



Catholic Church

OCTOBER 22, 2023  
THE 29TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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Fr. Kevin Kenney  
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Fr. Wehmann



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## ALL THE BETTER TO PRAY, HEAR, AND SEE

Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

*Of Ministry and Music* began for Saint Olaf in 2018. At the time, leadership looked to holding an annual event to assist Saint Olaf in meeting the needs of un-budgeted Capital Needs. The proceeds from the annual event would help us pay for those larger expenditures that were on the "wish list" or were significant unplanned costs to the annual budget. Here is a listing of what we have accomplished:

2018: Completed: Major Update of the Fire Suppression System in the Building

2019: Completed: Steinway B Piano in the Main Church Refurbished

2020: No specific project assigned

2021 and 2022: Fully Funded: Replace/Repair the Building Boiler System

2023: Project: Upgrade the Audio/Visual equipment in the Main Church

As of June 30, 2023, we had \$376,493.35 in the Saint Olaf Reserve Fund. These dedicated funds will only be spent on the projects identified. Preliminary quotes for the 2021/2022 boiler replacement

goal hover in the \$300,000 range, so we are happy to know that when that eventual day comes, we are prepared for this major expenditure.

This year, the focus *Of Ministry and Music* turned to one of Saint Olaf's main charisms: providing excellent and ample opportunities to worship. Since our inception in 1941, Saint Olaf has served parishioners, office workers, and guests in the heart of the city. Today, Mass is offered 17 times a week, Reconciliation eight times/week, Adoration every Friday, and the Chapel is open for private prayer daily. During the pandemic, our livestream and broadcast on MCN CableChannel 6 became Eucharistic lifelines to Catholics locally and even internationally. We continue to livestream six Masses/week along with the two Channel 6 broadcasts.

Being able to hear and see the Mass is essential to full participation in the Eucharistic Celebration. We know that some may be unable to attend regularly, and the Spiritual Eucharist shared over the airwaves brings essential faith and comfort. We also know that to achieve full and active participation in the Eucharist means one needs to be able to see and hear all the parts of the Mass.

Unfortunately, that is not always the case currently, for both those assembled and those praying over the airwaves.

We analyzed our current systems and knew we needed to make some important upgrades. Last spring, the week before Easter, we had a wake-up call when one piece of equipment failed which prevented us from livestreaming the daily Mass for a few days. Although quickly rectified, we knew it was time to move our technology needs to the front burner of the Saint Olaf projects. We are in the process of evaluating our entire Audio/Visual system in the Main Church. Some of the top priorities being examined are: updating our decade-old cameras and equipment, repairing speakers and re-balancing the sound within all areas of the church, so the spoken word and music can be crystal clear, updating our defunct hearing-assisted system that will work with the congregant's smart phones, updates to the projection screen, and improved sound mixer/monitor at the choir area.

Our goal for *Of Ministry and Music* 2023 was to raise \$80,000-knowing that the project may take more than one year to gather the necessary funding. The initial estimates are in the \$175,000 range. As with any of the previous Reserve Fund projects, we will not spend what we have not raised. We will not tap into the \$300,000 set aside for the boiler replacement. We will break the Audio/Visual project into sections that allow us to correct issues and fund phases based on the priorities we have set in place.

We just completed this year's *Of Ministry and Music* event, and have received donations placing us over halfway to this year's goal, but there is still an opportunity for you to assist us in two important ways. Pray for Saint Olaf and our community of faith. We are blessed to be here in the heart of the city providing worship opportunities here and over livestream and broadcast. Give to the Saint Olaf Reserve Fund to help us reach our goal of \$80,000, or perhaps beyond. Send a check to Saint Olaf. Write "Reserve Fund" in the memo section. Or make an online gift through our website, [SaintOlaf.org/OfMinistryandMusic](https://www.saintolaf.org/OfMinistryandMusic). Or use special cards in the acrylic stands at the Church. Thank you for your support.



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

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

October 22, 2023: Is 45:1, 4-6, **Ps 96**, 1 Thes 1:1-5b, Mt 22: 15-21  
October 30, 2023: Ex 22:20-26, **Ps 18**, 1 Thes 1: 5c-10, Mt 22:34-40

### 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).

### REMINDER TO REGISTER: PREPARING FOR HEAVEN SEMINAR

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

Fr. Kevin, Parishioner and Attorney Mary Sherman Hill, and experts from Catholic Community Foundation will be on hand to share best practices and helpful advice to assist you and your loved ones in planning and preparation. Topics include planning funerals, burial, estate planning, legacy gifts, and endowments. Register for free today online, [SaintOlaf.org](https://www.SaintOlaf.org), or fill out a form in the acrylic stands at the church entrances.

### IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for loved ones lost who are associated with Saint Olaf. We will post news of any pending Funeral Masses or Memorial Services when they are scheduled. Check [saintolaf.org](https://www.saintolaf.org) and click on Funerals in the top right corner of any page to see the scheduled funerals.

**David Bruce Anderson, father of Joel Anderson, Director of Music**, died October 7, 2023. Funeral in Canada, date pending.

**Robert Francis Krenik, father of Fr. Michael Krenik**, died October 11, 2023. Visitation October 25, 3:00pm - 7:00pm LeCenter Funeral Home. Funeral October 26, 2023, 11:00am St. Mary's Catholic Church, LeCenter.

### 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 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](mailto:MGriffin@SaintOlaf.org) or 612-767-7632 today.

### FROM AGE TO AGE SINGS AT SUNDAY, 10:00AM MASS, OCTOBER 22

This Sunday, October 22, our choir-in-residence, From Age to Age, will join the Parish Choir at 10:00am Mass. Arrive early to hear a prelude of wonderful sacred choral music beginning around 9:45am.



## 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 21

- 8:30 AM SYNOD TRAINING
- 8:45 AM PREPARING FOR HEAVEN SEMINAR
- 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+ (Choir + FATA)
- 12:00NOON MASS
- 2:30 PM BOOK CLUB - FORLITI GTH RM
- 4:00 PM MASS

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 7:00 AM AA MEETING - EDU RM
- 7:30 AM MASS - CHAPEL
- 7:00 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 26

- 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 27

- 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 28

- 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 29

- 6:00 AM MASS
- 8:00 AM MASS
- 10:00 AM MASS+
- 12:00NOON MASS
- 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
Oct 2 -8	\$18,467	\$15,475	\$2,992
YTD through Week #15	\$282,239	\$282,385	-\$146

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.