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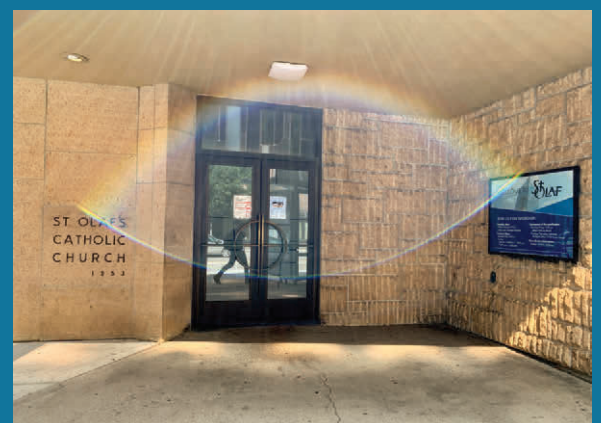
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## THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH WE STAND

by Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor

It was Mother's Day, 2022, when I gifted my Mom with a book entitled, "Your Mother's Story." It is one of those books where the receiver is to fill in answers to many questions and return the book to the giver with a story to cherish. The book remains empty because my Mom never quite understood what she was to do, or she did not want to put her story into writing. My Mom was a storyteller, and she told many good ones. Now that she is gone, I do still wonder about family stories, history, and the foundation upon which she grew, her parents grew, and so on and so forth. The memories I do have are sketched in my heart.

Sometimes we do not realize the rich history of the foundation on which we stand. Our lives carry a generation of names, habits, and customs. Our city stands upon the work of many generations who have built and have strengthened it over the years. Saint Olaf's foundation began back in 1875 when the Church of the First

Redeemer was built, burned down in January of 1888, and was rebuilt in 1889. The Archdiocese purchased the land and building in 1941 and dedicated the Church as Saint Olaf Catholic Church. The legacy of the corner of 2nd Avenue and 8th Street continued when Saint Olaf burned down in 1953, rebuilt, and reopened in 1955. Rising from the ashes again, the corner of 2nd Avenue and 8th Street remains a beacon of faith, a refuge of peace, and holds a spirit of love and hope. Our story is shared with memories and is lived as we realize the great gift Saint Olaf is to so many. The stories abound from those who experienced Saint Olaf at one time or another. Saint Olaf, now in the shadow of the many stately buildings, once only in the shadow of the Foshay Tower, still boldly resounds with the ringing of our bells and stands proudly as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city.

Many changes have happened in

downtown Minneapolis over the years. The once quiet, beautiful downtown grew as the city of Minneapolis grew. It became a shopping destination, then businesses moved in and built buildings. Now more residential buildings are arising as businesses are making transitions into another style of working. Over the four years I have been at Saint Olaf, there have been vast changes to the downtown culture and we wonder where it will go from here. In Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, we read,

*"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens... God has made everything appropriate to its time, but has put the timeless into their hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done... What now is has already been; what is to be already is: God retrieves what has gone by."*

At a gathering Downtown the other

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# SAINT OLAF IS HERE

by Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor

day, it was said that what we believe may be new has probably been tried before. It may not have succeeded before but learning from what occurred, improvements may be adapted. So it is with our walk with faith. We see at Saint Olaf the beauty of stories. We listen, we learn, and we retell. Our mission is to be present. The foundation stands firm on what the Gospel proclaims on Trinity Sunday, *"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."* (John 3:16-17) As we move from the Easter Season to Ordinary Time, from a long drawn out winter and a wet spring to hopefully a beautiful, flourishing summer, may we continue to share in the story of Jesus' love for us and know we are "Loved and Forgiven"! What is written is written, but what lives in our hearts is priceless.



During my first stint at Saint Olaf, 1994-1998, having been newly ordained, I had the learning opportunity to minister in many aspects of parish life. The curve was steep as I humbly learned to set aside my expectations and walk the journey of the faithful who had built the community upon the foundation of the Gospel and the traditions of the time. Having served in many different capacities during my young adult years and seminary training, I knew that we were not a "cookie-cutter" Church but the Holy Spirit moves through tradition, culture, and life experiences. Arriving at Saint Olaf, Fr. Forliti was in his second year of "Pastorship" after inheriting a well-oiled machine orchestrated by Msgr. Fleming. I was honored and humbled to serve under the legacy and leadership of two fine priests. I learned and grew and still learn and grow today standing firm on the foundation of my first years of priesthood provided to me at Saint Olaf.

One of my "cares" at Saint Olaf was to work with the Young Adults. We had a thriving Young Adult program and it was an enjoyable and energetic group to work with as we gathered for spiritual, outreach, and social events. During the four years working with the Young Adults, I built strong friendships. Besides our Young Adult meetings, many of us would meet on Thursday nights and call our gatherings a "Support Group" as we would gather to chat about the week and evangelize at a local gathering place. We encountered other Young Adults who may not have known what they were looking

for, but we introduced them to Saint Olaf and invited them to come and get to know us. Still today there is a small group of us who gather to support one another. For 28 years we have done so, single, married, and now the youngest of four children of some support group members will be graduating from High School! Where did the time go? How fortunate we have been.

Looking around on Sundays at the community gathering at Saint Olaf, I smile when I see many new families with the faces I saw twenty-nine years ago. Hearing the sound of a baby or a child in church makes me giggle inside as I remember the days of Msgr. Fleming and his announcement about children. The life of the Church is renewed in all. We are all the Church of today, some will soon be the Church of yesterday and others will be leaders in the Church of tomorrow. We celebrate who we are and we thank God for the young smiles, giggles, energy, and cries. Sure, we might shake our heads when we are disturbed in prayer but then we remember, "Jesus welcomed the little children." Take time to thank a teenager for joining us in our celebration.

Seeing many young adults attending Mass reminds me of the increasing number of young adults living downtown. What type of evangelization or outreach is appropriate in this day to reach the young adults with an invitation to "Come and see"? There is hunger, loneliness, and wanting in many of the apartment complexes downtown. A personal invitation is



# WITH YOU AND FOR YOU

at the heart of community, inviting others to join us in what you have found at Saint Olaf.

We do not want to forget the many who have spent years attending Saint Olaf or who may have simply stumbled upon us through this newsletter or other avenues who are alone, homebound, or simply would like a spiritual visit. We would love to reach out to you, if you reach out to us. Our Pastoral Ministry team visits, brings communion, and would check in with you on a regular basis. You are important and special to us. Give us a call!

As we move into the summer months, know you are loved and forgiven, our Easter message. Spread the love and forgiveness as you have been blessed. Make Jesus known and loved by your words and actions and thank you for your love and support of Saint Olaf Catholic Church, a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city.







## THE LENS OF FAITH FOR MISSION

by Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

I had just turned 30 years old when I got glasses for the first time. I was not resisting up to that point, I just didn't need them. All of a sudden, I began to notice that when I was driving at night, it was more difficult to read road and street signs. Then, graphics on TV and movie screens were increasingly more of a challenge as well. Thankfully, my friend Sally worked in an eye clinic and connected me with a great doctor.

After nearly 35 years together he helped me hum the song, "I can see clearly, now" after each assessment and adjustment to my prescription. I now enjoy trifocal lens to capture all angles and distances. Getting regular care and making the necessary adjustments strengthens my quality of life and makes the path ahead as clear as possible. And I am especially grateful to have such care.

Having the right lens of faith is a

common expression to describe our journey as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures provide many stories relative to sight/seeing. In this Easter season that we just finished we had the familiar story of the road to Emmaus. The text tells us that their "eyes were prevented from recognizing Jesus" who walked with them. During Lent we heard the story of the man born blind. Jesus spat on the ground and made a paste that he smeared on the man's eyes. After washing it off, he was able to see. The text continues with the tension of those who would question how this happened since their conviction was that someone had sinned resulting in the blindness. Their own blindness kept them from seeing the glory of God in their midst!

In both of these stories Jesus is the lens to bring a clear vision. With Emmaus he breaks open the Word

and breaks the bread at table, and not only do their eyes recognize him, but their hearts were burning and they set out at once to tell others. The lens Jesus provided in the other story not only frees the man born blind, but also frees him from the life of judgment he had been subjected to by others.

These and other images of the Paschal season; the 40 days of Lent, Holy Week, and the great 50 days of Easter, have fitted us all with a renewed lens of new life in Christ! Now in this post-Pentecost summer season (wearing sunglasses!), we are called to go forth with our own hearts burning to free others in the example of Christ.

There are important tools to help bring greater clarity to the lens of faith; the nourishment of God's Word, the nourishment of gathering around the table to celebrate the



Eucharist, and the nourishment that comes from community as together we build and become the Body of Christ.

Taken together, this nourishment helps us see and recognize Christ in our midst through the lens of faith. Whether it is someone who lives or works in a downtown high rise, or someone who slept under a bridge last night, all possess a sacred dignity and therefore are worthy of response. In doing so we carry out the parish mission of *“serving as a living sign of Christ’s saving presence in the heart of the city.”*



## SAINT OLAF YOUNG ADULTS

by Adam Goedken and Mikaela Thiel, Parishioners

We first attended Mass at Saint Olaf because it was within walking distance of work and home. We kept coming back because we were drawn to the church’s beautiful music, engaging worship, and service-focused mission. It is easy to sense the strong community here on Sundays, and it’s infectious. We wanted to get more connected, meet some of our peers, and grow our faith. Saint Olaf Young Adults was a way for us to link in more meaningfully to this community in the heart of the city.

This past Lent, the Young Adult group launched for those in their 20s and 30s. We met weekly for adoration in the chapel followed by soup and discussion of the day’s readings in the Forliti Gathering Room. On these dusky, cold, late-winter evenings, after busy days at work...we came to the church. We took a breath, spent some time in prayer, sipped a steaming bowl of soup by the fire, and enjoyed a meaningful discussion with new friends.

If you hang around after weekend Mass for coffee and donuts, you may hear some longtime Saint Olaf parishioners reminiscing about the young adult group that used to be active here years ago. They’ve passed along their tradition of social events, service activities, prayer, and discussion to today’s young adults, who are ready to get involved. The new group launched and continues through the support of Fr. Kevin Kenney and Fr. Wehmann, Vicki Costello, Mary Kennedy, and Br. Ariel Acompañado—as well as Saint Olaf’s receptionist/security, maintenance, and kitchen staff. It has been an opportunity to get to know not just other young adults in the parish, but also the whole Saint Olaf community.

We are meeting through the month of June for a once-weekly study of Genesis. Join us on Tuesdays from 5:45 - 7:00 (come when you can—we don’t mind late-comers). We’ll also be finding times to get together to enjoy some rooftop patios and summer events around the Twin Cities. We hope to see you there!

## SACRAMENTS AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Michael Griffin

Director of Social Ministry

The unique makeup of Saint Olaf parish households means we do not have a huge number of families with children. But what we lack in numbers, we more than make up for in faith and a desire for children of all ages to learn, grow and participate in parish life. Now is the time to let us know if you and your family would like to participate so plans can be made for the fall. If you have children you would like to have join us, or are of an age to prepare for a sacrament (grade two and older for Reconciliation and Eucharist, high school for Confirmation), please call the parish office or email [MGriffin@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:MGriffin@SaintOlaf.org) for more information.



## WHAT TIME IS IT FOR YOU?

by Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

*"Summertime, and the livin' is easy"* as the George Gershwin song goes, and welcome to Minnesota's version of summer, which this year, feels as if it was three beautiful days squeezed in between Winter I and Winter II, just before Road Construction: Farewell to Potholes, Fall, and inevitably, Welcome Back Winter. As short as our summer may be, the proverbial "They" say we should spend every minute we can resting, relaxing, and taking it as easy as possible. Great thing to do, if you are one who can, but not everyone has an easy-living life. Perhaps one needs to schedule the down time? I reflect on my pots of spring bulbs that were in the garage, out of the garage repeatedly this (wintry) spring.

Upon even further reflection, there's that Robert Burns directive about the "best laid plans of mice and men often go awry" and also the Yiddish proverb, "Man plans and God laughs." Turning to the Bible for advice, there is the quote from Proverbs 16:9, *"The human heart plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps."* Hope surges forward that there is a heavenly hand at work when we include God in our plans. Not all of us like

to plan ahead, some preferring to take life as it comes, hoping for the best. Others of us might find it very difficult to **not** have any plans in our days, weeks, or months ahead. What about an alternate option, or our very own Plan B, from a Stewards' perspective? Just as with our unique life path that we are on, each of us needs to look through our toolbox of our God-given individual strengths and gifts and choose how we make our way forward as best we can with all we do. God calls us as disciples to live our best life by being present to those we encounter, sharing our unique gifts along the way.

Consider that God calls us to delight in the beauty of nature. The heavens share glorious mysteries when we witness a cloudless night filled with stars, a dusky field of twinkling fireflies, or a sweet summer breeze. Who can refuse the hammock calling us to enjoy pages from a good book or a delicious summer nap? What about those who have no place to lay their heads – how can we enjoy the nap AND serve others? Perhaps it is shedding your linen closet of those extra blankets and sharing them with Samaritan Ministry.

What kind of summer restful trip will it be if your road warrior driving style cuts in front of someone else's lane? Slow it down, and use the time to pray for those with whom you share the roadways. Instead of fishing for compliments and concentrating on the big catch, wouldn't it be better to experience the ripple effect made by your intentional acts of kindness - casting a life line to help another? In lieu of creating fireworks with your temper, how about sharing the "Oohs and Aahs" of intentional gifts created by you from your kitchen, your garden, or from treasured moments of shared family time with your positive interaction? It may rain at the parade, but do you need to rain down upon your coworkers or family with your bossy attitude and demands? Perhaps you can bring the rainbow of apologies for your thunderclouds of emotions and share genuine peace. There may be some ants at your picnic, but you have a picnic, what can you do for those who go hungry today?

Find the way to enjoy your Summer and live your faith out loud using your gifts as an Intentional Disciple.





E. Kondratowicz-Pawłowska

## MUSIC FOR OUR PATRON

by Joel Anderson, Director of Music

On the weekend of July 29/30, we will celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint Olaf. Saint Olaf's feast day is on July 29 in Norway, and our celebration here at Saint Olaf in Minneapolis is on the last Sunday in July. Often falling on or around the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the scriptures for the Sunday are read,

along with particular prayers and special music devoted to Saint Olaf.

Norway, known for its stunning fjords and mountainous landscapes, is also quite sparsely populated outside of the major cities, coastlines, and central valley. Up until quite recently in history, Norway had not been a

particularly affluent country. Perhaps due to the smaller population and relative obscurity, and the occasional mistaken perception that Saint Olaf is primarily a Lutheran saint due to Norway's path during the Reformation, or for any other number of reasons, there is not a large assortment of music in the English language written specifically for Saint Olaf. As a result, much of the music we sing for our patron's feast day has been composed either by Lynn Trapp, former director of music here at Saint Olaf Church, or by myself.

One piece of music that we sing on Saint Olaf Day, in one form or another, is the *Te Deum*. Whether in the form of a hymn paraphrase, a contemporary setting with refrain and response, or one based on the ancient chant melody itself, the *Te Deum* is suitable to incorporate into this special Solemnity. (*To learn more about the Te Deum see accompanying article*).

As Saint Olaf was king of Norway, we also sprinkle in some Scandinavian languages into the music on Saint Olaf Day. This usually comes in the form of modern Norwegian bokmål, but also sometimes Swedish, Danish, or even Icelandic, as well. Back in Olaf's time on this earth, Old Norse was still being spoken and had not yet evolved into these separate modern languages. Even today there is a high degree of mutual intelligibility between the Scandinavian tongues descended from Old Norse, despite differences in pronunciation, spelling, and vocabulary; so even if you aren't completely sure how to pronounce it, do sing along heartily! Fortunately, due to the marvels of modern technology and ease of communication, the limited Swedish

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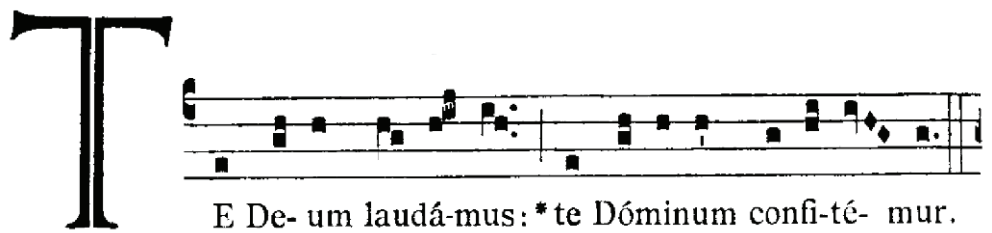
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fluency of the director of music can be augmented to ensure that whichever Nordic language we will be singing in is genuine and pronounced correctly by the cantor or choir. Between consulting with native speakers, liturgical texts, and in some cases even getting permission from the *Norske Bibelselskap* to use official modern translations, you may rest assured that the multilingual settings we use are authentic.



In the summer of 2020, our choir made a virtual video of a newly composed hymn in honor of Saint Olaf. You may watch it here: [youtu.be/KsIBwYBsIFI](https://youtu.be/KsIBwYBsIFI) or find it in the "Special Programs" playlist on Saint Olaf's YouTube channel.

The Latin title, *Rex Perpetuus Norvegiæ*, "Eternal King of Norway," has been ascribed to Saint Olaf since the 12th Century.



## LEARN MORE ABOUT *TE DEUM*

by Joel Anderson, Director of Music

The *Te Deum* is an ancient hymn of thanksgiving dating back to the 4th Century AD, or earlier. Authorship is unknown, although it has been traditionally ascribed to Saint Ambrose or Saint Augustine. Appropriate for high feast days and special celebrations, it has been a part of the Liturgy of the Hours, or divine office, for centuries. The *Te Deum* is also sung in Lutheran and Anglican churches. It is also traditional to sing or recite the hymn on New Year's Eve to offer thanks for blessings received throughout the previous year. **The Manual of Indulgences, published by the USCCB, states, "a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful...at the recitation or the solemn singing of...the *Te Deum*, on the final day of the year, to offer thanks to God for gifts received throughout the course of the entire year."**

Many musical settings of the *Te Deum* have been written by composers throughout the ages, both for liturgical and concert use. Among others, large-scale choral and orchestral settings have been composed by Franz Joseph Haydn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, George Frideric Handel, Hector Berlioz, Arvo Pärt, and Zoltán Kodály; as well as other settings by the likes of Felix Mendelssohn, William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, John Rutter, Giacomo Puccini, Giuseppe Verdi, and Charles Villiers Stanford - everything from smooth

Renaissance polyphony to dramatic Italianate opera. Perhaps the most well-known hymn that paraphrases part of the *Te Deum*, for American Catholics, is "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," found in our hymnal at #524. The *Te Deum* has received especially colorful treatment and history in France. The prelude to the setting by Marc-Antoine Charpentier contains one of the most well-known melodies in all of "classical" music. Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer for the court of Louis XIV, received a fatal injury while conducting his own *Te Deum* setting during a performance celebrating the king's recovery from surgery.\* French organists, especially in the 20th Century, have composed elaborate organ works based on the traditional chant melody which continue to be popular today; many of these settings demonstrate both a pinnacle of performance technique and dexterity, as well as faith and spirituality.

*\*In Lully's era, conductors kept time by pounding a staff on the floor. During the performance, Lully struck his foot, causing a wound that became infected. As he was also a dancer, he refused to have his leg amputated; eventually gangrene spread throughout his body, causing his death. He was buried in the church of Notre-Dame-des-Victoires in Paris; although the tomb was destroyed during the Paris Commune in 1871, the cenotaph is still visible today with its marble bust.*



## Latin text

*Te Deum laudámus: te Dominum confitémur.  
Te aetérnum Patrem omnis terra venerátur.  
Tibi omnes Angeli; tibi caeli et univérsae potestátes.  
Tibi Chérubim et Séraphim incessábili voce proclámant:  
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra majestátis glóriæ tuæ.  
Te gloriósus Apostolórum chorus;  
Te Prophetárum laudábilis númerus;  
Te Mártyrum candidátus laudat exércitus.  
Te per orbem terrárum sancta confitétur Ecclésia:  
Patrem imménsæ majestátis;  
Venerándum tuum verum et únicum Fílium;  
Sanctum quoque Paráclitum Spíritum.  
Tu Rex glóriæ, Christe.  
Tu Patris sempitérnus es Fílius.  
Tu ad liberándum susceptúrus hóminem, non horruísti  
Víriginis úterum.  
Tu, devícto mortis acúleo,  
aperuísti credéntibus regna cælórum.  
Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, in glória Patris.  
Judex créderis esse ventúrus.  
Te ergo quæsumus, tuis fámulis súbveni,  
quos pretióso sáanguine redemísti.  
Ætérna fac cum sanctis tuis in glória numerári.*

*[added later, mainly from Psalm verses:]*  
*Salvum fac pópulum tuum, Dómine,  
et bénedic hæreditáti tuæ.  
Et regé eos, et extólle illos usque in aetérnum.  
Per síngulos dies benedícimus te.  
Et laudámus nomen tuum in sǣculum, et in sǣculum  
sǣculi.  
Dignáre, Dómine, die isto sine peccáto nos custodíre.  
Miserére nostri, Dómine, miserére nostri.  
Fiat misericórdia tua, Dómine, super nos,  
quemádmódum sperávimus in te.  
In te, Dómine, sperávi: non confúndar in aetérnum.*

## Translation from the Book of Common Prayer

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honourable, true and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

*[added later, mainly from Psalm verses:]*  
O Lord, save thy people  
and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us  
as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted let me never be confounded.



## HE'S BEEN EVERYWHERE – WE WELCOME BYRON TO SAINT OLAF

by Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

*I've been everywhere, man  
Crossed the deserts bare, man  
I've breathed the mountain air, man  
Of travel I've had my share, man  
I've been everywhere  
I've been to Reno, Chicago, Fargo, Minnesota  
Buffalo, Toronto, Winslow, Sarasota...  
- Johnny Cash*

Truth be told, our new employee at Reception, Byron Bondurant, may not have traveled to ALL of the locations listed in the country song, but he has been to many of them – from his start in Chicago to Minneapolis, Denver, Seattle, New York City, Atlanta, and back to Minneapolis – finally landing here, at Saint Olaf's doorstep.

We are pleased to introduce you to Byron who serves at Front Reception on the weekends and a few afternoons/evenings during the week. Byron has garnered plenty of experience in providing welcoming hospitality over the years and is eager to greet you when you visit Saint Olaf.

Since Byron got his start in Chicago, it was only logical that I ask the two most important questions, "Favorite Pizza" and "Which Football team he roots for." Lou Malnati's deep dish was his instantaneous first response (good choice). I had hopes when he said he wasn't a Bears fan after all the moves, but they were dashed to find out it was not the Vikings. I will leave it to you to find out his answer and encourage you to help sway him to the home team's side.

Byron spent his formative years in Chicago, and developed his love of the arts including his tenor voice. Byron's singing garnered him a place in the All City Choir in 8th grade, the Luther South Acapella Choir in high school, and culminated in his solo, "Cara e dolce" at the Illinois State Vocal Competition, at which he was awarded first place. Although he has now retired the singing pipes, he might be persuaded to share a phrase or two from the Italian aria.

Byron originally moved to Minneapolis to assist his older cousin who needed family help as she cared for her ill husband and their six teenaged sons. Perhaps this is where Byron honed his valuable strengths in adaptability – a talent he will be able to put to good use in welcoming all who come through Saint Olaf's doors.

Welcome to Saint Olaf Byron, we are glad to have you here!





## SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEWS

by Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

As this edition of the parish newsletter arrives in your home, Samaritan Ministry will be expanding in-person hospitality in the Forliti Gathering Room (FGR). Thanks to incredible support from across the parish, Samaritan Ministry never closed its doors during the pandemic. While some adjustments were made to provide social distancing protection for guests and staff, we were open every day, even when we were not open for Mass (except online).

Food, clothing and respite from the weather elements (both heat and frigid cold) stayed in place. Now, FGR will be open much like it is on Sundays after Masses. Expanded food opportunities will be available and more space for guests to visit, relax and rest from the burdens of life on the streets will be possible. With this resumption, we will also look for additional ways to meet the needs of guests and acknowledge their God-given dignity.

If you are interested in being part of this effort, please call the parish office or email [MGriffin@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:MGriffin@SaintOlaf.org).

In Christ, we are many parts, but all one Body. Thankfully, there are so

many parts of the Body of Christ committed to helping God's people in need. We give thanks for the following groups who have provided particular support for Samaritan Ministry.

The **School Sisters of Notre Dame** arrived in Mankato in the 1860's and proceeded to serve the wider community of people and parishes in a great variety of ways. Many readers will have a special memory or two of sisters with the SSND behind their name. As the demographics of religious life change with the passage of time, the sisters are making changes to care for their community going forward.

Accordingly, they are closing the Motherhouse in Mankato and moving fully retired sisters to a new residence in the Shakopee area. Some sisters still active in ministry will remain in Mankato. The sisters sought an outlet for the many blankets, sheets and pillows no longer needed at the motherhouse. Through a connection with a Saint Olaf parishioner, the sisters were very happy to donate these needed items to Samaritan Ministry. You may not be closing down a Motherhouse, but you too can follow the sister's example and donate bedding,

towels and other household goods to Samaritan Ministry.

A faithful group of former members of the **League of Catholic Women** conduct a drive for needed goods for Samaritan Ministry each quarter. The League transitioned from a membership organization to a grant maker working to empower women to fulfill their potential. We are grateful for the legacy of the long relationship between the League and Saint Olaf.

Students from **De LaSalle High School** were at Saint Olaf in a couple of capacities recently. During Lent, each grade of students came to the parish for an opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation, while also helping with a service project in support of Samaritan Ministry by sorting clothing and packaging snacks. Then, during Holy Week, another group of students on retreat came and made sandwiches as part of their service learning for the day. Our very own pastor is a De LaSalle alum and currently serves as chaplain at the school.

Participants from the **Women with Spirit Bible Study** at Pax Christi Catholic Community in Eden Prairie provided clothing and household goods along with over \$700 financial support for Samaritan Ministry. This was the first year their bible study was meeting back in person since the start of the pandemic. Before that, they were regular supporters of our parish ministry. We are grateful for the way they put God's Word into service!

**PennyWise Ministry** is an outreach ministry associated with **Our Lady of the Lake** in Mound. They have been providing items from the Samaritan Ministry wish list as part of a west metro effort to help us help our guests here in the heart of the city.



# SAINT OLAF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

by Mike Burakowski, Trustee and Parishioner

Saint Olaf will once again partner with Habitat for Humanity on a Brush with Kindness Project in Saint Paul on June 15 & 16. No construction experience is needed as this project is focused on scraping, painting, and minor repairs! Up to 10 volunteers are needed each day from 8:30am-4:00pm and you are welcome to volunteer for one or both days. More information and the volunteer sign up can be found on the Saint Olaf landing page at [stolafcatholicchurch.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com](http://stolafcatholicchurch.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com).

All volunteers must be signed up in advance to be admitted to the work site. If you are unable to volunteer but would like to support the Saint Olaf team on this project, consider donating to the parish and writing "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo line. We look forward to working with you on this project as we continue to serve as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city!



# SAINT OLAF NIGHT AT THE TWINS MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

by Patrick Borzi  
Parishioner and Parish Advisory Board Member

Come and enjoy a Saint Olaf and Twins night out on Monday, July 24, 2023, 6:40pm, as the Twins take on the Seattle Mariners! Tickets will be \$25 per person and include a pre-game hot dog meal at Saint Olaf and a charter bus ride to and from the game. The Saint Olaf Choir have once again been invited to sing the National Anthem – if you want to join the choir, contact Joel Anderson for details. Fill out the registration and return to the parish office with payment by June 30.

## SAINT OLAF NIGHT AT THE TWINS

# of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25 each

*Cash or checks made out to Saint Olaf Church*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to sit by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to Saint Olaf, drop in the collection basket, or turn in to Forliti Foyer  
Reception by June 30. Payment MUST be included with this form.*





# Celebrate Oktoberfest!

## SAVE THE DATE

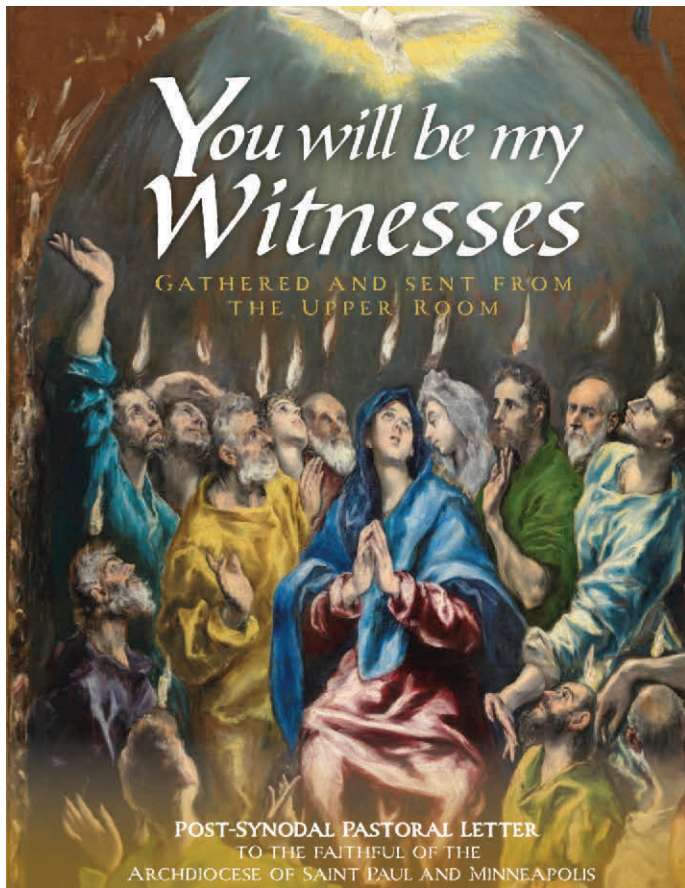
## OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC 2023 IS OCTOBER 5

by Patrick Borzi, Parishioner and Parish Advisory Board Member

If you were among the 110 people who attended last year's annual Of Ministry and Music event, we don't have to tell you it was a blast. A night of dance, fun, and festivity — who knew Fr. Kenney was so light on his feet? — raised more than \$180,000 toward repairing and eventually replacing the parish's aging boiler system.

The Of Ministry and Music committee is already well along planning this fall's event with an Oktoberfest theme — more on that to come. For now, we're asking you simply to Save The Date: Thursday night, October 5. This time, proceeds will go toward technology and video improvements for our Sunday Mass broadcasts and live stream.

Watch the bulletin or the Saint Olaf parish website, [saintolaf.org](http://saintolaf.org), in the coming months for more details. We promise it'll be a great night!



# PARISH SYNOD EVANGELIZATION TEAM IS ROLLING!

by Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

Saint Olaf pastor, Fr. Kevin Kenney convened a group of parishioners and staff to form a parish Synod Evangelization Team (SET) to support the efforts to strengthen the mission of the parish and help implement the pastoral letter, "You Will Be My Witnesses" written by Archbishop Hebda. The letter articulates the vision of the Archdiocese based on a series of listening sessions. A copy may be found at [archspm.org](http://archspm.org).

The SET participated in a seven-week School of Discipleship at one of 15 satellite locations gathering over 1,800 people from throughout the 12-county Archdiocese. Through the summer months, planning will take place to help form leadership for small group ministries later in the coming year. With a strong legacy of worship and service here in the heart of the city, the team is looking forward to next steps. Watch for more details and opportunities to participate later this summer.

## PARISHIONER NEWS

### BAPTISMS

Uzoamaka Phillip Aguh Stuckmayer  
 . . . . . February 19, 2023

Sean Arias Vang. . . . . May 4, 2023

Nova Luna Aguila . . . . . May 6, 2023

Alejandro Joao Lala. . . . . May 20, 2023

Amiyah Hare. . . . . May 21, 2023

Talaya Johnson-Hare. . . . . May 21, 2023

Neveah Johnson-Hare. . . . . May 21, 2023

### FUNERALS

Muriel Bochnak . . . . . Died February 23, 2023  
 Funeral March 7, 2023 at Saint Charles Borromeo

William "Bill" Keatts . . . . . Died March 3, 2023  
 Funeral March 9, 2023

Robert "Bob" Murphy . . . . . Died March 17, 2023  
 Funeral March 23, 2023

Bettie Louise Hampton . . . . . Died February 25, 2023  
 Funeral March 25, 2023

Imogene Lenneman . . . . . Died March 16, 2023  
 Funeral April 15, 2023

Tim Powers . . . . . Died March 14, 2023  
 Funeral April 29, 2023

Amara Strande . . . . . Died April 14, 2023  
 Funeral April 28, 2023 at Guardian Angels

Fr. Eugene "Gene" Tiffany, former pastor of Saint Olaf  
 . . . . . Died April 27, 2023.  
 Funeral May 9 at the Basilica of Saint Mary

### PROFESSION OF FAITH & FIRST EUCHARIST APRIL 8, 2023

Phillip Dunkley

### CONFIRMATION APRIL 8, 2023

Frances Traphagan

Phillip Dunkley





# SAINT OLAF/AEON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

by Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

This spring Saint Olaf and Aeon, our partner in the development of affordable housing on our downtown campus, made an adjustment in the development timeline. With an eventual goal of providing 500+ units of housing in a rehabbed Exodus building and two housing towers, one above our parking lot and one adjacent to the Exodus/park, phase I was planned to include the Exodus and the parking lot tower.

Because of funding shifts and changes in the housing market downtown, it was decided to uncouple the two structures. Phase I will now only include the rehab of the Exodus building to create 66 efficiency apartments with individual baths and kitchens, along with community spaces for residents and support services. The tower structures will now be part of subsequent phases with new timelines established when funding is firm and market conditions are more settled.

The Saint Olaf/Aeon partnership is resolved to see the development goals through to the full vision of the project, even as the path experiences twists and turns. Stay tuned to these pages and the parish website for the latest information.



# FACES OF SAINT OLAF

After the years of social distancing, we love seeing your faces here at Saint Olaf!







# SAINT OLAF CATHOLIC CHURCH

## STAFF DIRECTORY

### PASTORAL TEAM

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Michael Strande  
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### FACILITIES

Jake Rea, Maintenance/Security  
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Bulmaro Garcia, Maintenance

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

7:00AM Mass is held in the Saints John and Paul Chapel

12:00Noon Mass is held in the Main Church

### MONDAY

7:00AM ..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

12:00PM ..... MASS\*

### TUESDAY

7:00AM ..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

12:00PM ..... MASS\*/CONFESSIONS

### WEDNESDAY

7:00AM ..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

12:00PM ..... MASS\*

### THURSDAY

7:00AM ..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

12:00PM ..... MASS\*/CONFESSIONS

### FRIDAY

7:00AM ..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

11:00AM ..... ADORATION - MAIN CHURCH

12:00PM ..... MASS\*

### SATURDAY

12:00PM ..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

12:30PM ..... ROSARY - CHAPEL

4:00PM ..... VIGIL MASS

### SUNDAY

6:00AM ..... MASS

8:00AM ..... MASS

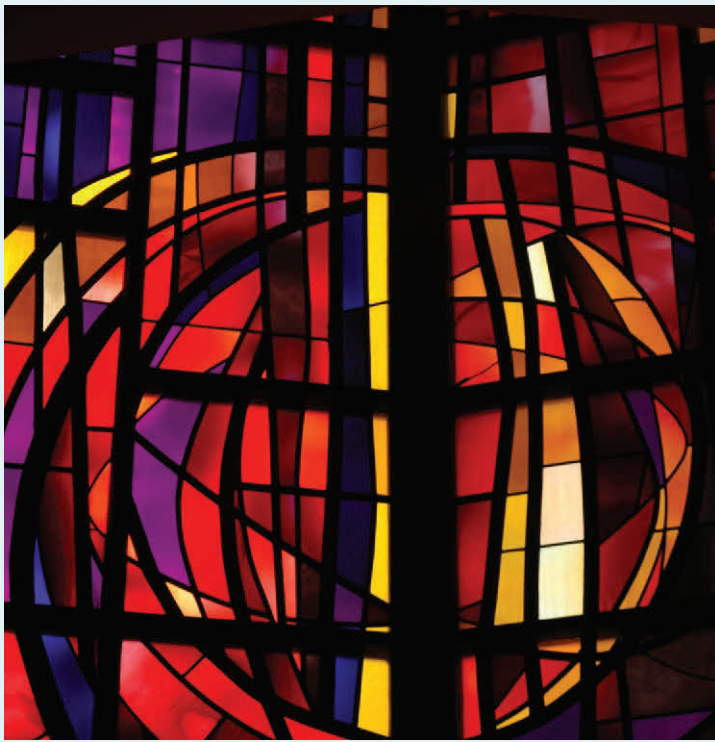
10:00AM ..... MASS\*

12:00PM ..... MASS

4:00PM ..... MASS

*\*Mass is live streamed: [youtube.com/user/saintolafchurch/live](https://youtube.com/user/saintolafchurch/live).*





## FREE PARKING AT SAINT OLAF

Saint Olaf surface parking lot on 8th Street and 3rd Avenue.

**Minneapolis Club Ramp** – directly across 8th Street has a parking ramp ticket system. Please bring the ticket to Saint Olaf Front Reception when leaving to have the ticket validated. Use the validated ticket to exit the ramp for FREE. (Note: Saint Olaf has entered into an agreement with the Minneapolis Club for parking on Saturdays, Sundays, Holy Days during Mass times as well as special events.)

**\*Deluxe Plaza Ramp (formerly 121 Ramp)** – across 2nd Avenue from Saint Olaf. Pick up a voucher from the Front Reception to use with their system as you exit to receive FREE Parking.

**\*10th Street surface lot -Southwest Corner of 10th Street and 2nd Avenue** – pick up a Saint Olaf Parking Voucher from the Front Reception and place it on your dashboard on the driver's side to receive FREE parking.

\* Available Saturday and Sunday during liturgies ONLY.

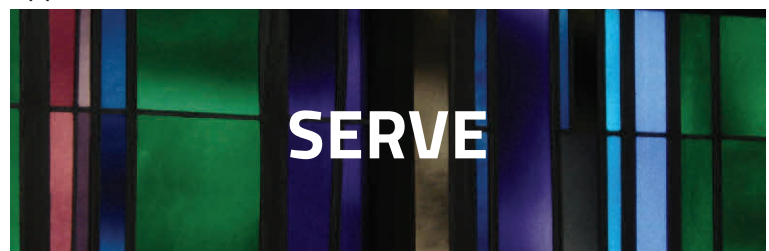


## GOT GIFTS? SERVE AS AN INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE

If you have some free time, and are looking for a place to share your gifts, please consider Saint Olaf. We have plenty of opportunities for you to consider in Worship, Music, Charity and Justice, Faith Formation, Hospitality, Environment, Gardening, and more!

Check out the Saint Olaf website for groups to join, immediate serving opportunities, or click on **VOLUNTEER SERVING OPPORTUNITIES** and scroll through our Serving Hub by "Ministry Area" or by your "Skills/Interests" to learn more about the ministries and groups we have at Saint Olaf. Once you find something that sounds like a good match, click on the **I'M INTERESTED** button and fill out the online form. The person in charge of that ministry area will get an email message and contact you to provide you with all the details about the ministry or group and help get you started serving as an Intentional Disciple.

If you don't have access to a computer, or you have more questions, contact Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator at **612-767-6204** or via email at **MKennedy@SaintOlaf.org** to arrange a time to discuss your gifts and our opportunities to find the best fit.







# JUNE 2023

- 3** Centering Prayer.....10:00am  
Monthly On-Site Gathering, Forliti Gathering Room
- 4** Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
- 4** Book Club ..... 2:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 6** Young Adult Group .....5:45pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 7** Women’s Bible Study .....6:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 11** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Corpus Christi
- 13** Young Adult Group .....5:45pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 14** Women’s Bible Study .....6:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 15-16** Brush With Kindness – Habitat for Humanity  
Project
- 16** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 18** Happy Father’s Day
- 20** Young Adult Group ..... 5:45pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 20-22** Archdiocesan Presbyterial Assembly  
No Daily Mass or Confessions
- 21** Women’s Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 24** Nativity of John the Baptist  
Happy Birthday Fr. John Forliti!
- 27** Young Adult Group ..... 5:45pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 28** Women’s Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room



# JULY 2023

- 1
 Centering Prayer..... 10:00am  
 Monthly On-Site Gathering, Forliti Gathering Room
- 4
 Independence Day  
 Office closed, building closed after 9:00am Mass
- 5
 Women's Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
 Forliti Gathering Room
- 12
 Women's Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
 Forliti Gathering Room
- 19
 Women's Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
 Forliti Gathering Room
- 19-23
 Minneapolis Aquatennial
- 24
 Saint Olaf Night at Twins
- 26
 Women's Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
 Forliti Gathering Room
- 29-30
 Celebrate our Patron: Saint Olaf





# AUGUST 2023

- 2 Women's Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 5 Centering Prayer..... 10:00am  
Monthly On-Site Gathering, Forliti Gathering Room
- 9 Women's Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 12-13 Annual Mission Appeal  
Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 6:00am and 8:00am Masses
- 14 Vigil Mass Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ..... 5:15pm
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ..... Holy Day of Obligation  
Masses at 7:00am, 10:00am, 12:00Noon, and 5:15pm
- 16 Women's Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 20 Annual Mission Appeal  
Sunday 10:00am, 12:00Noon, and 4:00pm Masses
- 23 Women's Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room
- 24 through September 4th  
Minnesota State Fair
- 26 Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish Festival
- 30 Women's Bible Study ..... 6:30pm  
Forliti Gathering Room

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Sunday Mass is broadcast on Sundays at 8:00pm and Mondays at 10:00am on MCN  
Cable TV Channel 6.

#### LIVE STREAM SUNDAY & DAILY MASS

Streams for our Mon-Fri 12:00Noon Mass  
& our Sunday 10:00am Mass on YouTube:  
[youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live](https://youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live)  
Saint Olaf also archives all of our Masses on  
the website: [www.SaintOlaf.org/media](http://www.SaintOlaf.org/media)

#### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 12:00Noon

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 12:00Noon, 4:00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 6:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am,  
12:00Noon, 4:00pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday-Friday: following 7:00am Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday:  
following 12:00Noon Mass

#### PASTORAL TEAM

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Fr. Wehmann

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[www.saintolaf.org](http://www.saintolaf.org)

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-4:00pm  
Friday: Closed

#### CONTACT PARISH ADVISORY BOARD OR FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AT:

[FAB@saintolaf.org](mailto:FAB@saintolaf.org)  
[PAB@saintolaf.org](mailto:PAB@saintolaf.org)

#### WATCH SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON MCN CABLE CHANNEL 6

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. 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).