

St. OLAF

Catholic Church

Downtown Minneapolis

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



JANUARY 22, 2012 ~ THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gifts That Keep On Giving

by Fr. Mark Pavlik

There is a theological concept that says that “grace builds on nature” — which means that God’s grace can work for us, but it will build on our own nature. So the better life we lead, the more that God’s grace is going to be able to help us. If we are angry or unkind to others, God’s grace will not be as effective in helping us. If we are open to doing God’s will, His grace will assuredly benefit our cause.

I believe that that also works in the way of vocation. God gives each one of us gifts in our lives. With our participation, we can use our gifts for the betterment of our faith and the Church. Far too often we can separate our prayer life from the rest of our life. But there can be so much more. There comes a time in the life of every child of God when God invites us to follow Him more closely and to participate in His mission. This might require a change of career or at least a transformation of our present careers into a means of service. No matter the career path we have chosen to follow, be it in the teaching, medical, legal profession or retailing business, we have a basic decision to make: to pursue it solely as a means of livelihood and personal enhancement or to use it as a means of service to God and others.

That is what separates a “job” from a vocation. In this Sunday’s gospel, Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John to leave their nets and follow him to be “fishers of men.” Get it? Jesus takes skills they have — fishing — and calls them to put those skills to the benefit of the gospel mission.

Christians all over the world continually put their gifts to the benefit of Christ’s gospel. Those with musical skills provide leadership in liturgical worship. Those with financial skills help with financial aspects of the running of parishes and charitable services. Those who have gifts in the area of hospitality help in the areas of outreach and welcoming in so many ways. This year, perhaps you could consider how you might put the gifts that God has given you to use in our parish or other.

In the pew pockets and throughout the complex are brochures that outline opportunities to become involved in ministry here at St. Olaf. The opportunities are as diverse as our parish — there is certainly something for everyone. This year, won’t you allow God’s grace to build on your nature and offer back to God some of the many gifts he has given you?

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Join the St. Olaf African Partnership Committee

Parishioners interested in future partnership travel and in supporting the ongoing parish education and awareness of our St. Olaf sister parish relationship, are invited to join our African Partnership Committee. We meet the second Monday of each month, beginning Monday, February 13, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Education Room. We will be planning for our annual Partnership Appeal in May. For more information, please contact Mary Brady at 612-767-6202 or email mbrady@SaintOlaf.org.



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!



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.



Bibles...Books...Gifts...Music & More

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)

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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 *Nature, Grace and Conversion*

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 22.

Ask the Deacon

Do I need a vocation?

The reason there is so much unhappiness in people's lives is because of the lack of vocation in their lives. If vocation is defined as purpose based on talents, just look around at all those who don't have purpose. Christians believe vocation is God's call to live our faith in our daily life. The term "vocation" is often narrowly defined for the priest and the religious. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is my take that God has called enough to those vocations, and perhaps we should instead pray that we all discover our own vocations.

The Catechism teaches that with baptism we are all called as priest, prophet and king but the call to vocation is a call to discover the purpose for which God has created us. Vocation is a journey to the application of our call. Don't worry — any time you apply faith to your daily activities, your life, and your work, you get closer to knowing your vocation. When God created you he planted your vocation in your soul, in your DNA.

Perhaps the better question is how do we discover our vocation? The simplest answer is, when we start living our faith in our life and work. Our call could be parenting, it could be engineering, it could be fundraising, it could be multiple things but our vocation always involves the application of faith in these calls. My call is to be Deacon, servant, but the vocation would be how I purpose that call in faith. Joy and happiness are discovered through vocation based on the unique talents we were given by God. To live in vocation is to live a fuller richer life. What is your vocation?

Join us for a pancake breakfast on February 5th following the 10:00 am Mass and focus on your vocation.

Address questions to Deacon Thom Wwinner at St. Olaf Catholic Church or e-mail him at: twinner@SaintOlaf.org.



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

"Shelter is not housing" and "Ending homelessness is attainable" are some of the city/county guiding principles of Heading Home Hennepin, the 10-year plan to end homelessness. *What progress has been made? How can the faith community be involved in ending homelessness?*

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



GET YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL...

If you would like to get the St. Olaf bulletin sent electronically to your email each week, just email PMoses@SaintOlaf.org.

Calling all Parents, Teachers & Grandparents!

Information Meeting for New Catechists

Information meetings are scheduled for January 29 at 1:00 pm and January 31 at 6:00 pm in the Education Room for anyone interested in becoming a catechist in the sacramental program, assisting children 8 years and older to prepare to receive their First Eucharist and First Reconciliation.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to teach our children. For more information, please contact Mary Brady at 612-767-6202 or mbrady@SaintOlaf.org.



PRAYER CORNER

Each week St. Olaf receives prayer requests from parishioners as well as others across the country and throughout the world. Please join St. Olaf's prayer warriors this week in praying for the following intention:

For J.B., who has been told that her unborn child has a serious heart defect and may need a heart transplant when he is born, that the Lord will grant her baby the miracle of healing and give J.B., her husband and the doctors the wisdom and courage they need to make the right decisions for the baby.

If you have an intention for which you would like St. Olaf's prayer warriors to pray or would like to become a prayer warrior, just go to: SaintOlaf.org/church-sacraments/prayer-requests.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Liturgy

JANUARY 29 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING:
Deuteronomy 18:15–20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 7–9

SECOND READING:
1 Corinthians 7:32–35

GOSPEL:
Mark 1:21–28

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Paul was not given to dreamy overstatement. He issues a challenge to us to be authentic members of the Body of Christ. Our walk and talk must be traceable to Christ himself. The Christ of the emptying out and the filling up. The Christ who ushers in a new time, who demands conversion, who bears the best news. We are challenged to share in this life. We are called to be Christian, and to be that through and through.

1. Paul asks us to devote ourselves wholly to the Lord. To devote ourselves is to give ourselves over to some cause or person or endeavor. Where do you detect devotion in today's world? Where is all the energy and attention focused?

2. Do you agree with this focus? What can you learn from devoted people, no matter what the cause or focus?

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.

St. Olaf Heavenly Pancakes & Catechesis



Sunday, February 5, 11:00 am (following 10:00 am Mass)

Join us for a pancake breakfast and a reflection. *What You Need to Know to Get to Heaven* is a series of presentations on faith and life living, which are sponsored by the St. Olaf Institute for Catholic Studies and the Dorothy Ellstrom Endowment for Spiritual Enrichment.

This month's subject is *Everyone Has a Vocation*. Come to enjoy pancakes and to fuel your faith.

There will be a goodwill offering for the pancake budget.



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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: *O Man, Thy Grievous Sins Bemoan*
by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Sun. 10am, 12noon: *Pastorale* by A. Alain (1880-1971)
Sun. 4pm: *Idylle* by B. Godard; Nicole Millner, flutist

OPENING

Come and Journey With a Savior by M. Haugen
Sun. 4pm: *Come, Let Us Sing With Joy to the Lord* by P. Tate

GLORIA

from *Centennial Mass* by L. Trapp

Liturgy of the Word

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Ninevites repented and God did not destroy their city.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25 by M. Guimont; Sun. 4pm: by D. Haas #35

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*The world as we know it is passing away,
and we should conduct ourselves accordingly.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

from *Centennial Mass*

Sun. 4pm: from *Mass of Creation* by M. Haugen #160

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

*Jesus called the people to repent and believe in the gospel,
for the kingdom of God is at hand.*

HOMILY

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Our communion with the Lord and one another.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The Kingdom of God #655

Sun. 10am Choir: *Come Follow Me* by J. Martin
Sun. 4pm: *Look to Christ* by D. Haas

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

from *Centennial Mass*

*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

from *Centennial Mass*; Sun. 4pm: by B. Senchur, OSB

COMMUNION SONG

Bread of the World by J. Chepponis

Sun. 4pm: *That All May Be One* by R. Manalo

MEDITATION

Sun. 10am Choir: *Follow Me* by L. Trapp
Sun. 4pm: *I Surrender All* by J. Van Deventer/W. Weeden

SENDING FORTH

You Walk Along Our Shoreline tune: Aurelia; text: S. Dunstan
Sun. 4pm: *Children of the Light* by S. Soper

POSTLUDE

Sat. 4pm, Sun. 8am: *Intrada* by M. Cori
Sun. 10am, 12noon:
Prelude and Fugue by G. Corrette (167-1733)
Sun. 4pm: *Allegro* (from *Sonata in G Major*)
by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Nicole Millner, flutist

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