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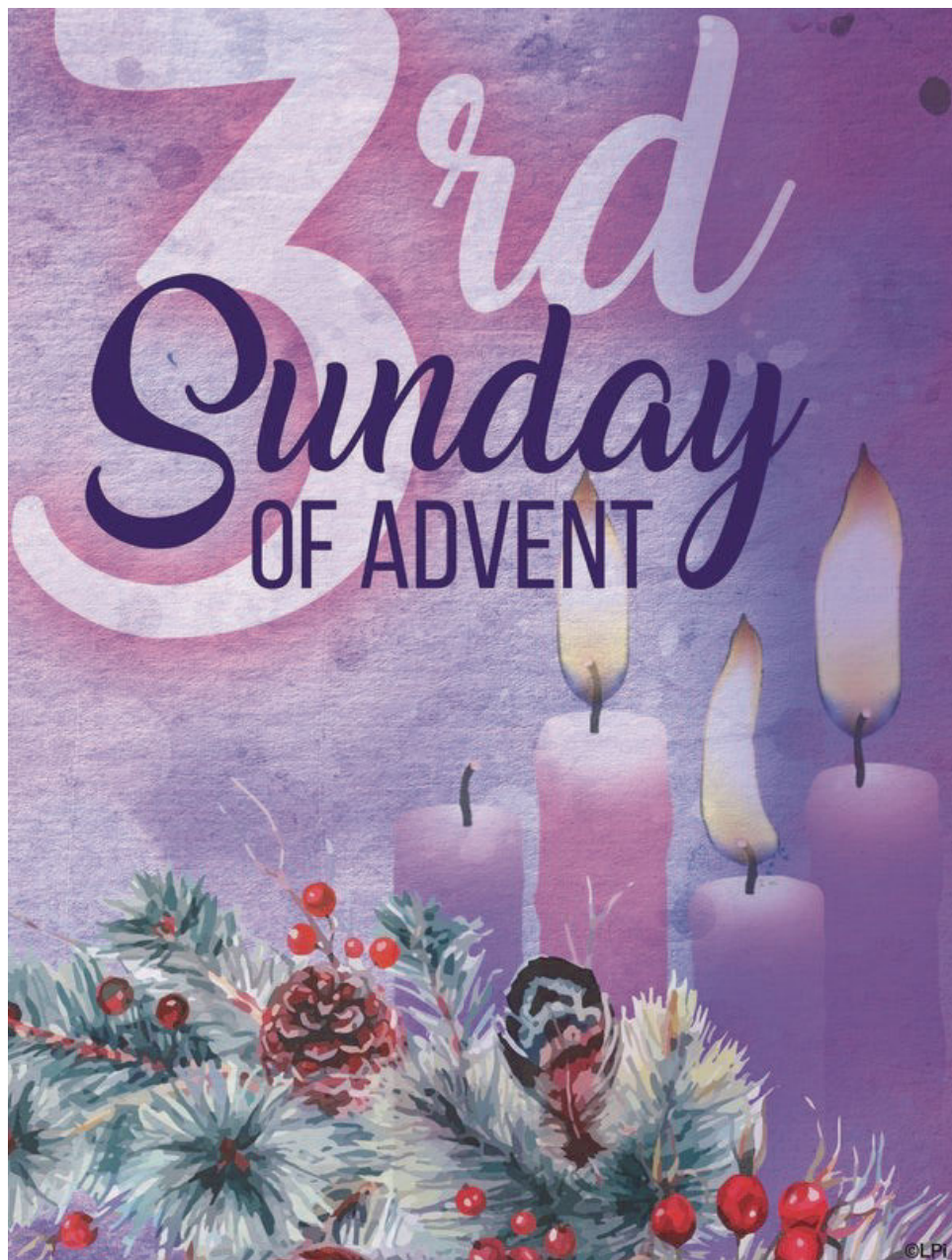
Celebration of Eucharist

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

December 3, 2023..... \$5,006.00

Offertory

December 3, 2023.....\$673.00

Debt Retirement Giving

December 3, 2023.....\$596.00

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 18—Weekday

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 19—Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

8:30 AM †

Wednesday, December 20—Weekday

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

8:30 AM †

Thursday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

8:30 AM † Chad Anderson & Deceased Members of

Richard Krogman family

Friday, December 22—Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

8:30 AM †

Saturday, December 23— St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

5:00 PM † Tom Pichler

Sunday, December 24—4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

8:30 AM † Tom & Peg Michels

5:00 PM Our Parishioners and Guests

8:00 PM †

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 27, 2023 \$7,475.0031

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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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.

Family Formation and Religious Education

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

7-10th Grade: December 20

Confirmation Theme for December: Rights and Responsibilities



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.



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.

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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

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.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you are interested in learning more about bringing Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners, please plan to attend an informational meeting on Monday evening, December 18 at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Space. This will be an opportunity to meet Laura Dolezel, a St. Olaf Parishioner. She will be taking over the homebound EMHC.



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SYMPATHY

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!





DECORATE
the Church

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!



Meetings and Gatherings

Monday - 12/18	Tuesday 12/19	Wednesday - 12/20	Thursday - 12/21	Friday - 12/22	Saturday - 12/23	Sunday - 12/24
NO Daily Mass 6 PM—Holy Communion Homebound Mtg. (GS) 6:30 PM—Women's Bible Study (Conference Center)	6:30 PM—RCIA (MR2) 6:30 PM—Choir Rehearsal	6:15-7:30 PM—Grades 7-10 Faith Formation	5:30 PM—Bible Study (GS)	Parish Offices Closed	5 PM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 5 PM Mass 8 PM Mass
						

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - DECEMBER 23 & 24

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: TBD

Servers: Chris McAnarney & Janet McAnarney

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: TBD

Servers: Charles Gibson & Camden Sedlacek

5 pm Sunday Christmas Eve Mass

Lector: TBD

Servers: Carter Atkinson & Bonnie Gibson

8 pm Sunday Christmas Eve Mass

Lector: TBD

Servers: Julianna Lemanski-Trujillo & Catherine Lemanski-Trujillo



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



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY

St. Olaf Parish
2407 North Lane, Eau Claire, WI
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<u>2023 DATES:</u>	<u>2024 DATES:</u>
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
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Younger ones eat free
(Walk-Up Carry-Outs Available)
CARRY-OUT 3-PIECE DINNER \$14
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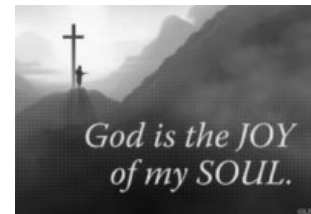
St. Olaf Parish is currently looking for:

- ♦ 3 Members for the Parish Pastoral Council

St. Olaf Christmas Mass Schedule

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

Monday, December 25– 9:30 am



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Constant Companion — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

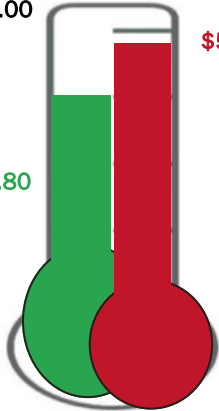


Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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

\$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 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



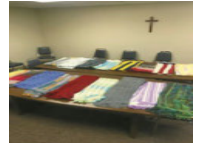
SNOW IS HERE

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



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.

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



**THE COMMUNITY
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BLOOD DRIVE—DECEMBER 20TH

The Community Blood Center will be having a Blood Drive at Immaculate Conception Church (Fr. Klink Hall) on Wednesday, December 20th from 1:30 -5:30pm, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Immaculate Conception Parish.

Our Blood Drive serves our Community in so many ways, from serious accidents, major surgeries and helping people who are battling cancer Here's an Advent Charity opportunity to give a special gift to someone in desperate need of your blood. I couldn't think of a better way to prepare our hearts for the Birth of Jesus.

To schedule your donation, please call the Community Blood Center at (800)280-4102

Please call Bob Link (715)614-1551 or Karen Dolan (715)579-5601 with any questions

We kindly request you register in advance.

However, walk-ins are always welcome!

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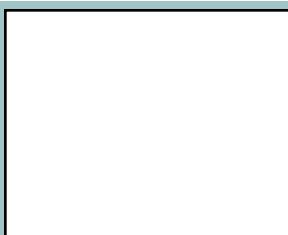
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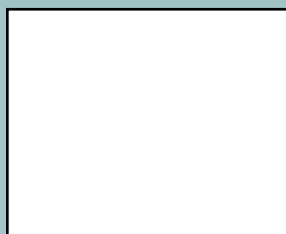
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