

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 24, 2019



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Jesus Remember Me

By Fr. Kevin Kenney

Today we begin our final week in the liturgical year. We celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We have been reading from the gospel of St. Luke all year and will begin reading from St. Matthew's gospel as our new year begins next week. I hope that we have grown in faith this past year, reflecting in our lives how Jesus has drawn us into everyday life and encouraged us to look around and take notice of those around us. From the cross Jesus takes notice of what is happening and as the criminals take part in the action the one states, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus responds, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." What a beautiful dialogue we have, even in this most dark and most painful moment. The compassion and love that Jesus shows never dissipates but challenges us and stretches us to do the same. As this liturgical year ends and we celebrate Thanksgiving this Thursday, may we be thankful for all Jesus does for us and take some time this week to thank those around us who support us on our walk with Jesus. May God bless us all and keep us moving forward in the mission we have been given, to be a living sign of Jesus Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city.

I recently initiated the Fr. Patrick Kennedy Initiative on *Parish Mission in the Heart of the City* with a breakfast and morning talk. The

breakfast was great, as always, and I received good reviews of the talk that I gave. I wanted to offer a short summary of what I spoke that morning. My main emphasis was our call to be a "Missionary Church" and within the "Missionary Church", our call to be "Missionary Disciples". At the end of St. Matthew's gospel we read, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20). I have always had a missionary spirit and I have lived my life through that spirit. I shared some of my background and how life experiences have made me who I am today. Being "Missionary Disciples" first calls us to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. We need to know who Jesus is and listen to his voice. Jesus speaks to us through the Gospels, in prayer and as a friend. When we come to have a deeper relationship with Jesus, we experience conversion in our lives. Conversion leads us to say "no" to what keeps us from this relationship and draws us in closer to Jesus. In this deeper relationship with Jesus, we begin to understand that we are grounded in something bigger. This something bigger are the teachings and traditions that the Church honors which lead us

to discern in our lives how we are to live in the love of God and grow in faith. As we live in God's love and grow in faith, our decision-making is influenced and better choices are made. Through the sacramental life of the Church, we are connected with others and with others, we find community that equips us for mission. Our mission is to reach out, to notice what is happening around us, and then to act in a way that we bring the foundation upon which our lives are nourished to others by serving them and giving them the best of who we are. It all centers on Jesus and our relationship with Jesus and if our lives are rooted in this relationship we can continue to transform our world, living into the commission Jesus left us.

Our call to be "Missionary Disciples" invites us to go out and share our blessings with others. We spoke about forming a "Heart of the City Committee", Saint Olaf's response of offering welcoming hospitality to the new and existing residents in the heart of the city. We will find ways to share information and invite people to attend Saint Olaf for our plentiful worship opportunities, tell the story of our vibrant parish, and share our commitment to serving the poor, at-risk, and homeless with dignity and respect. More information about this committee is on the website. Jesus, remember me.



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information at www.saintolaf.org/events

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

Nov. 24: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43.
Dec. 1: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAKE THIS ADVENT BETTER THAN LAST YEAR'S ADVENT?

Do you get stressed by all the demands placed on you during the Advent season: "holiday" parties, shopping, family time, yearend work details, financial stressors and many others? This year Fr. Wehmann will be giving short, inspirational talks that will uplift you with practical and spiritual advice to help you have a meaningful and peaceful Advent season. We will be meeting after the Monday Noon Mass the first 3 weeks of Advent: December 2, 9, and 16 from 12:30-1:00 in Forliti Gathering Room. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining this series. For more info please contact Fr. Wehmann at 612/767-6203.

WHAT SWEETER MUSIC

The Singers are glad to return to Saint Olaf Catholic church this December! This year, be moved by transcendent Russian works, world premiere carol arrangements by Matthew Culloton, and a musical tribute to René Clausen, who is retiring from Concordia College where he has inspired generations of choral singers and enthusiasts. December 7, 7:30 pm – Saint Olaf church

Tickets: www.singersmca.org. Show this bulletin and you can get a discounted \$15 ticket!

THE SAINT OLAF ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL IS ON

In our first week we heard from 8% of our members – Thank You. We hope to hear from all of our Parishioners, Associate Parishioners, and frequent visitors. Please **REVIEW** your Gifts – support the ministries and organizations that are important to you. **RENEW** your commitments and determine how you are called to support this community financially and with your time and talent. **RESPOND** promptly by turning in your form to the parish office, in the mail, via the collection basket, or by filling out the Stewardship Renewal forms online at www.SaintOlaf.org.

WELCOMING HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

In an effort to expand our welcome, Saint Olaf is looking to add a few more hospitality-minded volunteers to greet members, guests, and visitors from around the world. Shifts are available throughout the week and on weekends.

Responsibilities include: Enjoy meeting and greeting people, love to smile, being open to greeting all who come through the doors. Training and support will be provided.

If you have always thought about being one of those Greeters at the Big Package Store, this might be your opportunity to shine on behalf of your faith community. If interested, please contact Mary Kennedy, Parish Administrator, at 612-767-6204 or mkennedy@saintolaf.org.

JOIN THE SAINT OLAF CHRISTMAS SEASONAL CHOIR FOR 2019-20

Welcoming singers to join the Seasonal Choir for Christmas at Saint Olaf church in downtown Minneapolis! Come celebrate Christmas with



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Additional Information at www.saintolaf.org

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
- 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 12:30 PM ROSARY
- 4:00 PM MASS**

CHRIST THE KING, NOVEMBER 24

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 6:30 PM SEASONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 7:00 AM AA
- 12:00 PM MASS**
- 12:00 PM AA
- 12:30 PM ORGAN RECITAL
- 6:00 PM ALANON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- THANKSGIVING*
- 9:00 AM MASS**
- OFFICE CLOSED; BUILDING CLOSED AFTER MASS*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS*
- 7:00 AM MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 12:00 PM MASS**
- 12:30 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 9:00 AM CENTERING PRAYER
- 12:00 PM MASS/CONFESSIONS**
- 12:30 PM ROSARY
- 2:00 PM AFRICAN CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 4:00 PM MASS**

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #19

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Nov 4 -10	\$20,074	\$40,000	-\$19,926
YTD through Week #19	\$352,455	\$419,413	-\$66,958

us and lend your voices to beautify the liturgy. Rehearsals: 6:30-8:30pm in the main church, Tuesdays, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 and 17. For more information or to sign up, please contact Joel Anderson at janderson@saintolaf.org or 612-767-7628. Sign-up deadline is November 25.