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Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 4, 2011 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Greetings from Fr. Ben

Fr. Ben Oleket is the Pastor of the parishes visited by the St Olaf African partnership missionaries

I have been meaning to write to you much earlier and for quite some time now to no avail. My apologies. Yet in spite of it nothing has changed. Our hearts remain fresh with memories and are full of gratitude and the entire family remains fun as ever. It is for that reason that I am therefore writing to express a big thank you for leading a wonderful life-changing team to Kenya from St. Olaf's. Allow me to say that the highlight was however to connect with Fr. Mark and to have him visiting! And it was great meeting Deacon Tom and Judy. Connecting with Drs. Maggie and Peter, Vicky and of course Maria! Wasn't that ever great! Once again thank you so very much for coming and staying with my family.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Christian community of Busia, Mary Immaculate, Mwari and particularly that of Mary Vianney Bulanda, I would like to express special thanks and gratitude for a job well done on open clinics and of course you remember the blessing and opening mass of their Sub-parish centre on, 24.09.2011. It was a very wonderful time and grace-filled occasion. We will forever be grateful for your financial and moral support that has changed the people as

well as the surrounding neighbourhood. Everyone is admiring our beautiful church! Thank you so very much again and again.

Otherwise as you might have heard we are at war with Somalia over the rebel group Al Shabab. We are all holding our breath on the out-come. Need your prayers. In the meantime all is fine and there is plenty of rain at the moment and that could lead to floods. On the parish level we had 252 confirmants on 30.10.11. Something good to have new witnesses for the gospel and to spread the faith.

Kindly greet the team and let them all know that we really enjoyed their visit and remember it is only the beginning of the many more visits to us and vice versa. God bless you and the Faith partnership.





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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.)



Food and Cash for the Poor Weekend

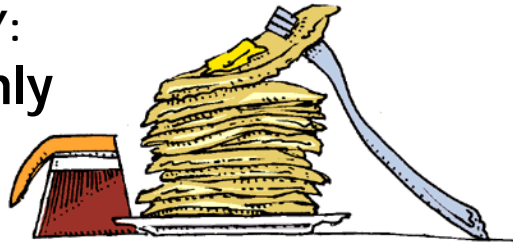
— December 3 & 4 —

Baskets will be in the vestibule for your contributions.

If you would like further information about the needs of our neighbors and how you can help, please contact Joan Miltenberger at 612-767-6211; jmiltenberger@SaintOlaf.org or Jean Thoresen 612-332-7471, x 246; jthoresen@SaintOlaf.org.



SECOND SUNDAY: St. Olaf Heavenly Pancakes & Catechesis



11:00 am (following the 10:00 am Mass)

Sunday, December 11: *Christology, Incarnation* with Deacon Thom Winner, CSMA Incarnation, the Word made flesh: God/Man, two natures in one person. Learn about the key Christology of the Church.

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. Come to enjoy pancakes and to fuel your faith. There will be a goodwill offering for the pancake budget. *The Pancake Team is inviting you downtown for a great breakfast SECOND SUNDAYS!*



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

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 and 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, continues **Fridays following noon Mass and includes a light lunch**. Scriptures 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: twinner@SaintOlaf.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAYS

INTENTION FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

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.



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:

Tuesday, December 6 and Thursday, December 8 after 12:00 noon Mass;

Sunday, December 11 after 10:00 am and 4:00 pm Masses.

This week's RCIA topic is

Sacred Scripture: New 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, December 4.

Ask the Deacon

Why do I feel so alone? Where is Jesus in my life?

Be assured that Jesus is in your life.

Each day, you encounter him in the people you meet and the things that happen. He is more active than you know because our human nature limits our understanding. We are confused when we pray to Jesus to be with us, as though he must come to us. The reverse is the case: He is always with us, every moment, in our hearts, minds and souls.

The alternative prayer is that you open yourself to his presence. Pray that you recognize him working in your life. The Lord says, "I am he, I am he who will sustain you; I have made you and I will carry you. I will sustain and rescue you" (Isaiah 46:4). Then, we are reminded of His promise in Hebrews 13:5-6, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So, we remind ourselves in Psalm 23, "The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in safe paths. There is nothing I shall fear. "

Go to the Lord when you are confused, hurt, weak; go to the Lord in everything, for everything. You don't need a reason other than He loves you, and He is there for you.

When I say GO, I am saying OPEN. Pause for a moment anywhere, anytime and say, "Lord, open my heart and mind to you today. Help me to recognize how you are leading me today. Help me to see the opportunities you are putting before me. Lord, confirm yourself to me by helping me see you, Amen." Say this prayer in the morning and in the evening; reflect on where you recognized him in your life today.

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

Your Response Is Needed to End Homelessness!

It is December and the mild fall days we savored are just a memory. Aren't most of us so blessed to have a warm place we call home? Many of our neighbors are without a home and many cannot even get into a shelter because there isn't enough space for the increasing numbers of homeless persons. People are homeless for a variety of reasons: they may be unable to work due to physical disability or mental illness. They may have chemical dependency and are in need of treatment. They may be able to work but cannot find a job. They may be women who have been abused. They may be children or teens whose parents cannot provide for them. They are all God's children and in need of our love and our prayers. Have you seen homeless persons on the street and wanted to do something to help end homelessness?

Love translates into action. The advocacy card in the pews this month lists activities that you can do along with other parishioners. Consider how God directs your heart to help our neighbors in need and to work for justice. Please complete the commitment card; then put it in the offering basket at mass or mail it to the parish office. If you have questions, contact Ann Pannier at 612-824-6572 or Joan Miltenberger at 612-767-6211.



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!*

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.

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.

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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-\$28 Adults. For advance purchase call 651-917-1948 or visit www.singersmca.org. Tickets will also be available at the door. Members of St. Olaf Catholic Church may receive a \$15 ticket to the concert, saving \$8-\$15 on a single ticket, if you bring a copy of this church bulletin to the ticket table at the concert.



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, 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 skylight area December 10/11, 17/18, December 31/January 1, January 7/8.



Second Sunday of Advent — December 4, 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*

Gather in Prayerful Silence

OPENING

Come, O Just One by L. Trapp
Sun. 4pm: *Prepare! Prepare!* by S. Pishner

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 40:1-5, 9-11
"Comfort, give comfort to my people," says your God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 85 by J. Gelineau;
Sun. 4pm: by the Dameans **#80, refrain II**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Peter 3:8-14
*God calls us to repent, for the day of the Lord
comes like a thief in the night.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8
*In the desert, John proclaimed the coming of the Lord
and baptism of repentance.*

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: *Keep Your Lamps* by A. Thomas

Sun. 4pm: *Comfort, My People* by I. Callanan

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 In Stillness Waits by M. Haugen **#328**
Sun. 4pm: *Come To Us, Emmanuel* by P. Tate/D. Light

MEDITATION

Sun. 10am: *Advent Litany* by B. Farrell
Sun. 4pm: *God of All People* by D. Haas **#331**

SENDING FORTH

On Jordan's Bank **#321**
Sun. 4pm: *A Voice Cries Out* by M. Joncas

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

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