

St. OLAF

Catholic Church

Downtown Minneapolis

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

NOVEMBER 27, 2011
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



An Advent of Change by Fr. Mark Pavlik

When Chris Deaver, our teaching parish seminarian, was first at St. Olaf, he commented that people at St. Olaf (including the pastor) refer to the Macy's store on Nicollet Mall as "Dayton's". I had to explain that for a long time it had been called Dayton's and that while it had not been Dayton's for a number of years, old habits die hard.

Change is hard. Everyone agrees on that. This weekend we will begin using the new translation of the Roman Missal. It will take time to learn, but I think it will be easier than people think. In fact, learning to say the new prayers will be an opportunity to think about what we are saying. I notice when I say Masses for a small group of four or five people, they cannot always say the responses, because they have done so long by rote and without the support of dozens of other people, they can't remember the words.

One of the things that converts to Catholicism find most daunting is learning all the responses and gestures at Mass. Those of us who grew up Catholic most likely do not remember learning the words of the Mass. Attending Mass over time, the words of the prayers just worked their way into our memory.

Just as many people look to make changes in their personal life on New Year's Day, we will begin these changes as the Church year starts anew on this first

Sunday of Advent. This will be a good learning experience for all of us. With our materials and the things we have done in preparation, I am confident that the new words will be part of our vocabulary before long.

For those who missed the presentation last weekend, the 20-minute video on the changes to the new text of the Roman Missal will be shown following all Masses this weekend.

The New Translation of the Mass

On November 27, the first Sunday of Advent, the new translation of the Mass will be used in all Latin Rite Catholic parishes in the United States. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced a website about the new translation. See www.USCCB.org/romanmissal. At St. Olaf Church there is an educational booklet available in the church complex for education about the new translation. Please take a copy and read thoroughly for an understanding of its usage in our liturgy. New congregational responses in worship will be administered by means of our video projection system in the church, and congregational cards in the church and chapel. Resources are available in our St. Olaf Store. Additionally, a DVD created for a publisher by our Director of Worship/Music will be shown in the church after all Masses November 26 & 27.



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Christmas Music & Good Cheer

Join our parish CAROL CHOIR to sing for the Exodus Residence Holiday Party on Sunday, December 18. Meet at 4:00 pm in the Chapel. The program is 5:30 - 6:00 pm in Fleming Hall. *Lotsa fun!*



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 C.F., whose cancer is back for the seventh time and is now in the lymph nodes, that the Lord will grant her healing and provide comfort to her and her family during this difficult time.

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.



St. Olaf's Store is Ready for Christmas!

Come see the wide assortment of cards, gifts, Advent calendars, music CDs, and other Christmas goodies — all reasonably priced — at St. Olaf's store. And below is a wonderful incentive for you to stop in. Redeem this gift certificate by December 15, 2011.

\$5 OFF

\$5 OFF ANYTHING IN THE STORE
after \$10 minimum purchase. One certificate per customer. Not valid with any other offer or on special orders. Certificate expires 12/15/11.



In St. Olaf Catholic Church
Open Sunday - Thursday
612-767-6217

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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, 612-767-6214 or Lynn Trapp at ltrapp@SaintOlaf.org, 612-767-6213.



Volunteer Opportunity at Project Homeless Connect

December 12, Minneapolis Convention Center

Project Homeless Connect is a one-stop shop model for delivering services to people experiencing homelessness. Twice each year, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis partner with service providers, businesses, citizens, and faith congregations to bring multiple resources to one central location where people can come to access the services they need. These services include housing, employment, medical care, mental health care, benefits and legal assistance, eye doctors, haircuts, chiropractic, and dental care.

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available, including acting as guides who partner with guests to help them find the resources needed. The guides and guests will complete a quick intake to identify service priorities for the day, and then visit service providers. A sit-down lunch will be provided. A background in social services is not required; however, you do need a sense of humor, the willingness to help, and the ability to be on your feet for relatively long periods. All first-time volunteers are required to attend a training and orientation session. Trainings are from November 28 through December 7. Returning volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

Register to volunteer at homelessconnectminneapolis.org/volunteer.htm or call 612-596-6645 by December 2nd. Or you can call Joan Miltenberger at 612-767-6211.

