



A Testament to Christ

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Celebration of Eucharist

Saturdays: 5:00 pm
Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

Penance

Saturdays: 4:15 – 4:45 PM or by
appointment with Pastor.

Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic family of St. Olaf, believe ours is the mission of Jesus Christ.

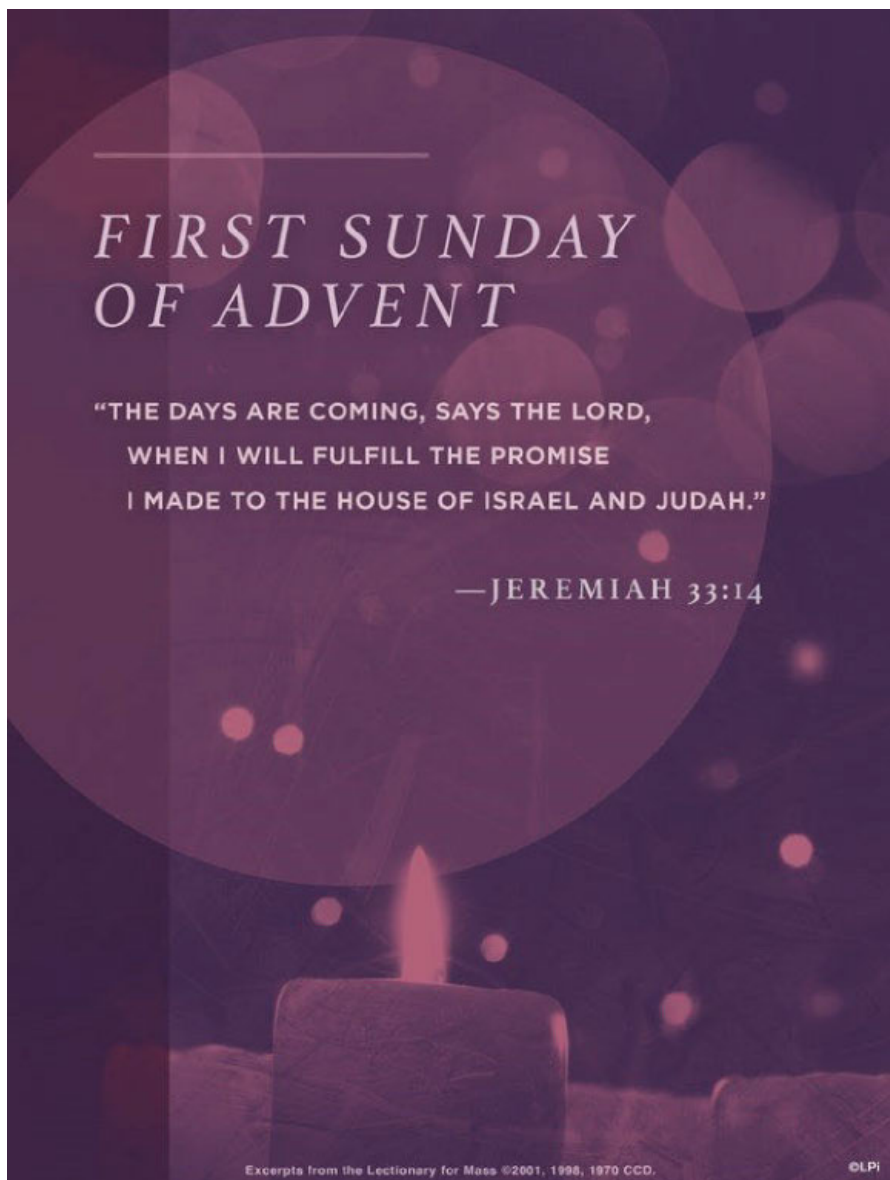
We live and proclaim the Gospel through prayer, liturgy and action.

We accept the challenge to live in the Gospel, to love others as Christ loves us, and to be models of Christian stewardship.

Empowered by our Baptism, we give witness to the values of Christian unity, service, compassion and justice.

DECEMBER 3, 2023

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Questions about St. Olaf **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday: 9 am to 5 pm **A Testament to Christ**

Parish Mailing Address:

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TO BECOME MEMBERS OF ST. OLAF

We would like to meet with you personally. Call and make an appointment to register with Michelle Zanon. Her schedule is flexible so you can meet at your convenience.

