

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 18, 2019

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## Summer Musings

By Kevin Kenney, Pastor

I cannot believe it is mid-August already! I was laughing with someone the other day as we were sitting at the lakeshore saying, "summer is flying by." We pondered for a moment and realized it is rare that we ever hear, "winter is flying by." "Why is that?", we thought. Well, I guess we all know.

Mid-August rings with back-to school sales, college students packing and leaving, the State Fair approaching and hopes of the Twins clinching the division. We sit on the edge of our lawn chairs as we say "good-bye" to our visitors who came and left. We wonder who will cut the lawn now that the college students are gone. We laugh at those who say, "summer is over," when we know we still have one more month of this wonderful season. Our to do list still lingers as we have books to read, garages and closets to clean, and places we still wish to visit. The Great Minnesota Get-Together begins this week, so plans need to be made as to when and with whom one cares to share this culinary and people-watching experience. Twelve great days of news-worthy stories to be told. And then we have the Minnesota Twins! Will we? Will we not? It is back and forth and forth and back! One has to love the great game of baseball. Go Twins!

As Mid-August settles in we have finished the

project of the new fire alarm system. Thanks to the "Of Ministry and Music Fundraiser" last year, we were able to bring the building up to current standards and safety. Knowing this, I can now sleep better at night. We are currently planning "Of Ministry and Music II Fundraiser". This year's event will take place on Thursday, September 26th. Plans are being finalized and we invite everyone to join us for an exhilarating and surprise-filled evening. Part of this year's goal will be to replenish the reserve fund, which will allow me to sleep even better, and some still to be decided practical needs in the buildings. "Of Ministry and Music", what a great title for a fundraiser that depicts the joy of our ministry in the heart of the city.

This weekend I invite everyone to the Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church Festival. Saints Cyril and Methodius is my "other" parish where I am the Parochial Administrator. I spent last weekend celebrating the Masses at the parish and meeting the people, another great gift of God's beautiful children. The festival will be held on Saturday, August 17th from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm and on Sunday, August 18th from 11:30 am until 4:00 pm. The festival will include games, ice-cream, Ecuadorian and local foods, entertainment, and sports tournaments. Please join us for an afternoon or evening of fun, 1315 Second Street NE, Minneapolis, MN

55413. It's only 7-10 minutes from Saint Olaf. "Come and have fun with the family!"

I attended the Kenney Family Picnic last Saturday. We traditionally gather on what is and was our grandmother's birthday. Spending time with family is renewing and gathering to celebrate life is very important. I also attended the Irish Fair in St. Paul where the music and food and friends were spirited, jigs were danced, and tunes were sung. Gatherings like these renew my hope in humanity where we can gather, enjoy each other's company, meet new and old friends, and simply feel the freedom to relax. Speaking of freedom to relax, isn't it nice to be hands-free in the car where you don't have to pick up every call or answer every text at each moment? Someone texted me the other day and then called saying, I just texted you, why didn't you answer?" I responded, "Because I was driving!"

Our readings this weekend challenge us to look around and see where we are and who is near. Who are those witnesses that surround you, both those who are heavenly and earthly? Enjoy this latter part of August! Enjoy ice cream, taking a walk, reading a book, visiting a friend, or making a new friend. There is no better time than today to spread the good news and share a smile!



## EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information at [www.saintolaf.org/events](http://www.saintolaf.org/events)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST

We are trying to determine if we have enough children to offer First Reconciliation/Communion classes this year. Please call the parish office 612-332-7471 before the end of August to let us know if you have children aged 7 and above who need to receive these sacraments.

### ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

St Olaf will begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions on Saturday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. Sessions will run through May 2, 2020. Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, either from another faith tradition or who has never been baptized, is welcome to attend. We ask that you contact Fr Michael Krenik (612-767-6209 or [frmkrenik@saintolaf.org](mailto:frmkrenik@saintolaf.org)) to register. We are also in need of sponsors, parishioners willing to walk with the candidates through the RCIA process.

### MUSIC AT MASS

Did you know that each week, we post the list of music for the upcoming weekend liturgies on our website? You can visit <http://www.saintolaf.org/thisweeksliturgies> or navigate there from the main page. Hymn numbers correspond to Gather Comprehensive, the hymnal found in the church pews.

### HABITAT/BRUSH WITH KINDNESS PROJECT

St Olaf is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity project again this year on Thursday, Sept.19 - Saturday, Sept. 21. You can volunteer one, two, or all three days of the project, whatever your schedule allows. This project involves painting and fixing up a house that is owned by an individual or family who is having a difficult time maintaining the home themselves because of financial hardship, physical disability, or other such reasons. Volunteering for this project does not require a lot of specialized skill, but mainly a willingness to give some of your time and energy to help someone less fortunate. To sign up please go to <https://tchabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/stolafcatholic/>. For more information please contact project coordinator and St. Olaf parishioner Mike Nemanich at [mnemanich@aol.com](mailto:mnemanich@aol.com), or call the parish office.

### OF MINISTRY AND MUSIC II

Thursday, September 26 – fundraiser to support St. Olaf’s capital needs. The evening will include dinner, music, and more. See the website for more information and to register.

### HOSPITALITY REMINDER

There will be no after-Mass hospitality during August.

### NURSERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to unforeseen circumstances, nursery services are suspended for the near future. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We will announce in a future bulletin when services resume.

### LABOR DAY MASS

Our Labor Day Mass on Monday, September 2nd is at 9:00am.



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Additional Information at [www.saintolaf.org](http://www.saintolaf.org)

#### WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2019

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- 9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
- 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 4:00 PM MASS

#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 25

- 6:00 AM MASS
- 8:00 AM MASS
- 10:00 AM MASS
- 12:00 PM MASS
- 4:00 PM MASS

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 7:30 AM SAMARITAN MINISTRY HOSPITALITY
- 12:00 PM MASS
- 12:00 PM AA

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 7:00 AM AA
- 12:00 PM MASS
- 12:00 PM AA
- 6:00 PM ALANON

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

##### OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 10:00 AM KNITTING CLUB
- 12:00 PM MASS
- 12:30 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- 9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
- 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS
- 2:00 PM AFRICAN CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 4:00 PM MASS

### ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #5

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
July 29 – August 4	\$16,963	\$27,000	-\$10,037
YTD through Week #5	\$71,255	\$113,642	-\$42,387