



Catholic Church

JULY 30, 2023

THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr. Kevin Kenney

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SAINT OLAF DAY WEEKEND

Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor

We celebrate Saint Olaf's Feast Day this weekend. Hopefully you'll be able to join us for our music potpourri Saturday afternoon and our international pot-luck gathering after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday. Sunday we will have our regular coffee and donuts and celebrate all day!

Our website states that: "Olaf Haraldsson (c. 995 – 1030) was born in Ringerike, Norway, son of a Viking lord. During a trip to Normandy, Olaf experienced the vibrant life of French Christianity and, exchanging Viking lore for the Christian faith, he was baptized at Rouen. This was a period when Christianity was still united, before the Great Schism between Orthodox and Catholic Christians, and long before the Reformation and Counter-reformation. After his baptism, Olaf felt called to return to Norway and unite the various tribes under Christ. That he did, reigning as the first king of the united Norway beginning in 1015. Olaf brought a governing system, legal protections, and freedoms to the people under "King Olaf's law," which looked to Christ as the standard for action and law.

In 1028, King Olaf lost the throne to invaders and went into exile. In 1030, inspired to come back to Norway and retake the country for Christ, Olaf returned with his loyal forces. He lost his life on the battlefield, martyred by the blow of

a rebel's axe (which St. Olaf is holding in his statue above our sanctuary). After his death, many miracles ensued and Norway did, indeed, become a Christian country again. In 1164, after more than a century of veneration within Norway, Olaf received pontifical canonization as a saint." When we venerate Olaf, we honor his faith, courage, and commitment to spreading the gospel, no matter the cost. We ask for the grace to follow God's will for us and "to serve as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city."

Since 1941 we have made our presence known in Downtown Minneapolis where many people have found us a gift to their faith. Being in the heart of downtown we have many regular parishioners, part-time parishioners, and visitors who come through on a regular basis, or maybe just one time. It seems like everyone I talk to has a "Saint Olaf Story" or remembers being brought as a child with a parent or grandparent to stop in and pray. We have always tried to keep our doors open, have a smile on our face, and welcome all who come through our doors. Over the years we have had our grand days and low days but we continue to be a living sign of Christ's presence on the corner of 8th Street and Second Avenue.

Saint Olaf has welcomed in the old and the new. Continuing the great traditions of being downtown, we celebrate every time someone finds us from a hotel directory, online, or just happens to be walking by. Jesus speaks of the treasure in the field, fine pearls, a great catch, and the head of the household. We continue to try to reach out to those who we can from the past, those who remain homebound, and keep our doors open for our awesome regulars and newbies stopping in. We hope you find us to be that treasure or fine pearl.

During the month of August, we give our hospitality volunteers time off to enjoy the remaining Sundays of summer. I was speaking with some women the other day after Mass and they thanked me for having hospitality after all the Masses on Sundays. They said this is the reason they attend Saint Olaf (I hope for the good liturgies too). I did not want to disappoint them so I told them in the month of August we take a break, the room will be open to sit and visit and we will provide water. They were saddened and I explained why and they offered to help one weekend. I explained to them that we serve after all the Masses from 6:00am until 5:00pm. They gulped but they still agreed to help. So, one Sunday in August we will have hospitality.

God bless you all, celebrate Saint Olaf, and thank you all for keeping God's grace flowing into the city with your great love and support.



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY BOLD ITALICS*

July 30, 2023: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12, **Ps 119**, Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52
August 6, 2023, Transfiguration of the Lord: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, **Ps 97**, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9

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.

THIS WEEKEND! JOIN US FOR THE SAINT OLAF CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 29 as we honor our patron Saint Olaf with an **International Music Potpourri** at 2:00pm, featuring the talents of Saint Olaf's musicians, 4:00pm Vigil Mass, and immediately after Mass, join us for our first **International Potluck**. Bring your favorite family heritage dish to share, whether it is an appetizer, a salad, a main course, or dessert. Saint Olaf will also have food and beverages on hand so no one will go hungry. All are welcome to share their heritage and history. If cooking is not in your wheelhouse, worry not – come and celebrate Saint Olaf! Bring your dish to be shared to Forliti Gathering Room before Mass and we will keep it warm (or cool) during Mass. Sunday, July 30 we will have our tasty coffee and donuts after all the Masses as well.

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 and click on Funerals in the top right corner of any page to see the scheduled funerals.

Harry Bartlett, parishioner, died July 17, 2023. Funeral Monday, July 24, 2023.

SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Samaritan Ministry needs tennis shoes to serve to our guests. We ask that items be new, or clean and in good repair. You may drop them off at the front desk. Thank you!

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR THANK YOU!

The Little Sisters of the Poor want to express our deepest gratitude for the touching and splendid response we received during our visit the weekend of July 15th & 16th. The witness of your faith and devotion was an inspiration to us. Saint Jeanne Jugan, our foundress and first Little Sister, would always say... "If God is with us, it will be accomplished." God truly manifested His goodness to us through your generous gift \$7,103.80. We have already turned to our Heavenly Father in a prayer of gratitude, asking Him to bless you for your sacrificial giving, enabling us to continue our much-needed mission to the elderly poor. Please keep up your faithful prayer for vocations. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 FOR OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC AT SAINT OLAF

This year's entertainment will be hosted by song leaders and an accompanist from the Twin Cities Beer Choir whose mission is to bring people together in community-building sing-along events. Funds raised will support the Saint Olaf Reserve Fund and update technology and video equipment needs. More details will be provided in the weeks ahead.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME!

- 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, JULY 29

SAINT OLAF CELEBRATION

12:00 PM MASS

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL

2:00 PM INTERNATIONAL MUSIC
POTPOURRI - MAIN
CHURCH

4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

5:00 PM INTERNATIONAL
POTLUCK - COME ONE,
COME ALL!



SUNDAY, JULY 30

SAINT OLAF CELEBRATION

6:00 AM MASS

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS+

12:00 PM MASS

4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, JULY 31

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00 PM MASS+

12:00 PM AA MEETING - EDU RM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00 PM MASS+

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00 PM MASS+

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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, AUGUST 5

10:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER -
FORLITI GATHERING RM

12:00 PM MASS

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL

4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

6:00 AM MASS

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS+

12:00 PM MASS

4:00 PM MASS

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - AGE 14 AND OVER

The Archdiocese is offering classes on August 5th and August 19 at Saint Richard's Church in Richfield for guardians and candidates. For those who complete the classes, the sacrament of Confirmation will be available at the Mass for Persons with Disabilities on September 17th. For registration/information, please contact Deacon Eric Gunderson or Sonya Flomo at **651-291-4488**, Outreach to Persons with Disabilities.

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #3

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
July 10 - 16	\$24,308	\$9,681	\$14,627
YTD through Week #3	\$58,644	\$45,332	\$13,312

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.