



Saint Olaf Catholic Church

November 23, 2025 · Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Happy Thanksgiving! We pray everyone safely enjoys time with family and friends over the Holiday while sharing the love of God around your table.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Thursday, November 27 at 9:00 AM



Important

There are **four important items** available for everyone in the Church Foyer:

- Thanksgiving Thank You Letter from Father Andrzej and the Office Staff.
- Annual Parish Financial Report.
- Family Advent Calendars and Advent Resources. Advent starts next weekend!
- Our Parish 2026 calendars are here! Please take only one per family.

A Few Financial Points:

Pavement Repair Project: The final breakdown of the paving repair project cost: \$23k for asphalt, \$13k for stripping, excavating, disposal, and soft spot repair including the stabilization fabric, and \$3k for crack sealant. The final project total was \$39k and was paid from our savings. The project was mandated by our insurance company for safety.

Thank you to all who helped offset the cost of the paving repair project.

DDD: Our DDD status as of November 13: \$45,388 paid with an outstanding balance of \$17,512 to meet our total 2025 DDD \$62,900. 2025 DDD due date: December 31.

Patio Update: We raised over \$15,000 from 161 donors over 3 months this summer in mostly \$100 increments. The hilly and rocky bare patch of ground next to the north Church wall was leveled for the concrete pour. A patio space and retaining wall was poured. Three brand new large patio seating/table sets with umbrellas are assembled, including one that is handicapped accessible for wheelchairs. Drought-friendly landscaping rocks and live greenery were planted. The engraved plaque is now finished and ready to be installed. We commissioned a stunning bronze-coated relief sculpture of Saint Olaf, expertly designed and crafted by our own parishioner, Dale Schultz. The piece will be displayed in the Church after Thanksgiving and then will be installed on the patio wall alongside the engraved plaque. We hope this outdoor gathering space is a source of fellowship for our growing Parish and School Community as we continue to host many events in the years ahead. *Saint Olaf, Pray for Us.*

We would be **humbly grateful** if you have the ability to help the Church replenish our savings.



Congratulations to Kevin Cummings and Evan Fisher, who are in Deaconate Formation, on being Instituted as Lectors last week at the Cathedral.

Please continue to pray for their formation. They are expected to be ordained in 2027.

Thank you to all who supported the donation drive to collect winter gear for the Geraldine E. King Women's Resource Center. THREE full rounds of coats and gear were picked up!



THIS WEEKEND! Annual Ladies of Charity Pre-Holiday Bake Sale will benefit the Center of Hope Food Pantry, located in the Father McNamara Center.



All are invited to join our **Parish Rosary** to pray in Thanksgiving for our own families. Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 PM in the Church.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Parishioners who donated for the Veteran's Breakfast. The donations were used to purchase Gift Cards for the VA Hospital Food Pantry.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all Parishioners and new friends who joined us for BINGO last week. The next **BINGO** will be Friday, December 5. Doors open at 6PM, game starts at 7PM. Hamburger or Hotdog Meal Deals & Root Beer Floats or Sundaes available for purchase. The Knights are collecting food for the VA Food pantry, seeking: canned soup, canned tuna/chicken/salmon, canned chili, canned pasta, baked beans, & peanut butter. If you donate any two items you will receive one free hot dog meal.



Council of Catholic Women: Annual Stocking Stuffer and Potluck Dinner

Please help with Project "Cookie Sheet of Caring" to benefit the Center of Hope on Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 PM in the Father McNamara Center. See flyer for requested items. Donations may be dropped off in the Church or the Office, or made on the St. Olaf website under the Fund category "Council of Catholic Women."



St. Nicholas will visit the Father McNamara Center on Sunday, December 7 after the 11:30 AM Mass to tell about his life and hand out treats. Parishioners are welcome to bring cookies to share. Hot chocolate and treats provided. All are welcome!

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 6:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM*

*Wednesday at 9:00 during the school year

Confession

Saturday 4:15 - 5:15 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Faith Formation

Sundays 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM in the School

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Welcome to all visitors and anyone new to our Parish & School community!



Saint Olaf Catholic School

- **3rd - 8th Grade CYO Utah Basketball registration** is open! Please follow the QR Code to enroll. Program runs *December 6, 2025 - February 7, 2026*.
- **Talk Derby to Me:** The school is currently collecting empty baskets and any Live or Silent Auction items for the Annual Auction & Gala *Saturday, April 25*.
- **Statement from The Utah Fits All Scholarship Program:** We have experienced remarkable growth, expanding from funding for just 4,000 students to now supporting 14,635 Utah children with an education that truly "fits." The Utah Legislature has reinforced this momentum, appropriating an additional \$20 million for the current scholarship year and another \$20 million for the 2026/2027 year. These increases bring total program funding to \$120 million — ensuring that thousands more Utah students will have access to educational options that help them thrive. With more scholarships available, UEFA encourages families to explore their options early and apply for the next enrollment period. Every child deserves an opportunity to learn in an environment that helps them reach their full potential - Utah Fits All makes that possible. **All families attending a Utah Catholic school are eligible to apply for the Utah Fits All \$8,000 Scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year.** **St. Olaf Catholic School has a seat for your child in Pre-K to 8th grade!**



Faith Formation

November 30: No Class **December 7:** Regular Class **December 14:** Regular Class

OCIA - An Invitation to Come

The OCIA program (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. Classes meet Sundays at 10 AM in the School's Great Room.

