



Catholic Church

JANUARY 7, 2023
THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD

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A GUIDING LIGHT – THE STAR

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The night sky always draws attention. From the stars to the moon, we have always been intrigued by celestial formations, falling stars, northern lights, and the moon’s changing shape. Remember when spotlights use to shine through the sky drawing peoples’ attention to some attraction that you did not want to miss? Many nights on my walk I am amazed at where in the sky I have to search to find the moon.

It was a star that guided the Magi to Jesus, a light shining brightly leading the way. They had waited a long time for that certain star to rise and can you imagine their excitement to quickly gather their things, put together a caravan, and travel in haste as they brought gifts to the new born king! Their entrance into Jerusalem must have caused great excitement. They needed directions and even dared to stop and ask, though their asking struck a chord with King Herod who was threatened by this newborn king. There must have been murmurings as news travels quickly, yet patiently they waited and were sent to Bethlehem. Seeing Jesus, they must have been in awe; a little baby, his mother, and Joseph, all quite surprised that Magi from the East appeared at the manger side. What do you suppose Jesus was doing at the time; sleeping, playing with his toes,

sitting on Mary’s lap, or in Joseph’s arms? We search, we look, we ask as to where we can find Jesus. What do we bring to Jesus or have we brought it already and are busy sharing the great news about Jesus Christ?

As we come to the end of the Christmas season, we have much to share. We are thankful for all the ministers, choir members, and volunteers who served throughout the Christmas season, gleefully filling the openings we had and joyfully singing, reading, greeting, collecting and over all, spreading joy to everyone. We were blessed with many parishioners, their families and visitors who celebrated with us on different occasions. We are grateful for the financial support we have received and the notes that accompanied many of the donations. Our staff performed elegantly, spending many hours keeping the Church open, clean, jolly, and spirited. Thank you everyone, and God bless us all!

The Exodus building is temporarily being used as a family shelter these winter months. We have had a few families staying and they are grateful for a warm place away from the cold. Keep praying for these families and our housing situation. The Aeon Exodus project will

move forward in the summer as more funding has been acquired and homing vibes are filling the halls again.

As we “Go and Tell it From the Mountain” that Jesus Christ is born, you will be hearing from the Synod Evangelization Team about upcoming “Small Groups” that will be forming in Lent. I invite you to consider being a member of a small group and sharing with other community members your journey with Jesus. Announcements and information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Not sure we will have snow as you read this bulletin! This is a different winter and one that has broken many temperature records. Seeing one little snowflake fall brightens my heart and plants a hope that we will see more.

As we move back into Ordinary Time this week, may you know the gifts you have been given. May Jesus bless you and your family in a new way this New Year. I hope you will join us for our Epiphany party, January 7, from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in the Forliti Gathering Room, as part of our annual “Celebrate” events. We rejoice that Jesus has been born and embraces each and every one of us in God’s arms of love, patience, peace, joy, and hope! Blessed 2024 in the Light of Jesus Christ!



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS

Jan 7, Epiphany: Is 60:1-6, **Ps 72**, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12
Jan 14: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19, **Ps 40**, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42

PRAY SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON MCN CH 6

Pray our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00am. Saint Olaf also live streams our Monday-Friday 12:00Noon Mass and our Sunday 10:00am Mass on YouTube: [youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live](https://www.youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

CELEBRATE! ALL PARISH EPIPHANY PARTY

Join us Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the Forliti Gathering Room as another Celebrate! event is upon us! Join us for the All Parish Epiphany Party, meet up with old friends and make new ones as we enjoy a visit from the Three Kings and warm up with bowls of chili served with all the fixings. Come one, come all!

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL WRAPPING IT UP

As we start into 2024, we are wrapping up the Annual Stewardship Renewal period. If you have not yet taken the time to review your plan for sharing your gifts with Saint Olaf in 2024, please do so now. Sharing your intentions helps us plan for the upcoming year and make the best use of your gifts given to serve our mission. Thank you for discerning how you are called to **PRAY ~ SERVE ~ SHARE** as *Stewards in the Heart of the City*.

JANUARY SCRIPTURE STUDY

All are welcome to join in a weekly scripture study on Thursday mornings at 11:00am in January. We will review and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings. Come for one session, come for them all – we will meet in Forliti Gathering Room on January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP NEW YEAR, NEW SERIES!

Celebrate your faith in the first weeks of 2024 with a journey through the Sacraments! The Saint Olaf Young Adult Group will meet Tuesdays starting Jan. 9 at 5:45 p.m. in the Forliti Gathering Room. Parishioners and guests in their 20s and 30s welcomed! Scan the QR code to join our Facebook group.



SMALL GROUP SIGN UP IS NEXT WEEKEND

Small Group Faith Sharing is coming to Saint Olaf starting in Lent 2024. Our small group sign up will kick off next weekend, January 13/14. The Small Group initiative is part of the Archdiocesan Synod and now moves to be centered in the individual parishes. Through this small group process, we will discern how we at Saint Olaf are called to serve in the heart of the city.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG



SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

10:00am Centering Prayer - Monthly on-site Gathering - Forliti Gathering Rm

12:00Noon Mass

12:30pm Confessions
12:30pm Rosary - Chapel

4:00pm Vigil Mass - Feast of the Epiphany

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00am Mass - Chapel

7:00am AA Meeting - Edu Rm
7:30am Confessions
11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting - Edu Rm

12:00Noon Mass+

6:30pm Women's Bible Study - Forliti Gathering Rm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

6:00am Mass

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass+

12:00Noon Mass

1:00pm Celebrate! All Parish Epiphany Party - Forliti Gathering Rm

4:00pm Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00am Mass - Chapel

7:30am Confessions
11:00am Bible Study - Forliti Gathering Rm

12:00Noon Mass+

12:30pm Confessions
6:30pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) - Edu Rm

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

7:00am Mass - Chapel

7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon Mass+

12:00Noon AA Meeting - Edu Rm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00am Mass

10:00am Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - Forliti Gathering Rm

11:00am Adoration

12:00Noon Mass+

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

ORDINARY TIME BEGINS

7:00am Mass - Chapel

7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon Mass+

12:30pm Confessions

5:45pm Young Adult Group - Forliti Gathering Rm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

12:00Noon Mass

12:30pm Confessions

12:30pm Rosary - Chapel

4:00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

6:00am Mass

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass+

12:00Noon Mass

4:00pm Mass

- Building closes at 5:30pm Monday - Friday.
 - Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday
 - Chapel is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm
- + LIVE STREAMED

ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Dec 18 - 24	\$16,212	\$68,119	-\$51,907
YTD through Week #26	\$691,059	\$663,417	\$27,642
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP WEEK #6 - 12/22/23	PLEDGED	RESPONDENTS	% OF PARISH
	\$481,976	207	18.00%

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.