



Saint Olaf Catholic Church

December 22, 2024 • FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 24 December 5:00 PM (Family Mass) & 10:00 PM (Mass at night)

Christmas Day 25 December 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule (Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve 31 December 6:30 PM

New Year's Day 1 January 10:00 AM

FROM THE CENTER OF HOPE: Thank you to St. Olaf Parish and especially *Holly Dodge* for hosting the Interfaith benefit Christmas Concert. The benefit concert was a beautiful, well-attended event that benefitted many of our food-vulnerable neighbors. Thank you for your support!

Our Church has been blessed with our first endowment!

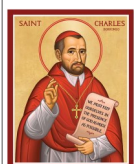
Due to generous anonymous parishioners, two new endowments for our Church have recently been established.

The Saint Olaf Catholic Church Endowment

Provides financial support for our church at the discretion of the pastor.

The Saint Charles Borromeo Endowment

Provides financial support for the formation, development, or enrichment of St. Olaf Catholic Church parish volunteers (Faith Formation and OCIA catechists, Lay Ecclesial Ministers) serving in catechetical, theological, or spiritual ministry.



Saint Charles Borromeo was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church, including the founding of seminaries for the education of priests. He was canonized in 1610 and his feast day is 4 November. Saint Charles Borromeo is the patron saint of bishops, catechists and seminarians.

Our two new endowments will be managed by the Catholic Foundation of Utah, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to providing financial support for the Catholic Church and Catholic entities in Utah. Anyone is welcome to add to an established endowment at any time to help grow the funds for the parish and to support the mission. You can give online via the QR Code. You will need to select "Parish and Places of Worship Endowments."

2024 Diocesan Simbang Gabi, a Traditional Filipino Christmas Novena of Masses.

Mass with the Bishop Presiding *Monday, December 23, 7:00 PM* in the church. Dinner to follow.

NO Rosary Prayer *December 25 or January 1*. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Children in K - 2nd grade are invited to learn *Away in a Manger* to be sung before Christmas Eve, *December 24* at the 5 PM mass. Practice 4:30 PM *December 23*.

AIM (Artist in Motion) will sing at the 9 AM mass *December 29*.

The St. Olaf Children's Choir will sing at the 11:30 mass *December 29*.

All children that sang at the Christmas Eve Mass are encouraged to sing at this mass.

2025 Jubilee Holy Year *Information to Know* Jubilee 2025 was proclaimed by Pope

Francis in the Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit* "Hope does not disappoint," drawn from Romans 5:5. The theme of the Holy Year is "Pilgrims of Hope." The year calls Christians to action. Pope Francis called for "signs of hope" in the Jubilee Year, including the desire for peace in the world, openness to life and responsible parenthood, and closeness to prisoners, the poor, the sick, the young, the elderly, migrants, and people "in difficult situations." The word "jubilee" comes from the Hebrew word *yobel*, which refers to the ram's horn used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament. Like the sabbath, the jubilee was a time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another.



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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Weekdays

6:00 PM Monday

8:00 AM Tuesday - Friday

*9:00 AM Wednesday

*(while school is in session)

Confessions

Saturdays

4:15 PM — 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

*(while school is in session)

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Saint Olaf Parish School

Save the Date: **Our Annual Dinner and Auction** will be held *Saturday, April 26* at 6:30 PM. *If you have spare baskets, especially from gifts around the holiday time, please bring the baskets to the school or parish. The School's Auction Planning Team is collecting many sizes and styles of baskets to display all the awesome Auction items.*



Faith Formation

From all the Faith Formation catechists, we wish you all a blessed and holy Christmas Season!

December 22 and 29: No Class - **Christmas and New Year's Break**

January 5: Regular Class **January 12:** Regular Class

"When God is the only goal, all disagreements are smoothed out, all difficulties overcome."
St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli

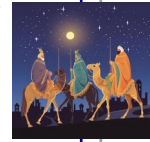
Note from Father Andrzej regarding OCIA Ministry

With the end of this calendar year our OCIA Director and Coordinator, Heather Bonn, will have completed her ministry for the Formation of Candidates for Sacraments and will step down from her Director of OCIA position. On my own behalf, and on behalf of the entire parish community, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for her faithful ministry. It has been gratifying to work alongside Heather and to witness her love of the ministry and of the people she served for many years. Fortunately, Heather has not left parish ministry entirely and will serve as a wedding coordinator for those preparing for sacramental marriages.

