



**NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

**A Testament to Christ**

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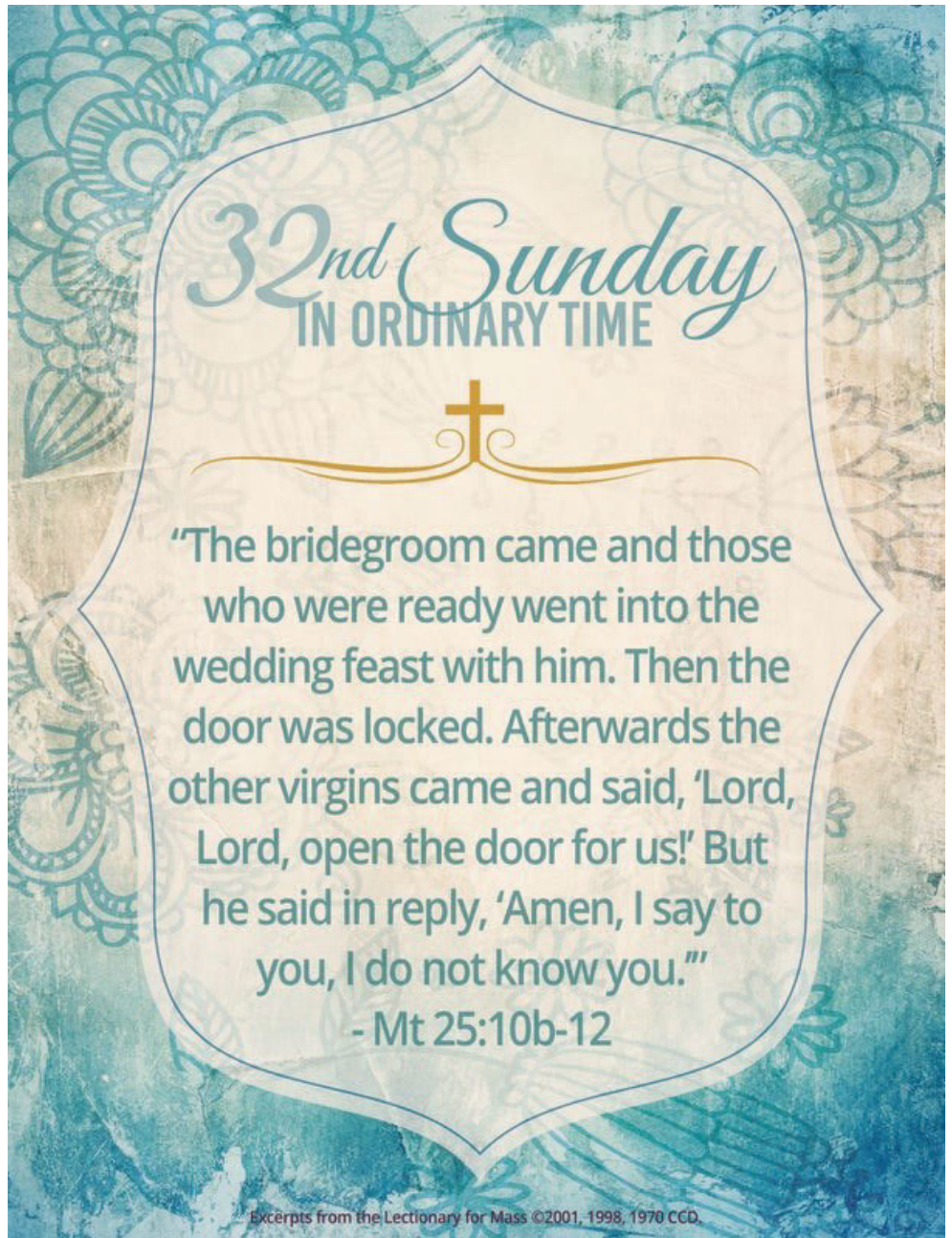
**Celebration of Eucharist**

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

**Penance**

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

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



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**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.*

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

## **Parish Mailing Address:**

**St. Olaf, PO Box 1203, Eau Claire WI 54702-1203**

## **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 5, 2023.....\$5,735.00

### **Offertory**

November 5, 2023.....\$600.00

### **Debt Retirement Giving**

October 29, 2023 .....\$339.00

### **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, November 13— St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
 Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6

