



Catholic Church

APRIL 16, 2023

DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY

PASTOR

Fr. Kevin Kenney

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fr. Wehmann



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## BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator



Alleluia, Christ is Risen! As I write this article, the bare landscape of Good Friday church is being transformed by blooms of every shade as volunteers convert Saint Olaf from the story of the passion and death of Jesus

Christ to the celebration of His resurrection, Alleluia!

The beauty of one flower growing and blooming is something to enjoy. One can almost smell this beautiful lily that opened and now graces the altar in church. An entire church full of blooms creates an entirely different response – and leaves a smile on many a face.

Last May, my husband and I took a COVID-delayed trip to Europe in celebration of our 40th Wedding Anniversary, which by the time we got to go on our trip we were nearly celebrating our 42nd Wedding Anniversary. The first stop on our trip was Amsterdam, where we visited the Keukenhof Gardens and absolutely every way we turned, flowers of every size, color, and shape beckoned us in a dazzling display of nature's very best. It wasn't one

flower, or even a few, but thousands upon thousands, each with unique variations and all together we were delighted and amazed at the splendor.

It is similar to our community of faith. One person praying in the chapel is a good thing. That one person can convey a message of hope, strength, and solidarity to the next person who walks into the space. A whole church full of people lifting their prayers in community to God is an example of living our faith and Christian hospitality at its finest. This is where peace lives, mercy thrives, and hearts are changed.

We can come to church, attend Mass and leave, moving on to the next thing on our to-do list. There is nothing wrong with that. But there can be more, a life changing much more. Another option is to come to Saint Olaf, fully participate in worship, engage in the life of the community, grow the gifts you have, share those gifts with those you encounter, and bloom as a disciple of Jesus Christ – right here in the heart of downtown Minneapolis. Your gifts are unique to you and when shared with others, can be just as beautiful as that lone lily. However, put all of us together sharing our individual gifts and there can be a masterpiece of community – changing more than just our little corner of the world.

How to get this started? Come and pray at Saint Olaf. Then stay and do more. Try out a ministry, there's plenty of choices available.

Find one that fits your interests and gifts that you may have. A few examples might be:

- Serve as an Eucharistic Minister at Mass or to the homebound
- Help us with the gardens around Saint Olaf – yes, spring will be here eventually and there's lots of opportunities to water, trim, and prune our landscape.
- Serve up hospitality after Mass, at Funeral luncheons, or special events
- Serve as a Lector, sing in the choir, carry the cross, serve Eucharist, greet and usher at Mass.
- Serve those in need at Samaritan Ministry – there are opportunities both behind the scenes sorting clothing to frontline assisting guests.
- Become a Saint Olaf Prayer Minister and pray for those who have asked for additional prayers to assist them.
- We are looking for a Wedding Coordinator to help couples celebrating the Sacrament.
- We have some chairs that need some upholstery repairs.
- We could use YOUR GIFTS, whatever they may be, whenever you have time.

Come, share, grow, and bloom where you are planted – at Saint Olaf.



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

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

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

\*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS

April 16, Divine Mercy Sun: Acts 2:42-47, **Ps 118**, 1Pt 1:3-9, Jn 20: 19-31  
April 23, Third Sun of Easter: Acts 2:14, 22-23, **Ps 16**, 1Pt 1:17-21, Lk 24: 13-35

### WATCH SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON MCN CH 6

Watch 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).

### 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](http://saintolaf.org) and click on Funerals in the top right corner of any page to see the scheduled funerals.

**Imogene Lenneman, Parishioner**, died March 16, 2023. Funeral, Saturday, April 15, 2023, Visitation 9:00am, Funeral Mass 10:00am.

### PRAY FOR OUR SYNOD EVANGELIZATION TEAM

Saint Olaf's Synod Evangelization Team members have completed the School of Discipleship. We are grateful for their work and ask for Parishioner prayers as our team continues their formation, embarking on the Guided 40-Day Discipleship Challenge to help put what they have learned into practice as "activated disciples" who will lead our parish with our synod response.

### VOLUNTEER UPHOLSTERER NEEDED

Our kneelers and chapel chairs need reupholstering. Saint Olaf will provide the materials. We need your time and expertise to make them new again. If you are interested, please contact Mary Kennedy at [MKennedy@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:MKennedy@SaintOlaf.org) or call 612-767-6204.

### CALL FOR A WEDDING COORDINATOR

Opportunity to serve as a wedding coordinator at Saint Olaf, working with couples to help them plan a sacramental wedding at Saint Olaf. The Wedding Coordinator assists couples from the start of the wedding planning process through their special day. Training is provided. Contact Michael Strande at [MStrande@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:MStrande@SaintOlaf.org) or 612-767-7630 for more information.

### CALL FOR COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

These ministers bring Communion to those parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Ministers visit sick parishioners in their homes, share a Scripture reading, distribute the Eucharist. Visit the homebound once a week. There is a Virtus training session. For more information, contact Fr. Wehmann at 612-767-6203.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS

Given our parish theme this year to live as an intentional disciple, our Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the Forliti Gathering Room. We study the readings for the following Sunday. For more information, please contact Margaret Adams at [margaretadams703@gmail.com](mailto:margaretadams703@gmail.com). All women are welcome!

### SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US TO BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF GIVING

Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! Saint Olaf's goal is \$76,698.06. As of April 6, we have received pledges and donations of \$17,909 from 69 donors, which is 23.35% of our goal. Prayerfully consider how you are called to share to support the 20 Designated Ministries. Envelopes are available in the acrylic stands at the Church entrances, at [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org), or use the QR code link here:



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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

## WELCOME HOME

Please be attentive to the following:

- We support Facemasks. Wearing one is optional.
- Hand sanitizer is available
- If you are sick, please stay home

Building closes at 5:30pm Monday - Friday

Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday

Chapel is open for private prayer from Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm

+ Live streamed

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

12:00 PM MASS  
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
 12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL  
 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS DIVINE MERCY

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

DIVINE MERCY  
 6:00 AM MASS  
 8:00 AM MASS  
 10:00 AM MASS+  
 12:00 PM MASS  
 4:00 PM MASS

### MONDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
 12:00 PM MASS+  
 12:00 PM AA MEETING  
 EDUCATION ROOM

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
 12:00 PM MASS+  
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL  
 7:00 AM AA MEETING  
 EDUCATION ROOM  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
 11:30 AM NICOTINE ANONYMOUS  
 MEETING - EDU ROOM  
 12:00 PM MASS+  
 12:30 PM ORGAN RECITAL  
 TOM FERRY  
 6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
 FORLITI GTH ROOM  
 6:30 PM SAINT OLAF PARISH  
 CHOIR REHEARSAL

### Facts about Divine Mercy Sunday

- Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, in the 1930s.
- Jesus requested a Feast of Mercy to be celebrated the Sunday after Easter as a refuge for all souls and sinners.
- Saint Pope John Paul II decreed this feast to fall every year the Sunday after Easter on 5/5/2000.
- Saint Faustina painted the vision of Jesus she saw, which is the image associated with this feast day.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
 12:00 PM MASS+  
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED  
 7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
 10:00 AM KNITTING GROUP  
 FORLITI GTH ROOM  
 11:00 AM ADORATION  
 12:00 PM MASS+

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

12:00 PM MASS  
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
 12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL  
 4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

6:00 AM MASS  
 8:00 AM MASS  
 10:00 AM MASS+  
 12:00 PM MASS  
 4:00 PM MASS

### ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #40

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Mar 27 - Apr 2	\$14,088	\$21,651	-\$7,563
YTD through Week #40	\$973,257	\$1,022,000	-\$48,743

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf!