

JUNE 21, 2020
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SAFE FROM THE STORMS — IN OUR FATHER'S ARMS

by Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10: 29-31

It was a summer evening in 1969 and my family was at our cabin in northern Minnesota. A hot, muggy day had turned into a night filled with foreboding, anyone could tell there was "weather" afoot. We tossed and turned in our beds, swatting at the mosquitoes that had successfully evaded dad's nightly chemical fogging, waiting for that breeze to come and bring some relief. Suddenly mom and dad called for us to come quickly. We jumped out of our beds to find mom and dad pulling boxes out from underneath the sturdy, double-sized bunked beds and inserting us children in their stead – it was the safest place to take cover in the cabin. The winds picked up, dad moved about the cabin, battening down the hatches, and making sure his family was as safe as possible. We heard the crack of lightening so close it sounded as if it was right on top of our cabin, quickly followed by great winds and a crash as a

tree fell nearby. At some point, I know my dad joined us under the enormous bunk beds, but part of me thinks he battled the forces of nature and saved us all that night. As suddenly as it had begun, the storm passed, we returned to our beds to peaceful sleep. The next morning dawned, as most post-storm morning's do, with picture perfect weather, and except for the large tree blocking our driveway, our family was no worse for the wear. Later, as we drove home, we witnessed how close we had come to nature's wrath, seeing homes, cabins, and entire forests decimated all around our cabin. Through my child's eyes, and in my heart, I knew my father had saved us.

Many of us, as we celebrate our fathers on this special Sunday, can recall a time such as mine when the actions of our father or a father figure brought us needed comfort, peace, or sanctuary. We each may have experienced the storms of personal crisis and known the comfort found in the safety of our father's arms. We found that within those arms was the strength we needed to fight the battles we faced – knowing we were not alone. Countless times my father "saved" me from the storms in my life, whether they came about from my mistakes, or from circumstances beyond my control. He

seemed to know when he was needed and exactly what to do. My father's love was unconditional, just as God's love is for each of us. Thank God, for the fathers in our lives who watch over us, guide us, and encourage us through all kinds of storms.

We are blessed by God the Father, ever watchful, ever present, even to counting all the hairs on our heads, especially during this time of pandemic when our hairs are long and excessively plentiful.

We are guided by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who challenged all Americans, in his address regarding the murder of George Floyd: *We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.*

We are encouraged by all of the fathers and mothers and others who are standing up, stepping up, and showing us how to serve others to quiet the storm of racism and inequality and bring about justice and peace.

We celebrate all those father figures in our lives who watch over us, pick us up when we stumble, love us, and challenge us. Thank God, for we are blessed by every one of them.



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

June 21: Jer 20:10-13, Ps 69, Rom 5:12-15, Mt 10:26-33
June 28: 2 Kgs 4:4:8-11, 14-16A, Ps 89, Rom 6:3-4, 8-11, Mt 10:37-42

VOLUNTEER SANITATION TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

We could still use some assistance in sanitizing the church after each Mass. The time commitment is no more than 30 minutes after your preferred weekend Mass. If you would be interested in helping to sanitize the church after Mass, please contact the parish office, 612-332-7471. Each team member will be thoroughly trained and all sanitation items will be provided.

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. The daily Masses are recorded Monday-Thursday in both English and Spanish are posted on the Saint Olaf website, www.SaintOlaf.org/media.

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.

SAINT OLAF IS NOW ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

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. Watch for the daily Mass videos that are posted in English and Spanish every day. Let us bring Saint Olaf to you during this time!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available. Two Masses are celebrated Monday through 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 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.*



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME HOME

Saint Olaf will be opening for Weekend Mass this weekend, June 20/21. We will return to our regular Mass schedule. Please be patient with us as we maneuver a new way of existing. Please be attentive to the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home
- Please arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before Mass starts (allow us to clean the Church between Masses)
- Please enter through the Parking Lot doors or the Handicapped Door off of Eighth Street
- Hand sanitizer is available
- Please wear a mask to Mass
- Please observe social distancing
- Please make your visit brief
- Please only use bathrooms out of necessity
- Please follow the directions of the Greeters and Ushers who are here to help and protect you
- Instructions about how to receive Communion will be given during Mass (Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass).

We look forward to you coming home when you feel comfortable. Remember the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended until further notice. If you are older or have some underlying health conditions and don't feel comfortable returning to Mass yet and want to receive Communion, please call the parish office and one of us priests will be happy to bring communion to you outdoors at your home. Please call if you have any questions. Be safe and be well. God bless!

- Fr. Kevin Kenney

*Building closes at 1:00pm Monday - Friday until further notice.
Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday*

DAY	TIME	MAIN CHURCH
Monday-Friday	7:00am	Mass
Monday-Friday	7:30am-till line ends	Reconciliation
Monday-Friday	12:00pm	Mass
Tuesday, Thursday	12:30pm-till line ends	Reconciliation
Saturday	12:00pm 12:30pm-till line ends 4:00pm	Mass Reconciliation Mass
Sunday	6:00am 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 4:00pm	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK 49

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
June 1 - 7	\$14,416	\$30,000	-\$15,584
YTD through Week #49	\$1,228,412	\$1,219,701	\$8,711

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.