An Evening of Spiritual Renewal with Dr. Jacqueline Witter

Created in Christ for Good Works –Ephesians 2:10 NRSV

Monday, November 28
6:00 pm hospitality;
6:30-8:30 pm program

*For we are what he has made us,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand to be our way of life.
-Ephesians 2:10 NRSV*

Take time for an evening of reflection with other parishioners in ministry and Dr. Jackie Witter, the Executive Director of Ministry to Ministers: A Ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict of St. Paul's Monastery. Whatever your calling or ministry, you are sure to gain deeper insight of your relationship to Christ and ministry with others. There is no charge, but a free will donation is welcomed. Please RSVP to Joan Miltenberger at 612-767-6211 or jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

INTENTION FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

*That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel
And that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.*

Join Contemporary Choir for Christmas at St. Olaf Church

Singers welcome to join this vibrant choral group with full instrumental complement to prepare the music of:

*Christmas Eve, Saturday,
December 24, 5:00 pm Mass*

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of
God, Sunday, January 1,
4:00 pm Mass*

*Solemnity of Epiphany: Sunday,
January 8, 4:00 pm Mass*

Rehearsals 6:30-9:00 pm in the church: November 29, December 6, 15, 20. Contact Lynn Trapp at the parish office, 612-767-6213.



Lynn Trapp will be in St. Olaf's Store playing piano improvisations from his piano recording *Christmas on Grand*. The CD recording is available for purchase at the store, and a portion of the proceeds benefits our Exodus Residence.

Schedule: Sunday, Nov. 27 after 10:00 am and 4:00 pm Masses; Tuesday, Dec. 6 and Thursday, Dec. 8 after 12:00 noon Mass; Sunday, Dec. 11 after 10:00 am and 4:00 pm Masses.

This week's RCIA topic is

Sacred Scripture: Old Testament

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, November 27.

Ask the Deacon

What is natural law?

Natural law is one of the reasons the world is in such conflict today. When man decides to turn against the reality of nature's logic, the world breaks down. Our Catholic Christian belief is that natural law is the system the Creator gave to all things, how He meant things to be and what He meant things to do.

As Thomas Aquinas declared, the metaphysical nature of a tree is to be a tree. It is destined to live its purpose in being a good tree; for example, it gives shade like it was made to do. But then, the tree does not have a choice. Man, on the other hand, for whatever reason, was given free choice by God.

Unfortunately, man often decides to tinker with things. Man decides that life, as it was meant to be, is not important. Man decides to procreate without the natural relationship between a man and a woman. Man decides to tinker with nature because man thinks he can do it better than God. Each time the collective efforts of man redirect efforts away from natural law, the world has problems, families fall apart, life loses its value and nature retaliates.

As Pope Benedict said, "Natural law is no longer metaphysical but only empirical...nature...is no longer a transparent moral message...it is this disorientation that renders the choices of daily life precarious and uncertain" (Benedict XVI delivered February 12). In other words, when we disregard natural law, life becomes more complicated, society breaks down, and people suffer. Just take in the daily news in order to get an illustration of this disorientation. Think of how many times we, as citizens, vote in favor of this disorientation.

Natural moral law is a system of doing good and avoiding evil. We are called to quit tinkering with the ways things, by their very nature, were meant to be.

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

2011-2012 Faith & Work
Breakfast Series presents

Wendy Wright

Professor of Theology
Creighton University

Thursday, December 1

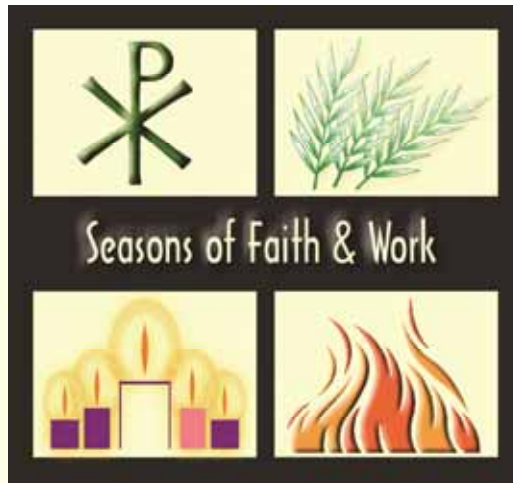
"Keeping Watch"

Cost is \$20 per person.

For more information and
registration, contact Carol

Bishop at 612-332-7471 ext. 255 or cbishop@SaintOlaf.org.

You can also order tickets online at: <http://saintolaf.org/events-and-programs/faith-work-series>. The series takes place 7:15 to 8:45 am in Fleming Hall at St. Olaf Catholic Church.



"Christmas Shop" Donations Needed

St. Olaf Social Outreach hosts a "Christmas Shop" for families in need, and we are requesting your help with donations. The following items are needed: toys (Legos, cars, building blocks, action figures, dolls); new books, coloring books for ages 1-10; children's family games (Apples to Apples, Clue, Checkers, Rubik's Cube, etc.); simple sports items (basketball, soccer, football, nerf balls); children's and young teen's winter wear (hats, scarves, socks, sweaters and pajamas); household goods (towels, sheet sets, pots and pans, toaster, coffeemaker).

