



Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023  
THE 23RD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR  
Fr. Kevin Kenney  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
Fr. Wehmann

Rev G Garrelts, 1999



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## CELEBRATE

Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor

We celebrate together! Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Jesus is always with us. Jesus walks with us and celebrates us as we are called to love as Jesus loves us. The love of neighbor spills over to all age groups and we appreciate all who are a part of our community for years or for just a day! Some new things are coming to Saint Olaf and we open wide our doors to how the new will bring forth the old.

I wrote a few weeks back about the idea of gathering a Saint Olaf Celebration Committee. We have had a donor who has stepped up to encourage us to celebrate life and each other. We will begin celebrating on the third Sunday of every month, for the next ten months, a decade of life. Rather than focusing on who celebrates a birthday that month, we decided that we would celebrate age groups. We will begin in September (17th) with those who are 0 - 10 years of age, in October (15th) those who are 11 - 20 years of age, November (19) those who are 21-30 years of age, and so on and so forth until we reach those who are 100+ years. On the third Sunday we will have a special table in the Gathering Room at hospitality for those

who fit in the celebrated age group and they will receive a special treat and gift. It is a good way for us to meet each other, celebrate you, and celebrate us. There is excitement gathering around this "celebration" so if you'd like to volunteer to help in a specific month or all the months, please let me know.

Other plans are to have a Thanksgiving Tea on the Saturday following Thanksgiving (November 25) from 1-3:30 pm to gather in Thanksgiving for community and friendship. On the Feast of Epiphany, we might just have a visit from the Magi after the 12:00 Noon Mass where all children and the child-like will receive a blessing and a gift. An Easter Ball is being tossed about to figure out this year how we can celebrate that Jesus Christ is Risen. Such wonderful celebrations to celebrate the love of neighbor and celebrate who we are at Saint Olaf. Let me know if you have any interest in helping to organize any or all of the events. The plan is to keep it simple and fun!

Beginning the first part of October we will be offering formation as part of the Archdiocesan Synod Process where we will gather for seven weeks to be

formed in a way to help facilitate the small group process that begins in Lent of 2024. We are inviting anyone who would like to be a part of this formation to leave your name at the office, speak to one of Synod Team Members, find the information on our web-site or on the tables during hospitality. We are all encouraged to participate in this process. It will take place at Saint Olaf. You can choose between Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings. The sessions are two hours long for seven weeks. Every parish in the Archdiocese is invited to participate flowing from Archbishop Hebda's Pastoral Letter "You Will Be My Witnesses." Pray about this, the Holy Spirit may just be tapping you on the shoulder.

As I write this article on August 30, I realize it is for the weekend of September 10th. Where does time go? I thank you first, for reading this far into my article, second, for being a part of the Saint Olaf community, and thirdly, your love for and following Jesus in your life. May we not take a day for granted, appreciate all we have been given, and continue to listen to how God is calling us to live out our parish mission in Minneapolis. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS](http://SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS)

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

\*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS

September 10, 2023: Ez 33:7-9, **Ps 95**, Rom 13:8-10, Mt 18:15-20  
September 17, 2023: Sir 27:30-28:7, **Ps 103**, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

### 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](https://www.youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

### IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for loved ones lost who are associated with Saint Olaf. We will post new of any pending Funeral Masses or Memorial Services when they are scheduled. Check [SaintOlaf.org](http://SaintOlaf.org) and click on Funerals in the top right corner of any page to see the scheduled funerals.

**Nancy Johnson, parishioner**, died August 25, 2023. Funeral Friday, September 15, 10:00am, visitation 9:00am - 10:00am.

### MINISTRY FAIR AFTER ALL MASSES SEPTEMBER 23/24

Saint Olaf is blessed with two mighty charisms; the first is providing excellent liturgies with ample opportunities to take part in these liturgies, as well as receive sacraments and times for private prayer/adoration. Secondly, Saint Olaf serves those in need in the heart of the city – helping to make a difference one person at a time. Both of these charisms are at the heart of what we do, and it takes a lot of hands to help. Come and see all of the opportunities that are available to you to **Serve – Pray – Share** here in the Heart of the City. From gardening to carrying the cross, from offering prayers silently or in song, to serving up hospitality, from sorting donations to answering the phone – there are opportunities for everyone, nearly any time, all right here at Saint Olaf. Come and see, come and join in the real heart, soul, power, and beauty of Saint Olaf – our volunteers!

### SEWING ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Sewing assistance needed for the Liturgical Environment Ministry Team to assist in sewing and/or repairing cloth banners, embellishments, and altar cloths. Fabric and materials would be provided by Saint Olaf. For more information or to sign up contact Don Gibson at [dgbsondesign@gmail.com](mailto:dgbsondesign@gmail.com).

### SERVE WITH THE SAINT OLAF PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir returns from summer break to minister at Sunday 10:00am Mass, beginning September 10. We are seeking new members. All voice parts are welcome; tenors and basses, men's voices, are especially needed. If you are interested in joining the Parish Choir, or any other choir ministry at Saint Olaf, please contact Joel Anderson, director of music, [JAnderson@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:JAnderson@SaintOlaf.org), or see him after Mass.

### OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC 2023 - THURS, OCT 5

A night to build community, gather together with old friends, meet new friends and celebrate Saint Olaf Catholic Church in the Heart of the City! It will be a night of fun and festivity. A night to raise funds to update our technology and video equipment. The evening starts with a social hour at 6:00pm in Forliti Gathering Room. Dinner and Program at 7:00pm in Fleming Hall. Individual tickets are \$100. Table sponsorship \$1,000. Dinner will be catered by Lake Elmo Inn with an Oktoberfest Theme. Invitations were mailed to all parishioners, associate parishioners, and friends of Saint Olaf. Additional invitations are available in the Acrylic stands at the church entrances. Please return your reply by September 30, 2023 or register by going to the Saint Olaf website [SaintOlaf.org/OfMinistryAndMusic](http://SaintOlaf.org/OfMinistryAndMusic). Sign up today!



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG](http://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, SEPTEMBER 9

##### 12:00NOON MASS

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL

4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:00 AM MASS

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS+

12:00NOON MASS

4:00 PM MASS

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00NOON MASS+

12:00NOON AA MEETING - EDU RM

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00NOON MASS+

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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 PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00NOON MASS+

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

6:45 PM FROM AGE TO AGE CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

10:00 AM KNITTING GROUP - FORLITI GATHERING RM

11:00 AM ADORATION

12:00NOON MASS+

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:00NOON MASS

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL

4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00 AM MASS

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS+

12:00NOON AFRICAN MASS

1:15 PM SECULAR FRANCISCAN GROUP MEETING

4:00 PM MASS

### SERVE AS A TUTOR

The Catholic Tutor Corps has been recruiting and placing volunteer tutors in area Catholic schools for over 20 years. Our tutors generally go into schools one day a week for 1 ½ to 2 hours. We work with students in grades K-8 in reading and math who generally need remedial help. The need for tutors in the schools has increased greatly after COVID. Saint Olaf has always been a great source for tutors. To learn more about how you can help, call **612-360-0677** or email [ctutorcorps@gmail.com](mailto:ctutorcorps@gmail.com)

### SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Samaritan Ministry is in need of tennis shoes! We ask that items be new, or clean and in good repair. Thank you!

### ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Aug 21 - 27	\$12,974	\$13,590	-\$616
YTD through Week #9	\$180,895	\$155,438	\$25,457

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.