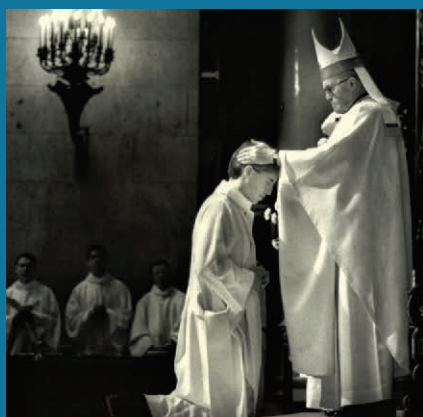


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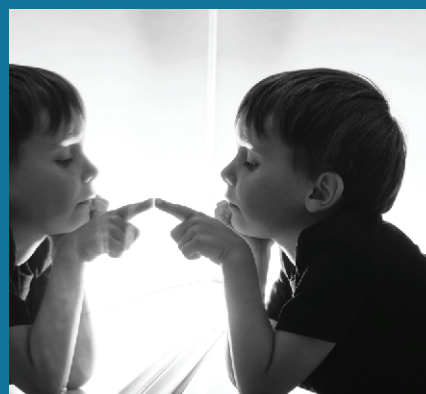
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*Serving as a living sign of
Christ's saving presence in
the heart of the city.*

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WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN BUILDING A BETTER WORLD?

by Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor

We are nearing the end of the first quarter of the New Year. I am now just finishing packing away my Christmas and Lent is already right around the corner. The temperatures have been well above average and the two weeks I ventured off to Mexico, I missed our two weeks of Minnesota winter. I want to say this has been an odd year so far, but I have to believe that nothing is new and we have been here before. God's plan is not our plan but how do we come to know God's plan if we do not take time to reflect in our lives of, "What my role is in building a better world?"

Lent is a great opportunity to reflect in our lives how we can make a

difference. I spent two weeks in January wandering in Mexico with friends and by myself. I truly love the "spirit" of the Mexican culture. Two weeks is not enough time to enter fully into another culture, but after many years of immersing myself periodically into another realm of life, I find myself asking, "What is the purpose of my life?" and "What is my role in building a better world?" It took days to be able to unwind from the tension, tiredness, and heaviness of life. The blessing was that I was unable to check my work emails because of security measures and I was thankful for that! Just to relax, visit, eat, and eat some more opened my eyes to the habits I have reinforced in my life and

the thinking that I can overcome any obstacle and maintain my life often running on empty. The rich foods of Michoacán, Mexico, the spicy days of visits, toasts, gatherings and celebrating Jesus were incredible. I luckily was there during a time when "Levantando el Nino" (Raising of the Child) was occurring and many invited us to their fiestas and family gatherings. Feeling part of and welcomed into a "bigger family" renewed my role in building a better world.

We can take time this Lent and Easter Season to build a better world as we welcome, include, gather, and share in small groups, seeing each other as family around the table of the

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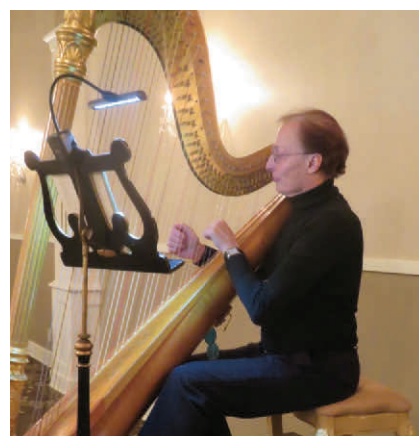
Lord. We will have opportunities to wash each other's feet. The invitation to share our bread with others comes as we partake of the Body of Christ. We will rejoice together at the resurrection and see the glory that God has done as we seek healing, mercy, love, and acceptance. The Holy Spirit will empower us to live our lives as God created us to live them. There is nothing new in any of this; humanity have been called to do so for centuries, maybe this year with so many devastating events taking place around the world we will be renewed in our role of building a better world.

I read one book on vacation, reflected upon another, and will return to both during our Lenten season because they gave me hope and a challenge. "Keep things simple" is my mantra, as it always has been. Most of my life I have asked, "Why do we have to complicate so many things in life when keeping it simple brings joy and less anxiety?" The two books I will return to are Rauiri McKiernan's *Hitching for Hope* and Thomas A Kempis' *The Imitation of Christ*. Both books touched me in a part of my life that "worldly" anxieties had clouded. I now know again the spiritual depth of what life can be. So, what is my role in building a better world? I would say, getting in touch with the spiritual soul and keeping things simple, as I strive to welcome, love, accept, and challenge not only myself, but also others to understand the potential we have in a world that is ready for a renewal of God's grace and dialogue with Jesus Christ!

CELEBRATE!

by Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor

We continue to "Celebrate" throughout the year as a new initiative at Saint Olaf. We have celebrated many of you and are looking forward to celebrating more in the months ahead. Our Thanksgiving Tea was a smashing hit, the Three Kings celebration gifted many, and now we look forward to an Easter Ball. Brush off your dance shoes and spend the afternoon celebrating that Jesus has Risen and mingling with joy filled parishioners on Saturday, April 6, from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. The months of March, April, and May, we will celebrate the "grand" members of our community. Every third Sunday there is a great buzz in the Gathering Room. If we celebrate you during these months and have an idea of a special edible treat you would like, please make your suggestion to me, Fr. Kevin, or any committee member and I will see what I can do. It is great to see so many smiles of those being appreciated.



CELEBRATE! EASTER BALL

Saturday, April 6, 2024

1:30pm - 3:00pm - Fleming Hall

Dancing, food, fun, and much, much more!

All are welcome!

CELEBRATIONS BY THE DECADE
brought to you by the Celebrate! Committee

"We Are All 'Saints'" - St. Paul



After All Masses - Every 3rd Weekend
We have a treat and a gift for you!

September 16/17: "The Little Ones" - 0 - 10 Years
October 14/15: "The Middle Ones" - 11 - 20 Years
November 18/19: "The Young Adults" - 21 - 30 Years
December 16/17: "The Middle Adults" - 31 - 40 Years
January 20/21: "The Mature Adults" - 41 - 50 Years
February 17/18: "The More Mature Adults" - 51 - 60 Years
March 16/17: "The Maturest Adults" - 61 - 70 Years
April 20/21: "The Elders" - 71 - 80 Years
May 18/19: "The Greats" - 81 - 90 Years
June 15/16: "The Treasures" - 91+ Years

NEW LIFE/RENEWED LIFE

by Fr. Kevin Kenney, Pastor



Fr. Kevin Kenney Ordination, May 28, 1994, ordained by Archbishop John Roach.

Our Spring Newsletter brings news of hope as we await the new life that Spring brings and the gift of Easter and the Easter Season. These months are filled with the cruelty of human nature as we walk with Jesus down the lonesome valley. We reflect, we listen, we cry, we mourn as again we realize what the Son of God has done for us. Our hope in the resurrection motivates us to desire the new life being offered and to recognize how far we have grown in faith and trust in God's mercy and love. If we look back over the years, we can see more clearly how our lives have played out. For each of us it'll be different yet how will we share our wisdom with those who are "fresh" on the journey?

I remember almost forty years ago when I was on my "Spring Retreat" and stood before God and asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do with my life?" I needed to trust and believe. Yet, if you remember, I said, "I'll do anything except work 24 hours a day/seven days a week,

and I do not want to be a priest." I will be ordained thirty years at the end of May. I said, "I'll give it a try." I knew many people were praying for me even before that day and, after that time away, even more began to pray. Prayer lifts us up and even if we do not recognize that people are praying for us, we wonder at times where the spirit is coming from.

God continues to call young people to consider a vocation and we need to pray for their hearts and ears to be opened to listen. We will be blessed in May to welcome thirteen young men into the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. We pray that their transition and love for Jesus will inspire them to serve those where they will be sent with hearts on fire for the love of Jesus and humankind.

Diversity in the Archdiocese continues to grow and we see the face of the Church as a beautiful picture of who God is. One cannot help but smile when we look around Saint Olaf and get a glimpse of what the wider Church looks like. I am delighted that God has allowed our doors to stay open and that we as a community accept and welcome those who bless our door posts. My experience over the past four years has put a smile on my face many days and a worry in my heart when we do not see someone for quite some time. We become family, and as family, we grow together in the love of God. Hopefully our small groups this Lent have tightened the bond we share, and the call into serving within the community taps you to help set the table or welcome the guests. Whatever this Lent and Easter draws us to, let us continue to pray for one another and pray that vocations in the Church continue to increase for the priesthood, religious life of brothers and sisters, the diaconate, marriage, and a blessed single life.

I found this prayer on the Archdiocesan website: **"O God, we earnestly ask you to bless this Archdiocese with many priests, brothers and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children. Choose from our homes those needed for your work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests, religious, and deacons. Obtain for us many more. Amen"**



Lent

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting: Restricts eating to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of a single day, and prohibits eating between meals. This is for Catholics beginning at age 18 until their 59th birthday. Pregnant women and people who are sick are not obligated to fast. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: Catholics older than 14 years of age may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday or any Friday of Lent.

PALM COLLECTION

Through Sunday , March 24

Old blessed palms can be burned, buried, or you may bring them to church for disposal. Place palms in the baskets around Saint Olaf.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays following 12:00Noon Mass, at 12:30pm in the church (+Live Streamed):

March 1, 8, 15, and 22

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Regular schedule

Monday through Friday: following the 7:00am Mass

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

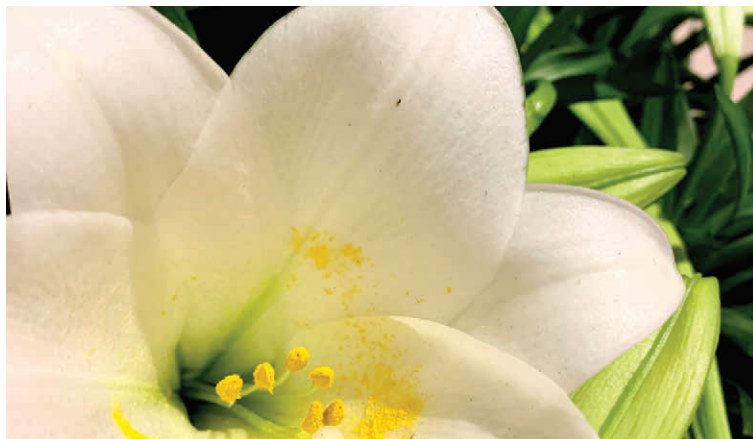
LENTEN EXTENDED CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 23: 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Tuesday, March 26: 12:30pm to 2:00pm

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 23/24

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule



The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Entering these three days, the **Triduum** invokes many emotions, fears, joys and challenges.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Jesus instructs us to serve one another by his example of washing the feet of the disciples; we honor the institution of the Eucharist; and we are grateful for those who live their lives in Jesus' example. The Holy Oils blessed early in the day are reserved in parishes worldwide to be used sacramentally as a source of strength and God's grace.

(No 7:00am Mass; no confessions)

12:00Noon: Mass of the Lord's Supper (+Live Streamed)

5:15pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Incense)

Adoration follows in the Chapel for one hour after each Mass.

The 12:00Noon Holy Thursday liturgy will be televised on MCN Cable Channel 6 at 4:30pm.



The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci, Milan, Italy

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

We walk the path of Calvary. We courageously walk and observe the mockery, the suffering, the beating, as we enter into the Passion of Jesus Christ. A day of fast and abstinence. A day set aside in remembrance of Jesus' love for humanity. A day when we honor quiet and where reflection is revered.

(No 7:00am Mass; no confessions)

12:00Noon: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (+Live Streamed)

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross (+Live Streamed)

5:15pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Incense) including Veneration of the Cross

The 12:00Noon Good Friday liturgy will be televised on MCN Cable Channel 6 at 4:30pm.



Good Friday is a day of fast for healthy adults from age 18 until 59, and abstinence from meat for those age 14 and older. This Paschal fast may be extended until the Easter Vigil in memory of Christ's suffering, in solidarity with all who are hungry, and in prayer for those preparing to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

The void leads to the great Easter Vigil. The blessing of light, the listening to salvation history, the glorious story telling of Jesus' resurrection, entering into the sacramental life of the Church, being reborn and renewed. We gather again around the altar, partake of the Eucharist, and are sent forth to tell others, "He has been raised from the dead." The bells ring again, the alleluias proclaimed, a new spring has dawned.

(No Confessions; No 12:00Noon or 4:00pm Masses)

8:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass (Incense) (+Live Streamed)

This liturgy lasts approximately two hours. It begins entirely in the dark with the lighting of candles. The liturgy of light is followed by readings and psalms recounting salvation history, renewal of our baptismal promises, and the Eucharist.

The 12:00Noon Good Friday liturgy will be televised on MCN Cable Channel 6 at 4:30pm.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

6:00am (No Music)

8:00am (Cantor)

10:00am (Saint Olaf Parish Choir) Incense (+Live Streamed)

12:00Noon (Schola of the Parish Choir)

4:00pm (Saint Olaf Seasonal Choir)

10:00am Easter Sunday Mass televised on MCN Cable Channel 6 on Sunday, March 31 at 8:00pm and on Monday, April 1 at 10:00am.



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EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 1

Parish office is closed on Monday, April 1.

Masses on April 1 are at 7:00am and 12:00Noon.

