



Catholic Church

MARCH 10, 2024

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PASTOR

Fr. Kevin Kenney

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Wehmann



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JOHN 3:16

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Do you remember a time when watching a sporting event someone in camera range was holding a sign that read, "John 3:16"? Did you ever wonder what it meant? Was someone looking for John, telling him to come to row 3, seat 16? It was years before it dawned on me that it meant the Gospel of John, chapter 3, verse 16. It is a verse I will always remember, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." Once learned, I always knew how to respond to someone who would ask if I was "saved." "Yes," I'd say. "How do you know?" they'd ask. I'd respond, "John 3:16, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.'"

John continues, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him." Our Lenten journey on this Fourth Sunday of Lent hopefully has brought us to the light and shown

us the joy and happiness we find in Jesus. Jesus is a presence of God's great love for us, and in our lives, we encounter that love not only in our hearts but in others who welcome us, encourage us, and journey with us in some many different ways. The world around us keeps us in semi-darkness from seeing the true goodness in others, especially the stranger, as we jump to conclusions so quickly. It takes time, relationship building, and the truth to allow us to see past the presumptions and see a light shining from within. It is through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that our light shines in us, moving us to recognize the conversion taking place and finding healing, joy, and peace in this place. It can be unsettling at first as we desperately try to make it right our way, failing to see the potential of God working in us and in others. It is truly a blessing to have the light of truth lead us in this life so that our works can be clearly seen as done in God.

We celebrate Laetare Sunday as we take a day to rejoice during this austere period of Lent. We rejoice

that Jesus came to save us, we rejoice that our Lenten disciplines are half complete, and we rejoice in the fact that the Easter celebration is not too far off. We cannot be certain what the weather will be, but we know that March did not come in like a lion and more like a lamb. It has been an unusual winter but I have not heard much complaining. We will see what the next few months bring as spring is right around the corner. May our rejoicing brighten the light in the world as we carry with us and live out, "John 3:16."

Thank you all for your prayers and concerns for Fr. Wehmann. I ask your patience and to welcome the priests we have leading us in prayer these next few months. We have had to work around their schedules so the rotation of presiders may not vary much, but I am trying to be present at each Mass time at least once a month. Keep praying for Fr. Wehmann and the staff as we continue to move through Lent into the Easter Season, being blessed and healed in so many ways. God is good and renews life in all who have the desire. God bless you!



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMIBOLD ITALICS

March 10: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, **Ps 137**, Eph 2:4-10, Jn 3:14-21
March 17: Jer 31:31-34, **Ps 51**, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33

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!

Our Small Group Faith Sharing continues throughout Lent. Join us as your schedule allows: **Thursdays:** 12:30pm -2:00pm, **Saturdays:** 10:00am-11:30am, **Sundays:** 11:15am-12:45pm, **Tuesdays:** 6:30pm-8:00pm



THE SKYWAYS ARE OPEN!

Skyway access to Saint Olaf is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings until 7:30pm, Saturday from 2:00pm-5:30pm and Sunday from 5:30am-5:30pm.

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.

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK/EASTER

Come raise your voice in prayer as we celebrate the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Please contact Joel Anderson, Director of Music, to sign up or for info. Email JAnderson@SaintOlaf.org or call 612-767-7628.

FROM AGE TO AGE AT 10:00AM MASS THIS WEEKEND

Our choir-in-residence will join the Parish Choir at the 10:00am Mass on Laetare Sunday. Arrive early to hear a choral prelude beginning at 9:40am.

CELEBRATE! AFTER ALL MASSES MARCH 16/7

Calling all Maturest Adults – Ages 61-70! We Celebrate! you after all the Masses March 16/17. Stop in Forliti Gathering Room after Mass and collect your special treat and a gift just for you!

AN UPDATE ON FR. WEHMANN

Fr. Wehmann continues to recuperate from his surgery and to assist with his health recovery, he will be taking a 12-week medical leave. During this time, we ask for your continued prayers for Fr. Wehmann and his medical team that he may enjoy a swift recovery. You can send cards to the parish office and we will forward them to him. We will have Archdiocesan priests assisting Fr. Kevin with Mass and Reconciliation. If you have been receiving Pastoral Care visits from Fr. Wehmann, please contact Fr. Kevin, 612-767-7620 so we can arrange an alternative.

GIVING IS FAITH IN ACTION

Already more than halfway through Lent, the Church bids us rejoice! Laetare Sunday is a day of light. Jesus gave purpose and power to human suffering. "In the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). When you support our Catholic Services Appeal, you help your neighbors find His light in the darkness and hope when it's needed most. May God be with you. For more information about this year's Catholic Services Appeal or to donate, visit: hope.archspm.org.



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!



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

6:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Women's Bible Study - Forliti Gathering Rm
10:00am Centering Prayer - Special Gathering - Edu Rm
10:00am Small Group Saturday Session - Fleming Hall

12:00Noon Mass

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS -
SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR

6:00am Mass
8:00am Mass
9:40am From Age to Age Choral Prelude (our premier choir-in-residence joins the Parish Choir)

10:00am Mass+

11:15am Small Group Sunday Session - Fleming Hall

12:00Noon Mass

2:30pm Book Club - Forliti Gathering Rm
4:00pm Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon Mass +

12:00Noon AA Meeting - Edu Rm

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon Mass+

12:30pm Confessions
5:45pm Young Adult Group - Forliti Gth Rm
6:30pm Seasonal Choir Rehearsal - Main Church
6:30pm Small Group Tuesday Session - Fleming Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:00am AA Meeting - Edu Rm
7:30am Confessions
11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting - Edu Rm

12:00Noon Mass+

1:00pm Align MPLS Lunch & Learn - Edu Rm

- 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
Feb 19-25	\$19,391	\$13,116	\$6,275
YTD through Week #33	\$969,692	\$934,660	\$35,032

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf!