



JANUARY 17, 2021  
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**St OLAF**  
Catholic Church

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## WAKE UP AND LISTEN TO GOD'S CALL

by Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

*[Eli] said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and stood there, calling out as before: Samuel, Samuel! Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."*

- 1 Samuel 3: 9-10

Growing up I had a human alarm clock, in the form of my father. Every Sunday morning, three of us kids had to wake up early to deliver the Star Tribune newspapers in our section of Hibbing. Since we had a large route, we needed to wake up early, as soon as the Metro section was delivered so we could add the latest news to the rest of the paper we had assembled the previous evening and get it to our customers before their morning coffee was finished brewing. We could have set an alarm, but I enjoyed a special treat each week when my father would come to wake me. He would gently pat my feet and say, "Mary, Mary it's time to wake up." I loved his gentle touch and thought of it as our "special shared moment." I even trained myself to wake up in advance of his arrival and would pretend I was asleep so the morning ritual would continue. Without fail, in the dark, pre-dawn Sundays from junior high until I went away to college, my father gently

roused me to get up and start my Sunday. I heard his call, felt the love and gladly started my day. Years later, on a July morning in 2015, I woke again in a bedroom in Hibbing, awakened from a dream of my father's voice telling me, "Mary, Mary it's time to wake up." I turned off the alarm ahead of its ring and said to myself, "Yes dad, I'm listening, ready to serve you as we lay you to your final rest." A favorite memory of my dear father forever inscribed on my heart.

In today's reading we hear the story of Samuel who was roused from a deep sleep several times and mistakenly thought it was Eli who called, but it was the Lord who was actually calling out for Samuel. How blessed Samuel was that he had Eli to decipher God's call. Wouldn't it be great if God would reach out to each of us and provide us with explicit instructions on how to respond? God does call, we just have to figure out how to hear it and determine our response.

We all felt the pain and confusion of the pandemic, quickly followed by civil unrest in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd. The 2020 election drama added more misery to our collective mental health. We cannot turn away and attempt to sleep this stress away. Each of us has had to figure out the way forward for ourselves, our faith, family, work, and our community. Listening for God's

voice through the noise is difficult, but not impossible.

Saint Olaf exists and thrives in the heart of the city and perhaps because of our location we are committed to bringing quality liturgies and sacraments to all - both in person and broadcast/livestreamed. Saint Olaf's Samaritan Ministry is committed to serving the needs of the homeless and at risk in the heart of downtown. We do this work with and for you, our valued members and friends. You have been awakened to the needs of Saint Olaf and all we serve. You have responded to God's call and shared support: spiritual, physical, and financial which is greatly appreciated.

A great example of people hearing God's call and making the appropriate response can be found in our recent Mission Appeal. Due to the pandemic, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Kananga, Congo were unable to visit us in person to share their story. The sister's work is focused on building wells in the villages so the women do not have to walk miles to get water. One well costs \$15,000, a large sum to gather even without a pandemic in play. Fr. Kevin shared the story and you were listening and responded. To date, we have collected \$21,982.98 enough for a well and more. What a way to wake and respond to God's call - we are grateful for your gifts.



## EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS](http://SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS)

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

January 17: 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19, Ps 40, 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1: 35-42  
January 24: Jon 3: 1-5, 10, Ps 25, 1 Cor 7: 29-31, Mk 1: 14-20

### WATCH SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON CABLE TV

Watch our Sunday 10:00 am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00 am.

### DAILY MASS LIVE STREAM

Saint Olaf Live Streams our Monday-Friday 12:00noon Mass AND our Sunday 10:00am Mass YouTube link: [youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live](https://youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

Facebook search and like: **Saint Olaf Catholic Church, Downtown Minneapolis.**

Saint Olaf also archives all of our Masses on the website, [www.SaintOlaf.org/media](http://www.SaintOlaf.org/media).

### VIRTUAL CHOIR

Choir members from four different Saint Olaf ensembles have made a special virtual choir video for Christmas. It was released on Christmas Eve and played at Mass on Christmas. To view this holiday treat from our music ministry, visit [youtu.be/xCkVfVshOBI](https://youtu.be/xCkVfVshOBI) or find it on our website or YouTube channel. View this Christmas gift from our music ministry.

### BELL RINGING

On January 19 at 5:30 pm (EST), there will be a memorial in Washington D.C. to remember and honor lives lost to Covid-19. As a part of that memorial, church bells will be rung. Saint Olaf's bells will take part by ringing at 4:30 pm (CST) on January 19.

### IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for loved ones lost who are associated with Saint Olaf. News of any pending Funeral Masses or Memorial services will be posted when they are scheduled. Please check [saintolaf.org](http://saintolaf.org) and click on Funeral in the top right of any page to see any scheduled funerals.

### GIFTS OF STOCK ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Saint Olaf is appreciative of gifts of stock we have received from parishioners and friends of Saint Olaf. There are more stringent rules on donor notification today so if you decide to provide Saint Olaf with a gift of stock, please let us know the number of shares and stock you are planning to donate so we can identify who made the gift to us.

We happen to have recently received a gift of stock to Saint Olaf and have not been able to match it up with the owner. If you have recently gifted stock to Saint Olaf and have not received notification from us, we would love to have you let us know so we can properly thank you for your gift.

Saint Olaf has an account at Morgan Stanley to handle stock gifts. Contact Mary Kennedy in the parish office, **612-767-6204** to get more information. Also, we encourage you to always utilize a qualified financial planner to assist you with gifts of stock, and planned or estate gifts.



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG](http://SAINTOLAF.ORG)

### WELCOME HOME

*Please be attentive to the following:*

- If you are sick, please stay home
- Please arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before Mass starts (allow us to clean the Church between Masses)
- Please enter through the Parking Lot doors or the Handicapped Door off of Eighth Street
- Hand sanitizer is available
- Please wear a mask and observe social distancing

*Building closes at 1:00pm Monday - Friday until further notice.  
Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday*

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

**12:00 PM MASS**  
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
**4:00 PM MASS**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

**7:00 AM MASS**  
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
**12:00 PM MASS**

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

**6:00 AM MASS**  
**8:00 AM MASS**  
**10:00 AM MASS**  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
**4:00 PM MASS**

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

**7:00 AM MASS**  
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

*OFFICES CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY*

**7:00 AM MASS**  
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
**12:00 PM MASS**

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

*OFFICES CLOSED ON FRIDAYS*  
**7:00 AM MASS**  
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
11:00 AM ADORATION  
**12:00 PM MASS**

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

**7:00 AM MASS**  
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
**12:00 PM MASS**  
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

**12:00 PM MASS**  
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
**4:00 PM MASS**

## ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #27

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Dec 28 - Jan 3	\$134,600	\$14,015	\$120,585
YTD through Week #27	\$737,536	\$679,474	\$58,062
Annual Stewardship Renewal Week 9	\$583,670 Pledged	303 Respondents	27.22% of Parish

*Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.*