



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

24TH SUNDAY
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Catholic Church

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IT TAKES FAITH AND ACTION AND EACH OF US TO MAKE IT WORK

By Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:14-17

Saint Olaf has some amazing stained glass works of art around the building. Perhaps the most dramatic is the stained glass window in the balcony which serves as a focal point both inside and outside the building. Starting in 1972, stained glass windows were installed throughout Saint Olaf. They were designed by Robert Leader from the University of Notre Dame and fabricated by Reinarts Art Glass Studios in Winona.



Looking up close at this stained glass window provides one perspective. Individually the panes of red, purple, blue, orange, and yellow glass may be pretty to look at, but as you step back and view the interconnected panes of glass, the piece transforms into a work of art which welcomes all to worship at Saint Olaf. The sum of all the individual

pieces artistically placed together becomes something greater than the individual panes of glass.



That is the way all of the pieces and parts of our lives work. Each of us contributes our part to make something grow. Perhaps a little bit from you, a dib-dab of this from someone else, a selection from yet another, and together, we

build a community that is greater and stronger and more beautiful than just your little bit that you contributed. More importantly, without the piece you provided, there would never be the end result. We each have to give of ourselves to make the whole thing work.

Giving of ourselves is not always easy. It does take that faith component to commit to a community. You cannot fully participate in something in which you do not believe. The belief we hold leads to belonging. As we draw deeper in faith, we want to add of ourselves and share what we have in a loving response to God's abundant blessings. We grow as a community of faith one by one by one.

It is important for each of us to take the time

to understand what gifts we individually bring to the table. We are called to be good stewards of the gifts we have received; to appreciate our unique gifts, nurture them, and share them generously with others. We also have to be willing to accept the gifts that others bring and not try to force them or change them into something they are not, or the entire piece will shatter.

Where are you in this picture? You ARE here, somewhere. Whether you have been here for a few months or many years, your prayers, service, and shared gifts have made a difference to Saint Olaf and our



community of faith. We are grateful for all that has been shared and better because of each gift received over the 80 years we have resided in downtown Minneapolis. Your gifts, along with the gifts of others have helped *us serve as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city.* Thank you for your faith, action, and the gifts shared which make it all work into the splendid masterpiece we lovingly call our faith home: Saint Olaf Catholic Church.



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

September 12: Is 50: 5-9a, Ps 116, Jas 2:14-18, Mk 8: 27-35
September 19: Wis 2: 12, 17-20, Ps 54, Jas 3:16 -4:3, Mk 9: 30-37

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.

HELP WANTED: WEEKEND RECEPTION

Do you enjoy being on the receiving end of the Saint Olaf Receptionist welcome? Saint Olaf is looking for some happy greeters to join our crew and welcome members and guests to Saint Olaf, answer the phone, and aid those who have questions. This is a perfect job for a recent retiree, a people person, and training is provided. Contact Mary Kennedy, mkennedy@SaintOlaf.org or 612-767-6204 for more information.

UPDATE ON THE SAINT OLAF ENDOWMENT

Saint Olaf Endowment continues to grow as more parishioners respond to our campaign to grow this permanent endowment to \$500,000. As of September 2, we have reached **\$304,407.60**. Thank you! To learn more, visit our website, www.SaintOlaf.org/endowment.

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.

Diane McCann, Parishioner | Died August 27, 2021. Funeral Friday, September 10, 2021 10:00am

ARCHBISHOP HEBDA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Archdiocesan Synod is coming to Saint Olaf. Three open invite Synod Sessions are available: Sundays, starting September 19: 9:30am-11:30am, Mondays, starting September 20: 12:30pm – 2:30pm, and Thursdays (ONLINE ONLY) starting September 23: 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Register online at www.SaintOlaf.org and scroll down to News & Announcements and click on Synod 2022.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) IS FOR YOU.

Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic and those who need to complete their full initiation, Confirmation and Eucharist, into the Catholic Church are welcome to attend our Saturday morning meetings, starting September 25th. We ask that you contact Fr. Wehmann to register 612-767-6203 or frwehmann@saintolaf.org.

OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC 2021

Please join us Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The Casserly Sisters and members of our Saint Olaf Choirs will provide an evening of fun and festivities. The event will be held in person and via live stream. There is no registration fee for this event. For planning purposes, please register by September 26th by visiting the Saint Olaf website and indicating whether you will be attending in person or via live stream. Please consider making a donation to the Saint Olaf Reserve Fund for the repair/replacement of the aging boiler system. All donations will help keep the church warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

BRUSH WITH KINDNESS PROJECT

Completed on September 8, but there is still time to support. Saint Olaf volunteers participated in the Habitat Brush with Kindness project earlier this month, helping to keep people in their housing and their housing in good repair. The parish also makes a financial contribution in support of the project and if you would like to add to this, please put "Habitat" in the memo line of your check and send it or drop it off when you are at Saint Olaf. Thank you!



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, SEPTEMBER 11 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 AM	CENTERING PRAYER (FGR)	7:00 AM	MASS
12:00 PM	MASS	7:30 AM	CONFESSIONS
12:30 PM	CONFESSIONS	12:00 PM	MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
12:30 PM	ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL		
4:00 PM	MASS		

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:00 AM	MASS	7:30 AM	CONFESSIONS
8:00 AM	MASS	12:00 PM	MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
10:00 AM	MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)	12:30 PM	CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM	MASS		
2:30 PM	BOOK CLUB (FGR)		
4:00 PM	MASS		

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 AM	MASS	11:00 AM	ADORATION
7:30 AM	CONFESSIONS	12:00 PM	MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 AM	MASS	12:00 PM	MASS
7:30 AM	CONFESSIONS	12:30 PM	CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM	MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)	12:30 PM	ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL
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CATHOLIC TUTOR CORPS has been placing volunteer tutors in Minneapolis and Saint Paul Catholic grade schools for 20 years. Our tutors work in grades K-8 helping students primarily with reading and math. We work in the schools during the day, most of our tutors work 2-3 hours a week. After the pandemic year, the need is great. More information at <https://catholictutorcorps.com/>.

DISCUSSIONS THAT ENCOUNTER has decided to take a pause after more than 16 years to evaluate the future sustainability of our DTE group. During this time, we are reaching out to you, our faithful DTE community. We're seeking help from individuals with a strong commitment to racial justice, committed to the value of Discussions That Encounter and interested in considering taking on roles that would support the continuation of DTE. To offer assistance and/or to learn more please contact the parish office. As soon as possible we will be contacting you with an update of the future of DTE.

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #9

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Aug 23-29	\$10,024	\$15,950	-\$5,926
YTD through Week #9	\$174,925	\$158,835	\$16,090

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.