**NO MASS**

Tuesday, November 14—Weekday

Wis 2:23–3:9/Lk 17:7-10

8:30 AM †

Wednesday, November 15—St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

8:30 AM †

Thursday, November 16—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wis 7:22b–8:1/Lk 17:20-25

8:30 AM † Gerald Ehr

Friday, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

8:30 AM † Priscilla Kauffman

Saturday, November 18— The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

5:00 PM † Bernie & Roseanne Hartung

Sunday, November 19— 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

8:30 AM † Esther Eberhardt

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.**

[solaf@saintolafparish.org](mailto:solaf@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](http://diolc.org/live)

## **\$CRIP NOTES & NEWS**

**CURRENT SALES—OCTOBER 25, 2023 . \$5,515.00 .....20**

**SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-10/25/2023) \$52,242.60**

**FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: \$2,216.17**

**We NEED Scrip Sellers for Weekends after Mass! Please contact Michelle in the business office to sign up! (715-832-2504 x101)**

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## The 2023 Spirit of Christmas Sharing Tree

The Sharing Tree will appear in the Gathering Space on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Along with gift requests there will also be gift card requests for Catholic Charities. The Outreach Committee has their fingers crossed that St Olaf's reception of the Tree match past years. The Parishioners of St Olaf's have always welcomed this program with open arms. We thank you for your participation in our community service effort.

**The gifts need to be returned by December 3rd.** (PLEASE RETURN THE GIFTS UNWRAPPED.) The scrip table will have gift cards available for those who wish to purchase the cards for Catholic Charities. The gift cards can also be purchased in the church office. Any questions please contact the office.

## Family Formation and Religious Education

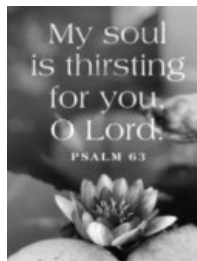


K-6: December 3rd for our St. Nick's Party after 8:30am Mass  
7-10th Grade: November 15

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

**Confirmation Theme for November: Call to Family, Community, and Participation**

**Catholic Women's Club will be hosting a Baby Shower at St Mary's on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at noon.** We will begin by saying a rosary in the church for new mothers and the lives of the unborn. The baby shower will follow in the church library. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift. Items needed: diapers, pull-ups, wipes, clothing, blankets, baby wash, shampoos, lotions, soaps and items for mom. We'll also be tying fleece blankets. Donations will help support Catholic Charities and Apple Pregnancy Care Center. Coffee, desserts and snacks will be provided. We hope that you'll join us for an afternoon of camaraderie. If you have any questions, please call Renee Liming (715) 379-6782.



## PLANNING ON ST NICHOLAS' ARRIVAL

Arrangements are being made for St Nicholas to join the children of St Olaf on SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD after the 8:30 mass. This event is for 3 year olds to 1<sup>st</sup> graders. The story of St Nicholas will be read in the church followed by crafts and snacks in the downstairs conference room. We hope to see you there! Children please bring your parents. (Event should be done around 11:00.)

### Cookies for St Nicholas

St Nicholas is planning on arriving Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>! The Outreach Committee is looking for a few bakers to provide a snack for those attending the event. Only 2-3 dozen would be all that you need to bake for this event and if a couple of you step forward the party should be able to proceed. If you are willing to help us out, please call the Parish Office (715-832-2504), with your name so we know how many will be available to the attendees. Thank you in advance for your help in making this a memorable event for the children who attend.



## 2023 Christmas Bake Sale

Save December 9th & 10<sup>th</sup> for the PCCW Christmas Bake Sale!! We invite all the bakers to share your love of baking to provide cookies and Christmas sweets for the sale!! Non-bakers, we need you too; there are lots of opportunities to volunteer during the sale. This is the PCCW's only fund raiser which we use to pay for the altar breads and wine. Please help make it a great success!! Watch for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space in late November. If you'd like to learn more about the bake sale please attend the PCCW Meeting on November 7th at 6:30 p.m in the Gathering Space.



