



Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

THE 24TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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LANDSLIDES OF HEALING NOT DIVISION

Michael Griffin, Director of Social Ministry

As you know, "landslide" is a descriptor of elections, from student council to the nation, where one candidate receives the overwhelming majority of votes. It signifies folks are strongly embracing a common direction for community life. Those elected speak of receiving a "mandate" to lead in a certain way that reflects the landslide. It stings a bit more if you voted on the other side of the landslide! For some time now we have not seen many election landslides. It is yet another indicator of just how divided we are as a people.

These days "landslides" are only found in weather events provided by Mother Nature. The world has been subjected to extreme storms with very strong winds and incredible amounts of precipitation in rather short periods of time. The land cannot handle it all at once, and huge slides bring destruction and death. The consequence of not caring for creation!

Division is not only related to elections. We all know division exists when one person is divided from another, whether in a family or among friends. Our own hurt in the matter might momentarily keep us from trying to heal the division. It might also paralyze us for lifelong stretches, a reality all too familiar in the human condition.

The Scriptures for this weekend remind us this kind of personal, human division has been around for a long time, and God's Word has something to say about it. The reading from Sirach states the obvious; wrath and

anger are hateful, and holding on to it is sinful. So why do we do it? God knows the details and we end up keeping ourselves from being forgiven when we do not forgive others. Nourishing anger against another only keeps us from experiencing healing.

In the gospel, the text tells us that Peter seems to be looking for the limit he needed to show when someone sins against him. Jesus in effect tells him, keep forgiving, I'll tell you when to stop. Jesus tells us the same thing! Jesus came to unite when people were divided from each other. If they are divided from each other, they are divided from God.

Working through the hard stuff means there will be pain along the way. The example from medicine can give us a path to help and heal. Twenty years ago, I had some heart surgery and got a near fatal infection. Doing the hard stuff in recovery (and a cracked chest was no excuse) was needed to make things stronger and bring healing for the long haul. But it's not all physical.

Life in Christ gives us a path with many ways to help and heal the division we might have within ourselves, with another, and with what we have in wider communities and nations. There will be pain to get to healing. Christ's suffering and death on the cross brought us all eternal life. Pope Leo proclaims, "We therefore believe that caring for others, when motivated by love, not only helps those in need, but also opens the heart of the giver to God's grace." (Dilexi Te 46)

Let the healing begin (and division end)! To prime the pump, start by caring for someone you are not divided from; bring an item for Samaritan Ministry, send a note to someone you have lost touch with, or sign up for the Catholic Advocate Network at **MNCatholic.org**. Invest in the younger generation by volunteering to participate in the Catholic Tutor Corps. Their president, Dick McGuire, will be at Saint Olaf on Sunday after the 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00Noon Masses to share more information.

These actions of love will help strengthen our resolve to deal with other divisions with God's help. Growing in love is a serious, wondrous, joyful experience. Let's not stay divided from others. Pope Francis reminds us, another "person's heart should thus be considered 'holy ground,' a bearer of seeds of divine life, before which we must 'take off our shoes' in order to draw near and enter more deeply into the Mystery." (*CHRISTUS VIVIT* 67) Love in a landslide!

PRAY FOR BISHOP KEVIN - PROJECT HOPE

Bishop Kevin is grateful for your continued prayers during his cancer journey. You may find information on his diagnosis and treatment updates at **archspm.org/bishopkenney**. The Saint Olaf website will also be updated as opportunities to **Pray ~ Serve ~ Share** your gifts are formulated for **Project Hope**. Support **Project Hope** by sharing your gifts to bring hope to those who need it today.



EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

*RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ARE DENOTED BY BOLD ITALICS

Sept 13, 24th Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7, **Ps 103**, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35

Sept 20, 25th Sunday: Is 55:6-9, **Ps 145**, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20: 1-16a

PRAY SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS MCN CH 6

You can pray our Sunday 10:00am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday 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.

CATHOLIC TUTOR CORPS

For 25 years, the Catholic Tutor Corps (CTC) has been supporting students in low-income Catholic schools in Minneapolis and St Paul. Saint Olaf has provided many volunteers over the years, and more tutors are needed. Time spent will change a student's life, and will change your life. To learn more contact Richard McGuire, CTC President, at **612-360-0677**, or ctortorcorps@gmail.com. Visit catholictutorcorps.com. He will be at Saint Olaf after the 8am, 10am and 12:00Noon Masses on Sunday, Sept 13.