The Ministry of OCIA has found willing and dedicated people in the persons of Evan Fisher and Kevin Cummings, our two parish candidates for Diaconate, to lead. Evan and Kevin will lead this important mission of the Church for which I am very grateful. Please offer a prayer of gratitude for Heather and a prayer of support for the incoming leaders Evan and Kevin. May God bless our parish and the many ministries we are able to fulfill because of the selfless service of many.



COME LET US ADORE HIM: Epiphany Family Celebration! Join us *Saturday, Jan 4* at 6:30 PM in the Father McNamara Center for a potluck dinner and party. Please bring a traditional family dish, a Christmas dish, or A-G Main Dish, H-R Side Dish, S-Z Salad. Meat and King cake provided. *As the Three Wise Men brought gifts for the baby Jesus, we will bring gifts for the Center of Hope.* Canned meat, fish, soup, corn, fruit, or dried beans are appreciated. Festivities will include decorating Crowns, updating our chalkboards for the blessing of our homes, Christmas carols, a visit from Three Wise Men, and piñatas.



Come explore the heart of our Catholic Faith while studying *A Journey Through the Catechism, Part 1*. Join us 9 AM, after Mass, every Friday in the Chapel Meeting Room *Jan 10 - Feb 28*. Topics will include Faith, the Life of Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Church, and the Blessed Mother. Cost is \$17 for the book. Please contact Kit at cummingsck@yahoo.com to sign up.

Office Notes:

- * We mailed our Parish Christmas Letter last week. If you are a registered parishioner and did not receive a letter and would like a letter, please call the church office.
- * The Rectory Office will be closed *December 24 - January 5* for Christmas Break.
- * There is a new assisted hearing device system in the church. If you'd like to use the LOOP hearing system please find an Usher in the back of the church.



2024 DDD Theme "Eucharist - The Heart of Giving"

2024 Goal: We received over \$59,000 paid donations. WE OFFICIALLY MET OUR 2024 PARISH GOAL. Thank you to the 112 generous parishioners who donated for the DDD in 2024.

Online: \$3,670 **Envelopes:** \$4,034 **Loose:** \$2,103.06 **School:** \$195 **Maintenance:** \$1,728
Please remember both St. Olaf Parish and School as you consider end of year gifting



Prayers Needed

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

Catherine Garcia	Emily Karrick	Madeline Droubay	Geri Kilpatrick	José Mendoza
Tony Macklyn	Callan Long	Shirley Lynch	Veronica Markisich	Roy Gallivan
				Reinette Schultz

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21

5:30PM

† John W. Droubay

Sunday, December 22

9:00 AM

† Dcn Forrest Gray (Maria Cruz Gray)

11:30 AM

† Wade & Doris McCall (Olsen Family)

Monday, December 23

7:00 PM - With the Bishop Presiding

† Patrick Byrne (Betty Byrne)

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 PM

† Sandy Gloede (Joyce Vitalo)

10:00 PM

Living and Deceased Members of the Byrne and Finnegan Families (Betty Byrne)

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 AM

McMorris Family (Lesli Cole)

Thursday, December 26

8:00 AM

Heather Bonn

Friday, December 27

8:00 AM

Ariana Reiter (Zarella Lacy)

Saturday, December 28

5:30PM

† Mike Lemieux

(Fr. Dominguez Assembly #1144)

Sunday, December 29

9:00 AM

Women of St. Olaf Parish

(Council of Women)

11:30 AM

† Evelyn Amboy

Weekly Scripture Readings

Saturday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

S of S 2:8-14/ Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Lk 1:39-45

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Mic 5:1-4a/ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/
Hb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14/
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, and 29/ Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Is 9:1-6/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12, 13/
Tit 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14

Thursday, December 26

St. Stephen

Act 6:8-10, 7:54-59/
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/
Mt 10:17-22

Friday, December 27

St. John

1 John 1:1-4/ Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Saturday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5-2:2/ Ps 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/
Mt 2:13-18

Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Col 3:12-21/ Lk 2:41-52