

JANUARY 25, 2026
THE THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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Bishop Kevin Kenney

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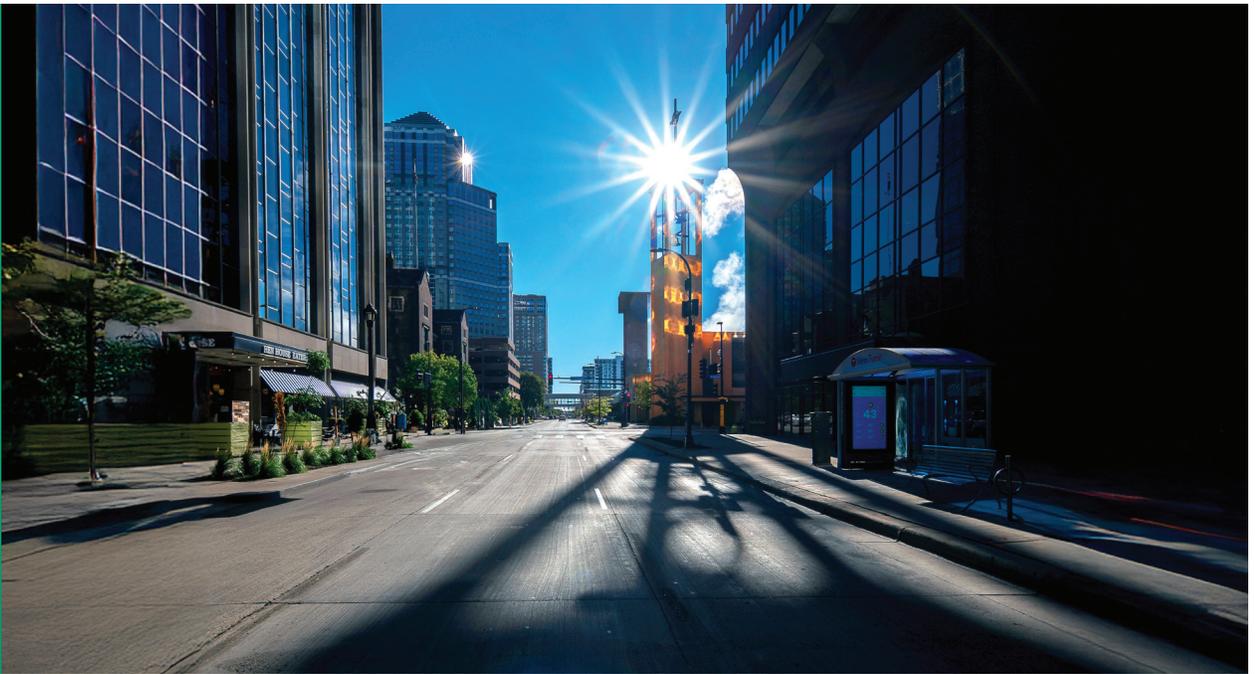


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THE JOURNEY

Bishop Kevin Kenney, Pastor

We have been enlightened by our scriptures in the last weeks to seek Jesus through this dark world as we keep his light alive. This has been a challenge in our local area as the cloud of fear, mistrust, violence, and surrender has encircled us in many different ways. Every day there has been something new. Every day the news has shown the true side of humanity, it has not been pretty. Where and how will salvation shine forth to light the path for justice, peace, dignity and freedom? Lives being disrupted, families being literally torn apart, communities suffering economic loss, and mistrust have overgrown in the garden of justice to polarize humanity even more. In Jesus and his mighty words and compassionate works, we read how men left everything behind to follow where Jesus leads them.

From age to age, the world being challenged in many ways from war, to famine, to natural disasters, and every human sin possible, has always come through in hopes of a better tomorrow. God's mercy has never left us, God's compassion is always present, and God sent his Son Jesus into the world 2000 years ago to bring us hope, forgiveness and light for a darkness that continues to surround us. The journey brings us to today.

The light of Jesus Christ shines in many aspects. It may be difficult to see in our cities today, but the generosity and the love of neighbor shines dimly as many people are reaching out to help and accompany their neighbor but have hidden their lamp under a bushel basket in fear of retaliation. Who would have thought we would be living this way? History does repeat itself! The story of Jesus reaching out and touching the leper in order to heal him, reminded me of the years where we feared those with HIV or more recently with COVID. The common cold does not seem as startling today as it once did. Our journeys are full of hills and turns yet they keep leading us to the kingdom.

Do you suppose Peter and Andrew knew what they were in for when they left their nets and followed Jesus? Following Jesus, these two fishermen learned what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus. They saw a light in him that was different; they did not know where the journey would lead but they followed.

Jesus calls us to follow him. We may say, "We did a long time ago." Do you remain with Jesus today on the same journey or have you taken a different turn, stopped at a rest stop, or turned the light down? We are all on the journey and living into what

our ancestors hoped for and a glorious future. Isaiah speaks of the hope that will come out of the darkness and walk into light. We will see a great abundant joy and great rejoicing and be a people faithful to God. God is with us.

