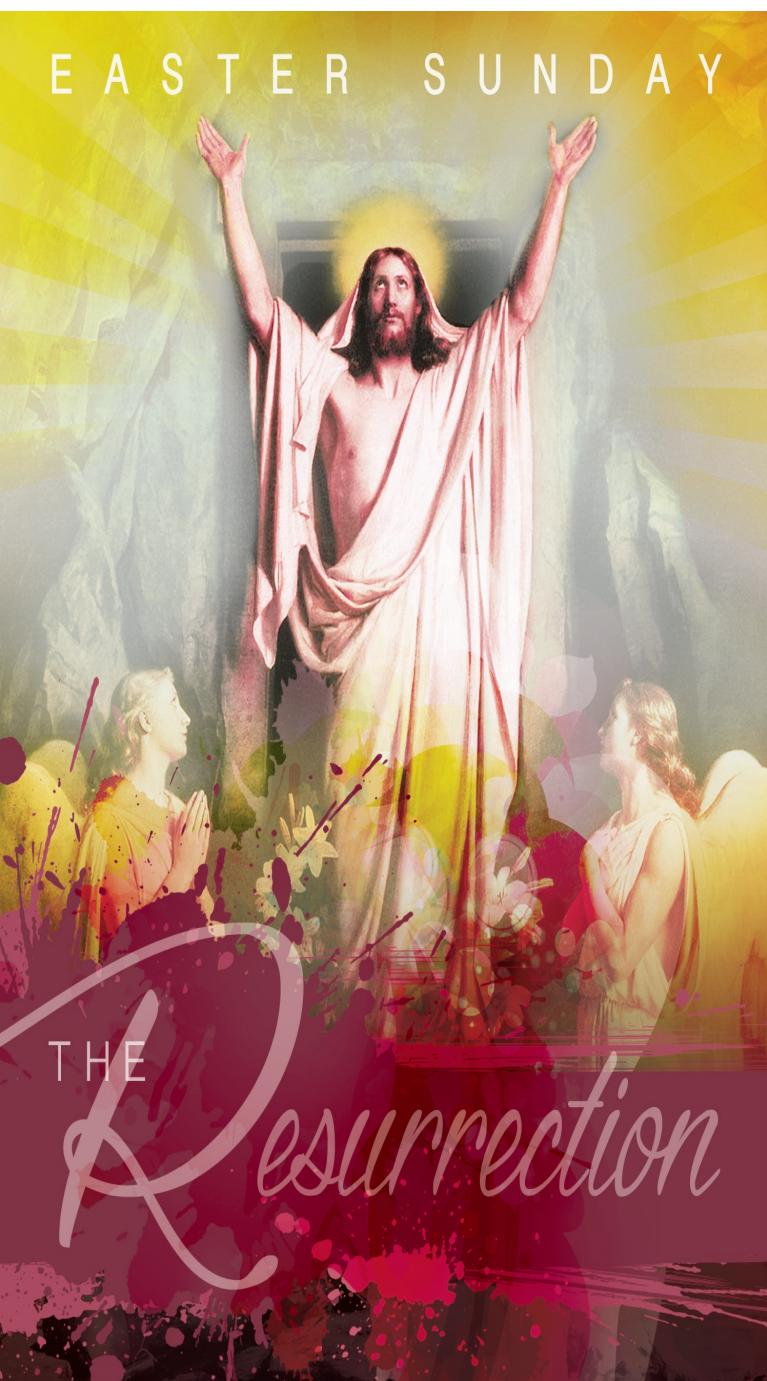


# St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

April 12, 2020



**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)**

#### RCIA "RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS"

Anyone interested in  
becoming a member of  
the Catholic Faith call  
the Parish Office.

#### BAPTISM PREP CLASS

**April 13, 2020 at 6:30pm.**

Call the Parish Office to  
register.

#### NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the parish office for more  
information.

#### CEMETERY

JERRY KOLTES 320-252-1354

#### MARRIAGE PREP

Arrangements must  
be made at least 6  
months before the  
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.

## April 12, 2020

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

As of this writing, I do not know if the governor's order has been extended (the Easter bulletin needs to be in to the printers very early). However, it is my hope that we are all in good health and, perhaps, able to safely start congregating, at least in small groups.

I suspect that many will prudently hesitate to venture out. Therefore, I want to try to offer a way for you to join in the celebration of Easter both at Church and at home. First, at home: if you wish, invite me to your home to bless it. The pastor blessing parishioners' homes in the Easter Season is a venerable tradition, recalled in the Roman Ritual and the Book of Blessings. I can also leave you with a little bit of the Easter Water, blessed at the private celebration of the Easter Vigil in the parish church. Second, at church: if you wish, invite me to light a votive candle for your intentions.

If you wish to take me up on either or both of these invitations, please call and leave a message on my voicemail at the parish (320.252.1799, ext. 11). Please leave your name, and a contact number, and I'll try to get back to you in a timely manner.