PENANCE

Saturdays 4:15–4:45 PM or by appointment with Pastor.
 Penance services and individual Reconciliation are held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

ST. OLAF PRAYER CHAIN

Prayers can be for spiritual, physical, or emotional needs. Examples include prayers for the sick, for guidance in decision-making, for marital difficulties, for mental health problems, for safe journey, in thanksgiving for. Use first names only. To start a prayer call:

Dianne Froze 715-834-3626 (mornings)
 Rose O'Donnell 708-525-3130 (afternoons)
 Carolyn Charais 480-226-2024 (evenings—5pm to 9pm)
 E-mail prayer requests to bddroesler@gmail.com

REGIS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Central Office—715-830-2273

Parish Stewardship

Offerings received to support our Faith Community

Adult Envelope/Holy Days Giving

November 19, 2023..... \$6,226.00

Offertory

November 19, 2023.....\$481.26

Debt Retirement Giving

November 19, 2023.....\$156.00

Year to Date May 2023

Adult Envelope/Holy Days\$463,420.28

Amount budgeted.....\$475,000.00

Offertory\$23,970.26

Amount budgeted.....\$13,840.00

Thank You 

To everyone who is continuing to send in their weekly and monthly contributions a big thank you! Your commitment to St. Olaf is greatly appreciated. You are all in our prayers.

MAKE A PLANNED GIFT

We hope that you will consider including the St. Olaf Parish in your estate or financial plans for the future.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 4— St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 5—Weekday

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

8:30 AM † Rose Schulner

Wednesday, December 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

8:30 AM †

Thursday, December 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:30 AM †

Friday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

8:30 AM Our Parishioners and Guests

6:30 PM † Rosemary & Donald Laving

Saturday, December 9— St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:00 PM † Jim McNally

Sunday, December 10— 2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

8:30 AM † Ed Smieja

10:30 AM Our Parishioners and Guests

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office at 715-832-2504 x100. Suggested stipend is \$10/Mass

[@saintolafparish.org](mailto:saintolafparish.org)

Diocese of La Crosse Masses can be viewed on Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sundays or online at diolc.org/live

\$CRIP NOTES & NEWS

CURRENT SALES—NOVEMBER 20, 2023 **\$4,330.00**16

SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-11/13/2023) **\$68,926.00**

FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: **\$2,843.77**

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Family Formation and Religious Education



K-6: January 7 after 8:30 am Mass

7-10th Grade: December 6

Confirmation SEALED retreat will be held at St. Olaf's Dec. 9th from 9-ending with Mass!

Confirmation Theme for December: Rights and Responsibilities



MAGNIFICAT is a spiritual guide to help you develop your prayer life, grow in your spiritual life, find a way to a more profound love for Christ, and participate in the holy Mass with greater fervor.

MAGNIFICAT is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer.

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If you are interested in receiving **Magnificat**, let Amy know in the Parish Office. The cost is \$35 for 12 months



HAVE YOU MOVED!?

HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED!?

St Olaf would appreciate it very much if either of the above has happened that you would please contact them with your new information. This information is very important in case contact with you is necessary. St Olaf thanks you for your cooperation in this matter. Call the Parish office and talk to Amy.



Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual collection in parishes for the national Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 9-10. Religious sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit significantly from this national collection.



Arts and Environment Needs Your help after our 8:30 mass on the 24th. There is a quick turn-around with mass for the 5pm. If you are able to help, please come around 9:30 and stay as long as you are able. Thank you!!!



2023 Christmas Bake Sale

The PCCW Christmas Bake Sale is coming, will you be a baker, a buyer or both??

The 2023 PCCW Christmas Bake Sale is next weekend **December 9th** (10 to 12 PM & after the 5:00pm mass), and **December 10th** (9:30 to 12 PM). The 2023 PCCW Christmas Bake Sale will be held **December 9th** (10 to 12 PM & after the 5:00 mass), and **December 10th** (9:30 to 12 PM). St. Olaf families are encouraged to provide 5 dozen cookies or other Christmas breads and treats for the bake sale. Baked goods can be dropped off Thursday, December 7th from 9:00 to 4:00 in the parish Office. Items can be dropped off Friday, December 8th morning from 9:00 to noon and Saturday, December 9th from 8:00 to noon at door 5, and before & after weekend masses. All items will be prepackaged by our helpers. (Please put name on containers if you want them back.) Sign-up sheets for workers are available in the Gathering Space, please help fill the last remaining openings. Thank you for your support. Any questions please contact Emma Baumann at 715-379-2981.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert E. Wathke, Lavina Olson & Dennis Dockry** who have recently died. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to their family. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*



MEETING NOTICE:

Calvary Cemetery

Association will be holding a meeting on Dec. 5 at 10:00 am at the cemetery. All association members are invited to attend.



