



Catholic Church

JANUARY 21, 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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# CASTING YOUR NET

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In this weekend's gospel we are told that Jesus, "...passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen." There is background information we should know if we are to immerse ourselves into the depths of this story.

In Mark's Gospel much of what we read is pointing to something other than what is presented. For example: The "Sea of Galilee" is not a sea. It is a fresh water lake. Anyone living in Israel in the 1st century would have known this. Mark is speaking symbolically about what the "sea" represents. To the ancient Christians the "sea" represented the chaos of human life. Every time the "sea" is mentioned in scripture you should not think of a body of water. Instead, think about the water as a symbol for pain, doubt, fear, and suffering.

Instead of thinking that Jesus came upon Peter and Andrew "fishing," think Jesus came across two people casting their nets into the chaos of life. Not that they were trying to "catch" pain, doubt, fear, and suffering. Ask yourself, "Do I keep throwing my net into the chaos hoping that I will catch something that will help me navigate through the chaos?" Mark is telling us Jesus has a better way to face pain, doubt, fear, and

suffering. The better way is by casting our nets into the life of a disciple. We take on the lifestyle of living within the community of the Body of Christ with other disciples. By helping others, and allowing others to help us face pain, doubt, fear, and suffering, we are able to deal with our own chaos in a way that lets others know that we are not alone.

To help understand the story even deeper we need to know that fishermen would often work completely nude. It is important to the story for the reader to know this. When Peter and Andrew "abandoned their nets and followed him" we are being told they abandoned everything to become a disciple of Jesus.

This new lifestyle of being fishers of others begins at baptism. The word "baptism" means "to be immersed." In the ancient church people would enter the waters of baptism nude. By immersing themselves into the waters of baptism nude they were leaving everything behind. Like Peter and Andrew, they abandoned their old life, to enter a new life in Christ. We are immersed in the waters of pain, doubt, fear, and suffering to rise to a new life of reaching out to others, to cast our nets, into the life of the church, into the life of being a disciple of Jesus. Like Peter and Andrew Jesus is inviting us to become

fishers of people. We are invited to cast our nets into people to pull them out of the waters of chaos.

We are not merely individuals that come to Church to worship Jesus. We are a Community of Disciples that are willing to reach out to one another, to cast our nets, so that everyone who comes into our building will know they never have to face pain, doubt, fear, and suffering alone.

Evangelization then is not about attempting to "catch" people so they become Christians. Evangelization is about showing people a way to face their pain, doubt, fear, and suffering. When we do this, we become the living real sacramental presence of Christ to everyone. We become Church in the best way possible.

A vital understanding of being a disciple of Jesus is not having to wait for the Kingdom of God. As Jesus kept telling people, "The Kingdom of God is at hand." When we gather for more than worshiping and praise of God; when we gather to let one another know that we never have to face the chaos of life alone; the Kingdom of God will be at hand. The Kingdom of God will be established here, in the Heart of the City. Now!

Where will you cast your net today?



# EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

\*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMIBOLD ITALICS

January 21: Jon 3:1-5,10, **Ps 25**, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20  
January 28: Dt 18:15-20, **Ps 95**, 1 Cor 7:32-35, Mk 1: 21-28

## 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://youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

## IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for loved ones lost who are associated with Saint Olaf. We will post news of any pending Funeral Masses or Memorial Services when they are scheduled. Check [SaintOlaf.org](http://SaintOlaf.org) and click on Funerals in the top right corner of any page to see the scheduled funerals.

**Tillie Westermeier, Parishioner**, died January 12, 2024. Funeral Friday, January 19, 2024, 10:00am, visitation at 9:00am.

**Anna Mooy, Former Choir Director**. Funeral Details Pending.

## ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL WRAP UP

Thank you to all who responded to our 2024 Annual Stewardship Renewal. We are blessed with the commitments to **PRAY – SERVE – SHARE** that we received from you. We appreciate knowing your financial intentions so we can budget effectively for the calendar year. Each gift makes a difference and allows us to serve our mission here in the heart of the city. If you have not returned your Stewardship Intention Card, you can still do so, either with a card from the acrylic stands at the church entrances or online at [SaintOlaf.org/Renewal](http://SaintOlaf.org/Renewal). Thank you for discerning how you are called to **PRAY ~ SERVE ~ SHARE as Stewards in the Heart of the City**.

## CELEBRATE! AFTER ALL MASSES JANUARY 20/21

Calling all Mature Adults – Ages 41-50! We Celebrate! you after all the Masses January 20/21. Stop in Forliti Gathering Room after Mass and collect your special treat and a gift just for you!

## SMALL GROUP SIGN UP IS HERE!

Small Group Faith Sharing is coming to Saint Olaf starting in Lent 2024. 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. The current schedule for small groups includes:



Thursdays: 12:30pm-2:00pm – Begins February 15, 2024

Saturdays: 10:00am-11:30am – Begins February 17, 2024

Tuesdays: 6:30pm-8:00pm – Begins February 20, 2024

Pick up a registration form in the acrylic stands at the church entrances, or visit "Join a Small Group this Lent" on the main page of our website. You can also register via the QR code above.



# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
- 4:00pm **Vigil Mass - Celebrate! The Mature Adults - Ages 41-50 after Mass**

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

**CELEBRATE! THE MATURE ADULTS - AGES 41-50. AFTER ALL MASSES.**

- 6:00am **Mass**
- 8:00am **Mass**
- 10:00am **Mass+**
- 11:00am Sacramental Prep - Fleming Hall
- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 1:15pm Secular Franciscan Group Meeting - Edu Rm
- 4:00pm **Mass**

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:00Noon AA Meeting - Edu Rm

MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE AT 12:00NOON, MONDAY JANUARY 22 ON THE CAPITOL STEPS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [MCCL.ORG/MARCH](http://MCCL.ORG/MARCH)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 5:45pm Young Adult Group – Forliti Gathering Rm

## WELCOME HOME

- 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
Jan 1 - 7	\$37,734	\$37,790	-\$56
YTD through Week #28	\$835,289	\$800,787	\$34,502
<b>ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP WEEK #8 - 1/5/24</b>	<b>PLEDGED</b>	<b>RESPONDENTS</b>	<b>% OF PARISH</b>
	\$513,674	227	19.74%

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf!

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 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 Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study – Forliti Gathering Rm

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

- 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
- 6:30pm From Age to Age (FATA) Rehearsal

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- 7:00am **Mass**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry – Forliti Gathering Rm
- 11:00am Adoration
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- 10:00am Secular Franciscan Board Meeting - Edu Rm
- 10:00am Small Group Facilitator Training - Fleming Hall
- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
- 4:00pm **Vigil Mass**

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- 6:00am **Mass**
- 8:00am **Mass**
- 10:00am **Mass+**
- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 4:00pm **Mass**