As we come to the end of January, we will hear again of the Catholic Services Appeal. As part of our journey, we belong to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul/Minneapolis and our support is essential to ensure that ministries continue to bring the light and truth of Jesus Christ. More information will be coming.

Lent is right around the corner, so now is time to begin thinking of this leg of our journey. How will you prepare?

These days on the journey have been emotional for me as I walk with many in our Archdiocese who are deeply affected by the times. The journey has been difficult and rough. Thanks to many who have come forward in the Twin Cities' community to help in peaceful ways to maintain a sense of dignity in our cities. This brings our neighbors comfort and hope. Wherever one stands on this journey, let us pray for dignity of the human being and love for neighbor! Peace!



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY BOLD ITALICS*

January 25: Is 8:23-9:3, **Ps 27**, 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17, Mt 4:12-23

February 1: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13, **Ps 146**, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 5:1-12a

PRAY SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS MCN CH 6

For those unable to attend Mass, you can 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.

EXODUS GROUNDBREAKING

The Saint Olaf - Aeon Exodus project had its public ceremonial groundbreaking last Wednesday, January 14. About 140 people were on hand to celebrate this project that has been in our hopes and dreams since 2017, and is now a reality. By next December, we will have 72 units of supportive housing in the Exodus Building. Check out SaintOlaf.org/housingproject to see photos and videos and celebrate along with us!

PRAYER PRACTICUM

Begin the new year by renewing your relationship with God through prayer. It is not a task, but a loving, heart-to-heart encounter with the Lord who seeks us first. Join **Fr. Wehmann on Wednesdays in January after the Noon Mass (12:30pm)** for a Prayer Practicum exploring simple, meaningful ways to deepen your friendship with Christ. Come rediscover the beauty of prayer and deepen your friendship with Christ.

VISIT THE VATICAN UNVEILED EXHIBIT

The Mall of America will be the site for one of the largest exhibits of papal artifacts outside of the Vatican in Rome. The exhibit will be open from January 10 - February 1. Tickets are available at archspm.org/vaticanunveiled. Saint Olaf has been gifted a limited number of complimentary tickets for this event. Contact Mike Burakowski, MBurakowski@SaintOlaf.org or **612-767-6218** for tickets. Consider parking at Saint Olaf and taking the light rail to MOA and back. Invite other parishioners to join you for a fun community event.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS FOR A NIGHT AT THE MN TIMBERWOLVES

See Anthony Edwards and the Minnesota Timberwolves take on the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00pm. This is a special discounted ticket offer for Saint Olaf Catholic Church Young Adult Group Members and other local young adults who enjoy basketball. \$18 discounted tickets will be in a specific section for our group. To purchase tickets: visit tickets.timberwolves.com/offers/4216 and enter the promo code: **25STOLAF26**. Order deadline is February 6. For questions, contact Young Adult Group member, Adam Goedken, agoedken4@gmail.com.

SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

The greatest current needs for Samaritan Ministry are for new or gently used men's jeans, men's gym shoes, and backpacks. Thank you for your support.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME!

- Building closes at 5:30pm Monday - Friday.
- Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday - Thursday
- Chapel for private prayer Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:30pm

+ LIVE STREAMED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 10:00am Centering Prayer - Forliti Gth Rm
- 10:00am Secular Franciscans Board Mtg - Edu Rm
- 10:00am Small Group - Fleming Fyr & Hall
- 12:00Noon **Mass**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
- 4:00pm **Vigil Mass**

- 6:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal - Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Small Group - Fleming Fyr
- 12:30pm AA Meeting - Edu Rm
- 4:00pm Small Group - Edu Rm
- 6:30pm OCIA - Edu Rm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Parish Office is Closed

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 10:00am Craftworks Ministry - Forliti Gth Rm
- 11:00am Adoration - Main Church
- 12:00Noon **Mass**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

- 10:00am Centering Prayer - Forliti Gth Rm
- 10:00am Small Group Fleming Foyer and Hall
- 12:00Noon **Mass**

- 12:30pm Confessions
- 12:30pm Rosary - Chapel
- 4:00pm **Vigil Mass**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:30am Confessions
- 7:30am Adoration - Chapel
- 8:00am Small Group - Edu Rm
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:30pm Confessions
- 5:45pm Young Adult Group - Forliti Gth Rm
- 6:30pm Small Group - Fleming Fyr

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

- 7:00am **Mass - Chapel**
- 7:00am AA Meeting - Edu Rm
- 7:30am Confessions
- 11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting - Edu Rm
- 12:00Noon **Mass+**
- 12:30pm Small Group - Fleming Fyr
- 12:30pm Prayer Practicum - Forliti Gth Rm
- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study - Forliti Gth Rm

ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Dec 22 - 28	\$38,063	\$133,965	-\$95,902
YTD - Week #26	\$857,729	\$814,713	\$43,016
Dec 29 - Jan 4	\$45,473	\$30,442	\$15,031
YTD - Week #27	\$903,202	\$845,155	\$58,047

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.