



Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 8, 2018



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## “Hey people, stop and look!”

By Fr. Patrick Kennedy

My friends,

Andy Warhol once quipped, “In the future, everyone will be world famous for 15 minutes.” It seems this is the case for animals, too.

A few weeks ago, a raccoon scaled the side of a bank building in St. Paul. On the way up to the top, it stopped to rest, sleeping in the window sills of offices here and there. This little creature captured the imagination of those who caught sight of it. Word traveled far and wide. People in St. Paul and other places, too, mused about the whole event. The fifteen minutes of fame for the raccoon lasted a few days. It finally reached the top, tired and hungry. It was trapped on the roof and removed to an unspecified location in the wild to return to its native habitat and relative obscurity once again.

First, it doesn't take much to crank up the imagination of the people of St. Paul. I know. I grew up there. We could be distracted and amused by the littlest events occurring around

us. The distractions became fodder for the conversations around the kitchen table and over the fence as we talked about the latest situation or person who captured a bit of our time and attention. Much like the raccoon, the feat accomplished by a little critter from the wild had people buzzing around the water cooler, on the bus, in the restaurants and, yes, around the dinner table on the evenings the story played out.

Secondly, the fifteen minutes of fame the raccoon seemed to draw people away from their troubles, put smiles on their faces, and changed the conversations, albeit briefly, from the more serious and complicated stuff people usually talk about to something frivolous and, in the end, relatively meaningless. For a few minutes, the raccoon offered a respite to people who needed a little break to enjoy how nature can be not only surprising but entertaining, too.

It is summertime now. Nature is fully alive, and in a variety of ways, it

beckons us to notice how beautiful it is. Everything is greened up. Flowers are blooming. Bees are buzzing. Birds are singing. Even an occasional raccoon creates some excitement along the way. I wonder sometimes, am I able to enjoy it? Do I stop and literally smell the flowers or better yet look at how they are intricately fashioned. The land of ten thousand lakes provides an opportunity to cool our feet and allow us to be refreshed by the experience. The heat of the day is inviting us not to hug the air conditioner but to take the people we hug out for ice cream and be cooled by their company and the cone of frozen goodness we hold in our hands.

The one thing we all know is, time moves quickly. In this day and age, we have to work at stopping for a bit and seeing the little things around us which can encourage our spirits and help us to know what truly matters in life. Nature is intended to give glory to God. Our natural surroundings do that with little or no effort. And yet,

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our attention to its wonder and beauty is often missed, because we don't seem to have the time to pay any notice to it.

I don't know if this is true. But sometimes the natural world expresses itself in extraordinary ways to grab our attention for a few minutes and seems to say, "Hey people, stop and look, get your mind off your worries and let us entertain you!" The story of the raccoon seemed to say just that. Truth be told, she accomplished her task if indeed it was her purpose. For that reason, her 15 minutes of fame was not only celebrated by us humans but just maybe it brought a smile to God's face, too.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Additional info at: [SaintOlaf.org/events](http://SaintOlaf.org/events)

### Book Club

The Book Club meets Sunday, July 8, 2018 from 2:30 to 3:30.  
*Who Am I to Judge – Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love*  
by Edward Sri.

### Register Now for the Summer Scripture Institute

with Scripture Scholar Fr. László Simon, OSB, Monday, July 16 and Tuesday, July 17, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. "*The Wisdom of God in its Rich Variety: Old Testament wisdom literature and its New Testament reverberations*" Registration fee is \$20/day. To register for one or both days, mail your check with contact information, including your phone number to:

Summer Scripture Institute

St. Olaf Catholic Church

215 South 8th Street

Minneapolis MN 55402

*Please register soon so we can get the lunch count confirmed!*

### July 28/29 — Feast of St. Olaf

We will celebrate the feast of St. Olaf at all Masses. At the 10:00 a.m. Mass, the Samaritan Ministry Room in the lower level will be dedicated as the *Sister Rosanne Samaritan Hall* after Sr. Rosanne Fox, CSJ who served here for over 30 years and died on May 15, 2018.

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Additional info at: [SaintOlaf.org/events](http://SaintOlaf.org/events)

### Saturday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer  
12:00 p.m. **Mass/Confessions**  
2:30 p.m. African Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. **Mass**

### Sunday, July 8 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**  
2:30 p.m. Book Club  
4:00 p.m. **Mass**

### Monday, July 9

7:00 a.m. **Mass/Confessions**  
7:30 a.m. Samaritan Ministry Hospitality  
12:00 p.m. **Mass**  
12:00 p.m. AA

### Tuesday, July 10

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

### Wednesday, July 11

7:00 a.m. **Mass/Confessions**  
7:00 a.m. AA  
12:00 p.m. **Mass**  
12:00 p.m. AA  
7:30 p.m. Alanon

### Thursday, July 12

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

### Friday, July 13

*Office closed on Fridays*

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

### Saturday, July 14

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer  
12:00 p.m. **Mass/Confessions**  
2:30 p.m. African Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. **Mass**