These items should be brought to the parish office through December 5, M-F 9:00 am – 4:00 pm or after Masses on Sundays. For more information, contact Jean Thoresen at 612-332-7471, ext. 246 or email jthoresen@SaintOlaf.org.

Christmas Elves Needed to Volunteer at St. Olaf "Christmas Shop"

Help make Christmas time a special and hopeful time for families in need. Volunteers help sort and organize gift donations and assist parents and grandparents in the "Shop". Times are during the day on: Tuesday, December 13; Wednesday, December 14; Monday, December 19; and Tuesday, December 20. To volunteer, contact Jean Thoresen at 612-332-7471, ext. 246 or jthoresen@SaintOlaf.org or Joan Miltenberger at 612-767-6211 or jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org.



THE JESUS OF SCRIPTURE

Presented by Fr. Donald Senior, CP, STD

DVD presentations facilitated by Fr. Mark Pavlik & Sr. Joan Tuberty

Fr. Don Senior returns to us as the presenter in this Scripture Study Series. Once again there are twelve 25-minute lectures that will be offered in the six weeks preceding Christmas. There will be one lecture before the 12:00 noon Mass on Monday and a second lecture with different content after Mass — accompanied by a light lunch. On Tuesday following the 5:15 evening Mass, 5:45-6:45, two 25-minute lectures will be accompanied by light supper. This series has been prepared by Now You Know Media (www.nowyouknowmedia.com). The series continues on these dates in the Gathering Room:



Monday, November 28

11:25-11:50 and

12:30-1:00 pm

Tuesday, November 29

5:45-6:45 pm

Monday, December 5, 12, 19

11:25-11:50 and

12:30-1:00 pm

Tuesday, December 6, 13, 20

5:45-6:45 pm

REGISTER AT THE PARISH
OFFICE OR CALL 612-332-
7471. Walk-ins welcomed but
registration is needed to provide

food and printed materials. Freewill offerings at each session.



Journey to Bethlehem *with Camel Master* Deacon Thomas Winner, CSMA

We are celebrating the beginning of a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent on November 27. Advent — from the Latin *ad venio*, “to come” — is the liturgical season anticipating the *Adventus Domini*, the “coming of the Lord.” While the days grow shorter and colder, we prepare for Jesus, who comes to kindle our hearts with his light and love.

During Advent, we prepare ourselves for the New Year. It is now that we take an assessment of our life, our meaning, and our commitments.

The Advent season is filled with preparation and expectation. *A Journey to Bethlehem* is an Advent Bible study of preparation. Beginning December 2nd, the journey will be held each Friday following noon Mass and will include a light lunch. Scriptures will include:

Journey Leg One: Mark 1:1-8

Leg Two: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Leg Three: Luke 1:26-38

Leg Four: John 1:1-18

If you have questions, please contact Deacon Thom at:
twinning@SaintOlaf.org.

Advent and Christmas 2011 at St. Olaf

Advent

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday through Saturday: following morning Mass
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: following 12:00 Noon Mass

Wednesday, December 14, 5:15 PM

Mass of Reconciliation in the Church followed by individual confessions at 5:45 PM

Thursday, December 22 — 12:30-2:30 PM; 4:30-6:30 PM

Friday, December 23 — 12:30-2:30 PM; 4:30-6:30 PM

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

HOLY DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 7 Vigil Mass at 5:15 PM

Thursday, December 8:

7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:15 PM

(No confessions will be heard on December 8.)

BENEDICTION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays, 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel

Christmas

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, Saturday, December 24

(No 8 AM and Noon Mass. No confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve.)

5:00 PM Mass: Fr. Mark Pavlik, presider

Contemporary Choir and Music Ensemble *(Prelude begins at 4:30 PM.)*

7:30 PM Mass: Fr. A. Michael Sauber, presider

Cantor *(Prelude begins at 7:15 PM.)*

12:00 Midnight Mass: Fr. Mark Pavlik, presider

St. Olaf Parish Choir *(Prelude begins at 11:30 PM.)*

CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. A. Michael Sauber, presider

Cantor

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Mark Pavlik, presider

St. Olaf Parish Choir *(Prelude begins at 9:45 AM.)*

12:00 Noon Mass: Fr. Mark Pavlik, presider

Schola of the St. Olaf Parish Choir *(Prelude begins at 11:45 AM.)*

4:00 PM Mass: Fr. A. Michael Sauber, presider

Contemporary Music Ensemble *(Prelude begins at 3:45 PM.)*

(Christmas Mass is broadcast at 8:00 PM on Sunday, December 25 on Relevant Radio, 1330 on the AM dial and televised on MCN Cable Ch. 6 on Saturday, December 24 at Midnight, Sunday, December 25 at 8:00 PM, and Monday, December 26 at 10:00 AM.)

