

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

March 29, 2020



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

PARISH: 320-252-1799

SCHOOL: 320-251-3937

WEBSITE: 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 29, 2020

As I write this, we have not yet received a shelter in place order for the State of Minnesota. If we do, I will keep the church closed to the general public for at least one week following that order going into effect. Those asked in for meetings with staff may enter at their own discretion at designated times.

Otherwise, I intend to continue opening the church from 6 to 7 PM, Monday through Friday, for private prayer and reconciliation. Please, please, please do not have more than 10 people gathered in the church at any one time, and exercise social distancing between those 10. If you are waiting in the hallway to enter the church, please keep at least 6 feet between yourself and anyone outside your immediate family.

Confessions, until further notice, will be heard in the Old Sacristy. Please enter through the church, walking through the sanctuary.

A bulletin from the Vatican asks me to remind all the faithful that if it is impossible for you to receive sacramental absolution, remember that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness, according to the penitent's capacity, and accompanied by a desire to confess those sins in confession, if ever possible, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (see Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 1452).

Lastly, I join Bishop Kettler in humbly asking that, though we cannot gather for Mass, you continue to support the Church by regular donations. You can send in donations in your regular, weekly envelopes by mail or drop them off at the office. As long as no shelter-in-place order goes into effect, the church will be open to the public during regular office hours, from 8 AM to Noon, Monday through Friday.

Fr. Matthew Crane

Daily Readings:

5th Sunday of Lent - March 29 – Ezekiel 37:12-14;

Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11;

Gospel John 11: 1-45

March 30 – Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Gospel John 8:1-11

March 31 – Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Gospel John 8:21-30

April 1 – Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Psalm

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Gospel John 8:31-42

April 2 – Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Gospel John 8:51-59

April 3 – Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-

6, 7; Gospel John 10:31-42

April 4 – Ezekiel 37:21-28; Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11

-12abcd, 13; Gospel John 11:45-56

Palm Sunday - April 5 – Gospel Matthew 21: 1-11;

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;

Philippians 2: 6-11; Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66

Mass Intentions

30 Monday - **No Public Mass**

31 Tuesday - **No Public Mass**

1 Wednesday - **No Public Mass**

2 Thursday - **No Public Mass**

3 Friday - **No Public Mass**

4 Saturday - **No Public Mass**

5 Sunday - **No Public Mass**

Looking Ahead:

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

No FF

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

Thursday, April 2

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

Friday, April 3

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

Parish Support - Week of March 23, 2020

Adult \$2,126.42

Youth 0.00

Votive Lights 6.00

Easter 30.00

Catholic Relief Services 204.00

Organ Restoration 4.00

School Endowment 4.00

From the Office of Marriage and Family: Now that you have extra time with your family, look for ways to see this as a blessing!! Here are some ideas:

Meals: Sit down for meals together. That's a blessing. Say some special, simple Lenten prayers.

Screen-time: It's tempting, but resist the urge to give in to unlimited screen time. Decide together how much time is enough per day. Be careful of allowing phones in bedrooms, because you know what will happen. But when you limit screen time, be ready with many other activities for everyone to do.

Recreation: Build in routines to have fun together. Dust off some board games and decks of cards. Try a new game every day until you find something that everyone likes. Could you start a tournament with your family? Keep score and have prizes. Puzzles can be great entertainment for some families. When my kids were younger we would have "quiet reading room" time. Everyone would take a book and read for a certain period. Walks, bike rides, work projects around the house. We have time now in ways that we haven't before. Be creative. Brainstorm with the whole family. You might be surprised by how amazing some of their ideas will be.

Prayer: What a fantastic time to encourage the family to begin each day with some prayer. Or you could schedule a prayer time before or after supper. Cater the length of time to the ages of the family members, and make sure you give them something to pray about and some tips on how to pray. There are so many great resources online. Pray the rosary together. Watch a TV Mass together.



