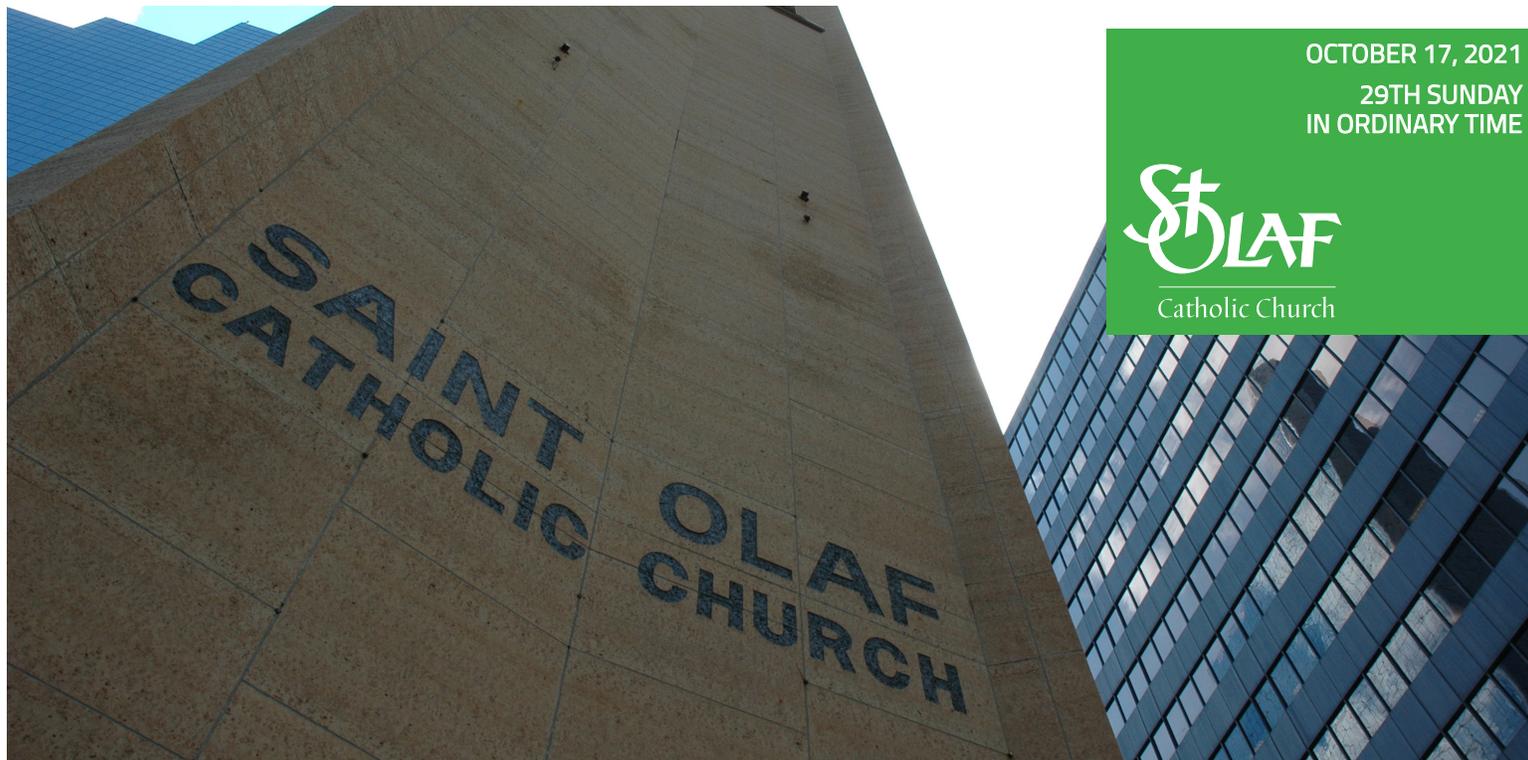


OCTOBER 17, 2021

29TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



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## IT'S ALL A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

By Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

When one of my nephews was a preschooler, he came back from religious education class and announced to his mom, my sister, that they learned about the Resurrection. When she asked him what it was, he responded, "Jesus came out of the cave, good as new"! I loved it then, and I love it still now that he is a pilot and flight instructor in his early 20's. It is all a matter of perspective.

Recently, someone sent me a picture of a baby holding a cell phone in one hand, and with the other hand gesturing as part of the call. The caption read, "So today, at church, a guy in a dress tried to drown me. And, I kid you not, my family just stood there taking pictures!" It is all a matter of perspective.

Many years ago I was taking a class on the Rites, Rituals and Liturgy of the Church. We were asked to engage in an exercise by putting on an anthropologist hat, instead of our "born and bred" Catholic experience. The purpose was to be an objective observer of the worship practices for a time, through the lens of someone who did not know anything about it. It was both fascinating and fun! Some of the shared observations included; "many participants did not join in" (think singing), "observed some falling asleep when the one in robes spoke" (think homily), and finally, "it took 45 minutes before people were greeting

each other with hugs and handshakes (think Sign of Peace). I've been conscious of this ever since I took the class. Once again, it really is a matter of perspective!

Perspective also matters when things are less humorous and more serious. The readings for this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time proclaim powerful images of divine service, often in the face of suffering.

Daily life and media headlines are packed full of examples and descriptions of suffering; people forced from their homeland become migrants in search of hope, Mother Earth cries out for relief from climate change as evidence mounts of suffering and destruction for her inhabitants, abuse from racism, sexism and clericalism, and, sisters and brothers with no place to call home. The vulnerability of Christ on the Cross embraces and holds close the vulnerable listed above. The divine perspective matters!!

