



Catholic Church

APRIL 14, 2024

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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HEIRS TO THE KINGDOM

Michael Strande, Director of Liturgy

At the time that Luke's Gospel was written, the early church was struggling with people who had a hard time accepting that Jesus was a human being like us - especially after his resurrection. The practice of accepting the Christ's divinity and not accepting the Christ's humanity was a form of an early heresy known as Gnosticism. Gnosticism leads people to fail to recognize that Jesus is like us and we are like him. All four gospels, and the writings of Paul, are trying to convince the reader that not only is Jesus the Son of the Father, directly connected to God, but he is also the Son of Man, (the human being), one who shares in the struggles of being human.

In this Sunday's gospel reading Luke informs us of the importance of accepting that Jesus was still fully human, like us, after the resurrection. Luke tells us when Jesus stood in their midst he said to his followers, "Peace be with you." Then he showed them the wounds of his humanity. After he invited them to probe the wounds he asked for something to eat. A ghost does not need to eat, but a human being does.

It was vital for the early church to teach that Jesus remained fully human after the resurrection because that was how we learned that we share in his resurrection.

The Good Friday liturgy with the Veneration of the Cross is trying to convince us that the cross we venerate is not just the cross of Jesus. His cross is also our cross. His pain is our pain. His suffering is shared with us. Our suffering is shared with him. If we share in the suffering of his crucifixion we also share in his glory of the resurrection!

The early church describes this sharing of Christ's glory through the emphasis that we are co-heirs to the Kingdom of God. The Good News is that we do not have to die to share in his resurrection, in his Kingdom, in his glory! The great gift given is ours to claim NOW! Ours is the Kingdom that we share with the Christ!

This sharing of Christ's glory raises us to share in his divinity. We become, as Paul calls us, "living tabernacles of the Holy Spirit." We become the Body and Blood of Christ through the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We are called to

share that divine spark within us for others to see. How do we do this? Through reaching out to others in our community who also share in Christ's suffering and who also share in Christ's resurrection.

Here is how the great saint John Chrysostom put it:

"You are not only free, but also holy; but not only holy, but also just; not only just, but also sons (and daughters); not only sons (and daughters), but also heirs; not only heirs, but also brothers (and sisters) of Christ; not only brothers (and sisters) of Christ, but also joint heirs; not only joint heirs; but also members; not only members, but also the temple; not only the temple, but also instruments of the Spirit. Blessed be God, who alone does wonderful things!"
- John Chrysostom

May the Holy Spirit continue to open our eyes and our hearts to the great gift of resurrection during this Easter Season. Alleluia!



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMIBOLD ITALICS

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

April 21: Acts 4:8-12, **Ps 118**, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

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://www.youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

CELEBRATE! AFTER ALL MASSES APRIL 20/21

Calling The Elders – Ages 71-80! We **Celebrate!** you after all the Masses, April 20/21. Stop in Forliti Gathering Room after Mass and collect your special treat and a gift just for you!

EASTER SERIES OF SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS STARTS SOON!

Join others for this five-week time for prayer and reflection of the Gospels of the Easter Season. Pickup a registration form in the acrylic stands at the church entrances or register online at SaintOlaf.org and click on **Announcing Easter Series Small Faith-Sharing Groups**.

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00pm April 16, 23, 30, May 7, and 14
Thursdays: 12:30 – 2:00pm April 18, 25, May 2, 9, and 16
Saturdays: 10:00 – 11:30am April 20, 27, May 4, 11, and 18
Sundays: 11:15am – 12:45pm April 21, 28, May 5, 12, and 19

SAVE THE DATE: EARTH DAY COMMUNITY SPRUCE-UP THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Calling all Green Thumbs and those who love to work with plants. In honor of Earth Day, Saint Olaf staff and volunteers are teaming up with employees from US Bank and Downtown Improvement District (DID) to do a bit of Spring Sprucing Up in our Saint Francis Assisi Park on the corner of 9th Street and 2nd Avenue. Thursday, April 18 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. (In the event of inclement weather, we have set a backup date of Thursday, April 25, same time). Bring work gloves and your preferred garden tools if you have some. We will get Assisi Park sparkling, welcoming, and ready for spring planting.

GIVING IS FAITH IN ACTION

As of April 8, Saint Olaf has received 88 gifts totaling \$19,820, or 27% of our parish's goal of \$74,632.

In the past, we have shared our Catholic Services Appeal standings each week, so you could see how Saint Olaf was faring. Unfortunately, due to a new program roll-out, the Archdiocesan parishes did not have access to that information until April 8. The 20 designated ministries supported by the Catholic Services Appeal need your help. Gifts shared from all the parishes in the Archdiocese, can do so much more than one parish could do on its own. Please prayerfully consider how you can assist. **We will be returning envelopes and QR codes to the pews and Saint Olaf will be holding a second collection for the Catholic Services Appeal at all Masses on the weekend of April 20/21.** For more information about this year's Catholic Services Appeal or to donate, visit: hope.archspm.org.



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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Samaritan Ministry needs bath towels, silverware, and men's sweatpants. Items may be dropped off the next time you are at Saint Olaf. Thank you for your support!



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG



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

MONDAY, APRIL 15

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:30am Confessions
12:00Noon Mass+
12:30pm Confessions
5:45pm Young Adult Group – Forliti Gathering Rm
6:30pm Small Faith-Sharing Group - Fleming Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:00am AA Meeting - Edu Rm
7:30am Confessions
11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting – Edu Rm
12:00Noon Mass+
12:30pm Organ Recital - Joshua Lindgren
6:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Women's Bible Study - Forliti Gathering Rm

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:30am Confessions
12:00Noon Mass+
12:30pm Confessions
12:30pm Small Faith-Sharing Group - Fleming Hall
1:00pm Earth Day Saint Olaf & Community Event - Assisi Park
6:30pm FATA Rehearsal
6:30pm OCIA - Edu Rm

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

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 20

10:00am Small Faith-Sharing Group - Cowley Hall
12:00Noon Mass
12:30pm Confessions
12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
4:00pm Mass - Celebrate! The Elders: Ages 71-80 after Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

CELEBRATE! THE ELDERS: AGES 71-80, AFTER ALL MASSES.
6:00am Mass
8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass+
11:15am Small Faith-Sharing Group - Edu Rm
12:00Noon Mass
1:15pm Secular Franciscans Group Meeting - Edu Rm
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 25 - 31	\$25,485	\$25,281	\$204
YTD through Week #40	\$1,077,101	\$1,030,991	\$46,110

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf!