

# THE Catholic Church OF

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

25 JULY 2021 – SEVENTEENTH 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:

<b>Saturday, 24 July:</b>	<b>Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil: Seventeenth of Ordinary Time</b>
Saint Charles 5pm	+ Stan Vipond
<b>Sunday, 25 July:</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
Our Lady 8:30am	+ Elaine Johnson
Saint Olaf 10:30am	For the People of the Parishes
<b>Monday, 26 July:</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne</b>
No Mass	No Mass scheduled
<b>Tuesday, 27 July:</b>	<b>Tuesday of Ordinary Time</b>
Saint Olaf 8:30am	No Mass scheduled
<b>Wednesday, 28 July:</b>	<b>Wednesday of Ordinary Time</b>
Our Lady 8:30am	No Mass scheduled
<b>Thursday, 29 July:</b>	<b>Mem.Saints Mary, Martha, and Lazarus</b>
Saint Charles 8:30am	No Mass scheduled
<b>Friday, 30 July:</b>	<b>Friday of Ordinary Time</b>
Saint Olaf 8:30am	+ Mary Jennen
<b>Saturday, 31 July:</b>	<b>Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil: Seventeenth of Ordinary Time</b>
Our Lady 5pm	+ Ron Geise
<b>Sunday, 01 August:</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
Saint Charles 8:30am	For the People of the Parishes
Saint Olaf 10:30am	+ Rick Johnson

## 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

# Change in the Mass Schedule

Starting NEXT Weekend

Saturday, 5pm: Our Lady of the Runestone  
Sunday, 8:30am: Saint Charles  
Sunday, 10:30am: Saint Olaf

## THE CHICKEN AND THE EGG, THE PEN AND THE HAND

Exodus 17:1-7

Brothers and Sisters,

I will bet that essentially all of us have heard the riddle of the chicken and the egg. The hypothetical question is as to which came first – the egg is needed to get the chicken but it is the chicken that lays the egg. Without the study of biology, genetics, fossils (and so forth) we likely would not be able to answer this question at all. I do have very happy – and even funny – memories of my high school biology class wherein our teacher proudly informed us that he would be teaching us the definitive answer to this seemingly insurmountable query; that, however, is a story for another time (spoiler alert: it's the chicken).

I bring it up to get at another similar question that helps us understand how Almighty God works with us. Pick up a pen and a pad of paper – or a computer with your favorite typing program, for that matter. Consider this: when you use the pen to write (or the keyboard to type), is it you that is writing or is it the pen/keyboard? I can move my hand on paper, but without the pen I will not find any writing on the paper (feel free to push this question to the limits of a touch-screen computer – the problem is the same whether we are talking about a physical pen or the pixels of a touch-screen). Is it I that am writing or is the pen/keyboard/pixels that are in fact doing the writing?

Perhaps you are like many who find these philosophical questions ridiculous or even stupid things to ask. Of course, you may say, it is the pen that is distributing the ink but it is my mind and my hand that are making it move exactly as I want it to do – the pen does not do anything on its own. That, brothers and sisters, bring us back to the topic of how God works through us.

Consider the story of Moses. While the Hebrews were still enslaved in Egypt, Aaron threw down his staff in front of the Pharaoh and the staff was instantly turned into a snake (Exodus 7:10). Was it the case that Aaron was an enchanter like a genie from the magic lamp? Or consider when Moses told Pharaoh about the plague of frogs to come if he did not let the Israelites go (cf. Exodus 8:27); is Moses an oracle or could Moses somehow predict the future of his own mental abilities?

The answer for both Aaron and Moses is “no.” Rather, Almighty God **acted through** Aaron and Moses. Take another example: in Exodus 14:26-27, God tells Moses to stretch his hand over the waters so that they will flow back and cover the Egyptians. Here we can see clearly that God is acting through human instruments. The Church uses the term **instrumental causality** to describe this effect. It is the same effect of the hands and words of the priest as he consecrates the bread and wine of the Eucharist into the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Christ at Mass; the priest is not himself miraculous, but rather Almighty God acts *through* the instrument of the priest to create the miracle of Christ's *real presence* in the Blessed Sacrament.

God be near,

Father Jeremy  
Pastor

## Our Lady of the Runestone

### Ministry Assignments

Lector: Holly Nadgwick

Cantor: Holly Murray

Ushers: Ross & Jackson Nadgwick

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

Stewardship July 18, 2021

Adult \$ 795 Loose \$ 132

Patrimony \$ 20 Mass Int. 10

Online giving \$ 145.00

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

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

Parish Council Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Carpet in the church was cleaned on Tuesday July 20,

**Reminder:** Starting July 31<sup>st</sup> through the month of August Mass will be on Saturday evening at 5:00pm.

**Saturday August 14** we are having a potluck supper after 5:00pm mass. Everyone is welcome.

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

## Saint Charles continued

Please pray for those in need in our community, especially Jeanne Backman, MaryAnn Vipond, Janice Tolifson, Delores Jones, Jace Pederson, 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, August 01, 10:30 AM*

**Rosary:** G&A Reisenauer

**Sacristan:** Nathan Porter

**Ushers:** Darryl and Julie Larson

**Lector:** Kim Porter

**Gifts:** Scott Biss Family

**EMHC:** Charlene Blume, Marlys Jennen, Julie Larson

**Coffee/rolls:** Tim/Lorna Johnson, Scott/Mareen Biss

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

**Stewardship: July 18, 2021**

Adult \$520.00 Loose \$306.00

**No Mass:** There will not be Mass at St. Olaf on Tues. July 27.

**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.

**You can see if coffee and rolls are available** on each Sunday by looking at the sign-up sheets in the narthex. Please sign up for serving them if you can. It is such a nice social gathering to get back to.

**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.

**The Knights of Columbus** is in need of someone to drive The Right to Life float in the Flekkefest parade. It would involve picking up the float after the Brandon parade and bringing it back to Brandon after the Elbow Lake parade. It would need to be registered at the Bank of the West. Thank you, Richard Torgusen

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" - John 6:9 The miracle of the loaves and fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Diocesan Ministries are here for YOU! Visit our webpage for updates about how the Appeal supports ministries at the very core of our Church's mission. Go to [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org) and click on "Bishop's Annual Appeal."

## Saint Charles

### Ministers of Worship:

Lector: August 1: Bonnie Gieselman

August 8: Paul Kirkeide

**August Ushers:** Matt Drewicke, Mike Marks

July 17, 2021: Adult \$905; Youth \$2; Loose \$165

**Council Meetings:** Wednesday, August 4; Finance Council 6:30; Parish Council 7:30

**Congratulations** to Graham Oachs, son of Tyler & Chelsey, who was baptized during Mass on July 17th!

**Our sympathy** to the family of Bill Harbeke who recently passed away. Thank you to all for your prayers over the past several months. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**DONNELLY THRESHING BEE** work lists are on the table in the front entry. Please pick up your copy for your scheduled work time. If you're not on the list and are able to help out, contact the appropriate shift leader.

**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:

Donnelly Threshing Bee/Burger stand – August 28-29; Fall Festival/Church Dinner – September 12 at the Herman Community Center.