

EAU CLAIRE DEANERY
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**MARRIAGE PREPARATION
DATES FOR 2017**

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE
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MARRIAGE PREPARATION

All Dates are Friday/Saturday

January 13 & 14, 2017

March 10 & 11, 2017

May 5 & 6, 2017

July 28 & 29, 2017

Sacred Heart—St. Patrick

St. James the Greater

St. Olaf

Immaculate Conception

St. Mary, Altoona

St. Raymond of Peñafort

- The Friday evening session begins at 5:30 PM with **dinner at 6:00 PM** and session ending at 9:00 PM.
- The Saturday session begin at 8:30 AM and will conclude with Mass at 5:00 PM.
- Saturday will include a continental breakfast and lunch.
- At the 5:00 PM Mass the engaged couples will receive a special blessing and will be given their certificates of completion of the *Married Love: Two Becoming One* program.
- Additional questions should be directed to your pastor.

***MARRIED LOVE:
TWO
BECOMING
ONE***

Hosted by



St. Olaf Parish
3220 Monroe Street
PO Box 1203
Eau Claire, WI 54702
715-832-2504

Married Love: Two Becoming One was written under the direction of the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life.

The Fifth Diocesan Synod directed that it be used exclusively within the Diocese of La Crosse.

It is composed of four sessions that seek to help the engaged couples focus on the sacramental nature of Marriage and its consequences in their living out of their vocation in the church.

Session One: examines more closely the notion of Covenant. The sacrament of marriage is situated in this biblical notion of God's relationship with his people.

Session Two: addresses the issue of Faithfulness in marriage. It breaks open the first of three questions the officiate asks the bride and groom: "Have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?"

Session Three: places the focus on Permanence. It discusses the implications of the second question: "Will you love and honor each other as husband and wife for the rest of your lives?"

Session Four deals with Openness to Life in the marriage relationship. It is intended to help the engaged to understand the third question they are asked at the wedding celebration: "Will you accept children lovingly from God and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?"

The presentation of these four topics is done in an atmosphere of openness to the position of each participant. In this context the participants are encouraged to ask questions and to enter fully into the activities and discussion in each session.

The weekend will begin Friday with registration and welcome at 5:30 PM followed by dinner at 6:00 PM. The weekend will resume on Saturday at 8:30 AM and conclude with the Celebration of Mass at 5:00 PM.

A formal blessing and presentation of Certificates of Completion for the Married Love: Two Becoming One program will be conferred during the Celebration of Mass.

Sessions are limited to 18 couples and are assigned on a first come, first served basis.
Early registration is encouraged. For questions about registration call Mary Jo, Parish Secretary at 715-832-2504.

Registration Form

Session Attending: _____

Members at: _____

To register, complete this form and mail to

St Olaf Catholic Church
PO Box 1203, Eau Claire, WI 54702-1203

PLEASE ENCLOSE FEE: \$100.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Bride: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Groom: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish of Wedding: _____

Date of Wedding: _____

Please specify any special needs: _____
