



**DECEMBER 10, 2023**

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

**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.

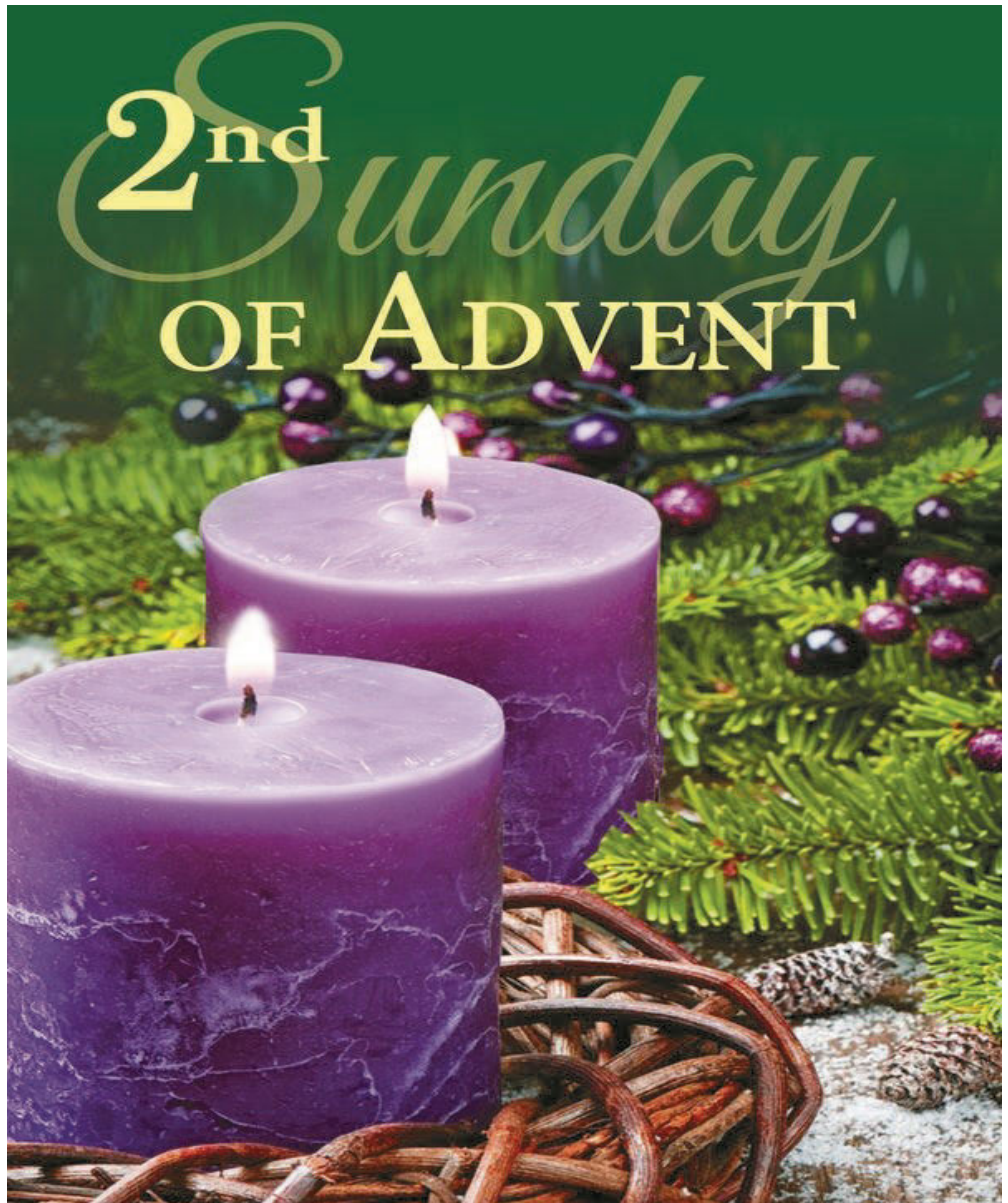
**Parish Mission Statement**

*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.*



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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday-Thursday: 9 am to 5 pm

**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 26, 2023..... \$2,193.00

**Offertory**

November 26, 2023.....\$693.65

**Debt Retirement Giving**

November 26, 2023..... \$1,114.50

**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 11— St. Damasus I, Pope  
Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde,  
19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
8:30 AM †

Wednesday, December 13—St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
8:30 AM †

Thursday, December 14—St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
8:30 AM †

Friday, December 15—Weekday  
Is 48:17-19//Mt 11:16-19  
8:30 AM †

Saturday, December 16— Weekday  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
5:00 PM † Jerry & Betty Larson

Sunday, December 17—3rd Sunday of Advent  
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/  
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
8:30 AM † Bill Wolf  
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](http://diolc.org/live)

**\$CRIP NOTES & NEWS**

CURRENT SALES—NOVEMBER 27, 2023 \$7,475.00 .....31

SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-11/27/2023) \$76,401.00  
FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: \$3,151.00

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## Family Formation and Religious Education

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

7-10th Grade: December 13

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.

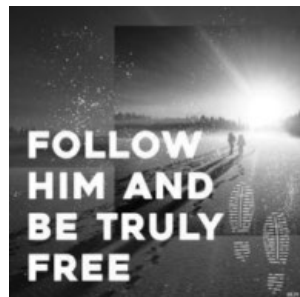
If you are interested in receiving Magnificat, let Amy know in the Parish Office. The cost is \$35 for 12 months

### ST NICK HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!!!

The Outreach Committee would like to thank all those who attended this year's St Nick event. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped make this event a success (CHILDREN, parents, cookie makers, young adults & helpers of all kinds). A special THANK YOU to St Nick who made time in his busy schedule to come to St Olaf's. As you know he is always a hit with the children. We will try to get St Olaf into his schedule for next year. Special thank you's – Gary Barden for making the Advent Wreaths possible, and to Jack Mercer and Jay Bouley for their contribution to this special event. Have a blessed holiday season.

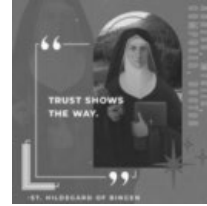


Arts and Environment Needs Your help after our 8:30 mass on the 24th. There is a quick turn-around with mass for the 5pm. If you are able to help, please come around 9:30 and stay as long as you are able. Thank you!!! Call Gene Tremblay 715-834-9408 with questions!



# THANK YOU!

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the parish for their continued support for the Sharing Tree. Thank you again and have a wonderful holiday season.



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Tina Lahr** 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.*



### 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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 - 12/11	Tuesday 12/12	Wednesday - 12/13	Thursday - 12/14	Friday - 12/15	Saturday - 12/16	Sunday - 12/17
NO Daily Mass	6:30 PM—RCIA (MR2) 6:30 PM—Penance Service (St. Olaf)	6:15-7:30 PM—Grades 7-10 Faith Formation 	5: 30 PM—Bible Study (GS) 7 PM—Choir Rehearsal  6:30 PM—Penance Service (Immaculate Conception)	Parish Offices Closed	5 PM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 9:30—Men's Club Breakfast Mtg. (PC) 10:30 AM Mass

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - DECEMBER 16 & 17

**5:00 pm Saturday**

Lector: Bonnie Wander

Servers: Bonnie Gibson & Carter Atkinson

**8:30 am Sunday**

Lector: Howard Ludwigson

Servers: Mila Pohlen & Lily Knutson

**10:30 am Sunday**

Lector: Kathy Edwards

Servers: Marcus Romack & Gabriel Gassen



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**Mark your calendars!**

Enrollment for the coming school year opens soon!

**2024-25 Enrollment Opens**  
January 15 | Current Regis Families  
January 29 | New Families

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Regis Middle School  
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St. James Elementary School  
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### 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 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

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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



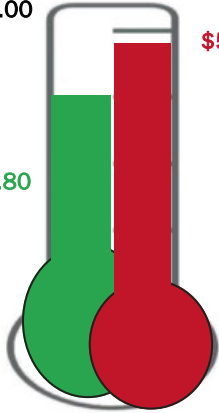


## Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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

\$580,000.00



\$550,275.46

\$306,405.80

**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 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



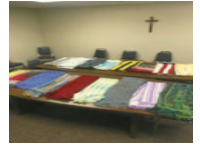
## SNOW IS HERE

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



## 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

## BEDDING FOR BABY JESUS

Are there prayer intentions are 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!



## Banns of Marriage

**Dave Neubauer and Joan Cassata will be married on December 27, 2023. Please, keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding day.**



## Christmas Flower Offering

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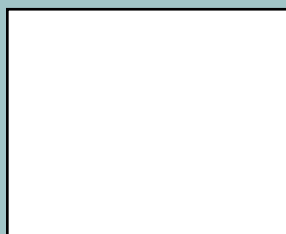
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