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TAKING A RISK WITH JESUS

Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor

Peter, Peter, Peter! We can learn a lot from Peter as he makes his way to becoming a full-fledged disciple of Jesus Christ. Peter trusted Jesus enough to leave behind his boat and fishing career to follow Jesus, learn from Jesus, and in his own way, come to love Jesus. Jesus had just fed the people, and knowing the disciples were tired and mystified, made them get into the boat to go to the other side so he, himself, could dismiss the people without the erratic chatter of the disciples. Jesus has a calming effect on the crowd and after dismissing them, goes off by himself to pray. By evening, the disciples were in the boat floating on the sea, some probably asleep, others discussing in disbelief what had just happened. Who was steering the sails? Who was in control when the waves and the winds kicked in? Jesus, walking on the water, approaches the boat, terrifying the disciples who thought he was a ghost, announced himself; and Peter, in his own style says, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." You know how the story ends.

Our lives are constantly in and out of the boat. Following

Jesus, learning from Jesus, and loving Jesus in our own ways bring calm, winds, waves, erratic chatter, and peaceful moments. When we take time to pray by going off by ourselves to our rooms, the chapel, a park bench, a walk in the woods, or a way we know best, we encounter Jesus, who calms our anxiety, brightens our day, and leads us in directions where faith is needed. Like Peter, we might have the gumption to take a risk with Jesus, yet when we listen to ourselves, we sink, stumble, or chatter because of our own egos, doubts, fears, or insecurities. Jesus puts out his hand to lift us out of those fears, doubts, insecurities, and calms the winds of our egos. When we recognize the presence of God in the tiny whispering sound and not permit our flesh to overcome our spirit, we are encouraged to take the risk with Jesus and follow where He leads, like the disciples, knowing we will be mystified, tired, overwhelmed, and in awe.

As we find ourselves mid-August, what opportunities avail you to take a risk with Jesus? Spending time with children or grandchildren before school starts, can you insist they turn off their phones and create memories for the summer of 2023? Can you take a walk with a spouse, friend, or by yourself and leave your phones at home? Can you purchase school supplies to donate to families who will have difficulty doing so this year? Will you pray to ask God how you can best serve your parish in the coming months, knowing there are many opportunities for involvement and then taking the risk with Jesus to step onto the water? What whisperings are you hearing that are calling you into discernment about your life at this time? Take some quiet time with Jesus, knowing that the erratic chatter of those around you only leads to confusion and frustration. Jesus will calm the winds.

Celebrating who we are at Saint Olaf always leads to laughter, smiles, friendly encounters, and lively chats. Meeting new friends, renewing friendships and welcoming newcomers is part of our mission here in Downtown Minneapolis. I would like to gather a new committee, Saint Olaf Celebration Committee, who would help me plan simple celebrations that celebrate who we are. Do you love to plan and/or implement gatherings and celebrations in small ways to bring us together? If this is you, contact me. Together we will keep our community smiling and sailing!

Please join us at Saint Cyril on Saturday, August 19th, for our parish festival from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, 1315 2nd St NE Minneapolis MN 55413. Great food, entertainment and fun!

Welcome Fr. Rowland Nwosu who will be joining us for the Mission Appeal this weekend and next!



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS

August 13, 2023: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, **Ps 85**, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33
August 20, 2023: Is 56:1, 6-7, **Ps 67**, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Mt 15:21-28

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.

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.

Harvey Erlich, parishioner, died July 31, 2023. Funeral Wednesday, August 9.

William Halsted Wehmann, brother of Fr. Wehmann, died August 6, 2023. Funeral Wednesday, August 9.

MISSION APPEAL AUGUST 12, 13, AND 20

Each year in August, we welcome a Mission Appeal visitor, who shares their story and requests our prayers and assistance with their ministries. This year our Mission Appeal is for the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Holy Ghost Fathers shared their mission message: *This region [of Nigeria] is mostly dominated by the Muslim community. It is a region highly barraged with poverty, out-of-school children, and low standard of living. It is also infested by insurgency, extremist ideologies, and banditry. Provision of education and schools for the poor and the less privileged is a highpoint for our mission. The Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers are educators and so we mostly drive the gospel of Christ through education and catechesis in our schools. This mission appeal provides us the opportunity to expand our tentacles to seek for help and support and avail our catholic brethren the opportunity to share in our challenging mission. To get the ball rolling we have acquired a piece of land in Nassarawa State, a five hectare of land where we have a plan to build a secondary school with a capacity of one thousand students. This school is for both male and female. This is a mega project that will gulp millions of naira (hundreds of thousands of dollars). I want to sincerely thank you for taking your time to hear our story. As you reach to the poor people of God in these less privileged places, it is our prayer that God will bless you in his riches and glory. Thank you once again and may the Lord bless you abundantly amen.*

On the weekend of August 12/13 Fr. Rowland will be present at the Saturday, 4:00pm Mass, Sunday 6:00am Mass, and Sunday 8:00am Mass. On August 20, the Mission Appeal will be at the 10:00am, 12:00Noon, and 4:00pm Sunday Masses.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - AUGUST 15

Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass Monday, August 14, 2023 at 5:15pm. Tuesday, August 15, 2023, Masses at 7:00am, 10:00am, 12:00Noon, and 5:15pm.

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH FESTIVAL

1315 2nd St NE, Minneapolis MN 55413. Ss. Cyril & Methodius is pleased to invite you to their Annual Church Festival on Saturday August 19th, 2023, from 9:00am to 9:00pm. We will have a soccer tournament, volleyball tournament, music, performance, Ecuadorian and Mexican food, kids' games, beer wagon, ice cream, and much more. Raffle drawing at 4:00pm for prizes totaling \$1,400. For more information call (612) 379-9736.



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, AUGUST 12

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

6:00 AM MASS - MISSION APPEAL
8:00 AM MASS - MISSION APPEAL
10:00 AM MASS+
12:00NOON MASS
4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
12:00NOON MASS+
 12:00NOON AA MEETING - EDU RM
5:15 PM VIGIL MASS - ASSUMPTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
10:00 AM MASS
12:00NOON MASS+
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
5:15 PM MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
 7:00 AM AA MEETING - EDU RM
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
 11:30 AM NICOTINE ANONYMOUS MEETING - EDU RM
12:00NOON MASS+
 6:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FORLITI GTH RM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

6:00 AM MASS
8:00 AM MASS
10:00 AM MASS+ - MISSION APPEAL
12:00NOON MASS - MISSION APPEAL
4:00 PM MASS - MISSION APPEAL

HOSPITALITY TAKING A BREAK FOR 3 WEEKENDS IN AUGUST

The weekends of August 6, 13, and 27 we are giving our Hospitality Helpers a much-needed break. Forliti Gathering Room will be open and we will have water and your good company available. The 3rd week we will have a core of Volunteers from the African Mass serving up Saint Olaf Hospitality. If you would like to assist as a Hospitality Helper, give Vern a call in the Parish Office, (612) 767-7631.

ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
July 24 - 30	\$19,409	\$14,691	\$4,718
YTD through Week #5	\$109,144	\$87,801	\$21,343

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.