



Saint Olaf Catholic Church

December 1, 2024 • FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, **Advent** (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The Advent season is a time of **preparation and conversion** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world. This season is a bridge between the past, present, and future. It allows us to look back on the hope for the Savior of the World, experience the joy of his reign in the present through his Church, and to prepare ourselves for his glorious return at his Second Com-



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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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Please support our annual **Giving Tree!** The tree supports Utah Foster Care, Catholic Community Services, and families in need within our parish and school. All items should be delivered to the school, church, or rectory office by December 10, 2024.

Please leave gifts unwrapped. If you have questions, contact Cristal at 801-910-1753 or cristal.vandongen@gmail.com. To access the digital Giving Tree please scan the QR code.



From the Center of Hope: Our Hearts are filled with gratitude for the outpouring of generous support for our food pantry. ♡ **THANK YOU** to all parish ministries who collaborated and worked so hard to show enormous love and support across multiple events. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the Council of Women, St. Olaf School administration and HSA board, the Ladies of Charity, and the Music Ministry for all collaborating beautifully to support the food bank. **Your love and support made the season brighter for our neighbors in need.**

Saint Olaf 2025 calendars are in the foyer of the church. Please take one per family.

Solemn Vespers for the beginning of Advent will be prayed *November 30*, 5 PM. Vespers is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. During Vespers the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always," by continually praising God and offering intercessory prayers.

Rosary Prayer: *Wednesday, December 4* at 7:00 PM

We will pray for a cure for Alzheimer's Disease.



First Friday Adoration: *December 6* after daily mass until 4:00 PM. Please sign up to spend some time with Jesus! All are welcome to join the Council of Women to pray a Rosary at 3:30 PM.



A Festival of Lessons & Carols Join Chesterton Academy of Northern Utah Choir for a lovely family Advent tradition. Friday, *December 6* at 7 PM in the Church. Reception in the Father McNamara Center. All are welcome!

Next Knights of Columbus BINGO is *Dec 6* at 7 PM in the **School**. Hot Dog and Potato Bar.

In 2024, *December 8* is the Second Sunday of Advent. **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is transferred to *Monday, December 9* and is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule: *December 9* at 9:00 AM with the school and at 6:30 PM.

Note: Wednesday, *December 11* daily mass will be at 8:00 AM, not 9:00 AM.



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Saint Olaf Parish School [Thank you](#) to everyone who came and participated in the chili cookoff! What a deliciously fun way to start Thanksgiving Break!

Faith Formation

- December 1: No Class - **First Sunday of Advent**
- December 8: Regular Class - **St. Nicolas Celebration!**
- December 15: Regular Class - last class before Christmas Break
- December 22 or 29: No Class—Christmas and New Years Break



"Begin with your own emptiness and seek Him who can fill it." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

OCIA News—An Invitation to Come

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: His son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend mass with you this Christmas. OCIA sessions are open to all who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions are held Sundays 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM in the Chapel Meeting Room.

December 1: No Session + **December 8:** Heaven, Hell, & Purgatory + **December 15:** Miracles
 Questions? Contact Heather Bonn at 801-295-3621 or Heather@stolafut.org



Come celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!**
 Thursday, *December 12*. Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a wonderful Mexican **POTLUCK** dinner and celebration in the Father McNamara Center. All are welcome. Please join the mass choir! Practice both *December 1 and 8* 3:00 PM in the church.

Council of Women Christmas Service Project Saturday, December 7, 6:30 PM

Come serve others in our community, have fun, and share a *potluck dinner!* Help assemble gifts for Center of Hope. Seeking: New, full size items dish soap, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, kitchen towels/wash cloths, and monetary donations. Collection boxes in church & rectory. Contact: Stacey Oliveto 801-663-3236 soliveto@connect2.com

Please see the COW website for additional information <https://www.stolafccw.org/home>

Parish Family Activity: Visit from St Nick! *December 8*, 12:30 PM. Join us to meet and learn about St. Nicholas. Come and enjoy some hot coco, coffee, donuts, and a treat for children

Christmas Flowers: You may donate in a loved-ones name to fund Christmas flowers for the church. Write the name of the person on an envelope provided in the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket. Names will be listed in the December 24/25 bulletin.

Bountiful Philharmonia Christmas Concert *December 7*, 7 PM Viewmont HS.

Come help decorate the church for Christmas! *December 14*, 9 AM. All are welcome.

Diocesan Advent Retreat: "Preparing to be Pilgrims of Hope" *December 14* Blessed Sacrament Catholic. 9 AM bilingual Mass with Most Reverend Oscar Solis. All welcome.

Bountiful Interfaith Concert *December 15*, 7 PM in the church. **Benefit for the Center of Hope.**

Additional Advent Confession Times: *December 16:* 8-10 AM, *December 17:* 8:30 AM-10 AM and 6-7:30 PM, *December 18:* 6-7:30 PM.

Epiphany Family Celebration! *January 4*, 6:30 PM in the Father McNamara Center.

The Rectory Office will be closed *December 24 -January 3* for Christmas Break.



2024 DDD Theme "Eucharist - The Heart of Giving"

St. Olaf 2024 Goal: WE REACHED OUR GOAL WITH A MONTH LEFT TO THE YEAR!
Thank you to the OVER 100 generous parishioners who donated over \$59,000!



Online: \$1,860 **Envelopes:** \$2,305 **Loose:** \$1,271.46 **School:** \$15 **Maintenance:** \$1,065
 Second Collection: December 1 for Catholic Community Services
 Please remember 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:

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| Catherine Garcia | Emily Karrick | Madeline Droubay | Geri Kilpatrick | Roy Gallivan |
| Tony Macklyn | Callan Long | Shirley Lynch | Veronica Markisich | |



Mass Intentions

- Saturday, November 30**
5:30 PM
† Baby Goeppinger (Mary Miller)
- Sunday, December 1**
9:00 AM
Keyna Fernandez (Zarella Lacy)
11:30 AM
All priests, especially Father Andrzej
- Monday, December 2**
6:00 PM
† Lilian Cahill (Joanne Dean)
- Tuesday, December 3**
8:00 AM
Benjamin Lowe (Chesterton Academy)
- Wednesday, December 4**
9:00 AM School Mass
† Dana Alberts and Shayla Brooks (Delores Brookes)
- Thursday, December 5**
8:00 AM
† Daniel Jared Smith (Suzanne Gourde)
- Friday, December 6**
8:00 AM
† Souls in Purgatory (Zarella Lacy)
- Saturday, December 7**
5:30 PM
All Parishioners of St. Olaf
- Sunday, December 8**
9:00 AM
† Deceased members of the Comins and Ward Families
11:30 AM
† Cyril J Finnegan (Betty Byrne)

Weekly Scripture Readings

- Saturday, November 30**
St. Andrew
Rm 10:9-18/ Ps 19:8-9,10,11/
Mt. 4:18-22
- Sunday, December 1**
First Sunday in Advent
Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/ 1Th 3:12-4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday, December 2**
Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday, December 3**
St. Fracis Xavier
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday, December 4**
St. John Damascene
Is 25:6-10a/ Ps 23:1b-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday, December 5**
Is 26:1-6/ Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday, December 6**
St. Nicolas
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday, December 7**
St. Ambrose
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday, December 8**
Second Sunday in Advent
Bar 5:1-9/ Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6