NEVER BAPTIZED? NOT YET CONFIRMED? YET TO HAVE FIRST COMMUNION?

Would you, or someone you know like to become Roman Catholic? Are you already Roman Catholic, but have not yet been Confirmed or never received First Communion? We are starting the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) in October. Please contact Michael Strande, MStrande@SaintOlaf.org or **612-767-7630**.

APOLOGETICS SERIES

UNDERSTANDING AND EXPLAINING THE CATHOLIC FAITH. We will explore questions we often encounter about Scripture and Tradition, the authority of the Church, Mary, the Eucharist, Confession, Purgatory, and morality, while learning how to talk about our faith with confidence and charity. **Join Fr. Wehmann on all the Wednesdays in September from 12:30pm-1:15pm.**

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES BEGINS SEPT 16

Please join us after the 12:00Noon Mass on Wednesday, September 16, for an organ recital presented by Emily Roth, Dean of the Southeast Minnesota American Guild of Organists. Free recital begins at approximately 12:30pm. **Other upcoming recitals include:**

- October 29, 7:00pm with Olivier Latry of Notre Dame, Paris, France (See qr code)
- November 18, 12:30pm with Benton Schmidt, of the Saint Paul's Newman Center, Fargo, ND
- December 16, 12:30pm with David Jenkins



OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC 2026 – OCT 1

Denim and Diamonds is this year's theme, featuring a catered dinner by Lake Elmo Inn and plenty of opportunities to dance the night away! Tickets are \$65.00/person. Get your tickets at SaintOlaf.org/OfMinistryandMusic or in the acrylic stands at the church entrances.

WEEKLY ORGAN ANNIVERSARY FUN FACT

Saturday, February 9, 2002 was the organ blessing, dedication, and recital with Archbishop Harry J. Flynn and Pastor Fr. John Forliti presiding. Tickets for our Anniversary Concert are available now! Scan the QR Code to get yours today!



JOIN THE CHOIR(S) AT SAINT OLAF

Singing in a choir is a wonderful way to deepen faith, develop friendships, and give back to the community. The Parish Choir sings at Sunday 10:00am Mass; the Contemporary Choir sings twice a month at Sunday 4:00pm Mass; the African Choir sings on the third Sunday of the month at the Noon Mass. Please contact Joel Anderson, Director of Music at JAnderson@SaintOlaf.org or **612-767-7628** or stop by the organ after Mass.



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, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00am Centering Prayer - Forliti Gth Rm
10:00am Small Grp - Fleming Fyr
12:00Noon Mass
12:30pm Confessions
12:30pm Rosary
4:00pm Vigil Mass

12:30pm Organ Recital - Emily Roth
12:30pm Apologetics Series - Forliti Gth Rm
6:30pm Parish Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

VISIT CATHOLIC TUTOR CORPS
AFTER 8, 10, 12 MASSES

6:00am Mass
8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass+
11:00am Charity & Justice Committee - Fleming Fyr
12:00Noon Mass
4:00pm Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00am Centering Prayer - Forliti Gth Rm
10:00am Small Grp - Fleming Fyr
12:00Noon Mass
12:30pm Confessions
12:30pm Rosary
4:00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:00am Mass
8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass+
12:00Noon Mass
12:30pm Secular Franciscan Formation - Murphy Rm
145pm Secular Franciscan Group Mtg - Edu Rm
4:00pm Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:30am Confessions
7:30am Adoration - Chapel
12:00Noon Mass+
12:30pm Confessions
5:45pm Young Adults

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00am Mass - Chapel
7:00am AA Meeting - Edu Rm
7:30am Confessions
8:30am Table Chat - Forliti Gth Rm
9:45am JustFaith Immigration Series - Fleming Fyr
11:30am Nicotine Anonymous Meeting - Edu Rm
12:00Noon Mass+

SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEEDS

Our current needs for Samaritan Ministry; towels, men's gym shoes, sweatpants, larger-sized hoodies and light jackets. Items may be dropped off the next time you are at Saint Olaf.

ANNUAL BUDGET

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Aug 17 - 23	\$20,466	\$14,149	\$6,317
YTD - Week #8	\$133,994	\$150,196	-\$16,202

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.