



Catholic Church

OCTOBER 8, 2023

THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PREPARING FOR HEAVEN - A STEP AT A TIME

Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

STEP ONE: TAKE A DEEP BREATH IN FAITH

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 4:6-7

"Don't Worry, Be Happy," Bobby McFerrin sang in his catchy acapella tune. Some of us can do just that; stop, take a breath, and shake off the worries and woes, and move forward, keeping anxiety at bay. For many others, a little ditty cannot shake the anxieties of uncompleted tasks, work left undone, or concerns about what tomorrow will bring. Some of us are so wracked with worries that we cannot even consider a peaceful respite in a future tomorrow. Saint Paul encourages you to let the worries go. Paul's letter to the people of Philippi was sent in a spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude, even though he had plenty to worry about as he was imprisoned at the time of the writing and his life was very much in danger. Instead, Paul shared a positive testimonial that the power of prayer and faith in Jesus Christ would bring about peace in one's heart –

and remove the crippling vexation of anxiety.

We cannot do it all, but we can do something. Certainly, we cannot be undone by the boasts of others who claim they achieve more in one morning that we can get done in a hundred mornings. What we can do is step out in faith one foot at a time, knowing that God is with us. Each of us has so many blessings. Be Grateful. We have been uniquely gifted. Share your gifts. There's a lot of pain in this world. Pray. Funny how it seems when you stop to help someone else, you also stop worrying about your own aches, pains, and issues.

STEP TWO: TAKE A STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

I shared in the Fall 2023 Newsletter, (to read, visit SaintOlaf.org/media), about the incredibly thoughtful gift that my mother and father gave us children by having their funeral and estate plans settled and set aside for that future day when they would be needed. It was the best kind of gift – a true hug from heaven.

Perhaps you thought that was a good idea – "That's worth looking into someday." Or you might have said, "Yup,

I need to get that end of life stuff on my "To Do" list." Yet, for some reason, or perhaps no reason at all, it has never made it up to the front burner. No need to keep thinking about it, and letting the uncompleted tasks build your anxiety.

Here is a perfect opportunity to act upon. You are invited to the **Preparing for Heaven Seminar** on Saturday, October 21, 2023, 8:45am – 11:00am in Fleming Hall. Our Pastor, Fr. Kevin Kenney, experts from the Catholic Community Foundation, and parishioner and Attorney, Mary Sherman Hill will provide attendees with information that will help you and your loved ones plan for the future. Topics to be covered include: Our Call as Catholics, Restored to Eternal Life with the Sacraments, Funeral, Burial, Cemetery Planning, Creating a Catholic Estate Plan, Creating a Lasting Legacy through Charitable Giving, and Saint Olaf Endowment Funds - Purpose and Impact.

Register for the FREE **Preparing for Heaven Seminar** today, by filling out a form found in the Acrylic stands at the Church entrances, or clicking on the QR Code to register online:





EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS

October 8, 2023: Is 5:1-7, **Ps 80**, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43

October 15, 2023: Is 25:6-10a, **Ps 23**, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mt 22:1-14

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).

OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC 2023 - GRATITUDE

Thank you to all for the prayers and support for our Of Ministry and Music 2023 event. You can still donate to the Saint Olaf Reserve Fund for this year's goal; technology and video equipment updates in the church and our broadcast ministry. We hope to raise \$80,000 this year. Donate securely via our website, [SaintOlaf.org/OfMinistryAndMusic](https://www.saintolaf.org/OfMinistryAndMusic) or send a check in to Saint Olaf with "Reserve Fund" in the memo section. Thank you for your consideration.

SMALL GROUP LEADER FORMATION BEGINS OCTOBER 3 AND 7

Saint Olaf's Synod Evangelization Team invites YOU to participate in the seven-week series Small Group Leader Formation. Choose Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm or Saturday mornings at 8:30am. The sessions will consist of time for prayer, education on how to run a small group, and heartfelt, Holy Spirit-inspired discussion all in preparation for our Parish-wide Small Groups starting in Lent of 2024. Fill out an interest form found in the Acrylic stands at the Church entrances or contact Michael Griffin, MGriffin@SaintOlaf.org or 612-767-7632 today.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Calling all pets, be they furry, feathered, or scaled – the Saint Francis Blessing of the Animals will occur on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 9:00am in Assisi Park. Bring your pet, either leashed or secured in a container, for a bit of song, prayer, and blessing for our faithful companions. Rain or shine.

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) in Forliti Gathering Room.

CELEBRATE! OCTOBER 14/15

The Saint Olaf Celebration continues next weekend with the celebration of all those who are 11-20 years of age. We will continue this every month on the 3rd weekend of the month, with a different decade of age groups (November will be 21-30 years on November 18/19). 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!

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, OCTOBER 7

- 8:30 AM SYNOD SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING - FLEMING HALL
- 9:00 AM BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - ASSISI PARK
- 10:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER ON SITE - FORLITI GTH RM

12:00NOON MASS

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

4:00 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 6:00 AM MASS
- 8:00 AM MASS
- 10:00 AM MASS+

12:00NOON MASS

4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
- 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
- 12:00NOON MASS+
- 12:00NOON AA MEETING - EDU RM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
- 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
- 12:00NOON MASS+
- 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
- 5:45 PM YOUNG ADULT GROUP - FORLITI GTH RM
- 6:30 PM SYNOD SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING - FLEMING HALL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 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 GTH RM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL
- 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS

12:00NOON MASS+

- 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
- 6:30 PM OCIA MEETING - EDU RM
- 6:45 PM FROM AGE TO AGE REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

7:00 AM MASS - CHAPEL

- 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
- 10:00 AM SAINT OLAF CRAFTWORKS MINISTRY - FORLITI GTH RM

11:00 AM ADORATION

12:00NOON MASS+

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 8:30 AM SYNOD SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING - FLEMING HALL

12:00NOON MASS

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

4:00 PM VIGIL MASS - CELEBRATE 11-20 YEARS OF AGE AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

CELEBRATE 11-20 YEARS OF AGE AFTER ALL MASSES

6:00 AM MASS

8:00 AM MASS

10:00 AM MASS+

12:00NOON MASS

1:15 PM SECULAR FRANCISCANS MEETING - EDU RM

4:00 PM MASS

SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

New men's and women's underwear, 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!

ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Sept 18 - 24	\$13,476	\$36,890	-\$23,414
YTD through Week #13	\$251,251	\$246,840	\$4,411

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.