

St. Olaf Feast Fest

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Plans have been underway for some months now planning the St. Olaf Feast Fest weekend. A committee of parishioners has been meeting to plan a weekend celebration around our parish feast day, which is the first weekend of August. The group is planning to model the weekend after the All Saints and All Souls weekend we enjoyed last November, with a variety of events throughout the weekend.

On Friday evening, July 31, join us for a picnic of hot dogs and brats, beverages and entertainment, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm outside in Assisi Park on the corner of Ninth Street and Second Avenue (weather permitting). The cost for the evening will be \$5.00 – a fun occasion to gather after work and enjoy a midsummer's evening outside.

Saturday, August 1, we've planned an evening of fun, food and festivities in Fleming Hall at 7:00 pm with music and dancing, as well as a buffet dinner and an assortment of silent auction items. Most of all, there will be fellowship and a chance to visit with long-time friends and make new ones. The tickets for the Saturday evening dinner dance will be \$29.

Sunday, August 2, between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm, we will celebrate St. Olaf Day, with music and fun. Again, weather permitting, the event is scheduled for Assisi Park to enjoy the summer sun. There will be special music at all Masses on Sunday.

There are numerous ways for you to be involved in the weekend. We will be collecting various auction items for the Saturday evening event (see page 4). Also, there will be opportunities to volunteer at the various events. If you would like to volunteer for setup or clean up or to work at one of the events, please contact the parish office at 612-332-7471.

These will be great days to come downtown and I encourage you to bring someone with you. Perhaps you know someone who used to come to Mass at St. Olaf who is no longer able to come downtown that you could bring with you to join the celebration. Or maybe you have friends and neighbors who have never been to St. Olaf who would enjoy coming to participate in this weekend of fun. It promises to be a weekend of celebrating our wonderful parish! Pray for good weather and we'll see you at the Feast Fest!