



Catholic Church

OCTOBER 15, 2023

THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE FEAST IS READY. ARE YOU?

Michael Strande, Director of Liturgy

The invitations have been sent out.
The calls have been made.
All are welcome to the feast!

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the wedding feast.

Twice the usual people you would expect to be invited ignore the invitation. They are told by the king that, "everything is ready." But they refuse to come to the feast expressing how they made themselves ineligible to attend.

The king then makes a radical move. He invites those deemed unworthy by society and the culture to attend the feast. Back then that would have included the outcasts, the tax collectors, and people of despised trades. The servants of the king found the "bad and the good" and invited them all. Sinners too are invited. This has shown that the Church, throughout history, is a mixed body of saints and sinners.

Then the story takes an odd turn. One of the "unworthy" people, (who are worthy to attend the feast), is not wearing the proper clothes for the occasion. The king has them bound and thrown out of the party.

Is Jesus telling us that God is very picky what people wear to the banquet? Is Jesus telling us that God wants only fine clothing to be worn when we gather for

our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist? The short answer is "No".

The ancient Jews viewed what one wears, the outer cloak, to represent the inner spiritual life of the person. Think "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat." When reading Sacred Scriptures, and you come across a story where it is described what a person is wearing, the more ornate or beautiful the cloak does not represent wealth. The cloak represents the inner spiritual life that person has with God.

In the parable the "unworthy" person is not wearing a wedding garment. This means he is not wearing something nice for the occasion. Further, this means the person is not living a lifestyle that transforms his inner spiritual life with God.

What Jesus is telling us is that all are invited to the sacred meal. But, we have to be people who are willing to be transformed inwardly if we are to call ourselves disciples of the Christ. The inward transformation is reflected in how we treat others. This means if we meet someone wearing shabby clothes we are expected to treat them with dignity and honor. We are to invite them to the feast.

This also means that for us to be ready

for the feast it is important that we reflect on how we are doing inwardly and outwardly. Am I cultivating a relationship with God? Do I allow that relationship with God to be reflective by how I live my life? Can people tell that I am a disciple of the Christ by how I live? Am I kind, compassionate, and loving toward others? Do I welcome the stranger? Do I welcome the sinners as well as the saints in my life?

At times the lifestyle of a disciple can be difficult. This is why Jesus ends the parable by saying, "Many are invited, but few are chosen." In my life there have been times when I have not wanted to give someone the kindness and compassion they are worthy of. (All people are worthy to be treated with kindness and compassion). When that happens I ask the Holy Spirit for strength and courage to do what is right and good. What is even better is when I find the strength and courage to help others, who are also invited, to become the chosen.

May we accept the transformation of our own lives to become the real sacramental presence of Jesus during today's Eucharistic Celebration.

Welcome to the Feast!



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS*

October 15, 2023: Is 25:6-10a, **Ps 23**, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mt 22:1-14
October 22, 2023: Is 45:1, 4-6, **Ps 96**, 1 Thes 1:1-5b, Mt 22:15-21

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.

CELEBRATE! THIS WEEKEND, OCTOBER 14/15

The Saint Olaf Celebration continues this weekend with those who are 11-20 years of age. We will continue this every month on the 3rd weekend, with a different decade of age groups (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! as part of the committee.

REMINDER TO REGISTER: PREPARING FOR HEAVEN SEMINAR

Saturday, October 21, 8:45am-11:00am in Fleming Hall

As Catholics, we have the sacred responsibility to prepare for our journey home. During our upcoming seminar co-hosted by the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota, you can ask questions, make plans, and gain peace of mind knowing your final wishes have been considered. Speakers and presentations will focus on the stewardship of life and legacy. Register for free by October 17 by filling out a form in the acrylic stands at the church entrances.

OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC 2023 - GRATITUDE

Thank you to those who were able to attend Of Ministry and Music on October 5, 2023, and for the donations collected so far. May God bless you for your generosity and support of Saint Olaf Catholic Church. If you were unable to attend Of Ministry and Music 2023, and would like to make a donation toward the Reserve Fund to help us reach our goal of raising \$80,000 towards technology and video equipment updates, please donate securely via our website: 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 IS UNDERWAY!

Over 35 parishioners joined Saint Olaf's Synod Evangelization Team to kick off the seven-week Small Group Leader Formation series on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. The sessions consist of time for prayer, formation, and heartfelt, Holy Spirit-inspired discussion all in preparation for our Parish-wide Small Groups starting in Lent of 2024. There is still time to join this effort! Contact Michael Griffin, MGriffin@SaintOlaf.org or 612-767-7632 today.

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 - 7:00pm (come when you can - we don't mind late comers) in Fleming Foyer.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN GROUP INVITES YOU

Are you looking for the Treasure Buried in the Field or for the Pearl of Great Price [Mt 13:44-46]? St. Francis of Assisi found both and gave away everything to purchase them. He will lead you into a Gospel encounter with Jesus Christ. Jesus became his everything! Come & See. The Secular Franciscans meet at Saint Olaf's every 3rd Sunday of the month (October 15, 2023) 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Education Room located in the Lower Level. Deus meus et Omnia!



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 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**
2:00 PM SECULAR FRANCISCANS MEETING - EDU RM
4:00 PM **MASS**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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 GATHERING RM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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 20

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
7:00 AM **MASS - CHAPEL**
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
10:00 AM SAINT OLAF CRAFTWORKS MINISTRY - FORLITI GATHERING RM
11:00 AM ADORATION
12:00NOON **MASS+**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:00 AM **MASS**
8:00 AM **MASS**
10:00 AM **MASS+**
12:00NOON **MASS**
2:30 PM BOOK CLUB - FORLITI GATHERING RM
4:00 PM **MASS**

SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

NEW underwear for men and women, backpacks, tennis shoes, and fall/winter gear 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 25 - Oct 1	\$12,521	\$20,070	-\$7,549
YTD through Week #14	\$263,772	\$266,910	-\$3,138

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf!