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GENERATIONS OF FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

by Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

There is a lot of tension in these times. It has impacted virtually all sectors of our lives; in the church, especially in politics, and in conflicts around the world. Ads, news, speeches and conventions all seem to spill more “hate the other” than love your neighbor. And many have used the phrase, “We’ve never seen times like these...” Or have we?

I have a nephew who is planning to be a college sophomore this fall. The pandemic shaped the end of his first year last spring in a very unplanned way. Now, like many other students he’s hoping there won’t be a repeat. He’s a soft-spoken, caring and creative guy. He’s great at card tricks, loving toward his younger sister, my niece, and amazing at what he captures through the lens of a camera, to name a few.

During the stay-at-home time this summer he dove deeply into family genealogy. I remember when his dad, my youngest brother, did the same thing for a college project. It was the most comprehensive family tree we had to date, but it was long before the internet.

Fast-forward one generation and my nephew’s research used incredible tech tools like Ancestry. He discovered primary source documents for several generations. Recently, my parents, siblings and cousins of his generation gathered for a video conference call to hear about his findings. And with it came a breadth and depth

of real people, my relatives, “springing to life” on the screen in front of us.

The family tree displayed the generational intersection and engagement with events, often conflicts, that I came to know through history books. My paternal grandfather was born in 1899 and was of an age to have to register for both World War I at the age of 18, and World War II at the age of 42! There were pictures of the registration cards with his signature. The global scale of the threat and the violent carnage to defeat it was multiplied in family trees all across the human forest. Grandpa lost an eye in a farm accident when very young and was not called to serve, but other family members did.

From an earlier time, we saw the pension card for a family member who served in the Civil War, a reminder of a time when our nation, steeped in division, turned on itself. Earlier still on the Irish side is evidence of leaving a homeland due to famine. Hunger is a powerful motivator in the care for one’s family and the journey here did not include movies and beverage service. Difficult, risky decisions had to be made all along the way.

On the Czech side is a branch that goes back to the 1600’s! Though more evidence is needed, it seems folks experienced ever-changing borders shaping who’s in and who’s out and

they felt threatened and fearful. For others it was economic necessity. Sounds very familiar to the stories of why today’s migrants and refugees are on the move from their home to a safer place. The lack of appreciation of these realities brings animosity and hate and cries of “go home”.

Through the unearthing of family history, the imagination soars. What considerable courage it took to risk the move to another land. What anguish must have been felt by the separation of families and friends. What conviction was mustered to draw on faith and principle to forge a better life or contribute to the well-being of a nation. None of this was done easily or perfectly.

For some families the choice was made for them when they were kidnapped, placed in the hold of a ship and enslaved. Our failure to fully deal with this horrible stain on our history adds mightily to today’s tension.

The gospel for this week proclaims Jesus’ call to limitless forgiveness; “not seven times, but seventy seven times”. And maybe our challenge for the week is to try it just once.

We get to the place to find our best selves when we forgive and we let our love be shared. It matches the limitless love of God through Jesus Christ.



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

September 13: Sir 27: 30-28: 7, Ps 103, Rom 14: 7-9, Mt 18: 21-35
September 20: Is 55: 6-9, Ps 145, Phil 1: 20C-24, 27A, Mt 20: 1-16A

SAINT OLAF NEEDS MORE PPE

We are in need of more masks, homemade or store bought, and disposable gloves. Size large for gloves and masks. Thank you for your contributions and helping to keep those at Saint Olaf safe.

OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC III

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020 - 7:00PM-8:00PM

Please register by September 25, 2020. You will find complimentary registration details on the Saint Olaf website: www.saintolaf.org

You won't want to miss out on this fun-filled event featuring Sisters Of Swing as our entertainment. They will present music of the Andrew Sisters and the swing era.

Although we will not be able to socialize in person, we anticipate a successful virtual event to build community and the Saint Olaf Reserve Fund.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR LEBANON EMERGENCY RELIEF SEPTEMBER 19/20

An ammonium nitrate explosion at the Beirut seaport on August 4, killed over 200, injured more than 6,000 and displaced over 350,000. Archbishop Hebda has requested that parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis take up an emergency collection for Catholic Relief Services – the U.S. Bishops international humanitarian aid organization for the poor and most vulnerable – and their lifesaving support in Lebanon. On the weekend of September 19 and 20, we will take up this much-needed emergency collection for those suffering in Lebanon. The Center for Mission will forward financial donations to Catholic Relief Services. Please note on your gift that this is for the Lebanon Relief Collection. Please be as generous as you are able: many are counting on our help. More information on the Saint Olaf website, www.SaintOlaf.org.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Saint Olaf will begin the RCIA classes on Saturdays in September at 10:00 a.m. Classes will run through the Easter Season 2021. 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) to register and provide an initial intake form.

We at times need sponsors, parishioners willing to walk with the candidates, through the RCIA process. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please let Fr. Krenik know.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A SECOND LECTOR/SACRISTAN

for Tuesday Noon Masses. This would be an every other week assignment. If you are interested please contact Fr Michael Krenik frmkrenik@saintolaf.org or direct phone number of 612-767-6209.

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.

Paul Buck, Sr. Parishioner | Died: 09/01 Funeral 09/26 10:00am



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME HOME

We have returned to our regular Mass schedule. Please be patient with us as we maneuver a new way of existing.

Please be attentive to the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home
- Please arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before Mass starts (allow us to clean the Church between Masses)
- Please enter through the Parking Lot doors or the Handicapped Door off of Eighth Street
- Hand sanitizer is available
- Please wear a mask to Mass
- Please observe social distancing
- Please make your visit brief
- Please only use bathrooms out of necessity
- Please follow the directions of the Greeters and Ushers who are here to help and protect you
- Instructions about how to receive Communion will be given during Mass (Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass).

Building closes at 1:00pm Monday - Friday until further notice. Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:00 PM	MASS	7:00 AM	MASS
12:30 PM	CONFESSIONS	7:30 AM	CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM	MASS	12:00 PM	MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:00 AM	MASS	7:00 AM	MASS
8:00 AM	MASS	7:30 AM	CONFESSIONS
10:00 AM	MASS	12:00 PM	MASS
12:00 PM	MASS	12:30 PM	CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM	MASS		

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 AM	MASS	<i>OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS</i>	
7:30 AM	CONFESSIONS	7:00 AM	MASS
12:00 PM	MASS	7:30 AM	CONFESSIONS
		12:00 PM	MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 AM	MASS	12:00 PM	MASS
7:30 AM	CONFESSIONS	12:30 PM	CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM	MASS	4:00 PM	MASS
12:30 PM	CONFESSIONS		

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #9

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Aug 24-30	\$13,433	\$15,000	-\$1,567
YTD through Week #9	\$149,820	\$134,421	\$15,399

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.