St. Olaf Worship and Sacred Music Series presents

WHAT SWEETER MUSIC:

Christmas with The Singers – Minnesota Choral Artists
Saturday, December 3, 7:30 pm ~ Matthew Culloton, director

The Singers is a choral organization formed to impact the community with its presentation of choral music sung at the highest level of artistry. A veritable feast of holiday and Christmas works combine for a concert experience that only The Singers can provide! Francis Poulenc's invigorating *Quatre Motets pour le Temps de Noël*, Scandinavian works by Ola Gjeilo and Trond Kverno, and English carols by Richard Rodney Bennett, Peter Warlock and John Rutter are surrounded by fresh arrangements of traditional carols and songs of Christmas. See and hear why *What Sweeter Music: Christmas with The Singers* has quickly become a Twin Cities Holiday favorite! Tickets: \$10 Students, \$20-\$30 Adults. For advance purchase call 651-917-1948 or visit www.singersmca.org. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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Christmas Floral Dedications



The worship department/liturgical environment ministry at St. Olaf invites you to remember a loved one in prayer by offering beautiful Christmas plants for our worship spaces during the Christmas season. Persons remembered may be living or dead. Donation is \$20 for each individual floral dedication naming one person, a couple, or family group. The names of those remembered in prayer will be printed in the Christmas church bulletin, but will not appear on the plants. Fill out the following form and submit with check made payable to St. Olaf Church, with memo: *Christmas floral dedication*. Drop in the collection basket or at the parish office **by December 11**. *Thank you for your participation in this special opportunity for community prayer at Christmas.*

From _____
with dedication to _____
From _____
with dedication to _____
From _____
in memory of _____
From _____
in memory of _____
Donation: \$20 for each individual plant naming those noted. Total enclosed: \$_____
Submit to parish office or in collection basket by December 11.

St. Olaf Worship and Sacred Music Series presents



MESSIAH SING-A-LONG

Minnesota Chorale & soloists
Kathy Saltzman Romey,
director
Lynn Trapp, organist
Sunday, December 4
6:30 - 8:00 pm

In this city-wide event everyone is invited to fill St. Olaf Church with the sounds of George Frideric Handel's most famous creation, the much loved oratorio, *Messiah*. The work is a presentation of Jesus' life and its significance according to Christian doctrine. Bring your own score or borrow one here. Come to sing-a-long with members of the Minnesota Chorale or just come to listen. Freewill offering taken. Reception follows.

TOTAL PRAISE Winter Picnic & Concert

Total Praise Gospel Choir
Othello Collins, director

Saturday, January 14, 2012
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 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 in St. Olaf's Store beginning December 1 and after all Masses in skylight area December 10/11, 17/18, December 31/January 1, January 7/8.



First Sunday of Advent — November 27, 2011

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*

With Advent,
the Church begins a new liturgical year (Cycle B).

Gather in Prayerful Silence

BLESSING of ADVENT WREATH

Come, O Just One by L. Trapp
Sun. 4pm: *Maranatha, Lord Messiah* by K. Powell

KYRIE

from *Mass for a Servant Church*
Sun. 4pm: by M. Haugen

Liturgy of the Word

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
We are the clay and you are the potter.
We are the work of your hands.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80 by J. Gelineau; Sun. 4pm: by K. Keil

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9
*God is faithful, and by him we are called to fellowship
with his Son, Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

tune: Noel Nouvelet, arr. L. Trapp
Sun. 4pm: by M. Mangan

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Be watchful and ready for we do not know when the hour will come.

HOMILY

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

sung response

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Our communion with the Lord and one another.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Advent Gathering by R. Cooney/G. Daigle #324
Sun. 10am Choir:
O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort by J. Franck
Sun. 4pm Ensemble:
Celtic Advent Carol by M. Barrett/D. Angerman

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

tune: Veni, Emmanuel

*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 *Mass of the Divine Word* by H. Hughes
Sun. 4pm: by N. Gouin/J. Breedlove

COMMUNION SONG

My Soul Longs For You by D. Light/P. Tate
Sun. 4pm: *Jesus, Hope of the World* by P. Tate/D. Light

SENDING FORTH

Wait For the Lord by J. Berthier #332
Sun. 4pm: *Soon and Very Soon* by A. Crouch #770

*With respect for the prayerful tone
of the season of Advent,
there is no postlude music today.*

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