## Meetings and Gatherings

Monday - 11/13	Tuesday 11/14	Wednesday - 11/15	Thursday - 11/16	Friday - 11/17	Saturday - 11/18	Sunday - 11/19
NO Daily Mass	6:30 PM—RCIA (MR2)	6:15 PM-7:30 PM Religious Ed	6 AM—Men's Faith Group (MR2) 5:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM—Choir Rehearsal	Parish Offices Closed	5 PM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - NOVEMBER 18 & 19

**5:00 pm Saturday**

Lector: Sue Shamberger

Servers: Janet McAnarney & Laura Muenich

**8:30 am Sunday**

Lector: Denise Ives

Servers: Mila Pohlen & Bonnie Gibson

**10:30 am Sunday**

Lector: Kevin DeRoiser

Servers: Marcus Romack & Gabriel Gassen



### KNIGHTS CORNER

Our next Council meeting will be held Tuesday November 14th, at 7 PM at the Knights of Columbus Center, 2708 Thomas Dr., Eau Claire.

An honors Mass for our departed brother Knights will be held on Tuesday November 28th at the E.C. Knights of Columbus Center at 6:45 PM. All are welcome to attend. Our Knights of Columbus recognizes a Family of the Month 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 past months are:

May = Dennis and Janet Fox - I. C. Parish,

June = Tim and Angie Whiteside - St James Parish,

July = Gary and Georgine Hughes - I.C. Parish,

August = Steve and Shawn Edge - St Patrick's Parish,

September = Tom & Mary Behling - St. Olaf Parish.

Thank You and Congratulations to these families for their contributions of time & talent.

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

### EMBRACING YOU CALL TO HOLINESS

The Eau Claire Deanery is again hosting the Embracing Your Call To Holiness. The event will be held Saturday, March 9th, 2024 at St James the Greater Catholic Church in Eau Claire.

The Speakers this year will be Melanie Frei ("Lovin' the Church") and Father Timothy Welles ("Devotion to Mary").

Registration starts at 8:00 with confessions, rosary, and mass held prior to the registration. Registration forms and more detailed information regarding this event can be found at

[ldccw.org](http://ldccw.org) (La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women).

Please plan to attend and register early. Flyers and registration forms will be available in the parish office.

### 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'S**  
**MEN'S CLUB**

  
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**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



You know what the balloons mean!! **FUN FEST NEWS!!!**

We'd like to share some of the final numbers from Fun Fest 2023. Here is a look at how we are sitting after Covid! We are almost back to Pre-Covid Numbers!!

2023 Net Income **\$20,464.62**

NOTE - used all the prizes on hand

2022 Net Income **\$13,976.87**

1st year back on grounds

2021 Net Income **\$9,480.00**

Donations/Silent Auction/  
Dinner

Save the Date:  
**May 19, 2024 ~ Fun Fest 2024**

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







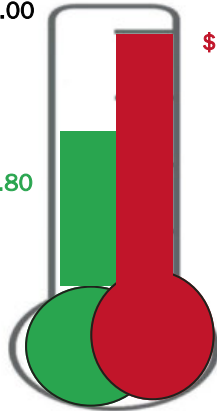
## Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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
<b>St. Olaf Parish Share</b>	<b>\$186,484.64</b>

\$580,000.00

\$306,405.80



\$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:  
306,405.80**



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> • Dec 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> • Jan 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> • Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

## 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

To register, call or email Margie or Beth by November 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no books for this study – just come and join us for a video and discussion.



## WELCOMED TO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

Congratulations to:  
**Weston Shawn Webster**  
Son of Craig Webster &  
Brooke Bergeman

Baptized on November 5, 2023.  
It is with great joy that we welcome you  
to God's family!

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you know someone from our parish who is homebound and would like to receive communion? Would you like to be involved as a EMHC and bring Christ to the homebound? Please contact Sharon Stearns at 715-215-0545 or [sharstearns@me.com](mailto:sharstearns@me.com) or call the parish office, 715-832-2504 x100.



## ALL SAINTS CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Holy Family Hall

136 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Stanley, WI

Area crafters selling various  
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### 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](http://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](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.**

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the month of November – beginning with the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls – the Family of God remembers the souls of our departed loved ones. St. Olaf records the names of parishioners who have died in the previous 12 months in our Book of Remembrance. Everyone is invited to pray for them and to write the names of their loved ones whose funerals have been in other places, especially those who have died in the last year.



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