



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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

A Testament to Christ

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PCCW Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091654986282>

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.



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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 12, 2023.....\$5,167.00

Offertory

November 12, 2023.....\$508.00

Debt Retirement Giving

November 12, 2023.....\$199.00

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 27—Weekday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
NO MASS

Tuesday, November 28—Weekday

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
 8:30 AM † Paul Roth

Wednesday, November 29—Weekday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
 8:30 AM †

Thursday, November 30—St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
 8:30 AM † Ray LaVelle

Friday, December 1—Weekday

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
 8:30 AM † Russ & Coletta Smith

Saturday, December 2—Weekday

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
 5:00 PM † Jerry & Betty Larson

Sunday, December—1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 8:30 AM † Katherine Hall & Jerome Wallow
 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.

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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

ORDERS

CURRENT SALES—NOVEMBER 13, 2023 \$12,315.0049

SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-11/13/2023) \$64,596.00

FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: \$2,730.94

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

We have LOTS of Walgreens Gift Cards, so if you get prescriptions from there, buy scrip!

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SPIRIT OF GIVING

Giving Tree: 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, Bolton Refuge and Beacon House. 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 after 8:30am Mass, St. Nick party
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. Every day, in a convenient, pocket-sized format, **MAGNIFICAT** offers beautiful prayers for both morning and evening drawn from the treasures of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official texts of daily Mass, meditations written by spiritual giants of the Church and more contemporary authors, essays on the lives of the saints of today and yesterday, and articles giving valuable spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art.

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



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 1st 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 3rd! 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 & 10th 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 - 11/27	Tuesday 11/28	Wednesday - 11/29	Thursday - 11/30	Friday - 12/1	Saturday - 12/2	Sunday - 12/3
NO Daily Mass	6:30 PM—RCIA (MR2)		6 AM—Men's Faith Group (MR2) 5:30 PM Bible Study 7 PM—Choir Rehearsal	Parish Offices Closed	9 AM—First Reconciliation 5 PM Mass	8:30 AM Mass St. Nick Party Following Mass K-6 Faith Formation 10:30 AM Mass

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - DECEMBER 2 & 3

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Jerry Boetcher

Servers: TBD

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Mary Smieja

Servers: TBD

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Stacy Knudson

Servers: TBD



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!

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 (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.

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



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:	2024 DATES:
OCTOBER 6TH	JANUARY 5TH & 19TH
NOVEMBER 3RD	FEBRUARY 2ND & 16TH
DECEMBER 1ST	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
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NOTE - used all the prizes on hand

2022 Net Income	\$13,976.87
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1st year back on grounds

2021 Net Income	\$9,480.00
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Donations/Silent Auction/
Dinner

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

Christmas Concert

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHOIRS PRESENT:

SING NOEL

THE STORY OF
JESUS' BIRTH,
THROUGH SONG

Sunday, December 17th, 6:00pm
Immaculate Conception Church
1722 Highland Ave, Eau Claire, WI

A reception will follow the
concert in Fr. Klink Hall



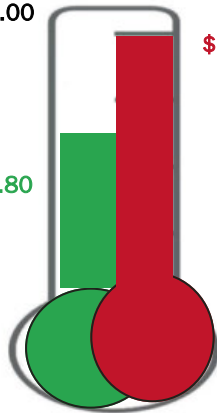
Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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

\$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 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

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

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.



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.

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 or call the parish office, 715-832-2504 x100.



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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
- 🔥 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

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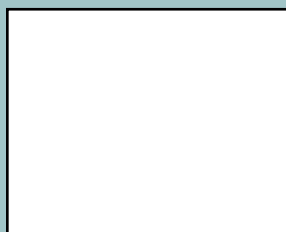
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