ASCENSION, MAY 11/12

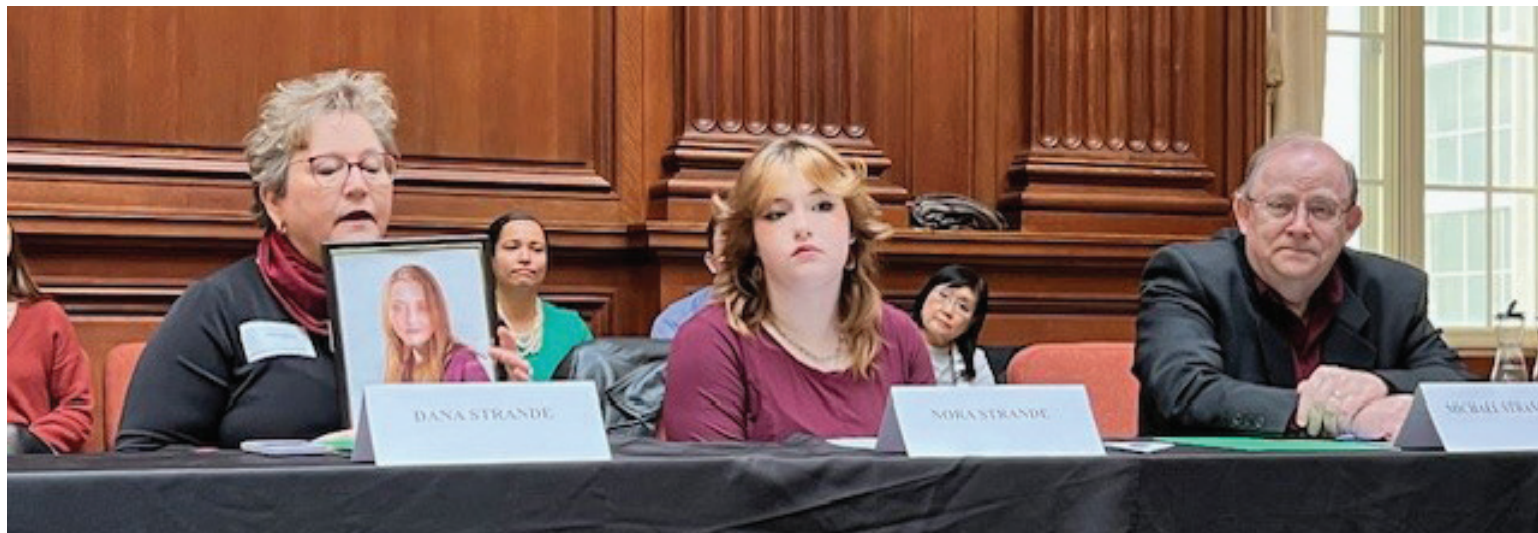
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

As in many places around the world and our Archdiocese, the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the seventh Sunday of Easter.

PENTECOST, MAY 18/19

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule





LIVING THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

by Michael Strande, Director of Liturgy

What does it mean to live the meaning of baptism?

During the Sacrament of the Eucharist we are mandated to, "Go forth to love and serve the Lord." This is the essence of the meaning of living the lifestyle of being a disciple of the Christ. This is the call of baptism. There are many ways we can live this call to serve. My family has chosen a way to serve that will benefit millions worldwide.

A year ago, my daughter, Amara, died from a cancer she believed was caused by contact with PFAS, or "forever chemicals." Forever chemicals were immorally and secretively dumped into the water system of the eastern suburbs of St. Paul. There is strong evidence these chemicals have created a cancer cluster in the east metro.

A few months before she died, Amara and I testified before legislators at the State Capital to support a ban on the use of forever chemicals in thousands of products available today. Numerous legislators informed my family that because of Amara's testimonies, Minnesota now has the toughest law in the

world that bans or curbs the use of forever chemicals. That law is named "Amara's Law."

In April 2023, Amara died two days shy of her twenty-first birthday. My wife, Dana, and my daughter, Nora, made the decision to continue what Amara started last spring by telling her story and continue the mission of protecting people from these insidiously toxic chemicals.

Since September the three of us have gone to our nation's capital three times to speak to legislators and committees on the issue of forever chemicals. We have spoken to Senators, Representatives, the department heads of the Environment Protection Agency, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and White House advisors on chemical safety. We have been asking for Amara's Law to be moved from the state level to the federal level. This past January we stressed to lawmakers the importance of creating a clean water standard for the entire country to protect people from forever chemicals that are polluting our drinking water.

The Catholic Church teaches the

importance of the baptized to work for social justice by promoting and supporting laws that includes protecting the environment.

The best way to fulfill one's obligations of justice and love is to contribute to the common good according to one's means and the needs of others, and also to promote and help public and private organizations devoted to bettering the conditions of life.

- *Gaudium et Spes* ("The Church in the Modern World"), Vatican II, 1965 #30

All human beings have unique talents, gifts from God that we are called to develop and share. We should celebrate this diversity. People who use their skills and expertise for the common good, the service of others, and the protection of creation, are good stewards of the gifts they have been given. When we labor with honesty, serve those in need, work for justice and contribute to charity, we use our talents to show our love—and God's love—for our brothers and sisters.

- *Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1998 "Called to Justice in Everyday Life."



A Franciscan Blessing

Author Unknown

May God bless us with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths,
And superficial relationships
So that we may live Deep within our
hearts.

May God bless us with anger
At injustice, oppression,
And exploitation of people,
So that we may work for
Justice, freedom and peace.
May God bless us with tears
To shed for those who suffer from
pain,

Injustice, starvation and war,
So that we may reach out our hands
To comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.
And may God bless us with enough
foolishness

To believe we can
Make a difference in the world,
So that we can do
What others claim cannot be done.



REFUGE FOR FAMILIES AT EXODUS BUILDING

by Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

Stewardship is a life approach that helps to acknowledge with heart-felt gratitude the many gifts we have been given by God, and calls us to use these gifts to celebrate God's generosity and put into practice the example of Jesus to care for others. What is true for us as individuals is also true for all of us as a community. We are very fortunate as current members of the parish to have the legacy of great stewards of earlier generations of Saint Olaf parishioners, associates, and visitors.

The Exodus residence next door to the church is a great example. Purchased by the parish just over 30 years ago, and managed by Catholic Charities as transitional housing, the partnership provided about one million, yes, million, bed-nights for folks in need. After much time and use, there simply was not enough TLC to keep it going without a major overhaul. Catholic Charities decided to go elsewhere, and Saint Olaf decided to find a partner to rehab the building and help house people in need.

While we await construction on this rehab project in the later part of this year, we were approached by Hennepin County to use the space as overflow for families seeking

shelter. The first and second floor were painted and some other temporary modifications were made. If all the family shelter space is full, new families are referred to the Exodus space for warm, safe, and dignified space. This stay can last from a few hours to overnight. Hennepin County staffs the program and pays Saint Olaf rent and utilities.

While the winter has mostly been quite mild, it is still winter, and no place for anyone, especially families with children, to be outside, or in a car. Stewardship means even an old worn-out building awaiting an overhaul can provide a place to temporarily care for others in need.

The Saint Olaf/Aeon affordable housing project continues to make progress on the planning and funding streams. The project was awarded two grants from city funding and a preliminary grant from the state. The project is also eligible for tax-credits for contributions from individuals and businesses. More information about this will be forthcoming. The timeline is still looking favorable for a closing on all pertinent items by June of this year, and then construction beginning in the latter half of the year. More stewardship in progress!



ALL THE BETTER TO SEE AND HEAR: AV EQUIPMENT UPGRADES AT SAINT OLAF

by Joel Anderson, Director of Music

After a successful *Of Ministry and Music* fundraiser last October, we have raised the funds necessary to begin the audiovisual upgrades in the main church. It's exciting to consider the possibilities and improvements these upgrades will bring to our ministry.

In recent months, staff have met with three companies to hear presentations, discuss bids, ask questions, and discuss specifics. At the time of this writing, no final decisions have been made, but we are nearly ready to proceed on several fronts. Originally, we had hoped to have some new components installed and running before Easter, but in the interest of doing the project properly, rather than hastily, we expect the first stage to begin sometime this summer.

The project will be accomplished largely in two phases. Phase 1a, which might actually be complete by the time this article is published, will provide hearing assistance technology. Using a smartphone app, one may connect to a dedicated Wi-Fi network in the church and vestibule to listen to the church's audio feed directly via earphones or a Bluetooth-enabled hearing aid.

Phase 1b will have two main facets: sound system repairs, especially to the speakers underneath the balcony, so that there are no more sonic dead-areas in the church; and upgrading the cameras in the main church that are used to live stream and record Sunday Masses, weddings, funerals, and special events. The current cameras are nearly a decade old, and operate with a cumbersome technology, relative to current specs that were phased out several years ago. The cameras have served us very well over the years, especially when the Covid-19 pandemic hit – Saint Olaf truly was ahead of the game on the technology front – but they have begun to experience more frequent issues and malfunctions. Furthermore, the images they capture, while good, are not quite up to modern standards of quality. Aside from increased image quality, the new cameras will provide greatly increased functionality. The videographers especially are very excited about the possibilities that the new cameras will afford their work.

Phase 1b will also likely include improved cabinetry for the sound mixer board and projection laptop in the main church. Currently, the

equipment is housed in a somewhat unsightly black box near the organ console. Two problems with this current setup involve difficult access to the laptop used for projection and a snarly mess of cables and cords running from the equipment. Ideally, the replacement cabinet will also better match the furnishings in the church.

The main portion of phase 2 will involve the replacement of the projectors in the main church. While the projection system has served us very well, it is also getting old. Phase 2 requires further fundraising, planning, and discussion; thus, the timetable is further down the road. There are many things to consider with this part of the project, and many details remain to be worked out. For two examples, our equipment uses VGA technology, and we run our slideshows in a 4:3 aspect ratio. Both of these are quite out-of-date and unsupported by modern technology and equipment, which means we may have to make changes in how we operate the projection system as a whole. Various options will be discussed, tested, and examined in the hopes that the system is improved instead of simply replaced.



EMBRACE YOUR EASTER BONNET

by Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

Last fall, at a cousin's reunion, the photo albums came out and we all enjoyed a nice walk down memory lane. There were some Christmas shots, some that looked a bit closer to a Thanksgiving celebration, but the ones that really stood out were the Easter photos. Even though my siblings and I stood in front of a giant pile of snow, it was obviously Easter because of the wildly eclectic addition of an Easter bonnet on my mother, my sister, and me. This was the year a bouquet of nasturtiums exploded across the crown of my mother's head. Though my sister and my heads were adorned with more sedate creations, I can still feel the elastic strap digging in under my chin. Our family may not have had a lot of resources to spare back then, but when Easter came around, there was a new homemade dress, a pair of gloves, and a bonnet for the women in our family. I remember that my brothers passed along a nubby charcoal sport coat starting with the oldest and ending up on my

younger brother, but regardless of who wore the sport coat, each boy's ensemble was completed with the requisite clip-on bow tie and freshly shorn buzz cut. We looked spiffy. It was more than Sunday best; it was the best of all "Sunday Bests."

Lent was over and now was the time to rejoice. It seemed fitting that we donned new garments for the celebration. All was renewed. Everywhere one looked the message of Easter was replicated, all the families at church also took special care in their dress, amplified by the fact that the pews were filled to overflowing. Everything was spit-shined and polished to the maximum level.

After Mass, there was definitely special attention given to the family dinner; you always knew it was a big event when the relish tray was pulled out and filled to the brim with olives, pickles, and those miniature cobs of corn. Then of course, was the fact that all of the relatives would

come together for a visit, usually at my grandmother's house, where much hoopla would ensue all day long. All in all, excellent memories of faith and family intertwined.

From an early age we learn the importance of Christian ritual and celebration from our families. The stewardship of our parents and relatives help us to embrace our faith. What were the special Easter traditions celebrated in your childhood? How do those memories serve to remind you of the glories of Easter? How can those beloved memories play a role in helping your family celebrate Easter this year? Rejoice Jesus Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

One way you can celebrate the Risen Christ will be with the Saint Olaf community in the next Celebrate! event, the Easter Ball. There will be dancing, sweet treats, and much, much more. Perhaps it is time to dust off your Easter Bonnet for a parade showing. If you regret having missed the splendid Thanksgiving Tea, do not let it happen again. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Watch the bulletin for more exciting details about this Celebrate! event. Just look for me in my Easter bonnet – no elastic strap allowed.





STEWARDS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

by Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

Saint Olaf's theme for our Annual Stewardship Renewal this year is ***Stewards in the Heart of the City***. There are many opportunities to live as good stewards individually and as a parish community, as we join our gifts together to PRAY, SERVE, and SHARE. Your gifts shared make all the difference here in downtown Minneapolis, and to the recipients of our gifts shared to those both near and far. While this is the theme for 2024, we made great strides in 2023 to share the love of Saint Olaf to many. Let's take a stroll through the stewardship of your gifts and what Saint Olaf was able to accomplish in 2023.

Samaritan Ministry: Saint Olaf continues to embrace the charism of serving those at risk and in need in the heart of the city – and in the past year, that need continues to grow. Monday through Wednesday mornings Samaritan volunteers serve an ever-increasing number of guests, averaging over 60 people per day by the end of the year. We not only saw an increase in clients, we were also blessed with an increase in volunteers to serve. We now have several distinct volunteer opportunities in Samaritan Ministry – volunteers can work directly with the clients, fill orders, deliver the orders up to the order takers, sort donations, or serve up Saint Olaf hospitality. Currently, most of the opportunities are on Monday,

Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, but special sorting days/times are also available. If this **SERVING OPPORTUNITY** is of interest to you, contact Michael Griffin, **MGriffin@SaintOlaf.org** for more information, or share your interest via **SaintOlaf.org/Serve**.

Your financial gifts to Samaritan Ministry in 2023 amounted to **\$114,282.17**, and came in a variety of ways and denominations, both small and large, from money in the poor box, designated gifts online or in the collection basket, donor assisted funds, and grants from individual supporters and organizations. These gifts helped us purchase items to stretch the clothing and household donations received, assist with transportation support, help with emergency client needs for rental assistance, and more. Your gifts help Saint Olaf serve Christian love and dignity to our parishioners, neighbors, and those who find themselves in peril.

The Reserve Fund: This fund was created to meet the needs of future non-budgeted capital expenses in the parish building and grounds. As it has been reported previously, the 2021 and 2022 Of Ministry and Music's target of raising funds to pay for the eventual replacement/repair of our aging boiler system is fully funded. The balance on the Reserve Fund as of December 31,

2023 stands at **\$465,673.38** of which over \$300,000 has been set aside for the boiler system, and we are grateful for your gifts that allow us to be prepared for that day. 2023 and 2024's Of Ministry and Music's target is designated for upgrade and enhancement of the Main Church audiovisual equipment to assist us in providing liturgy experiences that all can see and hear. We surpassed our goal for 2023 with an additional **\$89,180** added to the Reserve Fund from Of Ministry and Music and direct donations. Currently we are in the process of selecting vendors for the initial phase of upgrades, with the plan to start after Easter with repairs and improvements to the sound system, and an update to the cameras and recording and broadcast equipment.

The Saint Olaf Endowment Funds: Donors can provide "Forever Gifts" for Saint Olaf's future needs by supporting one of our Endowment Funds with a gift of cash today, or a tomorrow gift in your household's estate plan. We have two Endowment Funds at Saint Olaf. Money contributed to either of these endowments can never be touched. Our endowments are managed by Catholic Community Foundation and we receive annual grants for the parish on the interest earned – thus the moniker "forever gifts," as both funds will benefit future generations at Saint Olaf, forever.

- **The Dorothy Ellstrom Endowment Fund** which serves the spiritual needs of the parish. This fund started in 2007 is currently holding its own at **\$1,058,865**. In March of 2023, Saint Olaf received a grant of **\$38,300** from this endowment.
- **The Saint Olaf Endowment Fund** started in 1996 and it serves the future needs of Saint Olaf parish. In 2021, we decided to encourage growth in the endowment to raise it from \$168,468 (at 6/30/21) and now, at the end of 2023, through your generosity, the fund total stands at **\$402,179**. In 2023, **\$38,702.31** was added to the Saint Olaf Endowment Fund. In March of 2023, Saint Olaf received a grant of **\$7,000** from this endowment.

Parish Tithe: Fr. Kevin Kenney, in conjunction with the Financial Advisory Board, developed the Parish Tithe to address the needs of individuals and organizations that aligned with Saint Olaf's mission. It was determined that ten percent of any General Fund major gift (in excess of \$5,000) is designated for the Parish Tithe for distribution as needs surface or opportunities arise. In addition to gifts made to meet individual's needs, here are the organizations gifted in 2023:

- **Risen Christ Catholic School** - \$1,000 – a long-time partner of Saint Olaf, located in Minneapolis.
- **Ascension Catholic Academy** - \$1,000 (A consortium of Catholic schools "serving in highly diverse neighborhoods," including: Ascension and Saint John Paul II Catholic Schools in Minneapolis, and Saint Pascal and Saint Peter Claver Catholic Schools in Saint Paul.
- **Abria Pregnancy Resources** - \$500

- **ACTS** – \$500 - A men's hospitality/ service group from Assumption Parish, Richfield.
- **DeLaSalle High School** - \$1,000 – The longest-standing Catholic high school in the city of Minneapolis.

Collaboration with Local Organizations:

- **Habitat for Humanity \$3,000** Saint Olaf Parish donation and **\$245** individual donations to support our Brush for Kindness Project with Habitat for Humanity, along with Saint Olaf volunteer crews to scrape, paint, and beautify a home in Minneapolis.
- **Align MPLS \$4,400** (Formerly known as the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness) is a collaboration of 17 Minneapolis churches, synagogues, and mosques who work together to address the issues of homelessness and poverty. Funds given to Align assist the education, advocacy, and action arms of this engaged group. Saint Olaf is a founding member of this group and is one of only six of the member congregations who provide direct services to the public. For more information, check out their website: alignmpls.org.

Catholic Services Appeal: Saint Olaf met and exceeded our goal of **\$76,698** for 2023 with donations of **\$94,262 from 146 donors**. These donations, along with gifts from all the parishes across the Archdiocese allows the Catholic Services Appeal to support 18 Designated Ministries, doing together what one parish or individual could not do. The Catholic Services Appeal rebate for Saint Olaf in 2023 was **\$13,698.67**. This rebate is returned to the parish for our use as we not only surpassed our goal,

we also increased donations over 2022. This is a great blessing to our General Operations fund, from you, our Saint Olaf stewards.

Direct Appeals: Saint Olaf parishioners dug deep to answer the call to support the suffering of the children, to meet the needs of seminarians and religious across the globe, as well as lend support to the great work being done in Saint Paul by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

- **Rice Bowl – Catholic Relief Services \$82.00** – collected by two young students in Minneapolis who asked that Saint Olaf forward their gifts to serve the hungry across the globe.
- **Holy Land Collection – Good Friday \$1,038** – Supports the pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land.
- **Little Sisters of the Poor \$1,876.50** – The remarkable institution in Saint Paul offers "the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself."
- **Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers \$11,843.66** – 2023's Annual Mission Appeal was in support of the Africa's Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers and their planned development of a secondary education school serving the needs for young men and women in Nigeria, Africa.

Saint Olaf is abundantly blessed by your generosity, which allows us to forward our mission, ***serving as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city.***



OUR GAME FACE REFLECTS THE FACE OF GOD

by Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

A time warp can exist in this newsletter from the deadline for article submissions at the end of January, then getting it printed, with a goal of arriving in your home March 1. In this span of time, this much is known; the two teams in the Super Bowl have been determined, baseball spring training is underway, girls and boys hockey tournaments will be rocking the arena, and March Madness will be on the horizon. I am enough of a sports nut to write an opening paragraph like this. The common thread through all of these items comes down to one's game face.

Putting on a game face is the process of the internal and external preparation that then finds outward expression. It is the rituals, the habits, the practices that help one focus and maximize readiness for

what is to come. It is checking and rechecking equipment and uniforms. It is the time to dig deep and refine the gifts to help achieve the goal (or score a goal). It is the effort to build on all training, support and wisdom that has been handed down to you in order to fully participate in what is coming. It is the unique mixture of individual and team. It all comes down to the game face.

As we enter the season of Lent, celebrate Easter, and then have the prolonged celebration of the Easter season, the process brings an element to strengthen our FAITH game face. Consider everything described in the second paragraph. Our whole sacramental life is a relationship of God's grace from the inner voice where it whispers in our hearts, to the outward expression. The rituals, habits and practices

are really another way of describing our Catholic, Christian way of life. We begin the season of Lent with ashes on our forehead, make the sign of the cross, we carry palms in procession, wash each other's feet, and share bread and wine. All of it helps us focus on the gift of God's love and the coming of Christ again in glory.

Lent calls us to reflect more deeply and renew what needs healing and forgiveness. The scriptures proclaim stories of redemption and life. All of this calls us to mission, and if you are part of Saint Olaf, it is a mission in the heart of the city. We have a wonderful legacy of faithfulness from generations of caring people who have handed on their rich heritage of putting the mission of the gospel and the parish into action. This makes our game face in faith even more resolute.

When as a community we sing together in praise or sit together in silence, when we see a new member baptized, a child receive communion for the first time, someone actively dying and being anointed for the last time, our game face in faith reflects the face of God.

When we see the face of God in one another, whether family, friend, foe, or one who slept outside last night, may the seasonal strengthening of our game face in faith simply smile with the joy of the Resurrection. It is time to sing. But instead of the National Anthem, we will follow the lead of our music ministry and sing our praise to God!



GIFTS, GRANTS, AND GENEROSITY

by Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

"Old Mother Hubbard" may have found an empty cupboard when searching for a bone for her dog, but the Samaritan Ministry cupboards are never empty thanks to an incredible network of **individuals and groups** committed to doing their part to serve our guests here in the heart of the city. Weekly announcements in the bulletin and at the weekend Masses highlight the most urgent needs. Specific responses are quick and generous! Items are brought to Saint Olaf during the following week or the next weekend. Financial donations for needed items are made online or through the mail, a wonderful response from those unable to easily join us in person. In fact, several supporters appreciate the live stream and cable TV broadcasts to hear what is needed and respond accordingly. Some have a steady line of supporters in their neighbors, including apartments and condos, and arrange for transportation to the parish. The needs are many and the challenge to keep things stocked is great, but thanks to the dedicated, creative participation of so many, our cupboards are not bare.

We are grateful for the continued

support from two large donors; an **anonymous foundation** with a grant for \$25,000, and a grant for \$22,000 from the **Christopher & Sheila Jones Foundation**, to provide needed financial assistance to our guests. The donors appreciate the ability and capacity of Samaritan Ministry to meet these needs for the benefit of folks in our community. Combined with other financial support, Samaritan Ministry is able to assist with rent, medical bills, utilities, car repairs and other emergencies. All requests are vetted and this help can keep stability in a household through a tough time.

The Minneapolis law firm **Moss & Barnett** donated \$2,000 to Samaritan Ministry for current needs, especially for food support. Food is available for guests every day. Morning offerings include baked goods and fruit. The rest of the day there are sandwiches (both hot and cold), cheese, sweets and assorted beverages. Some of these items are purchased thanks to donations like this. Other items are donated through food rescue resources.

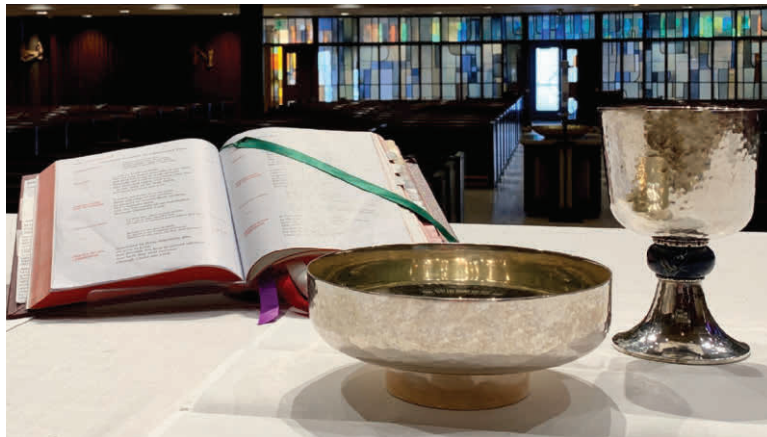
One steady donor of food items is the **Starbucks** at Hennepin Avenue

and 1st Street. Twice-weekly pickups bring baked goods, sandwiches and salads. The team at the store is very supportive of our efforts and happy they are helping folks right here in the community.

The Mill City Commons organization continues to support Samaritan Ministry, especially during the Giving Tree drive. Members provide needed material items as well as a financial contribution around the holidays.

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the annual **Giving Tree Drive** during the holidays. Dozens of winter coats, along with hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and socks brought great relief for many guests. We also received gift cards and financial donations to help extend assistance to guests. The season of giving was brighter because of the generous response of the Saint Olaf community!

Spring Needs for Samaritan Ministry: Light jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, backpacks, and gym/work shoes (all for adults). Only new or gently used condition, please. Drop items off anytime you are at Saint Olaf. Many thanks!



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

This past year we have been experiencing a slow rise in attendance during our weekend liturgies. The numbers are growing to the point that we are starting to have conversations about reintroducing offering the cup during our weekend Masses.

The problem is that we do not have enough Eucharistic Ministers where we can pull this off with any consistency. We would need at least one cup minister for every bread minister. This means we need to double the number of ministers we have currently.

Please consider becoming a Eucharist Minister. Training is provided.

Contact our Director of Liturgy, Michael Strande to set a time for training, MStrande@SaintOlaf.org, 651-767-7630.

SACRAMENTAL GRACE FOR CHILDREN & COMMUNITY

by Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry



"Are you ready to help these parents in their duty to teach their child to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us?" This question, or a similar one, is asked of Godparents at a child's baptism. It is sometimes addressed to all of those assembled for the Baptism. As an active faith community, it is also addressed to ALL of us each week when we gather.

We are the recipients of the witness and example of those who came before us, whether the generations of the faithful with stories proclaimed in the scriptures, or those who founded Saint Olaf 83 years ago. Today, we bear a responsibility and opportunity to hand on our own conviction of

faith to the youngest generations.

The parish has five elementary-age children in our midst preparing to celebrate God's grace in the sacraments. Three are preparing for baptism! They are all preparing for First Reconciliation, and then right after Easter, they will celebrate First Eucharist.

Parents are the first teachers of their children in all things, including faith. Since faith is also an experience of community, all of us can make an impact and reflect God's love for the sake of these young people. To the question asked in the opening paragraph, hopefully we respond with a resounding YES!

A HEART WARMER FROM THE SAINT OLAF MAILBAG

January 10, 2024

Dear Fr. Kenney and Staff,

On the last weekend of Dec. 2023, a few weeks ago, I was visiting our son & family in Minneapolis where I got an unexpected call that my beloved aunt had died. I was shocked and so sad to hear the news that I wanted to find a sacred place to pray. My husband, who grew up near the Twin Cities, knew of St Olaf's (it was the first place he ever cantored as a high schooler with his visiting choir), and brought me to your church.

I was a little disoriented after getting inside the front door, and I was met by such kindness, immediate hospitality and without hesitation, to be able to sit in the pew where Mother Teresa once sat. Being in that space unlocked my heart in the quiet and knowing I wouldn't disturb others, I was finally able to cry & pray and express my gratitude for her life & who she was to me—a woman of vibrancy & faith, who believed in education in the best ways, who was an encourager, and creative, and always looking for what was possible in the ways that celebrated God's kingdom of loving mercy & creation.

I just wanted to let you know it was a really transformative moment for me to be in your sanctuary. Bless you! Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Name withheld)



SMALL GROUPS IN THE SEASON OF RENEWAL

By Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

As this edition of the parish newsletter arrives in your home, small faith-sharing groups will have been meeting for a couple of weeks. Lent is a season of renewal and as we are marked with ashes, we also strive to mark our hearts with forgiveness, healing and love. The current small group experience comes out of the synod process throughout the Archdiocese. Thousands of fellow Catholics met to listen, learn and reflect on what it means to be God's people in these times. They also surfaced top suggestions and

recommendations to implement the areas identified.

Archbishop Hebda prayed and reflected on these recommendations, including the call for small groups throughout the Archdiocese, and wrote a pastoral letter, "You Will Be My Witnesses" as a source of further consideration for all of us. The letter is the primary content for the small groups this series. Even if you are not currently in a small group, you can still join by contacting the parish office or going to the parish website. You may also read the letter on your

own at archspm.org.

The small group leadership team at Saint Olaf will form other groups/series in the future to help us all grow in God's love here in the heart of the city.

All are welcome to join in the small groups. The current schedule includes:

Thursdays: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Saturdays: 10:00am - 11:30am

Sundays: 11:15am - 12:45pm

Tuesdays: 6:30pm - 8:00pm



Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.

– Anonymous, yet often attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi

The concept of evangelization is a difficult one for many Catholics to embrace. We are called to get out there and share the faith with all we encounter. That concept may be a tough one to embrace for many of us who are much more used to Minnesota reserve than we are to

EARTH DAY OPPORTUNITY

talking to strangers about our faith journey. But grabbing a megaphone and preaching from a street corner is not the only way to share our faith with others. Rolling up one's sleeves and doing some old-fashioned assistance can really tell the true story of your stewardship. Show your faith by sharing the best of you, or walking the talk. Opportunities to Pray – Serve – Share of your gifts abound all around you. Finding the best fit for your gifts will result in that positive, life-giving feeling that makes you want to go ahead and give even more of yourself. Give giving a try. Start with a small opportunity within your family, your neighborhood, at work, or here at Saint Olaf. If that one attempt feels right, repeat as you can, and soon

you too will be walking the talk as a steward and living out your faith in your actions.

One opportunity will be to join in an Earth Day project. Saint Olaf is joining with volunteers from US Bank and the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID) on Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm to do some stewarding of our Assisi Park on the corner of 2nd Avenue and 9th Street. Bring your own work gloves and garden tools and help us beautify Assisi Park for all who visit downtown Minneapolis to enjoy. Working as a faith community with others, we create that Saint Olaf Welcome in the heart of the city – and that is evangelization.



FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP: PUTTING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING INTO PRACTICE

Catholics have found a home in many political stripes and where it concerns politics, there are always more opinions than people! Even among bishops there can be differences of opinion about how some aspect of teaching should be applied or how the Pope should teach. "That all may be one" is a scriptural call for all of us. To help in this regard, there are local resources to assist us in navigating the complex issues of the day, and to provide a lens of faith-based consideration for sorting out our options and to be a source of unity in the midst of community.

Minnesota Catholic Conference is

the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota. They develop and provide resources related to Catholic social teaching and help Catholics connect with elected officials. More information may be found at mncatholic.org or call 651-227-8777.

Align Minneapolis has a vision: "Everyone has access to safe, decent, stable, and affordable housing in Minneapolis." Saint Olaf is a founding member of this interfaith collaboration of 17 churches, synagogues and mosques, and people with lived experience of homelessness (formerly DCEH,

Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness). To learn more or to become an advocate, go to alignmpls.org.

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) promotes "interfaith advocacy for social justice" and is the "largest and most inclusive interfaith public interest group in Minnesota." With a mission "guided by God's vision of the common good as reflected in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions, the JRLC mobilizes religious communities to influence public policy in Minnesota." To learn more, go to jrlc.org.



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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

12:00Noon.....MASS*

TUESDAY

7:00am..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

12:00Noon..... MASS*/CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY

7:00am..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

12:00Noon.....MASS*

THURSDAY

7:00am..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

12:00Noon.....MASS*/CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY

7:00am..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

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

12:00Noon.....MASS*

SATURDAY

12:00Noon..... MASS/CONFESSIONS

12:30pm ROSARY - CHAPEL

4:00pm..... VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY

6:00am..... MASS

8:00am..... MASS

10:00am.....MASS*

12:00Noon..... MASS

4:00pm..... MASS

*Mass is live streamed: youtube.com/user/saintolafchurch/live.

FREE PARKING AROUND SAINT OLAF

Saint Olaf adjacent 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** – Pickup a Saint Olaf Parking Voucher from the Front Reception and place it on your dashboard on the driver's side.

* Available Saturday and Sunday during liturgies ONLY.

BY THE NUMBERS

BAPTISMS

Aitana Nila AyalaDecember 23, 2023
Hania Mae Nowak January 6, 2024
McKinley Kay Lueck..... January 27, 2024

WEDDINGS

Marriage Blessing for
Trent and Sarah Lueck January 27, 2024
Ben Cross & Val Lick February 2, 2024

FUNERALS

Joan Lundquist
Died August 25, 2023, Funeral December 26, 2023
Robert "Bob" Short
Died November 9, 2023, Funeral December 7, 2023
at Our Lady of Grace in Edina
Charles "Charlie" Dahl
Died November 18, 2023, Funeral December 1, 2023

Barbara Sullivan
Died November 10, 2023, Celebration of Life Service
December 3, 2023 at Silverwood Park
William "Bill" Martin
Died November 30, 2023, Funeral December 5, 2023
Rafael Carballo
Died November 30, 2023, Funeral December 9, 2023
Sarah "Sally" Bjorklund
Died December 18, 2023, Funeral January 3, 2024
Tillie Lupe Westermeier
Died January 12, 2024, Funeral January 19, 2024
J. Peter Ritten
Died January 15, 2024, Celebration of Life May 17, 2024
at The Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis



This Easter, remember a loved one, living or deceased, with a gift towards flowers and environment at Saint Olaf.

Suggested offering is \$20 per remembrance. Names of honorees and donors will be posted at the church entrances.

Make the checks to Saint Olaf Church with the memo "Easter Environment". Place donation and completed form in the collection basket or bring to the parish reception desk in Forliti Foyer by March 24.

Thank you for helping the community of Saint Olaf celebrate the joy of the Easter season.

EASTER FLOWER & ENVIRONMENT DONATION

From: _____

For: _____

Circle one

In Honor of the Living

In Memory of the Deceased

From: _____

For: _____

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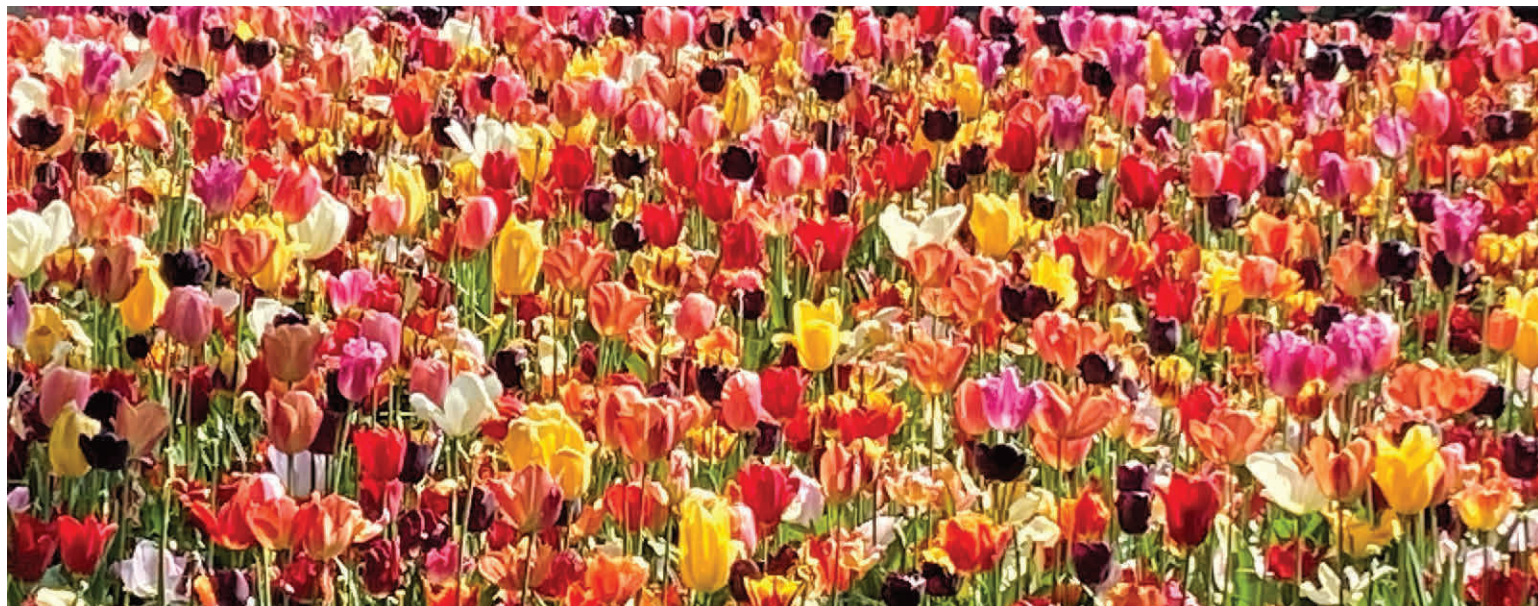
In Memory of the Deceased

Total Enclosed: _____



MARCH 2024

- 1** Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room
Stations of the Cross - 12:30pm (+Live Streamed)
- 2** Centering Prayer Monthly Gathering – 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room
- 5** Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room
- 6** Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room
- 7** Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) - 6:30pm
Education Room
- 8** Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room
Stations of the Cross - 12:30pm (+Live Streamed)
- 10** Book Club - 2:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room
- 12** Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room
- 13** Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room
- 14** Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) - 6:30pm
Education Room
- 15** Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room
Stations of the Cross - 12:30pm (+Live Streamed)
- 16-17** Celebrate! Ages 61-70, "The Maturest Adults" after
all Masses in Forliti Gathering Room
- 17** African Mass - 12:00Noon Mass
Secular Franciscan Group Meeting - 1:15pm
Education Room
- 19** Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room
- 20** Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room
- 21** Taizé Prayer Service - 7:00pm
- 22** Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room
Stations of the Cross - 12:30pm (+Live Streamed)
- 23** Secular Franciscan Board Meeting - 10:00am
Education Room
Lent Extended Confessions - 12:30pm - 2:00pm
- 24** Palm Sunday
Masses: 6:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am (+Live Streamed), 12:00Noon, 4:00pm
- 26** Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room
- 27** Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room
- 28** Holy Thursday
Masses 12:00Noon (+Live Streamed), 5:15pm
(+Washing of the Feet)
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) - 6:30pm
Education Room
- 29** Good Friday, Parish Office Closed
Services 12:00Noon (+Live Streamed) and 5:15pm
Stations of the Cross 3:00pm (+Live Streamed)
- 30** Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm (+Live Streamed)
- 31** Easter Sunday
Masses 6:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am (+Live Streamed), 12:00Noon, 4:00pm



APRIL 2024

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| <p>1 Easter Monday - Parish Office Closed</p> <p>2 Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>3 Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>4 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) - 6:30pm
Education Room</p> <p>5 Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>6 Centering Prayer Monthly Gathering - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room
Easter Ball, a Celebrate! Event - 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Fleming Hall</p> <p>9 Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>10 Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>11 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) - 6:30pm
Education Room</p> <p>12 Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>16 Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> | <p>17 Joshua Lindgren Organ Recital - 12:30pm
Main Church
Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>18 Earth Day Assisi Park Spruce Up - 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) - 6:30pm
Education Room</p> <p>19 Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>20-21 Celebrate! Ages 71-80, "The Elders" after all Masses
in Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>21 African Mass - 12:00Noon Mass
Secular Franciscan Group Meeting - 1:15pm
Education Room</p> <p>23 Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>24 Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>25 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) - 6:30pm
Education Room</p> <p>26 Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>27 Secular Franciscan Board Meeting - 10:00am
Education Room</p> <p>30 Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> |
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MAY 2024

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| <p>1 Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>3 Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>4 Centering Prayer Monthly Gathering - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>7 Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>8 Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>10 Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>11 From Age to Age Choral Ensemble Spring Concert -
7:00pm</p> <p>12 Ascension of the Lord
Masses 6:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am (+Live Streamed),
12:00Noon, 4:00pm</p> <p>14 Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>15 Joel Anderson Organ Recital - 12:30pm
Main Church
Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>17 Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>18 MN Chorale Family Concert - 7:30pm</p> <p>18-19 Celebrate! Ages 81-90, "The Greats" after all Masses
in Forliti Gathering Room</p> | <p>19 Pentecost Sunday
Masses 6:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am (+Live Streamed),
12:00Noon, 4:00pm
African Mass - 12:00Noon Mass
Secular Franciscan Group Meeting - 1:15pm
Education Room</p> <p>21 Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>22 Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>24 Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>25 Secular Franciscan Board Meeting - 10:00am
Education Room</p> <p>27 Memorial Day
Mass at 9:00am, building closed after. No 7:00am
or 12:00Noon Masses, no confessions. Parish Office
closed.</p> <p>28 Young Adult Group - 5:45pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>29 Women's Bible Study - 6:30pm
Forliti Gathering Room</p> <p>31 Saint Olaf Craftworks Ministry - 10:00am
Forliti Gathering Room</p> |
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Calling All Young Adults, ages 21 -35!

All are welcome to join our Tuesday evening meetings from 5:45pm - 7:00pm.

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Live stream the Sunday Mass at 10:00am: youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live

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

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.

Saint Olaf also archives all of our Masses on the website: 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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OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: Closed

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Pray Saint Olaf Sunday Mass on MCN Cable Channel 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.