



Catholic Church

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EASTER

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## ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

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"We are Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song. Let us sing 'Alleluia' here and now in this life, even though we are oppressed by various worries, so that we may sing it one day in the world to come, when we are set free from all anxiety."

— Saint Augustine of Hippo

Happy and Blessed Easter to everyone! Jesus Christ is Risen! Jesus is Risen indeed! The stone has been removed, the tomb is empty, we arrive today huffing and puffing, grief ridden yet find the hope that was promised is now fulfilled. "The one who God anointed as Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit, who went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, was put to death by hanging him on a tree, has been raised on the third day as foretold by the prophets and Jesus, Himself." Peter proclaimed this news to many and offered what Jesus still offers all of us, "forgiveness of our sins through his name, Jesus Christ." We cannot help but sing "Alleluia." We cannot help but dance because the chains of death have been broken and we are free, free in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate today, what will you return to tomorrow?

Our Easter celebrations are filled with all the smells and bells that liturgy can provide. We sing, we move, we bless, we sprinkle, and we receive. The light has broken through the darkness, we are renewed. The water flows over us, reminding us of our baptisms and the new life of the neophytes we welcome Saturday evening. The smell of lilies and incense wafting through the air, awakens our senses to otherworldly presence. We are awakened and struck by the glory that greets us in the entryway. We receive the greatest gift of love; we receive Jesus in the Eucharist just as we celebrated the institution on Holy Thursday. Our feet are washed, our knees are scraped, our eyes are tear-laden, yet our renewed and cleansed hearts look to our neighbor and we rejoice with who is near. It would be easy to ignore the Peters and other disciples who scattered in Jesus' moment of need. We too have wandered at times in our lives, today we rejoice and embrace their presence and their return. Oh, how cruel this rejoicing can be. Were we not taught to be subdued, pious, or simply quiet? Today our "Alleluia" begins to reappear as we have buried it deep within. It struggles to be set free as it bubbles

inside of us waiting for the expectant moment when we cannot help but let it roar. "Alleluia" is our Easter song! Let it ring! May we sing with a joy renewed and empowered by the name above all other names, Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate Easter today, greet one another in a new and joy-filled way. We enter into our Easter season with an expectation of encountering the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Sure, we may be anxious, bewildered, doubting or confused, yes, oppressed by various worries. The tomb is empty, the stone rolled back so you and I can look within and see and believe. Jesus walks with us, talks with us, embraces us, and has forgiven us. There is nothing more to say than what Francisco says, "Alleluia!"

Come celebrate the season with us at our "Celebrate Easter Ball." Saturday, April 6th from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in Fleming Hall here at Saint Olaf. We will mingle and dance to tunes by our own DJ Tony that will put a smile on your face and a tap in your step. Come in your Easter attire and celebrate the renewed life we have been blessed to receive.

Blessed Easter to you and your family from the Staff of Saint Olaf Catholic Church!



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS](http://SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS)

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

\*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMIBOLD ITALICS

March 28 – Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14, **Ps 116**, 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15

March 29 – Good Friday: Is 52:13-53:12, **Ps 31**, Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9, Jn 18:1-19:42

March 30 – Holy Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2, **Ps 104**, Ex 14:15-15:1, **Ex 15:1-6, 17-18**, Is 55:1-11, **Is 12:2-6**, Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, **Ps 42**, Rom 6:3-11, **Ps 118**, Mark 16:1-7

March 31 – Easter: Acts 10:34a, 37-43, **Ps 118**, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9  
April 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday: Acts 4:32-35, **Ps 118**, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31

### 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](https://youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

**NOTE:** Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies will be televised on MCN Cable Channel 6 at 4:30pm each day. Holy Saturday liturgy will be live streamed. Easter Sunday liturgy will be televised on MCN Cable Channel 6 on Sunday, March 31 at 8:00pm and replayed on Monday, April 1 at 10:00am.

### GRATITUDE FOR LENTEN, TRIDUUM, AND EASTER GIFTS SHARED

Thank you to those who planned, practiced, created, and shared their gifts to create a welcoming and inspiring building and worship space at Saint Olaf over this holy season. We appreciate all the gifts shared, including your prayers, our musicians, liturgical ministers, ushers, greeters, cleaners, those who created a beautiful environment, offered welcoming hospitality, shared their financial support, served the liturgies of Stations of the Cross and the Taizé Prayer Service, and more. On behalf of the staff, Fr. Wehmann (and his stand-in presiders), and me, your pastor, may you all enjoy a blessed Easter Season! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

### COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE CELEBRATE EASTER BALL!

Saturday, April 6 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm – Fleming Hall  
The Celebrate! Committee brings another exciting event for all. Enjoy dancing with DJ Tony, treats, and surprises! Don your Easter Bonnet and join in the Easter parade! Bring your friends and family, all are welcome!

### THE SKYWAYS ARE OPEN!

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

### GIVING IS FAITH IN ACTION

The good news gets better. Not only did He find a way to destroy death, but Jesus also gave everyone access to his tried-and-true path. If there was a way out of the one tragedy that none could escape, love would share it! Our neighbors need to hear about the Resurrection. Please support our Catholic Services Appeal, so we can help others find the way to eternal life. God will reward you with Easter graces! For more information about this year's Catholic Services Appeal or to donate, visit [hope.archspm.org](http://hope.archspm.org).



### SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Samaritan Ministry needs pots and pans, silverware, backpacks, and hoodies (think spring, but it's still March!) We welcome new or clean and gently used items. Thank you for your support!



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG](http://SAINTOLAF.ORG)



**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**  
**HOLY SATURDAY, NO 12:00NOON MASS OR 4:00PM MASS, NO CONFESSIONS - BUILDING OPENS AT 4:00PM**

**8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass**

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

#### EASTER

**6:00am Mass**  
**8:00am Mass**  
**10:00am Mass+**  
**12:00Noon Mass**  
**4:00pm Mass**

### MONDAY, APRIL 1

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED, BUILDING CLOSING AFTER 12:00NOON MASS

**7:00am Mass - Chapel**  
7:30am Confessions  
**12:00Noon Mass (No Live Stream)**  
12:00Noon AA Meeting – Edu Rm  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 2**  
**7:00am Mass - Chapel**  
7:30am Confessions  
**12:00Noon Mass+**  
12:30pm Confessions  
5:45pm Young Adult Group – Forliti Gathering Rm

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

**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 Women's Bible Study – Forliti Gathering Rm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

**7:00am Mass - Chapel**  
7:30am Confessions  
**12:00Noon Mass+**  
12:30pm Confessions  
6:30pm FATA Rehearsal  
6:30pm OCIA - Edu Rm

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**7:00am Mass - Chapel**  
7:30am Confessions  
10:00am Craftworks Ministry – Forliti Gathering Rm  
11:00am Adoration  
**12:00Noon Mass+**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

10:00am Centering Prayer – Monthly On-site Gathering  
**12:00Noon Mass**  
12:30pm Confessions  
12:30pm Rosary – Chapel  
**1:30pm Celebrate! Easter Ball - Fleming Hall. Come one, come all!**  
**4:00pm Mass**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

**6:00am Mass**  
**8:00am Mass**  
**10:00am Mass+**  
**12:00Noon Mass**  
**4:00pm 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

### ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Mar 11 – 17	\$18,802	\$11,830	\$6,972
YTD through Week #38	\$1,037,050	\$991,585	\$45,465

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.