

# St. OLAF

Catholic Church

Downtown Minneapolis

*Serving as a living sign of  
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in the heart of the city*



JANUARY 1, 2012  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

## Wishy-Washy by Fr. Mark Pavlik

The name "January" comes from the Roman god Janus — the god with two faces — one looking to the past and the other looking to the future. This is indeed a time to look back at the year that has just ended and to look forward to the new year ahead. How did I spend this one year of my life that has just passed? Did I use it to advance my goals and objectives in life? Could I have done better last year in the way I invested my time between the demands of work, family, friends and society, and the demands of my spiritual life? What things did I achieve last year and what did I fail to achieve?

Through soul searching questions like these we find that a review of the past year naturally leads to setting goals and resolutions for the new year.

There are people who tell you that there is no point making new year resolutions, since most of them are broken by February. Do not believe them. We must set goals and make resolutions as a necessary conclusion to our review of the past year. And we do need to review our lives from year to year because, as Socrates says, the unexamined life is not worth living.

Today's newspapers are full of individual and collective new year resolutions. Most of those, however, are not resolutions at all but only wishes.

What is the difference between a resolution and a wish? A wish identifies a goal one wants to reach; a resolution specifies the steps one will take to reach it. A wish says this is where I want to be; a resolution says this is the road I will take, this is what I will do to get there.

The wishful person says "I want to pass my exams this year" and the resolved person says "I will devote an extra hour to my studies everyday in order to pass my exams." The wishful person says "I will have more peace and love in my family this year" and the resolved person says "I will spend more time with my family at the table instead of rushing off to watch TV, so that we get to know and understand ourselves better."

See the difference? This year do you want to make wishes or resolutions?

The choice is yours.

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## RCIA SCHEDULE

There will be no RCIA class on January 1.  
Class will resume January 8.

St. Olaf Commission on Social Justice hosts

### *Discussions That Encounter*

*A dialogue on Race, Racism and White Privilege*

Thursday, January 26, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Room

The *Discussions That Encounter* program is sponsored by Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church (facilitator Pastor Arthur Agnew) and St. Olaf Catholic Church (facilitator Bill Keatts). Discussion Forums are held the second Thursday of each month, at North Central University, 910 Elliot Avenue, Minneapolis and the fourth Thursday of each month at St. Olaf. The objective of *Discussions That Encounter* is to raise awareness, establish relationships, and assist everyone in overcoming racism while providing education on historical and current topics. These discussions and educational events are sponsored free of charge to provide an environment where people from all walks of life and backgrounds can openly discuss any aspects of racism. A light supper begins at 6:30 pm, followed by discussion until 8:30 pm. For further information, contact Bill Keatts at 612-209-6120 or email at [wkeatts@austin.rr.com](mailto:wkeatts@austin.rr.com). All are welcome!



## Food and Cash for the Poor Weekend

— December 31 & January 1 —

**Baskets will be in the vestibule for your contributions.**

If you would like further information about the needs of our neighbors and how you can help, please contact Joan Miltenberger at 612-767-6211; [jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org) or Jean Thoresen 612-332-7471, x 246; [jthoresen@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:jthoresen@SaintOlaf.org).

## Simply Stewardship . . .

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

(See Colossians 3:17)



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 16

12:00 noon Mass in the church  
Prelude begins at 11:45 am  
with the Total Praise Choir,  
directed by Othello Collins

(Director of St. Olaf's African International Choir)  
Hospitality follows in the Gathering Room.



### *You are Called to Serve as a Saint Olaf Pastoral Care Minister*

Caring, community members are needed to visit and distribute the Eucharist to our homebound. If you are a parishioner interested in serving as a Pastoral Care Minister for St. Olaf, please contact Mary Brady for more information at 612-767-6202 or [mbrady@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:mbrady@SaintOlaf.org). An information meeting is scheduled for January 30 at 6:00 pm in the Education Room. Following that meeting, a training program will be scheduled for all candidates which includes: Our Baptismal Call, listening skills, confidentiality, mutuality, praying with others, and loss and grief. Is this where your gifts could be shared? Absolutely!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## *"A Taste of Risen Christ" FIESTA!*



Saturday, February 11, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
in Fleming Hall at St. Olaf Church

Enjoy savory, delectable food, lively games and music, mix and mingle with Risen Christ students, and more! All you can eat and drink! \$20 per person, \$5 children age 10 and under.

Reservations can be made beginning January 15. Contact Joan Miltenberger at [jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org), 612-332-7471 ext. 247, or Jill Audette at [jaudette@risenchristschool.org](mailto:jaudette@risenchristschool.org), 612-822-5329 ext. 108.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

INTENTION FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

*That Christians throughout the world may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world.*



## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

Join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Choir (APC) on an excursion to Turkey and Greece October 14-23, 2012. Singers, non-singers, all travelers welcome! Istanbul, Athens, Rhodes, Patmos, Ephesus, and Corinth, including a three-day cruise on the Mediterranean. Since 1996 the APC, under the direction of Dr. Lynn Trapp, Wendy and Michael Silhavy, has travelled much of Europe and the Holy Land. Contact Anne Susag at [asusag@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:asusag@SaintOlaf.org), 612-767-6214 or Lynn Trapp at [ltrapp@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:ltrapp@SaintOlaf.org), 612-767-6213.

## Ask the Deacon

### Why should I go to Mass?

Are you too busy, bored to death, or is it that you just don't get anything from it?

If you are a faith-filled Catholic seeking a relationship with the one who created you, remember Christ said, "Do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19) If you are questioning the importance of your faith or its purpose in your life, perhaps Mass is the last opportunity to connect to your faith. One of the main reasons people don't get anything out of Mass is because they don't come with the right expectations. Mass is not about entertainment; it is a way to honor and appreciate God for all that he has done for us. Mass is about worship, it is about praising God, it is about receiving him into your life, so that you have the spiritual energy to endure what the world throws your way. It is about accepting the gift of grace that fuels our relationship with Christ.

The liturgy is filled with insights about the meaning of life. The scriptures from the Old Testament, New Testament, and the Gospels are filled with concepts for living a more fulfilling life. The Eucharist is a divine encounter with the nature of God in Jesus Christ. Mass brings us into community with other like-minded believers who want to enjoy eternal life.

Mass is a sacrificial opportunity to offer praise, to lament sorrow, and to sing our deepest thanks. By bringing the right attitude of prayer and thanksgiving, those who are patient will reap great meaning, consolation, confidence, peace, deep joy and strength.

Remember Jesus said to Peter, "Can you not keep watch with me for one hour? Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." Mark 14:32-42.

*Address questions to Deacon Thom Winninger at St. Olaf Catholic Church or e-mail him at: [twinning@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:twinning@SaintOlaf.org).*

*St. Olaf Worship and Sacred Music Series presents*

## **TOTAL PRAISE** *Winter Picnic & Concert*

**Total Praise Gospel Choir**  
**Othello Collins, director**  
**Saturday, January 14**  
**at 5:30 pm**

Join us for a festive evening of music, feast and fellowship. Warm your heart, body and soul with a concert of music by Total Praise Gospel Choir, the piano stylings of Othello Collins and winter picnic fare. The Gospel Choir is enjoyed each year at St. Olaf on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The evening will include a silent auction to benefit the St. Olaf Music Ministry.

Tickets: \$25. Call 612-767-6214; also available at St. Olaf's Store and after all Masses in the skylight area on these weekends: December 31/January 1, and January 7/8.



## *Something to Consider*

For several years, St. Olaf has honored the requests of parishioners to pre-plan their funeral arrangements. The benefits of pre-planning are many. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Gene Smith at St. Olaf, 612-332-7471 ext. 227 or email her at [gsmith@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:gsmith@SaintOlaf.org).

## Preparing for Next Sunday's Liturgy

### JANUARY 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

*FIRST READING:*  
*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*RESPONSORIAL PSALM:*  
*Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,  
12-13*

*SECOND READING:*  
*Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

*GOSPEL:*  
*Matthew 2:1-12*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Stars are bright and beautiful. Poets sing of them. Mariners once plied the seas by them. Travelers were oriented by them. A great star stood in the sky for all to see. This feast day is important because it is ours. It beckons all the earth's inhabitants to seek the Maker of the stars and to confess their faith in the Maker's Son. On this day, we set out on a journey of faith. We do not blink when faith becomes difficult. We see and bow low. We seek to be received by the one we have come to see. We return home another way.

1. Draw a faith time line for yourself. List the turning points or stopping-off points on your journey.
2. Who has traveled with you — physically and spiritually — on your faith journey?
3. What doubts have become stepping stones rather than obstacles to your growth in faith?

