate to the parish festival in June. Any questions contact Cindy Zieglmeier 259-6696
- **Jewelry Stand** 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.

**St. Ann's Christian Women** is hosting a painting party on Monday March 23 from 6-9 pm. There is no need to be a member to attend the party. Cost is \$45.00 which includes a light meal/snacks, beverages (beer, wine and pop), painting materials and instruction. There are two paintings to choose from. There will be a registration table available after the masses the weekend of March 14-15 and March 21-22 ( if class is not filled ). There are only 30 spots so register early. Feel free to contact Cindy Zieglmeier with any questions at 320-259-6696.

**We’re Growing! Come grow with us!** - Cathedral High School will be hosting an Open House on March 26 and April 27 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Questions? Contact Denise Klein, Director of Admissions, at (320) 257-2117.

**Area Events:**

- March 20th, March 27th, & Apr. 3rd St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Isanti, Fish Fry 4pm-7pm
- March 20th, March 27th, & Apr. 3rd St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud, Fish Fry 4pm-7pm
- March 20th, March 27th, & Apr. 3rd Immaculate Conception Parish in Rice, Fish Fry 5:00pm-7:30pm
- March 27th - St. Joseph Parish in Waite Park, Fish Fry from 4:30pm-8:00pm
- March 27th - Rockville Parish Center - Rockville Firefighters Relief Fish Fry. Serving from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- April 3rd - St. Katharine Drexel School, St. Cloud, Fish Fry, 4:00pm-7:30pm
- April 3rd - St. John Parish in Foley, Fish Fry 4:30pm-7:00pm