Greeting from SMHOC School

Catholic Schools Raffle: We are very thankful to be able to partner with Catholic United Financial. Thank you for another successful raffle!

St. Mary Help of Christians School thanks community for help raising \$13,400 through Catholic Schools Raffle program

St. Augusta, Minnesota – The students, parents, teachers and staff of St. Mary Help of Christians School extend a message of gratitude to the St. Augusta community for helping them achieve fundraising success through the 2020 Catholic Schools Raffle program. The school was able to raise \$13,400 through the program in ticket sales and donations.

From January 17 to March 1, students at St. Mary's sold raffle tickets at \$5 each to raise funds for their school. Costs to run the raffle are provided by sole sponsor Catholic United Financial so every dollar raised by ticket sales stays with this school. The fundraiser came to an official close on March 12 with the prize drawing ceremony during which winners of \$40,000 in prizes, from gift cards and vacations to a brand new Buick Encore SUV, were announced by guest emcees Super Bowl Champion Matt Birk and Miss Minnesota 2019 Kathryn Kueppers.

When St. Mary's's total is added together with the other 88 participating schools in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, the 2020 Catholic Schools Raffle raised more than \$1.3 million -- a new annual record for the program -- and a cumulative total of \$9.8 million since the program began in 2009.

"All the credit goes to students, families and parish and school staff, and the wonderful communities that support them," said Harald Borrmann, president of Catholic United Financial. "It is an honor for us to show our unconditional support of Catholic education through this program year after year."

Based in St. Paul, Minn., raffle sponsor Catholic United Financial provides all the prizes and promotion materials for the Raffle resulting in 100 percent profit for the schools.

For more information on St. Mary Help of Christians visit www.smhoc.org/school. For more information about the Raffle, plus photos and vid eo, visit www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/raffle/media.

Raffle updates can be followed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsRaffle.

About Catholic United Financial

Catholic United Financial is one of the largest fraternal life insurance associations in the Upper Midwest, serving more than 75,000 members in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Iowa. Catholic United offers life insurance, annuities, and retirement savings products to its members while providing fraternal benefits for Catholic parishes, schools and religious education.



Lent/Easter

- ◆ There is a Resource Table - prayer cards, bulletin, Catholic happenings information card which includes viewing live streaming masses during lent and holy week
- ◆ There will be a CD with recordings of the readings and songs for Holy Week available for pick up from the resource table starting Friday, April 3rd.
- ◆ Remember to drop off your Rice Bowls at the end of Lent in the Parish Office, M-F, 7:30am-Noon

Spiritual Resources/Prayers

- ◆ Daily Readings - go to www.usccb.org
- ◆ To view the diocesan-produced TV Mass online, or find the channel numbers vary based on location and type of TV service (cable, satellite, antenna), visit: www.stcdio.org/tvmass
- ◆ Livestream of daily Mass at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville <https://saintjohnsabbey.org/live>
- ◆ Livestream of Pope Francis' Masses <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefyl9g9A5SGWA4FvGIA/videos>
- ◆ *Give Us This Day*, a monthly publication centered on the Word of God, is making available at no charge a digital file of its periodical, which includes daily Mass texts: www.GUTD.net/Digital.
- ◆ Downloadable prayer card seeking intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe (English) <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/upload/prayer-coronavirus-2020-card.pdf> (Spanish) <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/upload/prayer-coronavirus-2020-card-spanish.pdf>
- ◆ Text of pope's prayer to Mary during coronavirus pandemic <http://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/text-of-popes-prayer-to-mary-during-coronavirus-pandemic>

Firearms Safety that was scheduled for Monday, March 30th at 7:00pm at the St. Augusta Legion has been suspended. Any questions, call Doug Kilanowski at 320-333-0819.



Condolences to Betty Reimann and family on the death of her daughter,

Shirley Reimann;
to **Ralph Nistler and family** on the death of his sister, Delphine Wirtzfeld.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon them