When others would prey on the vulnerable, followers of Christ pray in thanksgiving for the grace of mercy and help that comes through Christ. Our being embraced too by the divine perspective calls us to be the presence of Christ to others and attend to their vulnerability.

The gospel tells us that the Zebedee boys, James and John, from their perspective thought the throne was the place to be.

From the perspective of God's grace, mercy and help through Christ, they were instead called to be servants. So are we. It's all a matter of perspective as Christian disciples.

Saint Olaf continues to welcome many visitors, even in these pandemic times, bringing perspectives from all over the world. Joining perspectives together in faith, observer and participant alike will experience vibrant worship in praise and thanks to God, celebrations of the grace of God's mercy and help, determination to build hundreds of units of affordable housing on our campus for suffering neighbors, and clothing, food and hospitality to the vulnerable in our midst.

Jesus, indeed, came out of the cave, good as new. But not before suffering, dying and then rising, still bearing the marks of the cruel, inhumane treatment that put him on the cross. This is the divine perspective He invites us to share in as His followers. It's all a matter of perspective!

**Seasonal Perspective: Help Needed** - Shorter daylight hours and cooler temps signal a change in seasons. Imagine dealing with this without warm clothing? For guests of Samaritan Ministry, no imagination is necessary because it is daily life. You can help by donating new, very gently used, clean hoodies, sweaters, and winter coats for adult men and women. Larger sizes are especially needed. Drop them off whenever you are at Saint Olaf. Thank you!!



## EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS](http://SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS)

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

October 17: Is 53:10-11, Ps 33, Heb 4:14-16, Mk 10: 35-45  
October 24: Jer 31:7-9, Ps 126, Heb 5;1-6, Mk 10: 46-52

### WATCH SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON CABLE TV

Watch our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00am.

### OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC 2021 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

We asked and you stepped up and made it happen! Thank you for your help in meeting the "Challenge" opportunity with your donations to the Saint Olaf Reserve Fund for the repair / replacement of the aging boiler. Donations collected so far total \$48,590.00. Each dollar collected makes a difference. May God bless you for your generosity and support of Saint Olaf Catholic Church. If you were unable to attend Of Ministry and Music 2021, you may view it on the Saint Olaf website. If you would like to donate to Of Ministry and Music towards the Reserve Fund, please visit the Saint Olaf website for more information.

### OUR 2021-2022 ORGAN RECITAL SERIES BEGINS IN OCTOBER!

Recitals will take place at 12:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month, October-May, immediately following the noon Mass. Performers will consist of talented local Twin Cities organists. This year is particularly festive as it marks the 20th anniversary of the installation of the Lively-Fulcher organ. The opening recital on October 20th will be presented by our very own Joel Anderson. Come hear our incredible instrument roar with thunder, whisper gently, and soar melodiously. There is no cost to attend; freewill donation. See our website for more information.

### ARCHBISHOP HEBDA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Join in the Synod meetings and let your voice be heard. Three open invite Synod Sessions are available: Sundays: 9:30am-11:30am, Mondays: 12:30pm-2:30pm, and Thursdays (ONLINE ONLY): 6:30pm-8:30pm. Contact Mary Kennedy, [MKennedy@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:MKennedy@SaintOlaf.org) to register for the Thursday online Zoom gatherings. Sunday and Monday gatherings do NOT require advance registration.

### CATHOLIC TUTOR CORPS

Tutors needed for grades K-8, share your time 2-3 hours/week. More information at [www.catholictutorcorps.com](http://www.catholictutorcorps.com).

**DISCUSSIONS THAT ENCOUNTER** has decided to take a pause after more than 16 years to evaluate the future sustainability of our DTE group. During this time, we are reaching out to you, our faithful DTE community. We're seeking help from individuals with a strong commitment to racial justice, committed to the value of Discussions That Encounter and interested in considering taking on roles that would support the continuation of DTE. To help and/or to learn more please contact the parish office.



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT [SAINTOLAF.ORG](http://SAINTOLAF.ORG)

### WELCOME HOME

Please be attentive to the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home
- Hand sanitizer is available
- **The wearing of masks is encouraged – please observe social distancing**

*Building closes at 3:30pm Monday - Friday until further notice.*

*Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday*

*Chapel is open for prayer from 1-3:30pm.*

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

**12:00 PM** MASS  
**12:30 PM** CONFESSIONS  
**12:30 PM** ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL  
**4:00 PM** MASS

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

**6:00 AM** MASS  
**8:00 AM** MASS  
 9:30 - 11:30 AM SYNOD SESSION - FLEMING HALL  
**10:00 AM** MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)  
**12:00 PM** MASS honoring Fr Ben Oleket (+LIVESTREAMED)  
**4:00 PM** MASS

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

**7:00 AM** MASS  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
**12:00 PM** MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)  
 12:30 - 2:30 PM SYNOD AFTERNOON SESSION - FLEMING HALL

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

**7:00 AM** MASS  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
**12:00 PM** MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)  
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

**7:00 AM** MASS  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
**12:00 PM** MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)  
 12:30 PM ORGAN RECITAL - JOEL ANDERSON

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

**7:00 AM** MASS  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
**12:00 PM** MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)  
 12:30 PM CONFESSIONS  
 6:30 - 8:30PM SYNOD EVENING SESSION - ONLINE

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

**7:00 AM** MASS  
 7:30 AM CONFESSIONS  
 11:00 AM ADORATION  
**12:00 PM** MASS (+LIVE STREAMED)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

**12:00 PM** MASS  
**12:30 PM** CONFESSIONS  
**12:30 PM** ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL  
**4:00 PM** MASS

### ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #14

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Sept 27 - Oct 3	\$17,131	\$13,075	\$4,056
YTD - Week #14	\$261,972	\$234,535	\$27,437

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf