

THE Catholic Church OF

Saint Charles, Herman ~ Our Lady, Kensington ~ Saint Olaf, Elbow Lake

18 JULY 2021 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B, CYCLE I

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Announcement Requests are due by 10am on Tuesday, either by calling the parish office or e-mail.

Mass Schedule for This Week:

Saturday, 17 July: Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: Sixteenth of Ordinary Time

Saint Charles 5pm + Nicole Kirkeide

Sunday, 18 July: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our Lady 8:30am For the People of the Parishes

Saint Olaf 10:30am + Murial Lamp

Monday, 19 July: Monday of Ordinary Time

No Mass No Mass scheduled

Tuesday, 20 July: Memorial of Saint Apollinaris, bishop

Saint Olaf 8:30am + Tillie Aune

Wednesday, 21 July: Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

Our Lady 8:30am Protection of Remi and Lila

Thursday, 22 July: FEAST of Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint Charles 8:30am + Nathan Artz

Friday, 23 July: Memorial of Saint Bridget of Sweden

Saint Olaf 8:30am Don Schulz

Saturday, 24 July: Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: Seventeenth of Ordinary Time

Saint Charles 5pm + Stan Vipond

Sunday, 25 July: Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our Lady 8:30am + Elaine Johnson

Saint Olaf 10:30am For the People of the Parishes

Sacrament of Confession

Church of Saint Olaf: Tuesdays at 7:45am

Church of Saint Charles: Saturdays at 4:30pm

Church of Our Lady of the Runestone: Sundays at 8am

CATHOLIC 101: THE TWO MEANINGS OF "TABERNACLE"

Originally meaning "tent of meeting," it may have been both the tent for the Ark of the Covenant as well as the personal tent of Moses. Later, when the Hebrews built the Temple in Jerusalem the "Holy of Holies" was in a restricted inner room called the Tabernacle. Following the Resurrection when the Christians began to build permanent Church buildings, there would be some Eucharist left after both Mass was done and the sick and infirm received the Eucharist in their homes. In order to give proper and due respect to the Eucharist, the early Christians established a formal place in their newly constructed Church buildings to hold the Blessed Sacrament. Always seeing Old Testament connections to New Testament realities, the first Christians decided to refer to this box as the Tabernacle; this demonstrates both the connection to the Old Testament and the importance of the Blessed Sacrament.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

Romans 8:28

Brothers and Sisters,

In both our country and specifically our area of Minnesota, we have been having challenging times of late. Obviously the pandemic was a giant upheaval; even further, though, we have seen additional challenges – some are related to the pandemic and others entirely independent thereof. I can think of almost too many to name: financial market chaos, crypto currency speculation, shortages of microchips and other electronic product essentials, spikes in fuel prices, shortages of household essentials – all of those directly related to the reaction to the pandemic. Independently, we see an upcoming shortage of natural rubber caused by both infections in trees and supply chain problems, and – of course – our current drought.

All of these things (and maybe some more that you can name that I forgot to mention) are causing loads of stress, anxiety, and trepidation for many people in our area and in our communities. I myself have noticed many people around our area showing lots of concern and even despair related to these difficulties.

Firstly, let's admit that these are indeed stresses. From a little inconvenience to major financial problems, these above-named challenges are big problems. I don't blame anyone for being intensely concerned over these issues.

True, we cannot *make* it rain; I certainly don't have enough influence to solve the rubber shortage, and I have no control at all over fuel prices. Concretely, there is nothing I can do to make a major change. So, what is the Christian response? What are we, the Christians, to do in these tough times?

As you surely know, the Bible has a lot to say about the tough, difficult times. The ancient Israelites and the early Christians went through *extremely* difficult years as they endeavored to remain faithful. In any event, the Bible emphasizes above all in these cases the importance of recognizing Divine Providence.

Divine Providence is the Christian principle that Almighty God is aware of and permits that-which is going on in the world. The Bible emphasizes time and time again that through our darkest times, God is near. For example, the Psalm for this weekend: even though I walk through the dark valley, I fear no evil for You are by my side (23:4). It is God Himself who stands with us in our dark times. For the Christian, we must be certain of this; rather than thinking that Christ is absent, we rejoice that He is near us when we are going through our most challenging times.

Though these months are going to present many difficult challenges that we will need to work hard to meet, recall the words of Saint Paul about God's nearness to us: "I planted, Apollos watered, but it was God Himself Who provides all of the growth" (First Corinthians 3:6).

God be near,

Father Jeremy
Pastor

Our Lady of the Runestone

Ministry Assignments

Lector: Monica Kral
Cantor: Ashley Lardy
Ushers: Kurt & Cord Lardy
Fr. Jeremy asks that those assigned to Ministry each week please check in before Mass.

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled ministry, please find a replacement.

Stewardship July 11, 2021

Adult \$785 Loose \$40
Online giving \$120.00

There will be coffee and conversation after 8:30 Mass every Wednesday morning.

Rosary is Prayed every Sunday starting at 8:10am.

Donation envelopes can be placed in the basket at any of our cluster Churches and they will be returned to their home parish.

SAVE THE DATE: OLR Fall Dinner & Silent Auction is set for Sunday Sept 26th. Please plan to help to make this a successful fund raiser for our Parish.

SAVE THE DATE: OLR Parish Potluck on Sat. August 14th after the 5pm Mass.

Please remember to pray for Cathy Gylsen, Ken & Betty Hedstrom and Carla Mattson

Saint Charles

Ministers of Worship:

Lector: July 24: Julie Oachs
July 31: Bonnie Gieselman
August 8: Paul Kirkeide

July Ushers: Terry Vipond, Charlie Oachs

August Ushers: Matt Drewicke, Mike Marks

July 11, 2021:

Adult \$1,185
Youth \$5;
Loose \$33;
Fuel: \$200

BLOOD DRIVE: Herman Community Center, Monday, July 19, 1-7 pm at the Herman Community Center. The Red Cross is experiencing a severe blood shortage. Please take the time to give blood if you can. Call for an appointment with Olivia at 320-808-6533 or go to redcrossblood.org. Thank you!!

FALL FESTIVAL work list and raffle tickets are on the table in the front entry and ready to be picked up!! If you would like to donate an item or monetary gift to the raffle, please contact DeAnne Kennedy.

IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP OPEN:

Potluck after Mass on Saturday, July 24. Buns, lunch meat, beverage provided. Bring a dish to pass.
Donnelly Threshing Bee/Burger stand – August 28-29; Fall Festival/Church Dinner – September 12 at the Herman Community Center.

Saint Charles continued

Mass schedule update: on the weekend of July 31 and August 1, we will be returning to the 8:30am Mass time with confessions at 8am for the month of August. Please help pass the word to others in our parish.

Please pray for those in need in our community, especially Jeanne Backman, MaryAnn Vipond, Janice Tolifson, Delores Jones, Jace Pederson, Bill Harbeke, Marie Henderson, Patricia O'Reilly. Remember to pray for and visit those in area nursing homes & assisted living centers and the homebound.

Saint Olaf

Ministers of Worship

Sunday, July 25, 10:30 AM

Rosary: Tim Johnson

Sacristan: Cheryl Hjelmstad

Ushers: Richard/Rosie Torgusen

Lector: Joan Koep

Gifts: Marks family

EMHC: Shelli Allen, Nancy Jennen, Cheryl Hjelmstad

Coffee/rolls: Marks family,

*Please find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your assignment on the date you have been assigned.

Stewardship: July 4 & 11, 2021

Adult \$2,035.00 Loose \$186.00

Gifts and coffee/roll assignments: There is a sign-up sheet for gifts and coffee/roll assignments in the narthex. Please sign up if you can assist in this way.

Kaffee Haus parish fundraiser will take place soon. Please sign up to bring goodies and work at this parish fundraiser. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Blake and Elizabeth Amundson on their marriage July 10, 2021! May God bless you, your love and your marriage.

Our sympathy to the family of Terry Neubauer. His service took place July 16 at St. Olaf. May he rest in peace. Please pray for all of Terry's family. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

Please pray for Bill Moerke, Vernon Stramer, Mary Wellnitz, and Charlette Cornillie.

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'" *Mk 6:31* Do you spend time every day alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with him. Unless we talk and — more importantly — listen to God every day, how else will we know how he is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, and spend some "alone" time with God.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Did you know that in June the Bishop's Annual Appeal distributed \$188,200 directly to parishes and Catholic high schools to support Catholic school education and faith formation? To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.