



Catholic Church

APRIL 7, 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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# LIBERATED TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

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My grandchildren are now teens, but it wasn't long ago that car seats were a major part of life for them, their parents, and grandparents. Strapped in with belts and buckles, it provided safety and security worthy of a space launch for this most precious cargo of passengers. Upon arrival, the buckles were undone and the kids would do a dance of liberation! It was the airplane equivalent of "you are now free to move about the cabin." From safety and security to liberation.

Consider a can of pop or a bottle of champagne. If you shake it up, the strength of the container will keep it safely and securely in place until you pop the top. Then, the carbonated contents will seek liberation, usually to the delight of the participants (unless you do it with orange pop right before a family wedding, and white dress shirts can't hide the evidence of being involved!).

Recall a time when you had either tragically important or really good news you could not wait to share with another. We hold it in as long as we can, bursting at the seams, fearing if we spill it too soon, it might be lost. From the safety of our place of holding, we finally share the news and liberate it in the presence of our intended recipient.

We find ourselves in this first week of the Easter Season, coming out of the

most Holy Week of celebrations of the Paschal Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We spent Lent doing our best to empty ourselves through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, making room for the Triduum celebrations. Gospel stories from the triumphal waving of palms and entry into Jerusalem, to the washing of feet by Jesus the Servant/Teacher, the Last Supper meal of His very Body and Blood, and the Easter Sunday proclamation of Mary of Magdala finding the tomb empty. Liberation!

The familiarity of these stories might give us some sense of safety and security. But the more we make room for them to penetrate our hearts, we are filled with the Good News! The Teacher gives us a mandate to serve from a position of vulnerability, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of the One who serves, the agonizing suffering on the Cross leads to death, but not to an end. The tomb cannot contain the body of the One liberated from death by the power and promise of God's love.

This week on this Second Sunday of Easter, we are reminded that nothing can keep the liberated One from witnessing to God's love. The fearful disciples gathered behind locked doors,

yet the text tells us Jesus stood in their midst and offered them His gift of peace. Thomas had his doubts, so the next week, again with the doors locked, Jesus stood in their midst and shared the marks of His deep suffering with Thomas. Finally, some signs of embracing the gift of liberation and the call to share the Good News.

We have life in Christ's name here in the heart of the city. Generations of faithful people proclaimed their beliefs beginning with the disciples locked in the room out of fear, then found liberation through the presence of Christ in their midst, and the conviction to share the Good News.

Are you or someone you know a prisoner of fear? By our presence, Jesus is in our midst today, offering His gift of peace and healing for our individual brokenness and the strife in our communities great and small. We can unlock our own places of confinement through the actions of Christ's paschal Mystery; washing the feet of another, breaking bread together, walking with those in darkness or facing death, and letting the Good News of life over death burst through our witness in faith for the world around us. (And maybe, just for an exclamation point, shake up a can of orange pop and let it rip!). Liberation! Happy Easter!!



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

\*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMIBOLD ITALICS

April 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday: Acts 4: 32-35, **Ps 118**, 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31

April 14: Acts 3:13-15,17-19, **Ps 4**, 1 Jn 2:1-5a, Lk 24:35-48

### 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).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WERE FULLY INITIATED INTO THE CHURCH AT THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL!

Those who made a Profession of Faith and are now Roman Catholic: **Benjamin Frost, Jill Ann Sabaka, and Michael Sandler**

Those who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and joined us at the table for the first time during the Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist: **Ronald Basil, Benjamin Frost, Tom Lyman, Yira Nunez, Jill Ann Sabaka, and Michael Sandler.**

### FAITH-SHARING GROUPS ARE COMING BACK!

The next series of small faith-sharing groups begins April 16 through Pentecost, May 19. This five-week series will use the weekly Gospels of the Easter season to help participants grow in faith and respond to the call to serve. Details on the parish website or look for registration forms in information racks.

### THE SKYWAYS ARE OPEN!

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

### 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!

### IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for loved ones lost who are associated with Saint Olaf. We will post news of any pending Funeral Masses or Memorial Services when they are scheduled. Check [SaintOlaf.org](https://saintolaf.org) and click on Funerals in the top right corner of any page to see the scheduled funerals.

**Jeanne Marie Chavez, Parishioner**, died March 11, 2024. Funeral Tuesday, April 9 at 10:00am, visitation at 9:00am.

### GIVING IS FAITH IN ACTION

The Father sent Jesus into our world to bring hope. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is the greatest hope our broken world has ever known. We have been sent, and it is our job to spread the message. In the coming days, our neighbors need to see our Resurrection joy and be moved by our witness so that they wonder, "Where do they get it?" The answer is, "Jesus." Please support our Catholic Services Appeal, so that we can make more people curious about Jesus-until His Kingdom comes again in glory. May He bless you and help you know Divine Mercy like never before. For more information about this year's Catholic Services Appeal or to donate, visit: [hope.archspm.org](https://hope.archspm.org).



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG



### 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 - Divine Mercy**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

*DIVINE MERCY*

6:00am **Mass**

8:00am **Mass**

10:00am **Mass+**

12:00Noon **Mass**

4:00pm **Mass**

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

7:00am **Mass - Chapel**

7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon **Mass+**

12:00Noon AA Meeting - Edu Rm

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7:00am **Mass - Chapel**

7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon **Mass+**

12:30pm Confessions

5:45pm Young Adult Group - Forliti Gathering Rm

6:30pm Small Group Facilitator Training - Fleming Hall

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

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 Parish Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Women's Bible Study - Forliti Gathering Rm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7:00am **Mass - Chapel**

7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon **Mass+**

12:30pm Confessions

6:30pm FATA Rehearsal

6:30pm OCIA - Edu Rm

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

*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 13

12:00Noon **Mass**

12:30pm Confessions

12:30pm Rosary - Chapel

4:00pm **Mass**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

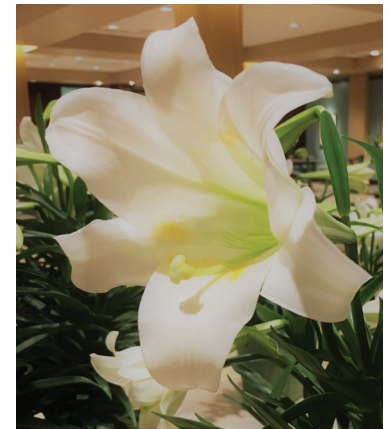
6:00am **Mass**

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 18 - 24	\$14,566	\$14,125	\$441
YTD through Week #39	\$1,051,616	\$1,005,710	\$45,906

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf