



Catholic Church

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THE SOLEMNITY OF
OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE!

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We enter into the final week of this liturgical year. The Solemnity we celebrate, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, sums up for us the culmination of our journey during these past 52 weeks. We have been blest to journey with and learn from Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. This weekend's gospel is powerful when we reflect in our lives how we have been Christ to another, and how this will be reflected when the Son of Man comes in his glory. We desire the word, we hunger for the Eucharist, we yearn for community as we are infused, fed, and welcomed.

We have been tended by God and God has worked through many in our community to live out the gospel message by welcoming back those who have been scattered, bringing the light to areas of concern in our city and culture, acknowledging the needs of the people, and joining together to learn how we can be witnesses in the world today. We realize even the littlest effort makes a grand difference in the lives of others within our communities. Each of us has been called and as disciples of Jesus Christ, are we living into the fullness of our potential, even if we may not know what that potential could be? As time

ticks on, we have many opportunities to grow, to forgive, to share, and to pray.

We have been challenged by Jesus in Matthew's Gospel and as we face the challenges that come our way in the world, it is the strength that comes through God's grace that allows us to continue to move forward. Some days this feels weighted and other days we humbly walk with the feeling of being loved. We need to forgive the world around us for faults and failings as we grapple with the richness of empathy and love. We can share in others' joy and find peace within ourselves as the world lights up anew, shining a light from above. Our prayer has remembered those who have gone before as we are grateful for the blessings we have inherited and have reaped. In sharing those blessings, we enable the word, the Eucharist and the company of community to shape our worldview, our personal perspectives, and the inherent presence of Jesus in our midst. We celebrate the need to be needed, the hunger to be satisfied, the warmth to be provided, and the longing to be worth the wait.

We will be invited to "Be Watchful" and "Be Alert." As we walk with Jesus

in the year ahead, put on your walking shoes and keep up with Jesus who is always on the move and encourages us to "keep up." We smile and think, "Oh Boy," here we go again. Ponder this week amongst all the ads that pull at us, the carols now a jingle, and the rush to find that perfect gift. The perfect gift is to spend time with Jesus and refuel with family and friends as we digest the turkey, dressing, potatoes and the gravy. Yet don't forget the cranberries that add color and flavor to every plate and sandwich. We all need a little brightness and tartness in our lives.

As we conclude this liturgical year, I thank all who have made our liturgies prayerful through music, serving, reading, and your presence. Whether you are sitting in a pew or in your lounge chair, you are a member of our family and I thank you for your support, your love, and your faithfulness. Please consider how you can be faithful stewards and allow us to continue to seek the lost, satisfy the hungry, the thirsty, the longing, and to keep Jesus in the heart of the city by returning your intention card, stating how you might pray, serve and share. God bless you all!



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY SEMI-BOLD ITALICS

Nov 26: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17, **Ps 23**, 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Mt 25:31-46
Dec 3: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7, **Ps 80**, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37

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).

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*.

IN MEMORIUM

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.

Bob Short, Parishioner, died November 9, 2023. Funeral will be held December 7, 2023, 10:30am at Our Lady of Grace, 5071 Eden Ave, Edina.

Charlie Dahl, Parishioner, died November 18, 2023. Details to come, check our website for funeral details.

THANKSGIVING AFTERNOON TEA - NOV 25

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 reserve the number of people attending with you to allow us to plan for the afternoon.

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!

YOUNG ADULTS - ADVENT DISCUSSION SERIES

The Saint Olaf Young Adult Group continues to meet Tuesday evenings at 5:45 pm in the Forliti Gathering Room for a series of discussions on our Catholic faith. Parishioners and guests in their 20s and 30s are invited. Join our Facebook group for topics and other updates!

NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING IS DEC 3

Saint Olaf Book Club will meet at 2:30pm in Forliti Gathering Room to discuss "Carlo Acutis -a Millennial in Paradise" by Fr. Will Conquer. For Advent the book to read will be "The Magnificat - Advent Companion," but will not be discussed until January.

MESSIAH SING W/ THE MN CHORALE - DEC 3

On December 3, at 6:30pm, the beloved annual tradition of singing Handel's Messiah returns to Saint Olaf. The Minnesota Chorale fills the choir chairs, and is also interspersed in the pews, so you'll be completely enveloped by the music. You may rent a score at the church to sing along, or simply listen. For more information and to pre-register for this free event, visit [MNChorale.org](https://www.MNChorale.org).



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, NOVEMBER 25

- 10:00am Secular Franciscan Board Meeting - Edu Rm
- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
- 1:00pm Celebrate! Thanksgiving Tea - Fleming Hall
- 4:00pm **Vigil Mass**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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- 6:00am **Mass**
- 8:00am **Mass**
- 10:00am **Mass+**
- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 4:00pm **Mass**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:00Noon AA Meeting - Edu Rm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 5:45pm Young Adult Group - Forliti Gathering Rm
- 6:30pm Seasonal Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:00am AA Meeting - Edu Rm
- 7:30am Confessions
- 11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting - Edu Rm
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 6:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study - Forliti Gathering Rm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 6:30pm OCIA Meeting - Edu Rm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - Forliti Gathering Rm
- 11:00am Adoration
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 10:00am Centering Prayer Gathering - Forliti Gathering Rm
- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
- 4:00pm **Vigil Mass**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 6:00am **Mass**
- 8:00am **Mass**
- 10:00am **Mass+**
- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 2:30pm Book Club - Forliti Gathering Rm
- 4:00pm **Mass**
- 6:30pm Messiah Sing with the MN Chorale - Main Church

JOIN THE SEASONAL CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

Come raise your voice in thanks and praise with beloved Christmas music! The Seasonal Choir will sing for 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve, and also for Sunday 4:00pm Mass on Dec 31 and Jan 7. Rehearsals Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm, Nov 28, and Dec 5, 12, and 19. Please contact Joel Anderson, Director of Music, to sign up or for more information: email JAnderson@SaintOlaf.org, or call 612-767-7628.

ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Nov 6 - 12	\$88,102	\$39,475	\$48,627
YTD through Week #20	\$464,780	\$436,753	\$28,027

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.