



## THE SIGN OF OUR TIMES

Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

*For God so loved the world that he gave\* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*

- John 3:16

We all have seen the sign "John 3:16" held up at sporting events, rallies, and just about anywhere people gather. This sign is displayed in the hopes that you may see the sign and be moved to respond. The first time you saw it, did you know what it meant? I was in high school the first time I noticed it and I will admit, that I didn't know what it meant. I wondered what it had to do with the two teams at play. Then I noticed it at another event, and I was intrigued. I realized it was from the bible, just didn't know what the quote was or why it was being held up at a sporting event. Once I looked it up, I realized that it had nothing to do with the contest playing out on the field - or did it? The person who took the time to create the sign, bring it to the event, and spend most of the game holding it up in the hopes that others would see it, would probably beg to differ with me. For that person, it meant everything. He or she was sharing the "Good News" with all. This message of love, hope, and belief is the

essence of evangelization.

We look at the photo at the top of the page and recognize the bell tower of Saint Olaf in the city skyline. Perhaps you immediately think of our mission: "Serving as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city." Seeing that bell tower can evoke powerful feelings of our faith home, its sanctuary, love, and more. We know it and if we held up that picture at a sporting event, would others get the message?

In truth, secular messaging is everywhere, and many will pay great sums to sport an iconic image of their favorite logo or pastime on their shirtsleeve. We share our favorite beverage, tennis shoe, automobile, but can we share our faith in this manner? This style of evangelization is not for everyone. In our Minnesota stoic-ness we may feel quite uncomfortable letting our faith be displayed for all to see. Yet, we are called to share the Good News of our faith. That call is for today, using the God-given gifts we have at our disposal. What works for one person may not be in your wheelhouse. Perhaps a better way to consider is let our actions show the importance of our faith. The quote, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words," often mistakenly attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, can be of use. Regardless of the author, our actions can and do speak louder than our words. We can each name a person in our life whose passion is tangible. That person can be in our face about recycling, bicycling, the cycle of life, or whatever it is that fills their very being with earnest excitement, commitment, and they possess a definite need to share this passion with all they encounter.

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Trinity this weekend – a powerful celebration of our faith and the Triune God. What better time to consider the sign we all display to our friends, our family, in what we do, how we live, and all whom we encounter as we go about our daily business. If your actions were a sign, what would your sign read? "I do not have time for you." "Leave me alone." "I cannot help you." Or could it be, a simple "Hello, I share a smile for you today." "I am here for you." Perhaps your sign might read, as Fr. Kevin has reminded us throughout the weeks of Easter, "I am loved and I am forgiven. You are loved and you are forgiven." What does your sign read?



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*\*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS*

June 4, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9, ***Dn 3:52-56***, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18

June 11, Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a, ***Ps 147***, 1 Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-58

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

### PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION ON JUNE 11

At the end of the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, June 11, we will have a Eucharistic Procession to honor the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. Incense will be used at the start of the procession. This is a public sharing of our faith as we process around the neighborhood of Saint Olaf, in the heart of the city. All are welcome to join.

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP RETURNS FOR TUESDAYS IN JUNE

Are you in your 20s and 30s, looking for community? Meet with the Saint Olaf Young Adults on Tuesdays in June from 5:45-7:00pm for a once-weekly study of encountering the God of new beginnings in Genesis. Come when you can!

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – BRUSH WITH KINDNESS LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Saint Olaf will again partner with the Habitat for Humanity on a Brush with Kindness project in Minneapolis on June 15-16. No experience is needed as this project is for scraping, painting, and minor repairs. Up to 10 volunteers are needed each day from 8:30am-4:00pm. Register at [tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/stolafcatholicchurch](https://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/stolafcatholicchurch). If you are unable to volunteer, consider donating to Saint Olaf via check, put Habitat for Humanity in the memo line or select Habitat for Humanity through our secure online giving portal, [saintolaf.org/give](https://saintolaf.org/give).

### SAINT OLAF NIGHT AT THE TWINS IS COMING MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

6:40pm game time vs. Seattle Mariners. Tickets are \$25 which includes a hot dog pre-game meal at Saint Olaf, bus to and from the game. Complete and turn in payment along with the registration form.

### SAINT OLAF NIGHT AT THE TWINS

# of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25 each

*Cash or checks made out to Saint Olaf Church*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to sit by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to Saint Olaf, drop in the collection basket, or turn in to Forliti Foyer Reception by June 30. Payment MUST be included with this form.*



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

### WELCOME HOME

- 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

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

10:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER  
MONTHLY GATHERING -  
FORLITI GATHERING RM

12:00 PM **MASS**

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL

4:00 PM **VIGIL MASS**

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

*SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY*

6:00 AM **MASS**

8:00 AM **MASS**

10:00 AM **MASS+**

12:00 PM **MASS**

2:30 PM BOOK CLUB  
FORLITI GATHERING RM

4:00 PM **MASS**

#### MONDAY, JUNE 5

7:00 AM **MASS - CHAPEL**

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00 PM **MASS+**

12:00 PM AA MEETING - EDU RM

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

7:00 AM **MASS - CHAPEL**

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00 PM **MASS+**

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

5:45 PM YOUNG ADULT GROUP  
FORLITI GATHERING RM

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:00 AM **MASS - CHAPEL**

7:00 AM AA MEETING - EDU RM

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

11:30 AM NICOTINE ANONYMOUS  
MEETING - EDU RM

12:00 PM **MASS+**

6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
FORLITI GATHERING RM

6:30 PM SAINT OLAF PARISH  
CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

7:00 AM **MASS - CHAPEL**

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00 PM **MASS+**

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

*PARISH OFFICES CLOSED*

7:00 AM **MASS - CHAPEL**

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

10:00 AM KNITTING GROUP  
FORLITI GATHERING RM

11:00 AM ADORATION

12:00 PM **MASS+**

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

12:00 PM **MASS**

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL

4:00 PM **VIGIL MASS**

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

*SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY*

*AND BLOOD OF CHRIST*

6:00 AM **MASS**

8:00 AM **MASS**

10:00 AM **MASS+ INCENSE WILL BE  
USED AT THE RECESSIONAL**

11:00 AM **EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION  
AFTER 10:00AM MASS**

12:00 PM **MASS**

4:00 PM **MASS**

### NEED SOME PRAYERS IN PERSON?

If you are homebound, cannot attend Sunday Mass, and would like a visit, please call Fr. Wehmann, 612-767-6203, to schedule a weekly visit with one of our trained Pastoral Care Ministers.

### ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #47

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
May 15 - 21	\$16,734	\$22,750	-\$6,016
YTD through Week #47	\$1,114,577	\$1,183,250	-\$68,673

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.