We Need a new coffee pot!!! We are looking for donations for this. Please let Amy in the office know if you have questions!



What Is Happening in RCIA?

On the First Sunday of Advent we celebrated the Rite of Welcoming at the 5:00 Mass. Danielle Havenor was accepted as a candidate and declared her intention to enter into the full Communion of the Catholic Church. In RCIA we have been discussing Divine Revelation, Original Sin, the Trinity and the Pascal Mystery.

Please pray for Danielle as she continues her journey of faith. Welcome Danielle!



Meetings and Gatherings

Monday - 12/4	Tuesday 12/5	Wednesday - 12/6	Thursday - 12/7	Friday - 12/8	Saturday - 12/9	Sunday - 12/10
NO Daily Mass 6:30 PM—Women's Bible Study (Conference Rm)	6:30 PM—RCIA (MR2) 6:30 PM—PCCW Meeting (GS)	9 AM-12 PM—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:15-7:30 PM—Grades 7-10 Faith Formation 	5:30 PM—Bible Study (GS) 7 PM—Choir Rehearsal	Parish Offices Closed 6:30—Immaculate Conception Mass	9 AM—SEALED Retreat (Conference Center) 5 PM Mass 	8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - DECEMBER 9 & 10

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Brad Kupczak

Servers: Janet McAnarney & Laura Muenich

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Jay Bouley

Servers: Gabe & Allie Liedl

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Gina Ostrowski

Servers: TJulianna & Catherine Lemanski-Trujillo



Providing Hope, Changing Lives, Serving All

Thousands of other lives have been touched by the Sojourner House in the last year. But Catholic Charities is facing some tough times ahead. We have seen a major drop in donations from individuals who have had their own cost of living increase and can no longer afford to donate; and at the same time our cost to provide services has skyrocketed. If you are no longer able to give, we understand, and we ask that instead you direct your prayers to our work at Catholic Charities. If you have donated in the past and are able to increase your donation to cover someone who can no longer give, we would deeply appreciate it! Without your support we will not be able to help transform lives this holiday season and in the years ahead. Thank you and god bless!

Eau Claire Deanery Positions Available

The Eau Claire Deanery Council of Catholic Women (ECDCCW) is looking for a couple fantastic women.

The positions of President and Secretary are open and need to be filled as soon as possible for a smooth transition.

Please consider taking on one of these positions, you get to work with a lot of wonderful women in our Deanery. We must fill the positions. Please contact Julie Brindle 715-456-6351 or Ann Hoffman (715-495-7919) with any questions or concerns.

If you have someone in mind that would be a perfect fit, let us know and we can talk to her and address any of her concerns.

St. Olaf Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday December 24– 8:30 am,
5 pm & 8 pm

Monday, December 25– 9:30 am

Penance Services in Preparation for Christmas

December 7 6:30pm St. James

December 8 6:30pm Sacred Heart

December 12th 6:30pm St. Olaf

December 14th 6:30pm Immaculate Conception

Check out the PCCW Facebook Page

St Olaf PCCW has started a FACEBOOK page. Please check it to find out what is going on with the PCCW. Stay up to date with us.

ST. OLAF'S MEN'S CLUB



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

St. Olaf Parish

2407 North Lane, Eau Claire, WI
(on the North side near the Airport)

2023 DATES:

OCTOBER 6TH

NOVEMBER 3RD

DECEMBER 1ST

2024 DATES:

JANUARY 5TH & 19TH

FEBRUARY 2ND & 16TH

MARCH 1ST, 15TH & 22ND

APRIL 5TH

The Menu for the Sit-Down Meal:

BATTER-FRIED or BAKED FISH

FRENCH FRIES or BAKED POTATO

VEGETABLES, SALAD BAR & COLESLAW

PRICES: \$14 Adults, \$5 Children (5 to 12)

Younger ones eat free

(Walk-Up Carry-Outs Available)

CARRY-OUT 3-PIECE DINNER \$14

Serving from 4:00-7:00 PM



KNIGHTS CORNER

Brother Knights:

Our next Council meeting will be held Tuesday December 12th, at 7p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Center, 2708 Thomas Dr., Eau Claire. An initiation of new members will take place prior to the meeting at 6:15. All current members are welcome to attend the initiation.

Each month our Knights of Columbus recognizes a Family from parishes throughout Eau Claire. The Family of the month is chosen for their efforts in helping out our parish communities in special ways. The recipients for the month of November are Mike and Mary Kolstad from St James Parish. Congratulations to Mike and Mary. Your time and talent is appreciated.

Once a year the John F. Kennedy Council honors one of their members as Knight of the year.

This year we nominated Gary Hughes from Immaculate Conception Parish as Knight of the Year. Congratulations to Gary for his work and commitment to the Council and I.C. Parish.

The Knights of Columbus are partnering up with Immaculate Conception Parish to do a blood drive. Please consider giving blood on December 20th from 1:30 to 5:30. The drive will be held at Immaculate Conception in Father Klink Hall. Contact Bob Link for more details. 715-614-1551

If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older, the Knights of Columbus would like you to join us in our journey. We are a fraternity of like minded Catholic men serving our church and community the way Jesus has asked of all of us. This is also a great way to grow in your Catholic faith.

Grand Knight Kyle Johnson: 715-379-2819
Deputy Grand Knight John Delestry: 715-590-2123

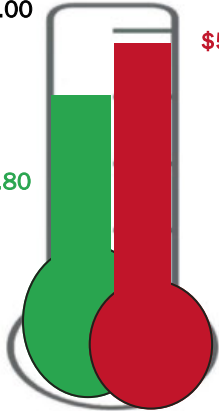


Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Disbursements as of November 1, 2023

Total Received	\$306,405.80
Diocese of La Crosse 2022 DAA Share	\$ 73,425.00
Diocese of La Crosse Curia and Foundation	\$ 46,596.16
St. Olaf Parish Share	\$186,484.64

\$580,000.00



\$550,275.46

**INSPIRED BY
THE SPIRIT as of
11/1/2023**

**Parish Goal:
\$580,000.00**

**Pledged to date
from 173
Families:
\$550,275.46
94.88% of Goal**

Received to date:



St. Olaf Women's Bible Study

Join us on the following Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm
in the Conference Room – enter through Door 7
Nov 6th & 20th • Dec 4th & 18th • Jan 8th & 22nd • Feb 5th

Jesus and the Eucharist Study

As we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival, we would like to invite you to our Jesus and the Eucharist Study. This study was specifically designed for the Year of Parish Revival of the National Eucharistic Revival under the pillar of Robust Formation, and it provides a great opportunity to dive more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

Have questions? Contact Beth Okas or Margie Thornton
Beth: 715-577-4011 or okas.beth@gmail.com
Margie: 715-271-2151 or thornton2003@hotmail.com



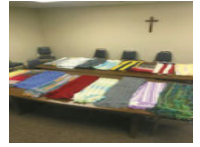
SNOW IS HERE

Volunteers are needed before weekend Masses to shovel snow. Please call the parish office if you are able to help. 715-832-2504 x 100.

PRAYER SHAWLS

We have given out prayer shawls to those who are grieving, undergoing treatment for an illness, suffering from chronic illness, recovering from an accident and those just in need of comfort and healing in any way.

Loving hearts and hands make up the St. Olaf Prayer Shawl Ministry, sharing simple gifts with those who are in need of comfort and healing. If you or someone you know would be comforted with a prayer shawl, contact the Parish Office at 715-832-2504 x 100



Giving Opportunities

- ✦ **The ThankFULL Project** – November 14-28. Donations made during this time will be part of a \$100,000 matching campaign! Donate online or send a check to Feed My People, 2610 Alpine Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54703.
- ✦ Become an Apple Ally with your monthly commitment. Set up a monthly gift here: give.fmpfoodbank.org/givemonthly
- ✦ Legacy Giving – contact us directly to talk about making a difference with a lasting gift.

Volunteer Opportunities

The value of our volunteers is immense and difficult to measure. Feed My People relies on community volunteers to make it all work smoothly and you are needed now more than ever.

- Opportunities include repacking bulk food, picking orders in our warehouse, driving our trucks, helping in our office, & assisting with events. Share a shift with a friend!
- Volunteer shifts are appointment based. Please schedule your shift through our website. (See our Youth Volunteer Policy for information about opportunities for students.)

SPECIAL Holiday Season Volunteer Opportunities!

✦ **Wednesdays from 5-7pm - November 8, 29, and December 6**

For shift availability and to sign up to volunteer:

https://www.fmpfoodbank.org/get_involved/volunteer.phtml

Thank you for giving generously of your monetary gifts and acts of service to help our neighbors who are facing hunger.

BEDDING FOR BABY JESUS

Are there prayer intentions in your heart this Advent Season? Why not make a bed of love and prayers to welcome Baby Jesus to St. Olaf by writing your prayer intentions on a paper "straw" piece, found on the tables in the gathering space. Then, place the piece of "straw" in the stable during Advent. Thank you Lord...Praise God...Hear our prayers...Amen!



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