

NOVEMBER 12, 2023  
THE 32ND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

**PASTOR**

Fr. Kevin Kenney

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Fr. Wehmann



*Heiligenkreuz Abbey. Jesus washing the feet of St. Peter by Giovanni Giuliani. Austria.*

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## FOOT WASHING ALL YEAR ROUND!

Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

As we wind down the current liturgical year and gear up for the new one with the seasons of Advent/Christmas, it might seem strange to be lifting up the image of “foot washing” from Holy Thursday. In fact, the celebration of the central mysteries of Holy Week helps us deepen the power and love of God through Jesus Christ, and strengthen the practice of our faith throughout the whole year.

Is it any wonder then, that when one year ago Archbishop Hebda shared his pastoral letter, “You Will Be My Witnesses: Gathered and Sent from the Upper Room,” the first of his three central pillars would be the mystery of the washing of the feet? He makes it clear because the Church makes it clear, that the selfless act of service to another of welcome, hospitality, and healing mercy, reflects the example Jesus gave to his immediate followers and therefore to all of us.

The second pillar of the pastoral letter comes from the same setting; the centrality of the celebration of the Eucharist. The washing of the feet and the celebration of the Eucharist are inseparable. It is no accident that the two expressions of mission of Saint Olaf are a vibrant liturgical life, and an equally strong service to those in need

through Samaritan Ministry.

What we celebrate at Mass throughout the year, we put into practice as we go forth, caring for our sisters and brothers. These acts of foot washing dwell in our hearts and remain part of us the next time we are at Mass.

More than 80 years ago Saint Olaf was established and began to both celebrate Mass, and answer the door, and listen to the needs of the people seeking assistance. The need for more Masses grew as did the requests for assistance. More than 50 years ago, Sr. Rosanne Fox, CSJ, better organized the foot washing response and strengthened the community’s ability to carry out the mission. Today’s Samaritan Ministry stands on the strength of this legacy and builds on it in relationship to the strong liturgies and sacramental celebrations.

Year-round foot washing is alive and well at Saint Olaf as we begin Advent/Christmas seasons, celebrating the liturgies, lighting the wreath, and responding to the calls for giving; parish support, Giving Trees, kindness and hospitality with light for the world.

Foot washing as a way of life makes itself known when, after celebrating

Mass, we hear the announcement for Samaritan Ministry needs and offer our support. Sometimes foot washing is not a material thing, but a vocal thing, when we raise our voice in advocacy for policies that would support someone we had coffee with after Mass.

Foot washing with our voice could mean following up with those who won the recent city council election, thanking them for their public service, and reminding them of the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Foot washing in the freezing cold temps of early 2024 can bring our voices as Faithful Citizens to the state legislature. Opportunities to advocate for the affordable housing project on our campus may materialize, as well as the prospect of a constitutional amendment in support of housing.

We might find ourselves challenged by all of this mission activity. The wisdom and strength of God’s grace brings us annually to Holy Week, this next year in the last week of March. As a community we will gather for the Holy Thursday liturgy and hear the scripture stories of the washing of the feet and the Lord’s Supper, with the commands “As I have done for you, so must you do for others;” and “Do this in memory of me.”



## EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

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

November 12: Wis 6:12-16, **Ps 63**, 1 Thes 4:13-18, Mt 25:1-13

November 19: Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 **Ps 128**, 1 Thes 5:1-6, Mt 25: 14-30

### 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://youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live).

### ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL HAS BEGUN

All parish households should have received a packet in the mail containing Saint Olaf's Annual Financial Stewardship Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the Annual Stewardship Renewal 2024 Materials. Thank you for looking over the materials and discerning how you are called to **PRAY ~ SERVE ~ SHARE** as *Stewards in the Heart of the City*.

### CELEBRATE! AFTER ALL MASSES NOV 18/19

Calling all Young Adults, 21-30 years. We Celebrate! you after all the Masses November 18/19. Stop in Forliti Gathering Room after Mass and collect your special treat and a gift just for you!

### ANOINTING MASS AND LUNCHEON - NOV 18

Join us for the Anointing Mass on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 12:00Noon in the Main Church. The Sacrament of Anointing is meant for those dealing with the effects of aging or illness in body, mind, or spirit. It is especially recommended before surgery or if one's condition has worsened since last being anointed. A light luncheon follows the Anointing Mass in Fleming Hall. All are welcome.

### FROM AGE TO AGE / TWO RIVERS CHORALE CONCERT - NOV 19

On Sunday, November 19, at 2:00pm, From Age to Age, in collaboration with the Two Rivers Chorale, will present a free program of music for choir and organ, including the highly acclaimed Duruflé *Requiem*. For more information, visit [FromAgeToAge.org](https://FromAgeToAge.org).

### THANKSGIVING AFTERNOON TEA - NOV 25

On Saturday, November 25th from 1:00pm-3:00pm, you are invited to join us for an afternoon tea to bring us together in gratitude for the community we share. A lite fare, soft music, tea, and good conversation is what brings us together. Stop by anytime between 1:00pm - 3:00pm, and then stay for 4:00pm Mass. There is no cost to attend but we ask that you call and leave your name and the number of people attending with you to allow us to plan for the afternoon. Please do so by Monday, November 20th by calling the parish office.

### YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Young Adult Group continues to meet Tuesdays, 5:45pm - 7:00pm for a weekly Bible Study and conversation in Forliti Gathering Room.

### FREE INTERFAITH LECTURE - NOV 15

All are invited to attend a free lecture from Leora Batnitzky entitled "Jewish Apostate and Catholic Saint: Edith Stein and Jewish-Christian Dialogue" on November 15 from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1200 S Marquette Ave, Minneapolis MN 55403. Visit our website for more information.

### SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

**NEW** underwear for men and women, backpacks, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, boots, and winter coats are the primary needs for Samaritan Ministry. We ask that items be new, or clean and in good repair. Thank you!



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:30am Synod Small Group Leader Training - Fleming Hall

8:30am From Age to Age/ Two Rivers Chorale Rehearsal - Main Church

12:00Noon **Mass**

12:30pm Confessions

12:30pm Rosary - Chapel

4:00pm **Vigil Mass**

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00am **Mass**

8:00am **Mass**

10:00am **Mass+**

10:30am Sacramental Prep - Fleming Hall

12:00Noon **Mass**

1:15pm From Age to Age/ Two Rivers Chorale Rehearsal - Main Church

4:00pm **Mass**

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00am **Mass - Chapel**

7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon **Mass+**

12:00Noon AA Meeting - Education Room

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00am **Mass - Chapel**

7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon **Mass+**

12:30pm Confessions

5:45pm Young Adult Group - Forliti Gathering Room

6:30pm Synod Small Group Leader Training - Fleming Hall

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00am **Mass - Main Church**

7:00am AA Meeting - Education Room

7:30am Confessions

11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting - Education Room

12:00Noon **Mass+**

6:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Women's Bible Study - Forliti Gathering Room

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00am **Mass - Chapel**

7:30am Confessions

12:00Noon **Mass+**

12:30pm Confessions

6:30pm OCIA Meeting - Education Room

6:45pm From Age to Age Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

7:00am **Mass - Chapel**

7:30am Confessions

10:00am Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - Forliti Gathering Room

11:00am Adoration

12:00Noon **Mass+**

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:30am Synod Small Group Leader Training - Fleming Hall

12:00Noon **Mass/Anointing**

12:30pm Confessions

12:30pm Rosary - Chapel

1:00pm Anointing Luncheon - Fleming Hall

4:00pm **Vigil Mass - Celebrate! Young Adults 21-30 years**

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

CELEBRATE! YOUNG ADULTS 21-30 YEARS AFTER ALL MASSES

6:00am **Mass**

8:00am **Mass**

10:00am **Mass+**

12:00Noon **Mass**

1:15pm Secular Franciscans Meeting - Education Room

2:00pm Concert - From Age to Age/Two Rivers Chorale - Main Church - Reception follows in Fleming Hall

4:00pm **Mass**

### 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

### ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Oct 23-29	\$20,804	\$36,520	-\$15,716
YTD through Week #18	\$345,934	\$352,585	-\$6,651

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.