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Downtown Minneapolis

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FEBRUARY 26, 2012 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Role of Art in the Church Today

from St. Olaf Visual Arts Committee

St. Olaf is very fortunate to own several pieces of art created by one of the country's leading liturgical artists, Linda McCray, MFA.

Ms. McCray is a creator of abstract spiritual original paintings, art – and – environment designer, art consultant for sacred space, retreat facilitator and adjunct professor. She is secretary of the Association of Consultants for Liturgical Space and a member of Christians in the Visual Arts.

The St. Olaf Visual Arts Committee is publishing, with permission, excerpts from Ms. McCray's article, "The Role of Art in the Church Today" from her Fall 2011 publication *Liturgical Art Today*:

"Worthy art is an essential, integral element in the sacred beauty of a church building." *

"When you walk into a gym, you experience a different feeling than when you walk into a church. Art makes that difference. One role of art in the church is to create an awe-inspiring sense of the sacred to foster prayer. You may

not have noticed the art in your church because it is not meant to draw attention to itself, but is all around. . . .

"Our liturgies begin with the way we gather. To transition from the secular to the sacred, it is vital that every piece of art from the garden to the sanctuary is carefully chosen to express our beliefs. Art for sacred space is not decoration. It is to draw us closer to God. Art opens windows to the Divine in many ways...

"Expressing your faith community's mission is another role for art. For example, often there is a sculpture, stained glass window or painting of the patron saint.

"Permanent liturgical art, such as the cross, is an

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Simply Stewardship . . .

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism... that people place their gifts, their resources — their selves — at God's service in and through the Church."

Engaging Our Faith Series Film and Discussion

No Losers: The Case for Supportive Housing for Chronic Alcoholics

Sunday, March 4, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon
Fleming Hall, refreshments and beverages provided

Presenters: Tracy Berglund, Catholic Charities Director of Housing and Emergency Services and Bill Hockenberger, Program Manager of St. Anthony Residence in St. Paul. This presentation will include viewing part of the film "No Losers," about Duluth housing for homeless chronic inebriates. The film portrays the human face of homelessness and the hopes of those who are battling chronic alcoholism, and demonstrates the health impact of 'harm reduction' housing. Catholic Charities manages three residences in the Twin Cities for formerly homeless men who are in the late stages of chronic alcoholism. Staff will share the philosophy and the practical implications of providing safe, consistent housing for these men. **Join us for a very informative presentation and discussion about housing solutions in our community. For more information, contact Joan Miltenberger, 612-767-6211 or jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org.**

Tracy Berglund started with Catholic Charities in 1999, running a shelter in Minneapolis for 100 men, and Bill Hockenberger, is a recovering alcoholic who manages the St. Paul housing site, St. Anthony Residence. In an interview, Tracy laments the lack of affordable housing in the Twin Cities. "I feel a passion for trying to build a solution to homelessness, and that solution is permanent housing," she said. "We also need services and supportive housing for those with mental health and chemical health problems, low income and bad credit history. We need to provide options besides a mat on the floor."

Discover Risen Christ



Please join students of Risen Christ School for lunch and a tour at a *Discover Risen Christ* event on Wednesday, March 14. Call Jill Audette at 612-822-5329, ext. 108 to RSVP or for more information. Risen Christ School is located at 1120 E. 37th Street, Minneapolis.



Tour Ireland This Fall with Fr. Dempsey

Join Father Dennis Dempsey September 21 - October 2 on a trip to Ireland, sponsored by *The Catholic Spirit*.

Visit Galway, Connemara, Knock, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Limerick and of course Dublin. Mass is planned every day in famous churches, abbeys, monasteries and cathedrals.

To receive a brochure or get more information, contact Martie McMahon at 651-291-4441 or email him at mcmahonm@archspm.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

INTENTION FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 2

That our personal experience of suffering may enable us to better understand the unease and pain of those who are alone, sick, or aged, and stir us to give them generous help.

St. Olaf Book Club



The St. Olaf Book Club is looking for new members to join their lively, monthly discussions led by Fr. Mark Pavlik. Members choose books that cover a wide variety of topics, from literary novels to Church history and theology.

If you are interested in joining one or more of these conversations, contact Fr. Mark at mpavlik@SaintOlaf.org or 612-767-6201. A description of each book can also be found at: www.SaintOlaf.org/parish-organizations/book-club. Coming up are:

Joseph of Nazareth by Frederico Suarez on Sunday, March 18 at 1:00

Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back by Todd Burpo & Lynn Vincent on Sunday, April 29 at 1:00

Treasure in Clay: The Autobiography of Fulton J. Sheen by Fulton J. Sheen on Sunday, May 20 at 1:00



GET YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL...

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

Lent is a Springtime of the Soul, A Time to Begin Again!

You are invited to lectures, reading and praying with the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel for Liturgical Cycle B used during 2012. Mark is both the first Gospel and the shortest, just 16 chapters. "This is

where the Good News starts," are his opening words, and he immediately tells of John the Baptist in the desert, announcing a baptism of repentance and forgiveness. N. T. Wright says, "This Gospel is written with a zip and punch...that's meant to grab you by the collar and make you face the truth about Jesus, about God, and about yourself!" The Gospels serve as a window into the historical life and teachings of Jesus, the Word Made Flesh, as well as a mirror to reflect the light and darkness in our own life. Please join us for these timely lectures on the Gospel of Mark, presented by Fr. John R. Donahue, S.J. Includes 12 lectures with study guides (audio/CDs), with facilitator Sr. Joan Tuberty, in the St. Olaf Gathering Room on:

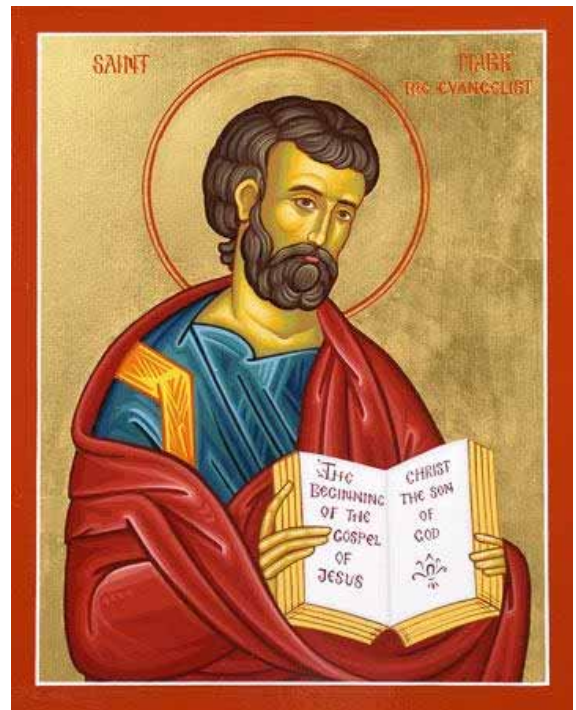
Mondays: February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2 following the 12:00 noon Mass, from 12:30-1:30 pm. Light lunch provided. Deacon Tom will contribute opening reflections.

OR

Tuesdays: February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3 following the 5:15 pm Mass, from 5:45-6:45 pm. Light supper provided. Fr. Mark will contribute opening reflections.

Pre-registration is suggested (walk-ins welcome). Just call 612-332-7471 or email srjoan@SaintOlaf.org.

Fr. Donahue is a Professor of New Testament Studies (Emeritus), St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD and past President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America with a Ph.D. in New Testament from University of Chicago, with doctoral thesis on the Gospel of Mark.



Gazing Through the Windows of Heaven: A Lenten Retreat with Icons



Saturday, March 24
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
St. Olaf Chapel and Gathering Room
Leader: Sister Helen Rolfson, OSF

Icons are treasures of the ancient artistic tradition that have nurtured the faith of the followers of Christ through the centuries. Often it is said of Icons that they are "scripture visualized." Icons and the mysteries and persons that they represent are increasingly used in prayer and liturgical settings today. Lent is surely a good time to re-visit these treasures of our tradition so please consider allowing yourself the time for this retreat where you will both learn about Icons and learn how to be present to them and pray with them. This will help to prepare you to enter more deeply into the heart of the mysteries of Holy Week.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

8:30 am - *Registration in the Gathering Room with coffee & doughnuts*
9:00 - *Opening Prayer and Lectio Divina (sacred reading of scripture)*
10:00 - *"Icons: Windows for the Soul," presented by Sr. Helen Rolfson*
11:00 - *Prayer with Icons*
12:00 Noon Mass - *celebrated by Fr. Mark Pavlik*
12:30 - *Lunch in the Gathering Room*
1:15 - *"The Icons of Holy Week," presented by Sr. Helen Rolfson*
2:15 - *Closing Prayer*

Suggested donation of \$25 - pay at the retreat (scholarships available)
Register in person at the St. Olaf office or call 612-332-7471 or e-mail srjoan@SaintOlaf.org.



Retreat Leader: *Sr. Helen Rolfson, OSF, is a Professor Emerita, School of Theology, St. John's University and a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Rochester, MN. She holds a Doctorate of Religious Science from Strassbourg University and has been a translator and author of medieval spirituality, particularly of the Flemish Mystics of the 13th century. She has studied Icons for many years and has served as chair of the St. Cloud Diocese of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Dialogue. She is also known as a wonderful teacher with a sense of humor too!*

St. Olaf Worship and Sacred Music Series presents

Wondrous Love *Music for Choir and Organ*

Saturday, March 3 7:30 pm
St. Olaf Parish Choir
Viterbo University
Concert Choir
Jean Saladino and
Lynn Trapp, conductors

The St. Olaf Parish Choir joins the Viterbo University Concert Choir to perform a Lenten season concert of organ and choral music including *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* arr. Martin, *Wondrous Love* arr. Shaw, Duruflé's *Ubi Caritas* and Byrd's *Ave Verum* among other works. Viterbo is a Franciscan founded, Catholic university in LaCrosse, WI. Freewill offering taken.



St. Olaf Senior Bus Service

Each Saturday St. Olaf offers bus pickup from various downtown facilities to our Saturday 4:00 pm Mass. These locations include Augustana, Andrew Residence, Towers Condominiums, Elliot Twins, Maryland Apartments, Kenwood, Nicollet Towers and 215 Oak Grove. If you live in these facilities and are in need of a ride to Mass or know someone who is, please call Mary Brady at 612-767-6202 or mbrady@SaintOlaf.org.



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.

Easter Flower Dedications

The worship department/liturgical environment group of St. Olaf invites you to dedicate a loved one(s) in prayer by offering a beautiful flower in the church sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 8th. Members dedicated may be living or deceased. Donation is \$20 for each individual flower dedication naming one person, a couple, or family group. The flowers will be lilies or other colorful blooming plants and will be blessed. All names dedicated in prayer will be printed in the Easter Sunday church bulletin, but will not appear on the plants. Fill out the following form and submit with a check made payable to St. Olaf Church, with the memo: Easter flower dedication. Drop it in the collection basket or at the front office **by March 25.**



Thank you for your participation in this special opportunity for community prayer at Easter.

Easter Flower Dedications

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Donation \$20 for each individual flower naming those noted.

Total enclosed: \$_____

Submit to parish office or in collection basket by March 25th.

CENTERING PRAYER PROGRAM

Saturday, March 17, 9:00 - 11:15 am

Contemplative Outreach of Minnesota has asked the St. Olaf Centering Prayer Group to host a special program on this day, designated to be a day of unity for all persons practicing or interested in Centering Prayer, a form of Christian Meditation. The morning will begin with silent prayer and at 10:00 a new 45-minute DVD of Fr. Thomas Keating will be presented. He is the founder of Centering Prayer and has prepared this DVD especially for this event. "Be still and know that I am God," (ps.45) continues to be wonderful counsel for today as it was for our ancestors of faith. Please join us for this day, pick-up a Centering Prayer flyer in the vestibule, and learn more about a way of prayer that is both ancient and new! A little silence might get you better prepared for celebrating the feast of St. Patrick at the 12:00 noon Mass! Centering Prayer is held in Cowley Hall, the lower level of the Church. Take the stairs inside the church nearest the corner of 8th St. and 2nd Ave. All are welcome! No registration needed! More information about this program and Centering Prayer at www.minnesotacontemplativeoutreach.org.



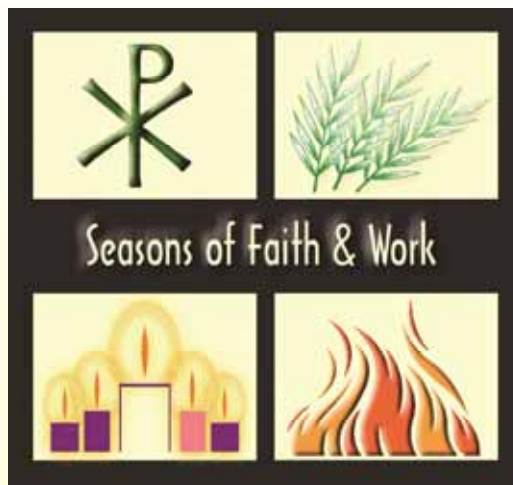
*2011-2012 Faith & Work
Breakfast Series presents*

**Fr. J. Michael
Byron**

Associate Professor of
Systematic Theology
St. Paul Seminary
School of Divinity

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

*"Faith and Work:
Convergence and Conversion"*



The series takes place in Fleming Hall at St. Olaf Catholic Church.

- 7:15 am – Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 7:35 am – Welcome & Introduction
- 7:40 am – Presentation
- 8:30 am – Conversation, Q & A
- 8:45 am – Adjourn

Cost is \$20 per person. For more information and registration, contact Carol Bishop at 612-332-7471 ext. 255 or e-mail cbishop@SaintOlaf.org. You can also order tickets online at: <http://saintolaf.org/events-and-programs/faith-work-series>.

Downtown Coalition for Grief Support

Excellent speakers, trained facilitators and a group of others who have experienced loss make these sessions a place of healing. It's possible to walk the path of grief alone, however the companionship of others who are also wounded by loss is tremendously consoling and powerfully healing.

**Meetings every
Saturday from
9:30 - 11:30 am**

Through April 28, meetings will be held at:

**Westminster
Presbyterian Church
1200 Marquette Avenue,
Minneapolis**

For more information, call
612-317-3454 or email
info@mplsgriefsupport.com
or visit
www.mplsgriefsupport.com

A small weekly donation is gratefully accepted.



Something to Consider

St. Olaf honors the requests of parishioners to pre-plan their funeral arrangements. The benefits of pre-planning are many. If you would like more information, contact Gene Smith at St. Olaf, 612-332-7471 ext. 227 or gsmith@SaintOlaf.org.

Preparing for Next Sunday's Liturgy

MARCH 4 Second Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING:
*Genesis 22:1–2, 9a,
10–13, 15–18*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Psalm 116:10, 15, 16–17, 18–19

SECOND READING:
Romans 8:31b–34

GOSPEL:
Mark 9:2–10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sometimes we have a revelation, an insight, or a religious experience that points us toward or away from a certain direction. There are valleys and mountains in our lives where we see God's presence. For most of us, these experiences occur in the ordinary events of our lives. There are people who affirm and challenge us as we walk toward the light. We, too, direct others toward the light by our words, our deeds, and our example. Check your behavior this Lenten season to see that your steps are directed toward the light and the voice to which you listen is truly that of Jesus Christ.

- 1. Why is Abraham's obedience so significant? How would you have responded? What difference do you think that event would have made in your life?*
- 2. What can you gather from today's readings describing the Transfiguration about the glory that awaits us?*
- 3. Why do you think the Transfiguration follows Jesus' description of true discipleship? In light of your response, why do you think God commands us to listen to Jesus rather than trust what we see?*

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, WLOL, 1330 AM.

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

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.K., who has cancer, that the Lord will grant him healing.

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.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

Join the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Choir (APC) on an excursion to Turkey and Greece October 7-16. 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, 612-767-6214 or Lynn Trapp at ltrapp@SaintOlaf.org, 612-767-6213.



First Sunday of Lent — February 26, 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

GATHERING

Prayerful Silence

OPENING

Return to God by M. Haugen #389

KYRIE

from *Mass of Light* by D. Haas

Sun. 4pm: from *Sing Praise and Thanksgiving Mass* by M. Joncas

Liturgy of the Word

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:8-15

*After the great flood, God told Noah
of the covenant between heaven and earth.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25 music setting by L. Trapp/M. Guimont

Sun. 4pm: by M. Haugen

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Baptism by faith saves God's chosen ones.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

from *Mass of Light* by D. Haas

Sun. 4pm: *Fill Us With Your Word* by D. Haas

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit sent Jesus to the desert to fast and pray for forty days.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

sung response by J. Moore #270

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Our communion with the Lord and one another.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Forty Days and Forty Nights #384

Sun. 10am Choir: *Have Mercy On Me, O God* by C. Schalk

Sun. 4pm Ensemble: *Come Home* by P. Tate/D. Light

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

from *Mass of Light* by D. Haas

*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

#312

Sun. 4pm: from *Mass of Remembrance* by M. Haugen #207

COMMUNION SONG

In the Shadow of Your Wings by J. Leavitt

Sun. 4pm: *Neither Death Nor Life* by M. Haugen

Post-Communion

Prayerful Silence

SENDING FORTH

Led By the Spirit tune: Kingsfold; text: B. Hurd

Sun. 4pm: *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*
(Afro-American Spiritual)

With respect for the solitude of Lent,
there is no postlude music.

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