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13TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



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MUSIC AT SAINT OLAF IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC

by Joel Anderson, Director of Music

This past weekend, we celebrated public Sunday Mass for the first time at Saint Olaf since the Third Sunday of Lent, which was on March 15th. We have done a “soft start” with daily Mass during the past weeks; and as a staff, we have reflected and collaborated with Fr. Kevin and the parish advisory board on how to give priority both to the health and safety of all, and to the dignity of the liturgy and sacraments. I look forward to continuing our public liturgies.

As you may already have heard, congregational singing will be discontinued until further notice. This is because singing expels air and viral particles from the body at a much greater force than normal speaking. While discouraging assembly singing, let alone discouraging singing of any kind, goes against so much of my instinct and training as an organist and pastoral musician, I recognize that limiting singing is essential during this time as an ingredient in the recipe of a safe return to public worship. Quietly speaking the responses, or humming along under your breath, are two ways to continue to actively participate. I would ask that you also make every effort to engage inwardly with the music, to let it guide your prayer and participation in the Mass. Other than no congregational singing, and communion being distributed

at the end of Mass, the structure of liturgy and music will mostly remain the same as usual. Some parts may be simplified, or modified in other ways. We will be trying different strategies and techniques to achieve a prayerful balance during this time, but the music will continue to reflect or expound upon the readings, themes, and propers of the day. We will certainly adapt as we go along, learning what works best during this time. There may be more instrumental music and cantor solos, but it’s important to remember that these are not performances, but acts of worship. As always, liturgical music, no matter what form it may take, is to play a ministerial role, to enhance and beautify the liturgy, to serve the prayer, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to God.

I have felt very fortunate to be able to continue to provide music for the televised Masses while our Sunday liturgies were closed to the public. For myself and the cantors who have participated in these liturgies, it has been one of the few outlets of normalcy in our musical lives during this time, and a great source of comfort and joy to me personally. If you have watched any of our televised liturgies, I hope that they have brought you solace and connection, and that it has felt uplifting to continue to

attend Mass at Saint Olaf in that way. I feel incredibly fortunate that we have these technologies at our disposal to express our faith, to stay in touch, and to continue to minister in our callings.

Because of the potential hazards of singing during the pandemic, our choirs will not reconvene until further notice. Small teams of musicians will provide music on Sundays according to our usual schedule: a cantor or small schola at 10:00am; a cantor at 8:00am, 12:00pm, and the 4:00pm Vigil on Saturday; a small contemporary ensemble on Sunday at 4:00pm; and a reduced-size African ensemble at the 12:00pm Mass on the third Sunday of the month.

I know that many people, parishioners and visitors alike, appreciate Saint Olaf’s strong tradition of excellence in liturgical music. We will continue to do our best to uphold that tradition during this pandemic, even though some aspects may look and sound different. I recall the “before-times” before the pandemic both wistfully and gratefully, for all that we have been blessed with here at Saint Olaf, and I look forward to the day when we can all together, choirs, clergy, assembly, organ, piano, and instruments, make a joyful noise unto the Lord.



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

June 28: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16A, Ps 89, Rom 6:3-4, 8-11, Mt 10:37-42
July 5: Zec 9:9-10, Ps 145, Rom 8:9, 11-13, Mt 11:25-30

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for loved ones lost who are associated with Saint Olaf. We will post news of any pending Funeral Masses or Memorial services when they are scheduled. Please check saintolaf.org and click on Funeral in the top right of any page to see any the scheduled funerals.

Mary Arthur, Parishioner - Died June 18, Funeral June 25

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 and are posted on the Saint Olaf website, www.SaintOlaf.org/media.

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 to during this time.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FOR ALL OF THE GIFTS SHARED

For those of you who watch the figures in the opposite corner, you are more than likely quite surprised with the tally this week. We were also surprised to open the mail and find a gift for \$100,000 given by an anonymous donor for Saint Olaf's use "where it is most needed." We may not be able to thank the donor personally, but then is this not another example of the generosity found in the people of Saint Olaf? Saint Olaf parishioners and friends have consistently supported this community of faith through some hard times over the years and helped us weather all sorts of storms. We are stronger because of the stewardship of each of our members, who pray for us, serve others with and through us, and help us live out our mission of serving as the living sign of Christ's love in the heart of the city.

We are grateful for all of the kinds of gifts shared, both large and small, as every gift makes a difference. Gifts come in so many forms, and during this time of pandemic, we have seen so many varieties of gifts shared. We have received gifts of prayer, which have helped us stay strong and reminded us to trust in God. Gifts of leadership and letters of support from the parish, which helped us, determine the best steps forward. Gifts of masks and gloves that we can share to keep everyone safer. Gifts of service to clean the church, cover, and then uncover the stained glass to protect our building. We all benefit from the gift of the Plexiglas communion screens and table screens created for our Samaritan ministers to use when they meet with clients. Each of these gifts benefits Saint Olaf, and for all of these gifts shared so generously, we are grateful.

Thank you Saint Olaf people, you bless this parish abundantly!



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME HOME

Last weekend's return to Masses went very well and we will continue 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 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

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

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.

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK 50

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
June 8-14	\$111,469	\$18,000	\$93,469
YTD through Week #50	\$1,339,881	\$1,237,701	\$102,180

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.