

St. OLAF

Catholic Church

Downtown Minneapolis

Serving as a living sign of Christ's saving presence in the heart of the city

JANUARY 8, 2012 ~ SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Special Patrons by Fr. Mark Pavlik

My favorite author is Evelyn Waugh, who lived in Britain and wrote in the 1930's and 40's. He once wrote a novel called *Helena*, which was not his most popular work, but was allegedly his favorite. In one passage, Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine and searcher for the True Cross, reflects on the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem. Unlike the shepherds, simple and barefoot, who ran across the fields to the stable without a second thought, the Magi traveled long and laboriously with their cumbersome, extravagant, and somewhat outlandish gifts. Their stop to make a diplomatic call on King Herod got them nowhere but made them arrive in Bethlehem late. So they missed the angels and all the excitement.

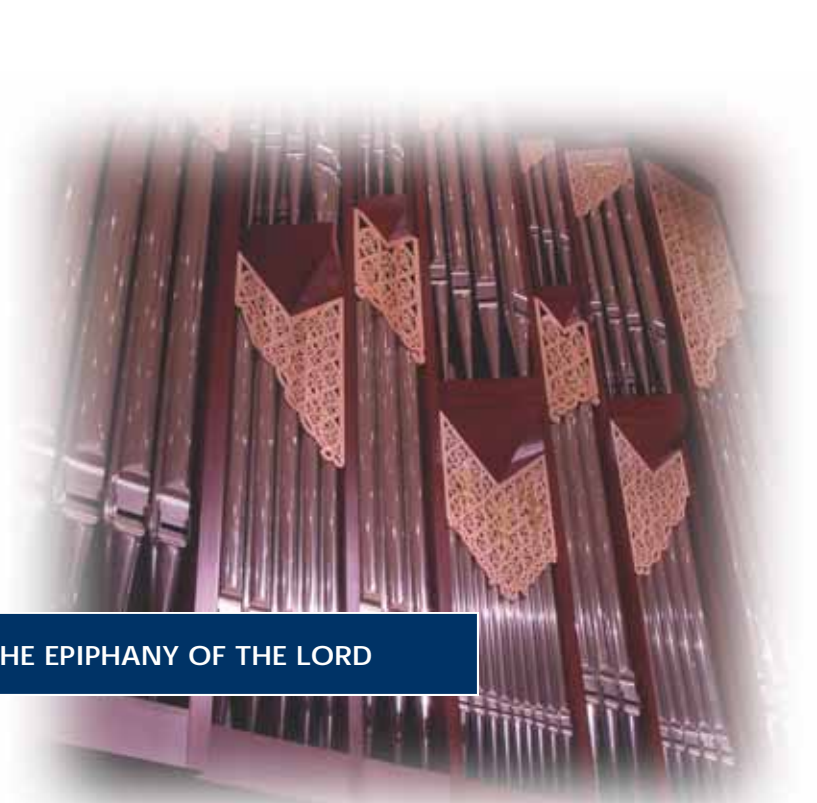
Helena both understands and pities the Magi. "You are my special patrons," she says, "patrons of all latecomers, of all who have a tedious journey to make to the truth, all who are confused by knowledge and speculation...of all who stand in danger by reason of their talents." And she concludes her reflections with this lovely prayer: "For his sake who did not reject your curious gifts, pray always for all the learned, the oblique, the delicate. Let them not be quite forgotten at the Throne of God when the simple come into their kingdom."

It is sometimes said that the Christmas story is best

understood by the simple: God's little ones — the children, the humble, the poor. It seems learning and sophistication can be barriers to getting the Christmas message — or to 'getting' God at all, for that matter. Time after time in the gospels, Jesus reminds his followers of the difficulty of the rich and powerful to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

If that's the case, perhaps then the Magi of the Epiphany story, could be the patron saints of those who wrestle with the great questions of life and who come to faith only with difficulty. Think of the Magi following the elusive star in the sky as searchers for truth and seekers after meaning. The Magi forever speak to the learned and the clever of this world who find it hard to accept churchy things like revelation and mystery, miracle and grace. Their act of faith may be slow in coming but, if and when it does come, it has a special brilliance that grace alone can explain.

The Magi story completes the Christmas story and broadens its appeal. It is the perfect counterpoint to the story of shepherds at the manger. The shepherds scurried and saw and simply believed. The Magi searched and wondered, debated, and questioned. But in the end, even if they did arrive a bit overdressed and burdened with gifts that didn't quite fit the moment, still they arrived. And they believed!



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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.

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. All are welcome!

WORSHIP NOTE

Special thanks to all liturgical ministers of the Word, the Eucharist, sanctuary, hospitality, music, environment and those who serve the Worship and Sacred Music Series for your dedicated service to the worship life of our parish during the season of Advent and Christmas, 2011. The teamwork of the volunteers, worship committee and staff realize very well our goal of evangelization and spiritual enrichment through worship. In all seasons of the liturgical year may the spirit of "God made manifest" radiate from within and lead us to a richer life in Christ.

— Dr. Lynn Trapp, Director of Worship and Music
and St. Olaf Worship Committee

Simply Stewardship . . .

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?



You Are Called to Serve as a St. 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. 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!

Thank You for Spreading Christmas Joy

Through your contributions to the **St. Olaf Social Outreach Christmas Shop** this year, over 52 families were served over a three-day period: that includes 123 children, 77 teenagers and 68 adults!



Also, residents from **Exodus Housing** and St. Olaf volunteers and staff celebrated Christmas with a hearty dinner. All enjoyed Fr. Mark's homemade cookies and the sounds of the St. Olaf Venite Choir. Thank you to parishioners and friends of St. Olaf for your



many donations. Here is a personal thank you note from Mr. M. of Exodus: *"Thank you all for the gifts that you gave me. You're the hands and feet of a loving God. Thank you for showing me that I'm loved."*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

INTENTION FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

That Churches ministering in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and the solicitude of all Catholics around the world.



at St. Olaf Catholic Church

HOURS

Monday – Thursday:

10:00 am to 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am - 1:30 pm

& 3:00 - 5:30 pm

(closed Friday and Saturday)

612-767-6217

St. Olaf's vision is to provide quality Catholic merchandise in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, increasing the opportunity for knowledge, devotion, reflection, and prayer for all St. Olaf worshippers, our Downtown Minneapolis community, and the larger community as well.

St. Olaf's serves as a ministry of the Parish as the new member of our coordinated ministries. The diverse product line includes Bibles, books, cards, music, seasonal merchandise, medals, prayer cards, jewelry, candles, crucifixes, and more.

St. Olaf's has CDs featuring our Music Ministry, chocolate and coffee products for the Social Justice Ministry, fine art posters for the Fine Arts Ministry, books related to the Faith & Work Ministry and more products to come reflecting our global community.

Please sign our Guest Book in the store to be included on our mailing and/or e-mailing list or contact Bev McCoy, St. Olaf's Manager, at 612-332-7471 ext. 224 to be added to the list.

This week's RCIA topic is *Grace*

All are invited to come and listen to the talk, presented by Fr. Mark Pavlik, in the Education Room following the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 8.

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, 612-332-7471 ext. 247, or Jill Audette at jaudette@risenchristschool.org, 612-822-5329 ext. 108.



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.

Church and Chapel Linens

Help is needed for someone to wash and iron the Church and Chapel Mass linens on the first Monday of each month. This volunteer would collect the soiled linens on Monday by 3:00 pm and return the cleaned linens no later than the following Thursday by 3:00 pm. For more information, contact Gene Smith at 612-332-7471 ext. 227 or gsmith@SaintOlaf.org.



Ask the Deacon

What is Dogma?

Dogma is the human language of Divine Revelation. Because we are human and revelation is divine, we need a finite way to understand what revelation means to us as believers.

For more than 2,000 years, the Catholic (Universal) Church has provided this language of understanding. Our beliefs fuel our faith, provide us with a foundation for our confidence in the promises of Christ, create a consistency across the community of the faithful, and help us to make sense in a secular world. It is unfortunate that so many Christians do not know what they believe, which over time can weaken their faith, so that when non-believers challenge them, they question their faith.

Dogma is the term used by the Catholic Church to designate unquestionable truths such as the Incarnation (Jesus Christ, two natures, one person: God and Man), and the Blessed Trinity (three divine persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit). To be Catholic, we are called to profess these beliefs in the Creed as part of our coming together. If this were not the case, we would be like the other 33,000 denominations; yet, there is only One Catholic Church. Our beliefs come from divine revelation that is from both scripture and tradition.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man... (from Nicene Creed).

Address questions to Deacon Thom Winninger at St. Olaf Catholic Church or e-mail him at: 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 January 7/8.



Pastoral Care Visits

Because of the Right to Privacy Laws, St. Olaf is not notified of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or have entered a health care facility. We must hear from you, a family member, or a friend if you would like to be visited by someone on the Pastoral Care Team. Please call the St. Olaf parish office at 612-332-7471 and our receptionist will take the necessary information and pass it along to the Pastor and the Pastoral Care Team.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Liturgy

JANUARY 15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING:
1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8, 8–9, 10

SECOND READING:
1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20

GOSPEL:
John 1:35–42

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

When we realize that we are called, we become self-conscious. We have inklings of inadequacy. We know intuitively that we will have to be responsible. We may fail. Well, we are in good company. Moses pleaded that he was a stutterer. Jeremiah thought himself too young. Amos saw himself as merely a dresser of sycamore trees. Lord knows Peter had his problems. But we know that God thinks well of us. We are good enough. We will do just fine.

1. *When is it most difficult for you to say to God, "Here I am"? Who can help you persevere?*
2. *How is God's call at once veiled and revealed in the everyday incidents of your life? How can prayer help you follow your nose and do the honorable, Christ-centered thing?*
3. *Who do you think you are, really? A child of God?*

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, WL0L, 1330 AM.

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

With Special Gratitude...

For the past 16 years, Tish Osborn has served as leader of the liturgical environment team which prepares our worship spaces with decor throughout the year. She now passes the leadership to other faithful team members.

The liturgical environment ministry at St. Olaf is a wonderful example of servanthood and liturgical community. Tish worked tirelessly through the years improving our materials for decor, forming community with the team, and taking special interest in each of the members so that their formation in ministry was an experience of growth, respect, joy and appreciation of the art of worship. As volunteer she drove countless miles to find the most appropriate items within budget, enhance with just the right shade of color and size, and design plans which the team could undertake with success. Her long time career as interior designer inspired her ministry.

The team will continue to minister with strong foundation and direction. We congratulate Tish on her many years in servant leadership of this ministry.

— Dr. Lynn Trapp, Director of Worship/Music and
Worship Committee of St. Olaf



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord — January 8, 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

Introit for Epiphany: Ecce advenit dominator Donu eius

Organ prelude by M. Duruflé (1902-1986)

Translation from Latin: Behold, the Sovereign Lord is coming; kingship, government and power are in his hands.

Endow the King with your judgment, O God, and the King's son with your righteousness.

Sun. 4pm Ensemble: *Rise Up, Shepherd* by J. Raney

OPENING

As With Gladness #374

Sun. 4pm: *Arise, Shine* by M. Haugen

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines bright.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72 by M. Guimont; Sun. 4pm: by D. Haas

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

In Christ Jesus we are heirs of the saving promise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

by G. Norbet

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The magi from the east followed the star to Bethlehem.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Our communion with the Lord and one another.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

What Child Is This? #380

Sun. 10am Choir:

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob by F. Mendelssohn

Sun. 4pm Ensemble: *Behold That Star* arr. B. J. King

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

We Three Kings #373

MEDITATION

Sun. 4pm Ensemble: *What Shall We Give* by S. Dean

SENDING FORTH

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise/The First Nowell

#376, vss. 1,4; #377, vs. 6

Sun. 4pm: *Joy to the World* #343

POSTLUDE

Sat. 4pm, Sun. 8am:

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright by M. Sedio

Sun. 10am, 12noon:

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star by B. Hobby

Sun. 4pm:

Go Tell It On the Mountain arr. J. M. Michel

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