



Catholic Church

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PRAYER WITH A MISSION TO SERVE

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The world's Catholic bishops gathered for the Second Vatican Council in four fall sessions from 1962-65. For many of us it may seem like "history" from the last century. In the life of the Church, it is still in the early unfolding of the manner it captured the voice of the Spirit in prayer, discussions, debates, and ultimately resulting in a set of documents shared for the benefit of the Church and the world (a bit simplified in this tight space!).

Two foundational forces were part of the preparation and planning articulated by Pope Saint John XXIII when he called the council; *aggiornamento*, a call for updating the church's vision and teaching, and *ressourcement*, a call to return to the sources, namely scripture. All the documents promulgated by the Council passed through these powerful lenses. The very first document the Council shared was on the Liturgy (which means "work of the people"), the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. This was done intentionally because the Sunday Mass was the most common experience of being Church around the world.

The Council lifted up the four-fold presence of Christ in the Liturgy; in God's Word proclaimed, in the Body and Blood we receive, in the person of the presider, and in the assembly of God's people! The altar was to be turned so priest and people would be in dialogue, and in the local language. The sacred space around

the altar was to be engaged with the secular, not separated by a rail. And God's people are called to be full, conscious and ACTIVE participants in the liturgy, not passive. We have made a lot of progress, but we still have some work to do on all of these things.

The Council also recognized that the Sunday Liturgy is the "source" from which the rest of our week after mass flows, and the "summit" to which we bring the experiences of our week for healing, forgiveness and the nourishment promised by Christ. From our prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist, we are poured out into the mission of the gospel and the parish to love and serve the Lord. Then, we bring this same mission when we gather together again as community after all that we were about during the week. If we skip the mass or the mission, we miss out on this life-giving relationship. We are also missed and the Body of Christ is less complete when we are not there. This is also why we invest in the tools to keep people connected like online streaming and the cable TV broadcast.

The gospel this week makes this relationship of prayer and mission pretty simple, while still being very profound. The text tells us Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, as well as many others, and he then went to a quiet place to pray. When Jesus was told others in need of

healing were looking for him, and after prayer He went to share the Good News with them. Prayer and a gospel mission to serve.

Councils and documents and teachings all help us draw more deeply into the mystery of God's love made known through the example, ministry and mission of Jesus Christ; prayer with a Church mission to serve.

Saint Olaf was founded nearly 83 years ago, more than 20 years before the Council, and already engaged in the gospel-grounded relationship of prayer with a mission to serve. Each generation of faithful members and visitors joined in working to both widen the welcome for those who come to our doors, including for Sunday Mass, and to gather the resources necessary to bring healing, forgiveness, and nourishment in Word and Sacrament to sustain us for mission in the week that follows. Prayer with a parish mission to serve.

We are a community that supports 17 masses throughout the week, including six for Sunday, and supports our service to hundreds during each week through Samaritan Ministry and many others. Prayer with a personal mission to serve in the heart of the city.



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMIBOLD ITALICS*

February 4: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7, **Ps 147**, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk1:29-39
February 11: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46, **Ps 32**, 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1, Mk 1:40-45

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.

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 here.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14

Join us for Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses: 7:00am, 10:00am, 12:00Noon, and 5:15pm. Ashes will be available throughout the day. Inquire at the reception desk.

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN DISCUSSION SERIES

The Saint Olaf Young Adult Group will be starting a new Lenten series following the Synod discussion model, beginning February 14th. The group meets on Tuesday evenings at 5:45pm in the Forliti Gathering Room for faith-building discussion and community. Parishioners and guests in their 20s and 30s are invited. Join our Facebook group for updates!



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

If Jesus were to walk in the door of our parish right now, he would be on a mission to love someone. If he were to enter your home, as he entered Simon's, he would be on a mission to love you. Saint Olaf is on Jesus' same mission of love, and we need your help to spread the love Christ entrusted to us. Love acts! When Jesus showed Simon's mother-in-law love, her heart wished to respond with more love. She chose to serve herself. Today, evaluate your ability to give, listen to the prompting of love, and then, do not hesitate... act by giving to our archdiocesan Catholic Services Appeal! For more information about this year's Catholic Services Appeal or to donate, visit: hope.archspm.org.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 10:00am Centering Prayer on-site Gathering - Forliti Gathering Rm
- 11:00am Sacramental Preparation - Fleming Hall
- 12:00Noon Mass - Feast of Saint Blaise**
Throats will be blessed after 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**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 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 9

- 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 10

- 12:00Noon Mass**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
- 4:00pm Vigil Mass**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 6:00am Mass**
- 8:00am Mass**
- 10:00am Mass+**
- 12:00Noon Mass**
- 2:30pm Book Club - Forliti Gathering Rm
- 4:00pm Mass**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON PAUSE

The women of the Saint Olaf Bible Study are pausing study for the next three weeks and resuming the week after Ash Wednesday on Wednesday February 21.

- 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 15 - 21	\$28,674	\$14,410	\$14,264
YTD through Week #30	\$875,463	\$831,547	\$43,916

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.