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Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep

By Fr. Kevin Kenney

This time of year many Faith Formation programs in parishes get up and running. Saint Olaf's faith formation programs look a little different from most parishes because we are a downtown parish. We have been blessed in years past with wonderful RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programs, baptismal prep classes, marriage preparation classes and a variety of adult formation series. Faith formation for children began years ago as we have more young families attending on a regular basis. Faith formation is the base from which a healthy parish continues to grow and build community.

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) for Adults begins on Saturday, September 21. Classes will meet at Saint Olaf on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am until 11:15 am. This class is primarily for adults who would like to complete their Initiation Sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Any adult who would like to learn more about the faith is welcome to attend. The classes run until May 2. Fr. David Haschka will be teaching the program along with the assistance of Fr. Mike Krenik. Fr. David will also offer the same course at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sundays so if some Saturdays do not work out for you, you can catch the class on Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes. We ask that you contact Fr. Michael Krenik (612-767-6209 or frmkrenik@saintolaf.org) to register. We are

also in need of sponsors, parishioners willing to walk with the candidates through the RCIA process.

Baptism prep classes are held at Saint Olaf on a per need basis. We also prepare couples for marriage within the Catholic Church according to Archdiocesan guidelines whether they will be getting married at Saint Olaf or elsewhere. If you are in need of either of these preparations, please call the parish office for more information.

Fr. Mark Wehmann will be offering a six-week series on Faith/Works: Catholic Social Justice Lecture Series. These short talks and reflections will be based on Rerum Novarum, Pope Leo XIII writings on Capital and Labor. Join Fr. Wehmann on Mondays, beginning September 23, from 12:30 -1:00 Pm in the Forliti Gathering Room.

We are in the process of looking for Nurse Staff in order to get our nursery up and running again. Thank you for your patience.

Our Faith Formation for children focusing on First Communion and First Reconciliation is about to begin. We are still trying to determine if we have enough children for a class, so if you have a child or grandchild who you would like to be involved in these classes, now is the time to register. We want to have the classes ready to begin the first part of October. Please call the

parish office to register or for more information.

We are ready to move forward with these programs but what we still need are volunteers and catechists. Your responsibilities would be to help us in many different ways. Teaching our children is one aspect, being a sponsor of an adult is another and helping to prepare young parents for baptism or couples for marriage is another. These are just a few ways you can share your faith with others. Please pray for all these programs and those who will be walking in these paths of faith. When we pray for each other, the Spirit continues to enrich us and our community grows closer together.

Our Of Ministry and Music II fundraiser and evening of building community is right around the corner. I hope you plan to attend. If you cannot attend but would like to donate to our reserve fund and Music Ministry, please look on our web site as to how to do this or send your check directly to the parish office. Thanks you for all your support.

On Saturday, September 14th, my niece Sheila Kenney will make her solemn vows with the Servants of the Lord and Our Lady of Matara at Saint Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, DC. She will take the name, Sr. M. Chroi losa. I plan to be in Washington, DC to concelebrate the Mass and then I will be back for Sunday liturgies at Saint Olaf. Please pray for her and all young people entering into religious life.



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information at www.saintolaf.org/events

HABITAT/BRUSH WITH KINDNESS PROJECT

This week: Thursday, Sept.19 - Saturday, Sept. 21. You can volunteer one, two, or all three days of the project, whatever your schedule allows. To sign up go to <https://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/stolafcatholic/>. For more information contact project coordinator and St. Olaf parishioner Mike Nemanich at mnemanich@aol.com.

OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC II

The "Of Ministry and Music" event here at St. Olaf is fast approaching on Thursday, September 26. Attendees will hear a performance by the Augsburg Suzuki violin group and enjoy a night filled with fun, fellowship, and a few surprises. Funds raised will replenish our reserve fund. Return RSVP cards or sign up on the St. Olaf website by **September 15**. Thank you in advance for your support.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING?

Fr. Wehmann will lead a 6 week series on the Catholic document, Rerum Novarum (On Capital and Labor), on Mondays from 12:30 -1:00pm, Sept.23-Oct. 29 in the Forliti Gathering Room. There is no cost. Explore issues of poverty, wealth, economic justice, social organization, labor, and the role of the state in the light of authentic Church doctrine.

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions begin Saturday, September 21 at 10:00am. Contact Fr. Mike Krenik for details and to register. (612-767-6209 or frmkrenik@saintolaf.org)

WEDNESDAY ORGAN RECITALS

Wednesdays after the Noon Mass, there will be an organ recital featuring different Twin Cities' organists beginning this week, September 18.

CATHOLIC TUTOR CORPS

Back to school for kids, so back to school for tutors! The Catholic Tutor Corps is recruiting for the coming school year. Join other St. Olaf members helping local students at Catholic schools and get back even more than you give. Call the parish office or contact Dick McGuire for more information at ctutorcorps@gmail.com.

MUSIC AT MASS

Did you know that each week, we post the list of music for the upcoming weekend liturgies on our website? You can visit <http://www.saintolaf.org/thisweeksliturgies> or navigate there from the main page. Hymn numbers correspond to *Gather Comprehensive*, the hymnal found in the church pews.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

Sept. 15: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32.
Sept. 22: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Additional Information at www.saintolaf.org

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
- 12:00 PM **MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 2:00 PM AFRICAN CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 4:00 PM **MASS**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 15

- 6:00 AM **MASS**
- 8:00 AM **MASS**
- 10:00 AM **MASS**
- 12:00 PM **MASS W/AFRICAN CHOIR**
- 4:00 PM **MASS**
- 5:30 PM DINNER WITH EXODUS RESIDENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 7:00 AM **MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 7:30 AM SAMARITAN MINISTRY HOSPITALITY
- 12:00 PM **MASS**
- 12:00 PM AA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 7:00 AM **MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 12:00 PM **MASS/CONFESSIONS**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 7:00 AM **MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 7:00 AM AA
- 12:00 PM **MASS**
- 12:00 PM AA
- 12:30 PM ORGAN RECITAL
- 6:00 PM ALANON
- 6:30PM CHOIR PRACTICE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: OFFSITE**
- 7:00 AM **MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 12:00 PM **MASS/CONFESSIONS**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: OFFSITE**
- OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**
- 7:00 AM **MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 10:00 AM KNITTING CLUB
- 12:00 PM **MASS**
- 12:30 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: OFFSITE**
- 9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
- 10:00 AM RCIA
- 12:00 PM **MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 4:00 PM **MASS**

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #9

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
August 26-Sept. 1	\$16,546	\$22,000	-\$5,454
YTD through Week #9	\$146,785	\$192,426	-\$45,641