



Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 17, 2018



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June, The Season of God's Grandeur

By Fr. David Haschka, S.J.

This last week, I journeyed to Milwaukee for a meeting of Jesuits of the Upper Midwest. This annual gathering provides an occasion to visit with old friends and classmates, to hear about the latest diminishments of age — new medications and procedures, who is retiring, stepping aside, or being missioned to the assisted living community — but also to check on the younger brethren and hear their tales of “mighty deeds” and new challenges. Best of all, it’s an opportunity to meet the newest members, the novices and newly ordained, to taste their fresh energies, enthusiasm and promise.

On my way to Milwaukee, I made an extended stop in the bucolic village of Wilton, Wisconsin and spent some hours cycling on the Sparta-Elroy Bike Trail. This, the oldest “Rail-to-Trail” conversion in the nation, winds through a countryside that has changed little since the days of steam locomotives and horse drawn plows. Rolling hills, wooded slopes, rugged bluffs, and productive farm

fields blend beautifully, and bikers are rewarded by wildlife and wildflowers all along the trail. One can even come upon Amish farmers working their fields with horses. In early June, the environment is literally exploding with new life!

Riding on a weekday while schools are still in session meant that I practically had the trail to myself. It was an almost mystical experience. As I came across the remnants of local commerce and industry, now defunct, I could feel the aging and diminishment of my cohort, our Church and our democracy.

And yet, when I stopped to take it all in, my mind filled with the words of another fellow Jesuit, the English poet Gerard Manly Hopkins:

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

*It will flame out, like shining from
shook foil;*

*It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze
of oil*

*Crushed. Why do men then now not
reck his rod?*

*Generations have trod, have trod, have
trod;*

*And all is seared with trade; bleared,
smeared with toil;*

*And wears man's smudge and shares
man's smell: the soil*

*Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being
shod.*

And for all this, nature is never spent;

*There lives the dearest freshness
deep down things;*

*And though the last lights off the black
West went*

*Oh, morning, at the brown brink
eastward, springs —*

*Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and
with ah! bright wings.*

In both the Old Testament and in Gospel readings for this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, God speaks to us in parables of nature. Let's not fail to take in the eternal grandeur and hope of all that surrounds us in this season.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Additional info at: SaintOlaf.org/events

Parking Lot Closure June 18-20

We are repaving the parking lot starting Monday, June 18 and ending Wednesday, June 20 *weather permitting*. The parking lot will be closed during these days. Masses and Confessions will follow the normal schedule. The office will be closed, and a reduced staff will be present. We apologize for any inconvenience. The lot should be reopened by Wednesday afternoon. Those of you going to St Olaf Night at the Twins should be able to park in the newly refurbished lot that evening, June 20.

Fr. Haschka Reception June 24

Fr. David Haschka's last weekend at St Olaf will be June 23 and 24. On Sunday, June 24 he will preside at the 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon liturgies. He will attend hospitality after the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12 noon Masses to say good bye and receive well wishes. Thank you, Fr. Haschka, for three years of priestly ministry at St. Olaf!

You are invited to a retirement celebration for **Fr. Robert Fitzpatrick** at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Roseville, on Sunday, June 24, at the 10 a.m. Mass with a reception following. Fr. Fitzpatrick was ordained in 1973 and served as an Associate at St. Olaf with Msgr. Fleming from 1973 to 1977.

Born Sunny Side Up

I have a bad knee, but I also have a very high tolerance for pain – physical or psychological. That's not saying much; lots of people do. How is it that some have the resiliency to go on in spite of everything? They must be born sunny-side up, are thoughtful, patient and good learners. Their gratefulness and their knowing others are in the same boat inspire personal growth, understanding and peace of mind. At St. Olaf, we welcome everyone, no matter their level of discomfort, their sunny side up-ness or their ability or inclination to participate in the life of the parish. There is plenty of room at the table for everyone. So, greet someone next to you in the pew today and look for a little sun in their smile! FRMurnane@SaintOlaf.org or 612-767-7635.

Road Closures

Routes into and out of downtown are changing due to the road-work on Highway 35W. Please see our website for details.

Twins Tickets that were pre-ordered are available at the Forliti Foyer Reception Desk, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY:

July 8: Book Club

The Book Club next meets Sunday, July 8, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Fleming Foyer. For more information, contact Jeanne Krumpelmann at kile0016@umn.edu or 612-722-4084.

July 16-17: Summer Scripture Institute

Looking at Wisdom Literature from the Bible with Fr. László T. Simon, OSB.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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Saturday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
12:00 p.m. **Mass/Confessions**
2:00 p.m. African Choir Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. **Mass**

Sunday, June 17 — 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

6:00 a.m. **Mass**
8:00 a.m. **Mass**
9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens
10:00 a.m. **Mass**
12:00 p.m. **Mass with African Choir**
4:00 p.m. **Mass**

Monday, June 18

Parking Lot Closed All Day

Office Closed

7:00 a.m. **Mass/Confessions**
12:00 p.m. **Mass**
12:00 p.m. AA

Tuesday, June 19

Parking Lot Closed All Day

Office Closed

7:00 a.m. **Mass/Confessions**
12:00 p.m. **Mass/Confessions**

Wednesday, June 20

Parking Lot Closed in Morning

Office Closed

7:00 a.m. **Mass/Confessions**
7:00 a.m. AA
12:00 p.m. **Mass**
12:00 p.m. AA
7:20 p.m. St. Olaf Night at the Twins
7:30 p.m. Alanon

Thursday, June 21

7:00 a.m. **Mass/Confessions**
12:00 p.m. **Mass/Confessions**

Friday, June 22

7:00 a.m. **Mass/Confessions**
12:00 p.m. **Mass**
12:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
12:00 p.m. **Mass/Confessions**
4:00 p.m. **Mass**