

St. Mary Help of Christians Church

24588 County Road 7, St. Augusta, MN 56301

May 17, 2020



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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Kelly Kirks, *Principal*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Suspended until May 18.
Continue to watch facebook
and parish website for up to
date information.

PERSONAL PRAYER

Church open for personal
prayer according to schedule
posted on church doors.

RCIA "RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS"

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

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

June 8, 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 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.*

May 17, 2020

Bishop Kettler, as you may already know from his weekly video messages, is guiding pastors towards a careful, safe reopening of churches for the public celebration of Holy Mass. As of this writing, the staff and I are diligently working on a plan, which, with the bishop's approval, will allow us to celebrate Mass publicly at St. Mary Help of Christians, after the expiration of the Stay At Home Order.

As I want to do this as soon as safely possible, please watch electronic media and pay attention to inserts, even in this bulletin. Timelines, as with all things related to coronavirus, are marked by a bit of uncertainty.

On that note, please know that all the faithful of the Diocese of Saint Cloud remain dispensed from the obligation of to assist at Mass on Sundays. While we will take precautions to ensure the safety of those gathering in the church, please do not feel compelled to attend, especially if you yourself are ill or you suffer from an underlying health condition which makes the virus more dangerous for you.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Matthew Crane

Readings for Next Sunday, May 24

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20



Memorial Day Mass - Monday, May 25

The plan is to have a Memorial Day Mass at 8:00am at the Cemetery followed by services conducted by our American Legion Post.

If it rains, mass will be cancelled, but the Legion will still have their services. You may wish to bring along a lawn chair for the Mass. We will not be having a reception this year. Please follow the Diocesan and CDC social distancing guidelines.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020

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.



Condolences to **Charles Voigt and family** on the death of his sister, Theresa Heying.

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



Banns of Marriage

I - Gary Gohmann & Sandra Hercules

While there is no Public Mass, please remember the following in your prayers:

- 18 Monday - Parishioners
- 19 Tuesday - ☩ Randy Reimann
- 20 Wednesday - ☩ Alan Peterson
- 21 Thursday - ☩ Terry Herron
- 22 Friday - ☩ Lorraine Klaverkamp
- 23 Saturday - Parishioners
- 24 Sunday - ☩ Virginia Feneis
- 25 Monday - Memorial Day - Mass in the cemetery
☩ ☩ Mike & Mark Meyer

Parish Support

Adult	\$3,135.00
Easter	50.00
February Auto Withdrawals	4,398.82
March Auto Withdrawals	4,498.82
April Auto Withdrawals	5,028.82
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	14.00
Organ Restoration	1.00
School Endowment	1.00

Looking Ahead:

Unfortunately we could not put a schedule for when the church would be open for individual prayer for the coming week due to bulletin deadlines. Please pay attention to the parish websites, bulletin inserts, and signs on the church doors.

Thursday, May 21

6:30pm Finance Council Meeting

7:30pm Parish Council Meeting



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy sacrament, I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



Greetings from SMHOCS,

We wish to thank Voigt Bus Service for our transportation and the Home and School Association for sponsoring our school's special events and for providing transportation for our many field trips throughout the year. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide such valuable experiences for our students.

Sincerely, Kelly Kirks, Principal

The next Baptism Class is Monday, June 8th at 6:30pm. Please call the Parish Office, 320-252-1799 to register. Depending on numbers, class may be held virtually.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We are the Church Together: The diocese is grateful to be able to offer weekly Mass to the faithful in many formats. TV, online and radio options are available at <http://worship.stedio.org/tv-mass/>.

Parish Festival Update - We hope and pray that you and your families continue to stay healthy and safe during this challenging time with the COVID19 pandemic. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a festival with all the events like we have for so many years. Everything has been stripped away except Jesus! On Sunday, we still hope to gather as a church community with an outdoor mass. It will be the 2020 Bizarre Bazaar! More information will be provided in the bulletin, parish letter, parish website, and facebook as we move forward and are able to make more definite decisions.



Employment Opportunity - Our ACC is hiring a Director of Faith Formation! This person will be responsible for both adults and youth for the entire ACC. There is more information on our parish website www.smhoc.org

Click on the Faith Formation Picture, then click on the Director of Faith Formation Description. If you know of anyone that would be interested in applying, please pass on the information! Applications accepted until June 1, 2020.

Honoring Marriage Day: The Honoring Marriage Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 26th at 1:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. If you were celebrating one of the marriage milestones, you should be receiving an invitation.



COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity
 For all who have contracted coronavirus,
 We pray for care and healing.
 For those who are particularly vulnerable,
 We pray for safety and protection.
 For all who experience fear or anxiety,
 We pray for peace of mind and spirit.
 For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
 We pray for policies that recognize their plight.
 For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
 We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
 For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
 We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
 For our brothers and sisters around the world,
 We pray for shared solidarity.
 For public officials and decision makers,
 We pray for wisdom and guidance.
 Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
 Grant peace.
 Grant comfort.
 Grant healing.
 Be with us, Lord.
 Amen.

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Parish Contributions - In these uncertain times, we humbly ask for your continued financial support to the parish. There are a couple different options available: Your contributions can be mailed to the parish office, St. Mary Help of Christians Church 24588 County Road 7 St. Augusta, MN 56301

Or to set up automatic withdrawal email the parish office at shellyg@smhoc.org and the office will email you a form.

Thank you to those who have been able to mail their contributions or who already use the automatic withdrawal. We are grateful for your support! If you are not able to give to the parishes at this time, we understand and appreciate your prayers!

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