



Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 19, 2018

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# The Times They Are A-Changin'

By Fr. Patrick Kennedy

My friends,

I am not technologically inclined. I let the geniuses around me help me navigate through the rhyme and reason of what all that means. I am more comfortable with a Bic pen and some lined paper when it comes to communicating my thoughts and feelings to another. But most people tell me to get with the program, figure the thing out, and join the crowd when it comes to using smart phones and other devices to communicate.

I do know that generations behind me look for ways to find their information in other places than I do. I have an obligation to try to create venues where these younger people can participate in St. Olaf in a way that works for them and not me. In fact, it isn't about me and my limitations in making our work and ministry known. It is about finding the best way possible for our public to engage in the life of Saint Olaf that meets a variety of needs.

We are in the process of launching a newly revised website. Since web-

sites became vital to the ministry and life of the parish, we have adjusted as technology has developed. I am grateful to Pat Moses, who spends a great deal of her time behind the scenes in helping us create ways to communicate our message to parishioners and our visitors. She has managed our website and also does the graphics and layout for our parish bulletin each week. She is the talent behind our printed material as well as the various signs and posters you see on the walls and sign boards outside our building. We hope our new website will be user-friendly, informative, and allow you and our visitors to get the information you are looking for.

The other thing that has changed is the way people choose to donate money to the parish. In the old days (three weeks ago) most came into church, and when the collection was taken up, thrown in some cash or wrote a check and tossed that into the basket. Nowadays, with people carrying less cash, they look for ways to use credit cards for their giving. Also, some years ago, we initiated the opportunity to have pa-

rishioners sign up for automatic withdrawal. A determined amount of money would be automatically withdrawn from the giver and go directly into our account once or twice a month. We have about 12% of parishioners using this option.

A few years ago, kiosks came into fashion. We had two of them, one in the skyway and the other in the vestibule of the church. You swipe a card, punch in an amount, and your gift is given to the parish. We also have the option of donating on our website. Same principle as the kiosk, only it is all done online.

You may have noticed the new kiosk in the vestibule of the church. It is the next generation of giving technology. It is now up and running, and I hope it will aid those who have the penchant for giving in this way.

Quite frankly, all this technology makes me dizzy. We are fortunate to have people at St. Olaf who understand it and keep pushing me to think big and stay ahead of the game as it

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evolves. I believe our desire to offer different ways for different generations of parishioners to engage in St. Olaf is the goal. I am hoping that all of the technology we use will become a threshold to a wonderful experience that people have when they come through our doors to serve and to be served. If that happens, then all my confusion about how it all works will be for naught.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Additional info at: [SaintOlaf.org/events](http://SaintOlaf.org/events)

### Reminder

Hospitality after Masses resumes in September.

**Discussions That Encounter (DTE)** meets August 23 at Plymouth Congregational Church. MN State Senators Bobby Jo Champion and Jeff Hayden lead a discussion on their perspectives about the role of racism in the Legislature and how this impacts legislation and the community.

The next meeting of the **St. Olaf Book Club** will be held on September 9 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

### First Communion & First Reconciliation Registration

If you have a child 8-12 years, St. Olaf's Sacramental Program for First Communion and First Reconciliation registration begins now! Deadline for registration is September 2. Please call the office as soon as possible to register. This is a home-based program where parents are the primary support. We have mandatory student classes Sept-April, approximately two times a month on Sundays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. There will also be three mandatory parent meetings on Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 throughout the year. Thank you!

### Becoming Catholic

St Olaf will begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes on Saturday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m. Classes will run through May 11. Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, either from another faith tradition or who has never been baptized, is welcome to attend. We ask that you contact Fr Michael Krenik (612-767-6209 or [frmkrenik@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:frmkrenik@SaintOlaf.org)) to register. We are also in need of sponsors, parishioners willing to walk with the candidates through the RCIA process.

**OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC.** Invitations for the exciting October 12 St. Olaf concert, featuring The Steeles, have been mailed. Gather your friends and respond to the ONLINE ST. OLAF COMMUNITY PRE-SALE. Details are in the invitation. It will be a good party! Please consider volunteering for this inaugural event. Your help is needed and appreciated. Thank you! [FRMurnane@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:FRMurnane@SaintOlaf.org) or 612-767-7635.



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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### Saturday, August 18

9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass/Confessions</b>
2:00 p.m.	African Choir Rehearsal
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>

### Sunday, August 19 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>6:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>
9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass with African Choir</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>

### Monday, August 20

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass/Confessions</b>
7:30 a.m.	Samaritan Ministry Hospitality
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>
12:00 p.m.	AA

### Tuesday, August 21

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass/Confessions</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass/Confessions</b>

### Wednesday, August 22

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass/Confessions</b>
7:00 a.m.	AA
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>
12:00 p.m.	AA
7:30 p.m.	Alanon

### Thursday, August 23

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass/Confessions</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass/Confessions</b>

### Friday, August 24

*(Office closed on Fridays)*

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass/Confessions</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>
12:30 p.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday, August 25

9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass/Confessions</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>