

Welcome

March 17/18, 2018

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:30pm at St. Peter
Saturday at 6:30pm at St. Olaf (en Español)
Sunday at 8:00am at St. Olaf
Sunday at 10:30am at St. Olaf

The Celebration of Holy Week at St. Olaf / St. Peter

Palm Sunday - Next Weekend

Next weekend, with Palm Sunday, we begin the week called "holy". Palms will be given to each person who participates. We will hold the palms aloft during the blessing that takes place at each Mass as we welcome Jesus into the Jerusalem of our hearts. There will also be a proclamation of the Lord's passion from the Gospel of Mark, along with the remainder of Mass like usual.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - Thursday, March 29th, 7:00pm

This joyous, bilingual Mass brings out a deep reality in our Catholic life: that our baptism is continually renewed through celebrating the Eucharist. The scriptures will center on the Gospel of the Last Supper, Paul's Eucharistic experience, and the origins of the Passover in Egypt. At this Mass the new Holy Oils, blessed at the cathedral, are placed within the community. These oils become "special friends" in our parish for times of sickness and rejoicing. Famous sacred hymns composed by Saint Thomas Aquinas are among our evening program. Extra communion hosts will be consecrated for the Good Friday service, and reserved in a special location which we call an "altar of repose". Opportunities for meditation will be available after the celebration in the Parish Hall.

Good Friday - Friday, March 30th, 7:00pm

No Mass is celebrated anywhere in the world today. Rather, we celebrate a special service containing three main features: the passion reading from the Gospel of John, the veneration of the wood of the cross, and the distribution of communion hosts already consecrated. Youth from our parish will silently act out the events of the passion narrative while it is being proclaimed.

The Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 31st, 8:00pm

At the Vigil the baptismal water that will be used for our baptismal renewal and the actual baptism of adults will be blessed. Those who have been preparing to join the Church will be baptized, confirmed, make profession of faith, and receive First Communion. We renew our own baptism as well. This Mass is longer than normal because we recount the scriptural heritage of our salvation. Please don't let that deter your participation, however, since this Mass is considered *the* primary liturgical event of the entire year.

Easter Sunday, April 1st, 8:00am, 10:30am, and 1:00pm (en Español)

Come and make a gladsome song unto the Lord for his life and goodness to us by sharing in the joyful music of Easter. We'll renew our baptismal promises and receive the grace of the newly blessed baptismal waters. What a joy it will be to welcome our guests to our spiritual parish home.

Building A Welcoming Community

"It's This Weekend - Sunday Afternoon"

The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Sunday, March 18th, 5:00pm.
St. Olaf Parish Hall.

We invite everyone to stop by the Social Hall after Mass to purchase tickets.

Thanks. Hope to see you there!



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It's helpful, from time to time, to offer welcoming hospitality to our memories.

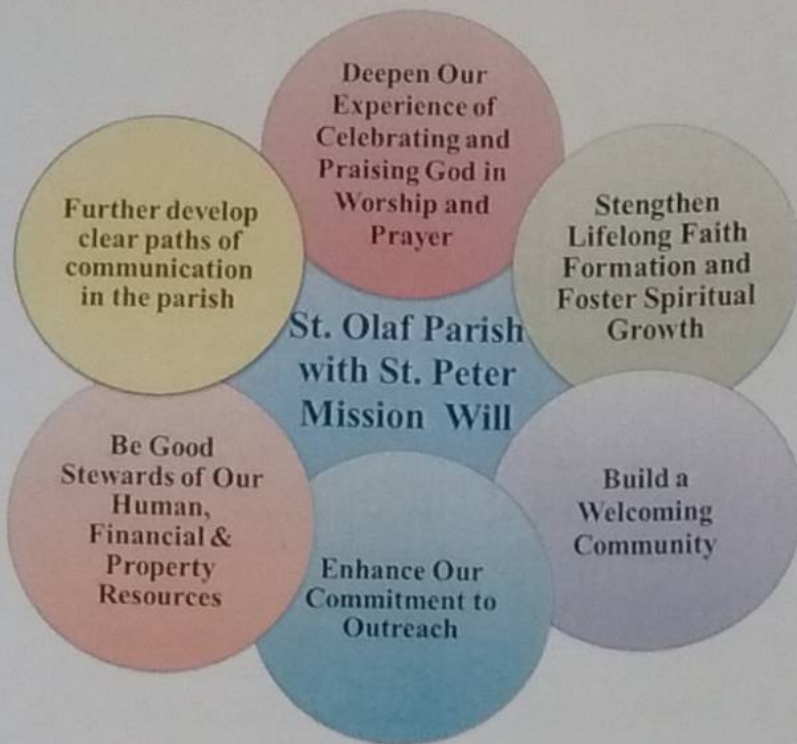
What are your most meaningful Easter experiences? What was Easter like for you as a child? I encourage us this week, as we continue our preparations for Easter, to reflect on this topic.

Some favorite Easter memories that I've heard of are special songs at church, wearing a particular article of Spring clothing for dinner, and finding a chocolate rabbit inside the Easter basket! My parents provided special, homemade bread rolls, and several goodies from the local German Deli. I still look forward to that.

Since coming to St. Olaf and St. Peter I have come to deeply appreciate the proclamation of the full set of bible readings at the Easter Vigil. In many places it happens that only a few of the readings are proclaimed. I'm grateful that we have them all.

Blessings.

Fr. David



Enhancing Our Commitment to Outreach

Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC)
2018 Legislative Priorities

Following Up on 'Catholic Advocacy Day', Which Took Place on February 21st, 2018 . . .

Poverty, Family, & Restorative Justice

WSCC SUPPORTS:

- Approval of a capital budget including funding for the Housing Trust Fund
- Providing adequate operating budget revenue to support "safety net" programs
- Changes to Legal Financial Obligations for those convicted of a crime
- Continuing the Document Recording Fee in support of homeless programs
- Prohibiting discrimination based on a renter's source of income
- Ensuring legal counsel for youth

Life & Religious Liberty

WSCC SUPPORTS:

- Requiring parental notification for abortions performed on minors
- Abolishing the death penalty

WSCC OPPOSES:

- Mandating abortion coverage in all health care plans

Education

WSCC SUPPORTS:

- Improving safety for all schools
- Funding child abuse prevention education programs for all K-12 students

Praising God in Prayer

This weekend's psalm, Psalm 51, is commonly referred to as the finest of the penitential psalms. In Latin, *Miserere*.

We stand before God guilty but unafraid. We see our guilt as an entitlement to mercy and as an excuse for hope. A deep sense of sin is already a step toward the sanctity of God - it opens the door for his eager mercy.

Jesus takes us further than the psalmist. He teaches us to cry not "God!", but "Father!" He bids us think of that father who ran to meet the son who had left him; the father who took the son in his arms and kissed him. Jesus' trust in his father's mercy exceeded that of the psalmist. So may ours, in the same radical measure as his.

Credits: Rev. Alexander Jones, Rev. Leonard Johnston

What You Can Do

- Join the Catholic Advocacy Network and receive the WSCC's email alerts on federal and state issues. Go to www.thewsc.org and click on "Join Our Advocacy Network" to register.

For more information, contact the WSCC:
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Home & Family

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And, until we meet again, may God hold you
in the palm of His Hand.
Amen.*



Bendición Irlandés

*Que el camino se abra para encontrarte.
Que el viento siempre esté a tu respaldo.
Que la luz del sol brille en tu rostro,
la lluvia caiga suavemente en tus cosechas.
Y, hasta que nos encontremos otra vez, que Dios te tenga
en la palma de Su mano.
Amen.*