November 30: No Class **December 7:** Heaven, Hell, Purgatory **December 14:** Miracles
Please email Kevin or Evan: StolafOCIA@gmail.com or contact the Office with questions.



Christmas Choir Practice:

Children Choir will sing at Christmas Eve Mass at 5 PM.
Practices: December 2, 9, & 16 at 4 PM and December 23 at 2 PM.
Adult & Teen Choir will sing Christmas Day Mass at 10 AM.
Practices: December 4, 11, 18 at 7:30 PM.

Please
attend all
practices!

Christmas

• **Annual Christmas Giving Tree** is back! This year our Parish will support Utah Foster Care, Catholic Community Services, and local families in our Parish. The digital giving tree is active - you may scan the QR Code. The physical tree with tags is in the Foyer. Please deliver all items to the Church Foyer or the Church Office by **Monday, December 8**. Please leave gifts unwrapped and include the label with the gift.



Contact: Cristal at 801-910-1753 or Cristal.vandongen@gmail.com

• **Extra Advent Confession Times:** *Friday, December 5:* 9-10:30 AM, *Tuesday December 9:* 8:30-10 AM, *Tuesday, December 16:* 6-8 PM, & *Wednesday, December 17:* 6-8 PM.

• **Christmas Flowers:** You may donate in memory of a loved-one to fund Christmas flowers in the Church. There are envelopes provided in the foyer. Write the name of the person on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. **Sunday, December 14** is the last day to donate to ensure names will be included in the *December 24/25* bulletin.

• **Diocesan Advent Retreat** "Heroes of Hope and Holiness: The Saints of Advent" *Saturday, December 6* at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Spanish retreat 9 - 11:30 AM with Rev. Andre Sicard. Bilingual Mass with Bishop Solis at noon. English retreat 1:30 PM - 4 PM with Rev. Anthony Shumway. Call 801-456-9357 to RSVP.

• **Decorate the Church for Christmas!** *Sunday, December 14* at 3 PM. All are welcome!

• **Bountiful Interfaith Christmas Benefit Concert.** *Sunday, December 21* at 7:00 PM at the Bountiful Tabernacle. Benefits Davis Refugee Assistance Program.

• **Diocesan Simbang Gabi Mass:** *Tuesday, December 23* at 7:00 PM in the Church.

Please remember the sick of our Parish Community in your prayers - that they may be healed, strengthened, and know the love of God during their suffering:

Catherine Garcia, Tony Macklyn, Barrett Barnes, Veronica Markisich, Guy Lacy, Devin Gordon, Brendon Young, Trevan Young, Barbara Gould, William Walker, Ava Delacruz, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Shannon Maguire, Amillio Jesse Martinez, Marianne Canetti, Dee Cummings, Kelly Krizan, Reece Roberts, Gabriella Roberts, Sabie Smith, Frank Canetti, Ruby Westphal, Phyllis Walker, Rick Walker, & Carmen Capito.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 22

5:30 PM

† Dcn Forrest Gray (Maria-Cruz Gray)

Sunday, November 23

9:00 AM

John P. Byrne - Birthday Blessings
(Betty Byrne)

11:30 AM

Jackson & Logan Hughes

Monday, November 24

6:00 PM

† Patrick Byrne (Betty Byrne)

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 AM

† Benjamin Romero Flores
(Zarella Lacy)

Wednesday, November 26

8:00 AM (not 9 AM)

† George & Raquel Ortega
(Ortega & Nicholas Family)

Thursday, November 27

9:00 AM (not 8 AM)

All Parishioners of Saint Olaf Parish

Friday, November 28

8:00 AM

All Priests and Religious, especially Fr. Andrzej

Saturday, November 29

5:30 PM

† Mike Lemieux
(Fr. Dominguez Assembly 1144)

Sunday, November 30

9:00 AM

All Teachers and Staff of all
Utah Catholic Schools

11:30 AM

All in Deaconate Formation,
especially Kevin Cummings & Evan Fisher

The Office will be closed:

- *Wednesday, November 26* - at noon
- *Thursday, November 27*

2026 Lector Workbooks for the new upcoming Liturgical Year are in the sacristy. Please take one if you are a Lector.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times on *Monday, December 8*
9:00 AM with the School and 6:30 PM.

All are welcome to join in the celebration of the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**.

Friday, December 12. Mass at 6:00 PM

followed by a delicious Mexican Potluck

dinner in the Father McNamara

Center. Please join the choir!

Practice *December 4 & 11* at

6:00 PM in the Church.



Online: \$2,990

Envelopes: \$1,999.50

Loose: \$2,203.34

School: \$990

Maintenance: \$630

Next Second Collection: *November 30*
Catholic Community Services