



Father, I have a quick question! by Fr. Patrick Kennedy

Last week I announced what I called “A New Day for St. Olaf,” with the development of affordable housing on the parish site that promises a substantial revenue stream, covered parking, and nearly 200 units of much needed affordable housing downtown. This week we want to answer some of the questions that have been asked. I also want to remind everyone that projects of this nature change in scope, vision, and details as plans are finalized. Keep your questions coming, and we will keep the communication open!

When would the construction actually begin?

St. Olaf has a lease with Catholic Charities for the Exodus Residence until June 30, 2021. At this point, we expect construction to begin shortly after the lease ends. Between now and then, the developer will do planning and design work, as well as the work to secure financing for affordable housing.

What happens to the park?

Space is at a premium all over downtown, including green space. Some of the park will likely need to be used to develop new units next to the rehabbed Exodus building, but it is hoped that a good portion of the green space will be available especially for residents.

What happens when you (Fr. Kennedy) retire? Can the project be stopped by your successor?

When projects of this scope and scale are proposed and then approved, there is provision for continuity even when pastors, staff, and

parish leadership changes. A proxy approved by the archdiocesan corporate board and signed by Archbishop Hebda has been secured and will keep the project moving forward into the future.

What will be done about parking during construction?

When the project is completed the parking lot will not be larger, but it will be covered. St. Olaf will continue to maintain relationships with the Minneapolis Club, the TCF Ramp and the surface lot at 10th Street and 2nd Ave to make sure access to St. Olaf is always available. Other specific options are being planned. We have had parking lot closures due to parish construction in the past and while inconvenient, the results have always been worth it. We expect the same to be true this time!

What happens to the current residents of Exodus involved in Catholic Charities programs?

We have been in regular communication with Catholic Charities since the parish first purchased the building and leased it to them. Discussions became more focused as issues about the future of the building increased. More than a year ago, they informed their staff that the building would no longer meet the needs, and they began to reach out to other stakeholders to make plans for services in a new location. They are committed to serving current residents, and St. Olaf is supportive and agreed to extend the lease until June 2021.

Will St. Olaf have any involvement with the

residents of the new housing?

The developer, Aeon, provides supportive services at many of the properties they manage in order to strengthen residents and communities. St. Olaf seeks to have a role in this process once the project is completed. It is part of our faith to be neighbors to others. It is expected that at least some of the new residents will be Catholic and will find a parish home at St. Olaf.

I didn't see this in the bulletin. How much is this new project going to cost St. Olaf.

Our Financial cost will be minimal. We will pay for legal services to help us (St. Olaf) craft the long-term lease to be signed by both Aeon and ourselves. There may be some costs related to public relations on our part. There will be a cost of “disruption” when the construction in our parking lot finally begins in 2021. Other than those costs, very few of St. Olaf dollars will go into this project. The majority of the costs will be borne by the developer, Aeon.

Correction: I thought the great Ash Wednesday fire was in 1953? You are right! The old church burned on Feb 18, 1953 not 1951. The new church was built and opened on Ash Wednesday, February 23, 1955.

Another Correction from March 24, 2019 bulletin: The first Exodus residents were welcomed into the building on August 3, 1992 not 1995, shortly after Fr. John Forliti became pastor.

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Additional information was included in the March 24, 2019 parish bulletin. Find it online or call the parish office.

As plans develop and more questions emerge, we will provide ongoing communication about this project and the three-fold goals of strong revenue, upgraded parking, and affordable housing.

EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information at www.saintolaf.org/events

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Thursday, March 28, 7:30 – 9:00am

CENTERING PRAYER INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM

Part 2: Saturday, March 30, 9:00 – 11:15am

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THIS EASTER

Remember a loved one, living or deceased, with a gift toward church flowers and environment. Suggested offering is \$20.00 per remembrance. Names of honorees and donors will be posted at the church entrances. Make checks payable to St. Olaf Church with the memo: Easter Flower Donation. Place forms and donations in the collection or bring to the parish reception desk in Forliti Foyer by April 5.

WE NEED PANTS!

Samaritan Ministry serves hundreds of guests each month and the majority seek out our clothing closet. Our shelves for pants/jeans for men are bare! Please help us help our guests by donating new, or clean/gently used jeans and/or pants in all sizes. Drop items off weekdays from 9:00am-4:00pm or before Mass on the weekends. Thank you for your support!

CHORAL PRELUDE – ST. OLAF PARISH CHOIR AND FROM AGE TO AGE

On Palm Sunday, April 14, plan to arrive at 9:35 a.m. to enjoy an extended choral prelude performed by the St. Olaf Parish Choir and From Age to Age, our choir-in-residence. Join us in celebrating Palm Sunday with this special music.

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, April 14 from 2:30 to 3:30

Mission of the Messiah by Tim Gray is a study of the Gospel of Luke that deepens our understanding of the messianic mission of Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Tim Gray is assistant professor of Scripture at Notre Dame Graduate School in Alexandria, Va.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In addition to our regular schedule for confessions, we will have an extended time on Tuesday, April 16 from 12:30 – 5:30pm for you to receive the sacrament before Easter.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Additional Information at www.saintolaf.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
 9:15 AM INTRO TO CENTERING PRAYER
 10:00 AM RCIA
 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS
 4:00 PM MASS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 31

6:00 AM MASS
 8:00 AM MASS
 9:00 AM NURSERY OPENS
 10:00 AM MASS
 12:00 PM MASS
 4:00 PM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
 12:00 PM MASS
 12:00 PM AA

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS
 6:30 PM SEASONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
 7:00 AM AA
 12:00 PM MASS
 12:00 PM AA
 6:00 PM ALANON
 6:30 PM PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
 7:30 AM SAMARITAN MINISTRY HOSPITALITY
 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
 11:15 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 12:00 PM MASS
 12:30 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
 10:00 AM RCIA
 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS
 2:00 PM AFRICAN CHOIR REHEARSAL
 4:00 PM MASS

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #37

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Week #37	\$25,454	\$27,180	-\$1,726
YTD through Week #37	\$971,729	\$1,032,616	-\$60,887