**Fr. Matthew Crane**

### Readings for Next Sunday, April 19

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

### Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend April 18/19

5:00pm P. Kunkel, J. Powell, K. Powell

8:00am T. Yarke, S. Massmann, G. Rosha

10:00am A. Spielmann, R. Schreibels, M. Schmidt

### Servers - Next Weekend April 18/19

5:00pm Dylan Streit & Morgan Streit

8:00am Thatcher Yarke & Cora Yarke

10:00am Luke Ashbrook & Jordan Gulden

### 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 - Week of March 30

Adult	\$2,570.00
Easter	850.00
Catholic Relief Services	30.00
Votive Lights	6.00
Easter Flowers	50.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

### Banns of Marriage:

I - Nadine Sydnor & Daniel Emslander

**Please keep in mind, for Easter, the bulletin is sent in earlier than normal. the church will remain closed if the "Stay at Home" order is extended. Otherwise Mass schedule and intentions are as follows:**

13 Monday - **No Mass**

14 Tuesday - 6:00pm **† LeRoy & † Eileen Young**

15 Wednesday - 8:00am **† Paul Valerius**

16 Thursday - 8:00am **† Hubert & † Alvina Fruth Family**

17 Friday - 8:00am **† Carol Meyer**

18 Saturday - 5:00pm **Jim & † Judy Janey Family**

19 Sunday - 8:00am **† Martin Corbin**

10:00am Parishioners

### See note above the mass intentions - Looking

#### Ahead:

#### Monday, April 13

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

6:30pm Baptism Class

#### Tuesday, April 14

Quilting

6:00pm Mass

#### Wednesday, April 15

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

6:00-6:30pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

#### Thursday, April 16

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

#### Friday, April 17

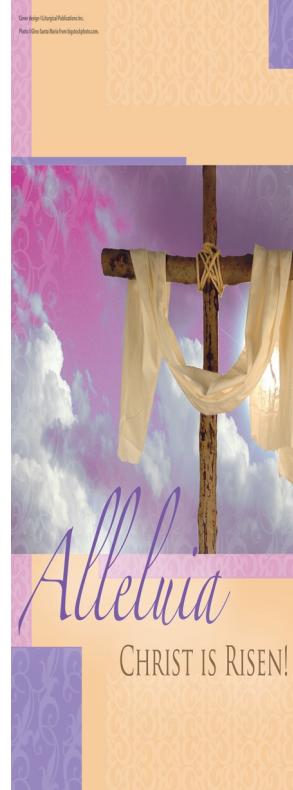
6:00pm-7:00pm Evening Prayers and Confessions

#### Saturday, April 18

Food Shelf Collection

#### Sunday, April 19

Food Shelf Collection



*Wishing you a  
Blessed Easter!  
~Fr. Matthew  
and the Staff  
of St. Mary  
Help of  
Christians  
Church~*



Risen!

**Greetings from SMHOCS...**

During this new season of life, I see the grace of our Lord in the growth and renewal of our school. We have a vibrant parent community willing to roll up their sleeves and take on the challenges of distant learning at home. There is still a joyful spirit of collaboration within our faculty and I continue to be impressed by their creativity and professionalism. As I observe the distant learning, I marvel at the levels of student engagement and the enthusiasm for learning. Our students are thriving. Your continued support and prayers are truly appreciated. Easter blessings to all!

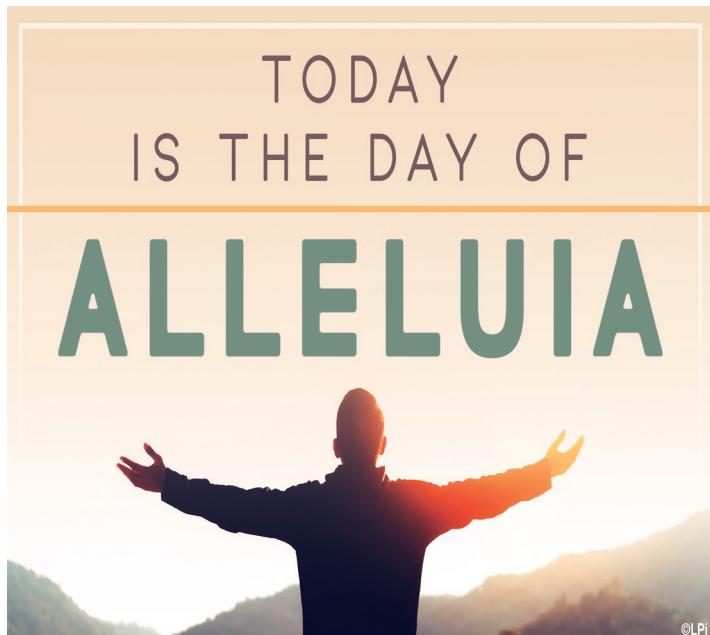
*Kelly Kirks, Principal*

**Graduating High School Seniors** - If your child is graduating from High School this year, please call the Parish Office, 320-252-1799 or email the office at [shellyg@smhoc.org](mailto:shellyg@smhoc.org) with your child's name so we can recognize them.

**Cemetery Regulations** - Please remember that flowers may be on the graves at our cemetery until June 15th. If the flowers are not attached to the gravestone, they will be discarded.

**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:** We are the Church Together: Your diocesan ministries are working to walk with you during these troubling times. Diocesan staff continue to reach out to parishes, advance ministries from home and respond to phone calls and messages. [Our diocesan website has updates, messages from Bishop Kettler, spiritual resources and prayers at www.stcdio.org](#). May God be with you and those you love.

**Prayer For In Time Of Pandemic**

Almighty and eternal God,  
our refuge in every danger,  
to whom we turn in our distress;  
in faith we pray look with compassion  
on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead,  
comfort to mourners, healing to the sick,  
peace to the dying, strength to healthcare  
workers, wisdom to our leaders and the  
courage to reach out to all in love,  
so that together we may give glory to  
your holy name.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Holy Humor**

- ◆ Father Matthew Crane answers the phone.  
"Hello, is this Father Matthew Crane?"  
"It is"  
"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"  
"I can"  
"Do you know a Ted Houlahan?"  
"I do"  
"Is he a member of your congregation?"  
"He is"  
"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"  
"He will".
- ◆ The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"
- ◆ A Woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. "What Denomination?" Asked the clerk. "Oh, my goodness! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well give me 50 Baptist and 50 Catholic!"
- ◆ A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"