## MASS SCHEDULE

*Music is part of all weekend Masses*

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 4:00 pm  
Monday - Friday: 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:15 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am, 12:00 noon

### Sacrament of Penance / Confessions

Monday through Saturday: Following morning Mass  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: Following 12:00 noon Mass

### Benediction / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays at 12:30 pm, chapel  
*(following 12:00 noon Mass in the church)*  
Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5 pm  
5:15 pm Mass, chapel

### Broadcasts

Sunday 10:00 am Mass is broadcast Sundays at 8:00 pm  
on Relevant Radio, WLWL, 1330 AM.

Sunday Mass is broadcast Sundays at 8:00 pm and  
Mondays at 10:00 am on MCN Cable TV Channel 6.

## *Is Ending Homelessness Possible? How Can the Faith Community Support Solutions?*

All are welcome for this next presentation in St. Olaf's "Engaging Our Faith Series" on Tuesday, January 24 6:00 - 6:30 pm hospitality; 6:30 - 8:00 pm program featuring Cathy ten Broeke, director of Heading Home Hennepin, the City/County Office to End Homelessness

In 2006 community leaders resolved to end homelessness in the community, not just manage it. The result was: Heading Home Hennepin: The Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County. "All people deserve safe, decent, and affordable housing", "Shelter is not housing" and "Ending homelessness is attainable" are some of the plan's guiding principles. And now, halfway through this 10-year ambitious initiative, Heading Home Hennepin staff will present its progress, its challenges and how the faith community can assist in ending homelessness.

Please join us for an informative discussion of this vision for a better future: Ending homelessness for all. For more information and to RSVP, contact Joan Miltenberger at 612-767-6211 or [jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org](mailto:jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org).



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — January 1, 2012

# Order of the Mass

## Hymnal #153

*Our celebration of the Mass lasts about one hour. Why depart early?*

*“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”*

Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, before he gave his life for our salvation

## PRELUDE

Sat. 4pm, Sun. 8am: *Ave Maria* by G. Near

Sun. 10am, 12noon: *Quittez, pasteurs*  
(*Shepherds, leave your flocks*)

*Ave Maria* by J. S. Bach/C. Gounod (Marie Rooney, soloist)

Sun. 4pm Ensemble: *I Saw Three Ships* arr. L. Harris

## OPENING

*Sing We of the Blessed Mother #786*

Sun. 4pm: *Angels We Have Heard on High #347*

## GLORIA

from *New Mass for John Carroll* by M. Joncas

## Liturgy of the Word

*We open our minds and hearts to the Word of God.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Numbers 6:22-27*

*“The Lord bless you and keep you!*

*The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!*

*The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 67* by M. Guimont; Sun. 4pm: by D. Kraehenbuehl

*May God bless us in his mercy.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*When the time had come, God sent the beloved Son born of a woman so that we might become adopted children.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

by G. Norbet

## GOSPEL

*Luke 2:16-21*

*On the eighth day, Mary’s child was circumcised and was given the name Jesus.*

## HOMILY

## CREED

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

*Our communion with the Lord and one another.*

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*The God of All Eternity #894*

Sun. 10am: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Sun. 4pm Ensemble: *Breath of Heaven*

by C. Eaton/A. Grant/arr. L. Larson

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

from *Mass for a Servant Church* by M. Guimont

*The community prayer of praise, petition and thanksgiving is offered.*

*Christ, the Saving Victim is present in the consecrated Body and Blood.*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## LAMB OF GOD

tune: *The First Nowell*

## COMMUNION SONG

*Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever* by S. Toolan

**#745**

Sun. 4pm: *Wood of the Cradle* by F. P. O’Brien

## MEDITATION

Sun. 10am Choir: *The Beautiful Mother* by J. Foley

Sun. 4pm: *Ave Maria* by D. Kantor **#785**

## SENDING FORTH

*Mary, Woman of the Promise*

tune: Stuttgart; text: M. F. Fleischaker

Sun. 4pm: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* arr. M. Haugen

## POSTLUDE

Sat. 4pm, Sun. 8am: *In Dulci Jubilo* by J. S. Bach

Sun. 10am, 12noon: *Noel Fanfares* by C. Callahan

Sun. 4pm: *For Unto Us a Child is Born*

G. F. Handel/arr. P. Gerike

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