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DO WHAT YOU DO BEST- DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE MINISTRY FAIR

Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

JOIN US AT THE MINISTRY FAIR, SEPTEMBER 23/24 AFTER ALL MASSES

I remember fondly the family camping vacations of my youth. We visited nearly all of Minnesota's State Parks and many, many parks across Canada. My parents had a system for efficient campground set up and take down and each of us five siblings had a role to play. My dad would get us to the campground by mid-afternoon. Once we were registered and a campsite was secured, we became a swarm of busy bees, each carrying out our assigned tasks as quickly and efficiently as possible. For once we gathered wood, started a campfire, found and pumped the water, set up the pop up camper, discovered where the bathrooms were, helped mom get dinner on the way, set the table, gulped dinner down, and then, and only then, could we do that which us kids dreamed about all day: find the lake, check out the hiking trail, discover the unique camp amenities, for each campground had their own awesome treats to be savored and explored. 90% of the time we performed our tasks nearly flawlessly, by each sibling doing what he or she did best. Patrick was the kindling king, David had the campfire start up perfected, Marti was the camper leveler, and on the flip side, probably the best packer upper

ever, Anne would find the bathrooms and direct us to the water, and I moved from setting bedrolls to kitchen helper. Doing what we each did best made the tasks go smoother and helped us get from task to camping adventure much sooner. That African proverb of "it takes a village..." was found to be true. We came together and, through each of our shared gifts, achieved vacation perfection.

It's not that different in our life, be it home, school, or work. Even at Saint Olaf the variety of gifts shared in all of our ministries and groups, make this parish the gem in the heart of this city. Each of us has different talents, interests, and passions. Finding opportunities to use those unique gifts is a game changer. We are energized when we do what we do best. Life and all of its busyness just moves along better when your talents are at play.

A music minister not only plays or sings music, their talents support the liturgy and can bring the worship experience to a whole new level. The usher/greeter's welcome can be the spark that invites someone to let this place become their faith home. A Samaritan Minister's selections can literally change the life of the individual. The power of shared prayer can provide essential comfort exactly when and where it is

needed most. You may not be a singer, or shy away greeting the stranger, but you do have gifts to share that are uniquely yours and they will make a difference to someone by your sharing.

Additionally, downtown Minneapolis is returning. We continue to welcome more and more parishioners back from the pandemic, the downtown continues to welcome back office workers, more housing opportunities are sprouting up, sports, entertainment, and conferences are bringing back visitors to our city. All this energy and activity inspires us to **Pray – Serve – Share**. Saint Olaf has abundant opportunities available right here – before, after, or during Mass, each and every day of the week. You can serve 10 minutes at a time or 10 hours a month, based on your schedule, gifts, and your interests. We invite you, our Parishioners, Associate Parishioners, Saint Olaf Friends, and guests to participate in our liturgies, test out one of our groups, join a ministry and help enhance and engage all at Saint Olaf. Visit the **Saint Olaf Ministry Fair after all Masses on the weekend of September 23-24**. Come and see all the ministries and groups of Saint Olaf and discover if there is an opportunity that ignites your passion. Do what you do best and serve the village of the assembled here in the heart of this vibrant city.



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS

September 17, 2023: Sir 27:30-28:7, **Ps 103**, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35
September 24, 2023: Is 55:6-9, **Ps 145**, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20:1-16a

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).

CELEBRATE! SEPTEMBER 16/17

The Saint Olaf Celebration begins this weekend with the celebration of all those who are **0-10 years of age**. We will continue this for the next ten months on the 3rd weekend of the month, with a different decade of age groups (October will be 11-20 years on October 21/22). Stop by the special table in the Forliti Gathering Room to receive a special treat and gift. Let Fr. Kevin know if you are interested in helping us Celebrate!

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 1/2 to 2 hours. We work with students in grades K-8 in reading and math who generally need remedial help. 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.

SERVE WITH THE SAINT OLAF PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir is 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, or see him after Mass.

OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC 2023 - THURS, OCT 5

A night to build community, gather with old friends, meet new friends, and celebrate Saint Olaf Catholic Church in the Heart of the City! This year is an Oktoberfest theme. It will be a night of fun and festivity you won't want to miss. It will be an evening of community building and fundraising to update parish technology and video equipment. The evening begins with a 6:00 pm social hour in Forliti Hall. Dinner and Program from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Fleming Hall. Please register by returning your reply card by September 30, 2023 or register on the Saint Olaf website:

[SaintOlaf.org/OfMinistryAndMusic](https://www.saintolaf.org/OfMinistryAndMusic) Check out the Of Ministry and Music 2023 video on the Saint Olaf website! Unable to attend? Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Saint Olaf Reserve Fund for parish technology and video equipment updates.

NOONTIME ORGAN RECITAL SEPTEMBER 20

At Saint Olaf, we are blessed to have a magnificent 67-rank pipe organ. This instrument is being showcased in a series of recitals on Wednesday afternoons immediately following the Noon Mass. Wednesday Organ Recitals run from September 20 through May 15, and will be approx. 30-40 minutes long. Freewill donation.

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 dgibsondesign@gmail.com.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT 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 16

12:00NOON MASS

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL

4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

CELEBRATE! 0-10 YEARS OF AGE AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

CELEBRATE! 0-10 YEARS OF AGE AFTER ALL MASSES

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00NOON MASS+

12:00NOON AA MEETING - EDU RM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00NOON MASS+

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

5:45 PM YOUNG ADULT GROUP - FLEMING FOYER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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+

12:30 PM ORGAN RECITAL SAMUEL HOLMBERG

6:30 PM PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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 22

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 23

12:00NOON MASS

12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

12:30 PM ROSARY - CHAPEL

4:00 PM VIGIL MASS - MINISTRY FAIR AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

MINISTRY FAIR AFTER ALL MASSES

6:00 AM MASS

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS+

12:00NOON MASS

4:00 PM MASS

SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Backpacks, men's jeans, and men's belts are the primary needs for Samaritan Ministry. We ask that items be new, or clean and in good repair. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Are you in your 20s or 30s and looking to build community? Join us on Tuesdays for a weekly Bible Study and conversation. We meet from 5:45pm - 7pm (come when you can - we don't mind late comers) beginning September 19 in Fleming Foyer.

ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Aug 28 - Sept 3	\$11,475	\$18,612	-\$7,137
YTD through Week #10	\$192,370	\$174,050	\$18,320

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.