



Catholic Church

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME!”

By Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor

There is nothing ordinary about the times we are in. Sure, they are numbered and we have now entered into the month of February. February is a short month but this time of year, as Joel Anderson mentioned in his bulletin article two weeks ago, “As this is the time of year where winter really drags on and wears out its welcome (I think a few other things have worn out their welcome) – so we can even interpret the green of Ordinary Time in a temporal way, as a refreshing gift and a reminder of what is to come with the flourishing of spring.” There is hope and we have this entire month as a gift to prepare for our Lenten season, giving us time to breathe and get some rest.

Simon has encountered Jesus when he entered his home and found Simon’s mother-in-law was afflicted with a severe fever. Jesus rebuked the fever and it left her. Luke tells us nothing of Simon’s reaction. The next day, Jesus tries to leave Capernaum because the crowds are overwhelming him because he was healing them and expelling demons. Jesus left for a deserted place to pray, but the crowds followed him. The crowds were pressing in on Jesus, as he stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, so he got into Simon’s nearby boat, and asked Simon to put out a short distance as he taught the people. Upon

finishing speaking, Jesus instructed Simon to “Put out into the deep waters and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon sighed and did as Jesus commanded, even after coming up empty during the night. They had a great catch and Simon recognized who Jesus was and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”

It is during this time of year that sometimes we feel empty, lonely, and void of that purpose we thought we had in life. Discernment comes through our life experiences and sometimes we are surprised at what is awakened in us with one’s life experience. Discernment calls us to recognize that at every liturgy, as Michael Strande wrote last weekend: “The real sacramental presence of Christ breaks into our world and becomes known. Christ’s presence is made real in our hands, our eyes, our entire bodies. Together we are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.” When this is recognized, then like Simon, James, and John, we fall to our knees in amazement that the Lord would invite me, a sinful person, and “touch my lips so all wickedness is removed and our sins purged.” Whom then will be sent? Are you willing to leave everything and follow him?

But what are my gifts, my strengths? Mary Kennedy wrote a few weeks back, “Knowing

that you have been gifted and what those gifts are, seems to be the hard part, I’ll say it again. Each of us is uniquely and marvelously gifted.” Consider participating in “Living Your Strengths Classes.” If you are discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life, feel free to reach out to me to journey with you in your discernment. If marriage is on the horizon, we have pre-marriage classes to help you discern. If the single life is where you are, we’d love to support you and encourage you by gathering for different events. “Here I am Lord, send me!” In this discernment, I invite everyone to consider joining us on Saturday, March 5th, for our Synod gathering, more information to follow.

Where and what will the Lord ask of you? This year I continue to journey to Kenya, Uganda, Gambia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala via WhatsApp and LinkedIn sharing in our faith journey with many in whose relationship I have grown personally and shared with them as I can. The Lord knows where and how we can be used to be “fishers of people.” May we fall on our knees and discern how to answer the Lord when the Lord says, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

February 6: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8, Ps 138, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 5:1-11
February 13: Jer 17:5-8, Ps 1, 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20, Lk 6:17: 20-26

WATCH SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON CABLE TV

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

DAILY MASS LIVE STREAM

Saint Olaf 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). On Facebook, search for and like: **Saint Olaf Catholic Church, Downtown Minneapolis**. Saint Olaf also archives all of our Masses on the website, www.SaintOlaf.org/media.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS CLASSES STARTING IN MARCH

Are you a list maker? Do you enjoy solving puzzles? Do you like to figure out the perfect balance in any task? Are you always eager to learn new things? All of these are gifts and each of us is uniquely gifted. What are your gifts and how do you use those gifts in your daily life? Join in a small group using an assessment tool developed by Gallup, and learn about your God-given strengths and how you can use your gifts to be the person God calls you to be in your work/school, relationships, and faith life. Classes will run for four weeks. The afternoon class will be a Hybrid class – BOTH live and online attendees starting Tuesday afternoons on March 8. The evening class will be online only starting Wednesday evenings on March 9. Cost is \$20. Contact Mary Kennedy at **612-767-6204** or MKennedy@SaintOlaf.org for more details. Class size is limited so reserve your space today!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES BEGIN IN FEBRUARY

Thank you for your patience. We are back on track with our Sacramental Preparation offerings and will be starting classes in February. We have sent notices out to those who signed up previously; if you have not heard from us, please call Mary Kennedy. If you have youth in need of Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation, please contact Mary Kennedy, **612-767-6204** or MKennedy@SaintOlaf.org to add your student's name to the interest list.

FREE PARKING AT SAINT OLAF

Saint Olaf surface parking lot on the corner of 8th St and 3rd Ave
Minneapolis Club Ramp – the entrance is across 8th Street from Saint Olaf. Saint Olaf has entered into an agreement with the Minneapolis Club for parking on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holy Days during Mass times.

10th Street surface lots and 2nd Avenue. Saint Olaf has been extended a gift of free parking, but it is ONLY for the 10th Street and 2nd Avenue section of this lot and ONLY for weekend Mass. You must display a "Saint Olaf" card on your dashboard. Cards are available at the Forliti Foyer Reception desk or from the ushers.

121 Tower Ramp – (was known as the TCF) across 2nd Avenue from Saint Olaf. To exit the ramp without paying, you must have a voucher. Vouchers are available at the Forliti Foyer Reception desk or from the ushers.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME HOME

Please be attentive to the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home
- Hand sanitizer is available
- **The wearing of masks is mandated in the City of Minneapolis**
– please observe social distancing

Building closes at 3:30pm Monday - Friday until further notice.

Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday

Chapel is open for prayer from 1-3:30pm.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:00 PM MASS
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:30 PM ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL
4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:00 AM MASS
8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 PM MASS
4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 AM MASS
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
12:00 PM AA MEETING – EDUCATION ROOM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 AM MASS
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 AM MASS
7:00 AM AA MEETING – EDUCATION ROOM
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 AM MASS
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

7:00 AM MASS
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
11:00 AM ADORATION
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:00 PM MASS
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:30 PM ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL
4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #30

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Jan 17-23	\$24,660	\$15,000	\$9,660
YTD - Week #30	\$759,024	\$818,045	-\$59,021

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.