

JULY 25, 2021

FEAST OF SAINT OLAF,
KING AND MARTYR



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EIGHTY YEARS YOUNG

by Fr. Kevin Kenney

In Church years Saint Olaf Catholic Church is very young. We have existed on the corner of Second Avenue and Eighth Street for Eighty Years and we are standing strong. We once were among the bigger buildings downtown but now in the shadow of the skyscrapers we still ring out our presence every day. Our bells ring with the many other bells downtown calling people to worship. It is fun to open the doors and see people walking down the street approaching Saint Olaf and stopping in for a visit. Throughout our eighty years the doors of Saint Olaf have been open for all who wander downtown seeking solace, peace, refuge, the Eucharist, a listening ear, God's mercy or something to wear or eat. Parishioners and visitors alike return to enjoy the beautiful liturgies and the friendly, peaceful environment.

We celebrate Saint Olaf this weekend whose feast day is July 29th. Saint Olaf was king of Norway from 1015 to 1028. Olaf II Haraldsson was born in 995 and died, July 29, 1030. Olaf was baptized in Rouen, France in 1013, leaving behind Viking lore and accepting Christianity in his life.



Under his kingship, Christianity was accepted and grew throughout all of Norway. The Norwegian heritage is still very strong in Minnesota and we are proud to have Saint Olaf as our patron.

As we celebrate this weekend, we celebrate all of you. Saint Olaf would not be who we are today without the many who have contributed, worshipped, volunteered and served in the heart of the city. It would be impossible to thank all the priests, deacons, sisters, lay people, and parishioners who have not only kept our doors opened, but also have reached out to embrace all who have come through our doors. When you stop and look, it is amazing how many doors we have in which you can enter. The vast number of doors symbolizes the vast number of people from various backgrounds who have come and found a home at Saint Olaf. We have had our ups and downs but overall Saint Olaf has made a difference in the heart of Downtown Minneapolis and throughout the Archdiocese.

Our readings today remind us what five loaves and two fish can do. So many over the years have contributed

to our mission: *"To serve as the living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city."* With the five loaves and two fishes we continually receive, we have been able to serve in many capacities our mission in the city. We look forward to being able to serve in the future as we do now. I hope you will take time to look over the information about Saint Olaf Endowments. Your five loaves and two fish will enable Saint Olaf to walk brightly and securely into the future. With a NOW Gift or a FUTURE Gift, you can ensure that the doors of Saint Olaf will remain open and we will be a "Living Sign of Christ's saving presence." Thank you for your weekly generous support and your consideration of a gift enabling Saint Olaf to plan for the next Eighty Years!

Let's celebrate together and as we do, thank God for the many blessings we have received. May the love of Jesus Christ touch each of our hearts and may we be a living sign today of that wonderful love. Happy Anniversary to all of us because together we can make this world a better and brighter place.



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

July 25: 2 Kgs 4: 42-44, Ps 145, Eph 4: 1-6, Jn 6: 1-15
August 1: Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15, Ps 78, Eph 4: 17, 20-24, Jn 6: 24-35

WATCH SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON CABLE TV

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.

NOTE: MCN 6 has confirmed with Saint Olaf that all recent technical issues have been resolved, thank you for your patience.

DAILY MASS LIVE STREAM

Saint Olaf 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). On Facebook, search for and like: **Saint Olaf Catholic Church, Downtown Minneapolis**. Saint Olaf also archives all of our Masses on the website, www.SaintOlaf.org/media.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE JULY 24/25

CELEBR-EIGHTY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday and Sunday after all Masses. Come and celebrate Eighty years of serving as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city! Local Food trucks will have yummy food for sale.

Enjoy food, friends, and fun. Share your stories of Saint Olaf. Enjoy a special Celebr-Eighty Recital starting on Sunday at 1:30pm, includes piano, flute, violin, saxophone, cello, and soprano soloist.

GIVE A FOREVER GIFT TO THE SAINT OLAF ENDOWMENT TO HONOR CELEBR-EIGHTY

As we celebrate our 80th anniversary, Saint Olaf is encouraging all to prayerfully consider making a Forever Gift to honor Saint Olaf. The Saint Olaf Endowment Fund was created in 1997 and currently stands at \$160,399. This is a permanent endowment, the principle remains untouched, but grants are received annually for Saint Olaf's use – last year our grant was \$5,000. In honor of our 80th anniversary we will be designating an \$80,000 gift from the Pauline Altermatt estate to the Saint Olaf Endowment Fund and invite you to participate with us. Gifts can be cash gifts in any amount, or future gifts designated in your estate plan. The parish goal is to raise the fund to \$500,000 so the parish can annually benefit from these Forever Gifts. Contact Mary Kennedy, MKennedy@SaintOlaf.org or 612-767-6204 for more information.

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. Please check saintolaf.org and click on Funeral in the top right of any page to see any the scheduled funerals.

Anna Marie Huston: Died 07/10/2021 - Funeral 07/27/21.

TUESDAY MORNING GARDENERS

Join other members of Saint Olaf on Tuesday mornings to weed, water, and care for our gardens. The group gathers around 9:00am, weather permitting. Bring a pair of garden gloves and your favorite garden tools and help us maintain our gardens.

SAINT OLAF NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Join parishioners and friends to hear our choir sing the national anthem Tuesday August 31st, at 7:00pm, Twins vs Chicago Cubs. Tickets for \$25.

Reserve tickets using the form to the right.

Join us beforehand at the church for a Hot Dog dinner starting at 5pm and then a bus to take us to the game at 6pm.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME HOME

Please be attentive to the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home
- Hand sanitizer is available
- The wearing of masks is encouraged – please observe social distancing

Building closes at 3:30pm Monday - Friday until further notice.

Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday

Chapel is open for prayer from 1-3:30pm.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

CELEBR-EIGHTY WEEKEND

12:00 PM MASS
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM MASS

JOIN US AFTER MASS TO CELEBRATE

SUNDAY, JULY 25

CELEBR-EIGHTY WEEKEND

JOIN US AFTER MASSES TO CELEBRATE

6:00 AM MASS
8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
ARCHBISHOP HEBDA

12:00 PM MASS
1:30 PM CELEBR-EIGHTY RECITAL
4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, JULY 26

7:00 PM MASS
7:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)

TUESDAY, JULY 27

7:00 PM MASS
7:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

7:00 PM MASS
7:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)

THURSDAY, JULY 29

7:00 PM MASS
7:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, JULY 30

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

7:00 AM MASS
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
11:00 AM ADORATION
12:00 PM MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)

SATURDAY, JULY 31

12:00 PM MASS
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM MASS

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #2

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
July 5-11	\$28,796	\$28,000	\$796
YTD through Week #2	\$47,883	\$47,000	\$883

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.

SAINT OLAF NIGHT AT THE

Number of tickets (\$25 each) _____

Total enclosed (cash or check only) _____

Checks made out to Saint Olaf Church

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

I would like to sit by _____

*Mail to Saint Olaf, drop in the collection basket, or drop at reception desk in Forliti Foyer by August 9th. Payment **MUST** be included with this order form.*