**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**
- 9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
- 9:15 AM INTRO TO CENTERING PRAYER
- 10:00 AM RCIA
- 12:00 PM MASS/ANOINTING MASS
- 12:30 PM LUNCH AFTER THE ANOINTING MASS
- 4:00 PM MASS

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 24**
- 6:00 PM MASS
- 8:00 PM MASS
- 9:00 AM NURSERY OPENS
- 12:00 PM MASS
- 12:00 PM AA
- 4:00 PM MASS

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**
- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 7:30 AM SAMARITAN MINISTRY HOSPITALITY
- 12:00 PM MASS
- 12:00 PM AA
- 6:00 PM ALANON
- 6:30 PM SEASONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28**
- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 7:30 AM SAMARITAN MINISTRY HOSPITALITY
- 7:30 AM LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SESSION
- 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**
- OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**
- 9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
- 9:15 AM INTRO TO CENTERING PRAYER
- 10:00 AM RCIA
- 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 4:00 PM MASS

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**EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

**ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #36**

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- $42,005
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**CHOIR FOR GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL, AND EASTER**

We welcome singers to join this seasonal choral group which sings with instrumental ensemble for Good Friday, April 19, 5:15pm Liturgy; Easter Vigil, 7:00pm Mass; and Easter Sunday, April 21, 4:00pm Mass. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays: March 26, April 2, 9, and 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Contact Joel Anderson at 612-767-7628, or janderson@saintolaf.org.

**LCW HOME GOODS DRIVE**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 – In Honor of Oscar Romero

Any home goods: bedding; kitchen; paper products; laundry. Bring donations to St. Olaf beginning at 10:30am or drop them at the church any day between 9 am and 4 pm M – F. Donation receipts are at the desk in Forliti Hospitality Foyer.

**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY**

Please join us! Strengthening Kinship through Advocacy: Catholic Charities 2019 Policy Briefing, Thursday, March 28, 7:30am-12:00pm on Saturday, March 23. Light lunch follows.

My friends, what if I told you St. Olaf is in the process of finalizing a plan to provide a significant stream of revenue for ministries and programs, upgrade our parking lot with covered parking, and provide nearly 200 units of critically needed affordable housing in the heart of downtown? Well, it’s true and this expanded issue of the bulletin will provide many of the details.

Parish leadership, staff, and I have been working with some outside experts to examine how our assets and resources might continue to support our mission and ministries. We follow the tradition that brick and mortar needs to point to the people, their needs, and their relationships: with God, others, and self. I didn’t make this up. For nearly 80 years, the people of St. Olaf have done this, and in my two stints here 40 years apart, I have witnessed this, offered my small part to facilitate it, as together we join hearts and hands to support and strengthen the activities of mission and ministry that will follow.

Our assets and resources should not sit idle. Following the way of Christ means we do not only wait for the rainy day to come. We place our faith in God’s love that Christ will accompany us each and every day, rain or shine, and call us to reflect his mercy and compassion in service to the world around us.

The project stands to provide:
- Significant, long-term revenue for programs and ministries
- Covered parking
- Nearly 200 units of affordable housing

St. Olaf has done this since it was established. Acquisition of the brick and mortar provided a place for community to form, but the people, with God’s help, did the work, not the building. When fire struck the building in 1951, the spirit of the people carried out the hard work of rebuilding so mission and ministry could continue. Similarly, the worship space has been renovated a few times over the decades, not to create a museum, but to enhance the liturgy, which literally means the work of the people. A new organ was added and sound systems upgraded so much in praise of God might also carry us into a daily life of love and service.

And a couple years ago, many people supported our 75th Anniversary capital campaign so we could renovate and update the spaces and systems that keep things strong, safe, efficient, and functioning for 21st century ministry. We opened the little used Cowley Hall to host the Adult Shelter Connect and serve those experiencing homelessness along with the collaboration of shelters in Hennepin County.

The vision and momentum of staying in touch with the needs of the day has both engaged our people and animated our mission of “serving as Christ’s saving presence in the heart of the city” since our founders first convened. They took their inspiration from the foundational love of God, others, and self.
of the building and the fact that neither of us has the resources to take on the project. Catholic Charities is making other plans for their programs currently in the Exodus Residence and has informed their other stakeholders. I informed them that we will conclude our lease with them, and we negotiated a final lease through June of 2021.

In addition to the church/office complex, our little corner of the downtown universe has our parking lot, Assisi Park, and the Exodus Residence. These modest spaces have value related to our mission. With the help of Pat Ryan and Ryan Cos, we were connected to developers of affordable housing who made proposals for our consideration.

One proposal stood out, and after thorough review, parish leadership (Parish Advisory Board and Financial Advisory Board) unanimously agreed to have St. Olaf move forward with the proposal to develop affordable housing with Aeon. Aeon’s proposal will rehab the Exodus building (96 units), add 27 units of new housing on a portion of the park (keeping some green space), as well as constructing 70 units of housing above the Assisi parking lot. They unanimously agreed to the proposal. Below are comments from some of the parish leadership.

“I support the St. Olaf affordable housing project because it fits well with our mission to serve the inner city community, many of whom need assistance with their housing. I am hopeful that a number, perhaps many, of the residents will be members of St. Olaf parish, strengthening our parish community. I also support this project because the land lease will provide a continuous and growing source of revenue for the parish.”

Michelle Far-Parish Trustee

“Affordable housing is one of our most vexing needs in Minneapolis. The shortage is especially dire in the downtown core, where St. Olaf is blessed to own a significant parcel of land. This proposed housing project will allow us to repurpose part of that property to house nearly 200 lower-income individuals and families who would otherwise struggle to find housing. While there will be some short-term inconveniences during construction, I can’t think of a better way to use the gifts God has given our parish community to carry out our mission to serve as a living sign of Christ’s saving presence in the heart of the city.”

Matt Norris-Parish Advisory Board

“Partnersing with Aeon to remodel Exodus House and build new affordable housing units fits with the mission and strategic vision of St. Olaf. Downtown is on the verge of calling 50,000 citizens as residents. While this has added to the vibrancy and development of our core, it has created a shortage of housing for median income families. Creating workforce units is a natural extension of our mission to serve as a living sign of Christ’s saving presence in the heart of the city. In addition, signing a long term lease with Aeon will help secure our Financial future, assuring we can continue this mission for years to come.”

Justin Felizetto-Parish Advisory Board