



MAY 17, 2020
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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FINDING HOPE IN THE KINDNESS OF OTHERS

by Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence...

1 Peter 3:15-16

I am a glass half-full kind of person. It is one of my strengths and one that I have called upon a lot lately to get me through the morass of dark stories, which have filled the media and my senses since March. What started out as an unbelievable story of a "new" illness, occurring in a city on the other side of the world, has morphed into an epic, life-changing pandemic. We are in uncharted waters, trying to keep steady and safe. We are battered daily with news of more loss - lives, freedoms, and more. How do we find the hope, the positivity? Perhaps the answer is right in front of us. To be more exact, the answer lies inside each of us, living in our core of faith and in our hearts, from the lessons of love shared by our family.

We hear in the readings this weekend of the need to keep Christ in our hearts, but also to be ready to share the message of hopefulness we receive from our faith. Yes, we as Christians are expected to share the message: to evangelize. Banish the thought of knocking on doors and

shouting out Bible verses, that may be one form of evangelizing; one that certainly is not practical in the world today. In reality, the concept of evangelizing boils down to sharing the Good News. That sounds much simpler. In looking for examples of finding hope in the kindness shared by others, it did not take me very long to come up with several instances where words or deeds of others helped me find peace and comfort. I know you, the reader, will also find a reason to smile and be proud of Saint Olaf and our community of faith.

The email from a parishioner who wrote: This evening I got a phone call from a neighbor who said she called me because she wanted to tell me how much she enjoys watching the Mass from St. Olaf on TV. She said she has watched the Mass on EWTN but prefers watching ours...

The parishioner who stopped by and donated fabric masks and the daughter of mine who sewed another dozen masks, to cover our staff's faces so we can protect ourselves as we serve the people in the heart of the city.

The check that arrived from Hastings where the donor had discovered and "Loved the TV Mass" and decided that even though she has a limited income, she

could get by without her "Stimulus Check." So she split it up and sent the money to different organizations and even though she had never been to Saint Olaf, we were one of those recipients.

The many notes, emails, and phone calls that inspire our priests to keep up the good work.

Four giant boxes of socks, the package of men's pants, and more, that appeared unsolicited to give when we re-open our Samaritan ministry again. (We are not ready to receive any more clothing/supplies quite yet, but very soon we will!)

We may not be able to gather, celebrate the Eucharist, or enjoy the company of our friends and family, but we must remember that someday we will do all of these things and more - we need to embrace hope, find hope in the kindness of other's actions, and share that hope.

We each are called to share the Good News in the way we speak, live, work, and share. Each of us has different gifts to share, and each gift makes a difference. Who can you call? Who can you write? Who can you pray for? What can you do? How can you share the Good News of the Risen Christ in your world today?



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

May 17: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3: 15-18; Jn 14: 15-21
May 24: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11

MASK DONATION

Thank you to the Minneapolis Health Department and their able volunteers who donated 100 cloth masks for our staff and volunteers to wear as we restart our ministries at Saint Olaf.

SAMARITAIN MINISTRY DONATIONS

As we restart again from the stay at home mandate we know we will have a need for all of those new and gently used clothes and household supplies you have graciously held on to for us. We are not quite ready yet, but soon!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are still available. We continue to celebrate two Masses Monday through Friday and one on Saturday. Many Masses remain open for a Mass intention. Please call Beth Frey in the Parish Office and she will be happy to schedule a Mass Intention for you, 612-332-7471.

SAINT OLAF'S CENTERING PRAYER GROUP HAS MOVED TO ONLINE GATHERINGS

Saint Olaf has hosted a Centering Prayer group for over 25 years and the Saturday Gatherings continue each week on the online Zoom platform. If you would like to join Centering Prayer's online gathering, please contact parishioner Carol Quest at CarolQuest@q.com no later than Friday morning of the week you want to join. She will facilitate your Zoom invitation. New people are encouraged to give Centering Prayer a try. All are welcome.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE SAINT OLAF FACEBOOK PAGE

Watch the new Another Saint Olaf Conversation with... featuring Emily Polashek. You can still find our daily Mass videos that are posted in English and Spanish every day. Let us bring Saint Olaf to you during this time! Search for Saint Olaf Catholic Church, downtown Minneapolis on Facebook and [saint_olaf_church](#) on Instagram. Like and follow us to see our daily posts and see what we are up during this time.

VISIT THE SAINT OLAF WEBSITE AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

Please visit the Saint Olaf website for updates on the Coronavirus and its impact on Saint Olaf. The main page has the latest information posted as we learn of any revisions or updates. If you would like to watch Sunday and Weekday Mass please visit the Saint Olaf website. Click on the word Media. Scroll down and click on "View This Week's Mass Broadcast". Click on the Mass broadcast you wish to view. The most recent broadcast will be shown at the top. Watch daily Mass on the Saint Olaf website in English or Spanish.

NEED A PRAYER, ARE FEELING DISCOURAGED, OR NEED TO SPEAK TO A PRIEST

If you need a prayer, someone to talk to, or need to hear another voice, please give us a call, we are here for you, 612-332-7471.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG



We encourage all of our parishioners and guests to follow Governor Walz's "STAY AT HOME" mandate, currently in place through May 17th, 2020. Please stay at home.

Saint Olaf will open for Reconciliation with our regular schedule in the Main Church. The Main Church will be open for Adoration and private prayer during the regular daily Mass times.

DAY	TIME	MAIN CHURCH
Monday-Friday	7:00am-7:30am	Adoration
Monday-Friday	7:30am-till line ends	Reconciliation
Monday-Friday	12:00pm-12:30pm	Adoration
Tuesday, Thursday	12:30pm-till line ends	Reconciliation
Saturday*	12:30pm-till line ends	Reconciliation
Sunday	Closed to the Public	

*Saturday is for **Reconciliation Only** at north entrance off surface parking lot.

SAINT OLAF IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GIFTS SHARED

We thank you for your lovely notes and phone calls of support shared, please know that we miss you and cannot wait until we can see you again.

Thank you also for your continued support with gifts sent via the mail, using our online Giving via the SaintOlaf.org/Give, or the new Text-To-Give option*. Online giving is safe, secure, and you can make a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift for Saint Olaf. If you need assistance, please contact Mary Kennedy at 612-767-6204 and she can assist you with setting up your account online.

*Text the word "GIVE" to 612-800-0603. (This is Saint Olaf's Unique TEXT-TO-GIVE number. More information is available on the website, www.SaintOlaf.org/GIVE)

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK 44

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
April 27 - May 3	\$19,094	\$22,000	-\$2,906
YTD through Week #44	\$1,140,328	\$1,134,312	\$6,016

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.