



Catholic Church

JANUARY 28, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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# IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

*Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah,*

-Psalm 95: 7-8

All I can say is, it was a different time. Case in point: When I was a junior in high school, I met with the school counselor, as each member of our class did to discuss my plans after high school. I wanted to go on to college and I told Ms. Counselor that I wanted to become a teacher. "Oh, Mary," she exclaimed, "I have no doubt you might do well in that field, but I have way too many prospective teachers on my list. You are on the debate team, and doing quite well this year. I think you will do much better becoming an attorney." I accepted her spontaneous assessment, crossed future teacher off my list, and entered college in "pre-law." As I progressed through college, I learned more about myself, my strengths and interests, dropped the pre-law, and for some reason, never turned back to education, perhaps because Ms. Counselor told me so? I did end up with both of my daughters in education, so the old maxim of the apple doesn't fall far from the tree holds true.

This weekend's readings concentrate on the teachers in our midst. We each have a lot of sources where we can

educate ourselves. Besides personal study and the library, most of us can recall a favorite grade school, high school, or college teacher. Many of us have been blessed with extended family members or friends who schooled us in the best way to complete a myriad of tasks, recipes, or projects. Of course, we all have passed or failed in the school of hard knocks. Perhaps the most prolific arc in our current lives is the onslaught of instruction we receive from the 24/7 cycle of media. "Experts" can be found in any topic of discussion and happily teach, preach, and sometimes screech their instructions to all who will listen. The first question is: who is the teacher that deserves my attention? The second, and more important question: what is my response?

When Jesus Christ taught in the synagogue, many were "amazed" at his teaching, but even then, there were detractors and naysayers to the Good News Jesus shared. We are thankful to those who not only listened to Jesus, but also took the time to share what they heard with others in the community. They passed along the instruction and today, we benefit from that teaching shared. As part of our Baptismal promise each of us is called to share our faith through our thoughts, words, and actions. Each of us is called to use

the gifts we have been given to be the hands, feet, and visage of Jesus Christ with all those we encounter. Sharing the gifts we have been given, allows us to answer Christ's call with a definitive, "Yes, I heard and here is my response." Listening and learning is not a passive role, but requires us to be present to the instruction, to actively listen, then to contemplate how this education fits into our life and formulate a response. It is not always the easy path. We can be perplexed and overwhelmed at the sheer volume of information that passes our way each and every day. We will be challenged with all the opinions coming from different directions. When it comes to faith, God is asking each of us to actively listen, reflect in prayer, and consider your own unique gifts as you formulate your response. Whether your response is to serve, pray, care, love, or share, know that even in the most trying of times, there is always something you can do. Each of us can listen to the same teaching but have a different response, when we base our response upon the gifts we have to share out of our own toolbox. Take the time now to listen, learn, and prepare so "if (and when) you hear God's voice" you will be ready to respond in faith.



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

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

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*\*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMIBOLD ITALICS*

January 28: Dt 18:15-20, **Ps 95**, 1 Cor 7:32-35, Mk 1:21-28

February 4: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7, **Ps 147**, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk 1:29-39

### 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.

**Anna Mooy, Former Choir Director**, died January 15, 2024. Funeral January 27, 2024 at 1:00pm, Cannon Mortuary, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**J Peter Ritten, Associate Parishioner**, died January 15, 2024. Celebration of Life to be held at the Basilica of Saint Mary, MPLS, on May 17, 2024.

### 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.



### NEW YEAR NEW YOU: VOLUNTEER FOR SAINT OLAF HOSPITALITY TODAY

Is your New Year Resolution to share your gifts? Think about volunteering for Saint Olaf Hospitality! There are several teams to consider joining: the weekend team serving coffee and donuts, the Celebrate! Committee every 3rd Sunday, or the Funeral & Events Team for events during the week. For more information or to sign up, contact Vern at [VReske@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:VReske@SaintOlaf.org) or via phone **612-767-7631**.

### SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Samaritan Ministry still needs winter gear, especially coats. We welcome new or clean and gently used items. Thank you for your support!

### NEED SOME PRAYERS IN PERSON?

If you are homebound, cannot attend Sunday Mass, and would like a visit, please call Fr. Wehmann, **612-767-6203**, to schedule a weekly visit with one of our trained Pastoral Care Ministers.

### GIVING IS FAITH IN ACTION

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis will soon be launching the Catholic Services Appeal for 2024. This annual appeal will again provide support for 19 ministries. The gifts from all the parishes and individuals in this Archdiocese combined will provide needed support in ways that one individual or parish cannot do, illustrating to all that "Giving is Faith in Action." More information about this year's Catholic Services Appeal will be coming soon.



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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



### 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**

### MONDAY, JANUARY 29

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

**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, FEBRUARY 1

**7:00am Mass - Chapel**  
7:30am Confessions  
**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, FEBRUARY 2

*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, FEBRUARY 3

10:00am Centering Prayer on-site Gathering - Forliti Gathering Rm  
11:00am Sacramental Preparation - Fleming Hall  
**12:00Noon Mass**  
12:30pm Confessions  
12:30pm Rosary - Chapel  
**4:00pm Vigil Mass**

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**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
Jan 8 - 14	\$11,500	\$16,350	-\$4,850
YTD through Week #29	\$846,789	\$817,137	\$29,652

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.