



Catholic Church

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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GIVING IS FAITH IN ACTION

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This year's theme for the Catholic Services Appeal leads us into our Lenten Journey as we focus on Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Prayer leads us to ask ourselves, "What can I do for God and for my Neighbor?" Fasting allows us to cleanse ourselves of unnecessary vices and to ask, "How can I be a better person?" Almsgiving allows me to share in what I have in ways that will benefit others in their lives. Each person will interpret in their own way what this means but, in each realm, we can look through the lens of "Giving is Faith in Action" and ask, "How does this influence my prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?"

Catholic Services Appeal has for many years supported essential ministries in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. These past few years, through its transitions, the Appeal has defined what its purpose is and whittled down the wide variety of distributions as they listened to and saw the needs of today's current world. The "new" approach to the Appeal will allow current ministries to go deeper and focus on where the money can best be distributed to make Jesus known and loved. From schools to hospitals, to prisons, to meeting people in the field, to enriching parishes and preserving life, the Appeal invites us all to participate in the mission of the Archdiocese.

I invite you to actively pray as to how you can make a difference in our Archdiocese and bring the love, healing, comfort, and teachings of Jesus to the greater fold. Our goal at Saint Olaf is to raise \$74,362, a \$2,066 decrease from last year's goal. In 2023, we surpassed our goal with gifts of \$94,262 with 280 total gifts from 146 donors, our final percentage was 122.84% over goal. We thank everyone who contributed last year and I hope more people will see the value in the Appeal and give whatever they can. Prayers will be offered for everyone so let's join in prayer for this Appeal and for all the ministries involved that they may continue to bring the love of Jesus alive for so many. Please follow the instructions given at Mass or on the website to make a donation.

As we move into Lent this week on Ash Wednesday, may we find the time to make this world a better place by seeking in Lent our better selves through reconciliation, fasting, and being aware of how our actions or lack of, can influence others. Allowing Jesus Christ's presence to be alive in the heart of the city means our hearts need to be on fire with the love for Jesus. We can be agents in today's world, carrying peace, love and hope, as we share Jesus' love to a hurting and often forgotten world. As the leper approached Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." May

our words be the same to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean," so we too can publicize the whole matter everyday of what Jesus can do for us. Consider signing up for a small group this Lenten season as we walk together, growing the mission of God's love.

Enjoy these days of carnival, celebrate "Fat Tuesday", and we look forward to these forty days of Lent!

Three Ways to Give:

1. Use the envelope you received in the mail or use one from the acrylic stands at the Church entrances.
2. Mail your donation to:
Catholic Services Appeal
P.O. Box 6488
Saint Paul, MN 55106
3. Give online: hope.archspm.org or via the QR code on this form.

Scan here to
donate to the 2024
Catholic Services Appeal



Or visit hope.archspm.org



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMIBOLD ITALICS

February 11: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46, **Ps 32**, 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1, Mk 1:40-45
February 18: Gn 9:8-15, **Ps 25**, 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15

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
- Sundays: 11:15am – 12:45pm – Begins February 18, 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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting: Restricts eating to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of a single day, and prohibits eating between meals. This is for Catholics beginning at age 18 until their 59th birthday. Pregnant women and people who are sick are not obligated to fast. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence: Catholics older than 14 years of age may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or any Friday of Lent.

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.

CELEBRATE! AFTER ALL MASSES FEB 17/18

Calling all More Mature Adults – Ages 51-60! We Celebrate! you after all the Masses February 17/18. Stop in Forliti Gathering Room after Mass and collect your special treat and a gift just for you!

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 Tuesdays at 5:45pm in 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!

GIVING IS FAITH IN ACTION

We need your help to meet the many needs of those around you. Jesus says that, "As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be made clean for you" (Lk 11:41). Jesus says there is a connection between almsgiving and the true cleanness of life which the Jews sought. Small wonder: Almsgiving requires sacrifice. It requires the same spirit of sacrifice that we need to take up our personal cross valiantly. Our Catholic Services Appeal is in full swing and we encourage you to take this opportunity to help us help others. For more information about this year's Catholic Services Appeal or to donate, visit: hope.archspm.org.



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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

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 Gth Rm
- 4:00pm **Mass**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:00am AA Meeting - Edu Rm
- 10:00am **Mass**
- 11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting – Edu Rm
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 5:15pm **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

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!

ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Jan 22 - 28	\$15,448	\$18,875	-\$3,427
YTD through Week #31	\$890,911	\$850,422	\$40,489

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Small Group Thursday Session - Fleming Hall
- 6:30pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) - Edu Rm
- 6:30pm From Age to Age (FATA) Rehearsal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:00am **Mass**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry – Forliti Gathering Rm
- 11:00am Adoration
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:30pm Stations of the Cross+

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 10:00am Small Group Saturday Session - Fleming Hall
- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
- 4:00pm **Vigil Mass - Celebrate! The More Mature Adults - Adults 51-60 after Mass**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 CELEBRATE! THE MORE MATURE ADULTS - ADULTS 51-60 AFTER MASS

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