



**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

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

## A Testament to Christ

### Pastor

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### Sites for up-to-date info:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintOlafEauClaireWi/>

<https://twitter.com/SaintOlaf3220>

<https://www.facebook.com/StOlafCatholicChurchFaithFormation/>

<https://www.facebook.com/saintolafmensclub/>

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.*



Photo Credit to Fr. James Kurzynski

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus.” - Lk 1:31

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**3220 MONROE ST., EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703**  
**PO BOX 1203, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54702-1203**

## St. Olaf Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

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

Monday, December 25– 9:30 am

Carols begin 20-30 prior to each Mass

# **Questions about St. Olaf . . . .**

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

**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 10, 2023..... \$8,023.00

### Offertory

December 10, 2023.....\$731.51

### Debt Retirement Giving

December 10, 2023.....\$416.50

### Year to Date June 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 25—The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

9:30 AM † Robert & Judy Sires

Tuesday, December 26—St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27— St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

NO MASS

Thursday, December 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

8:30 AM † Karen Hanson

Friday, December 29—St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

8:30 AM †

Saturday, December 30— Weekday

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

5:00 PM Parishioners and Guests

Sunday, December 31—The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

8:30 AM † Walter and Bernice Olson

10:30 AM † Bernard Hartung

**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—DECEMBER 11, 2023 <sup>ORDERS</sup> \$12,650.00 .....42

SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-12/11/2023) **\$89,051.00**

FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: **\$3,636.68**

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

## NOW OFFERING



## TO BENEFIT ST. OLAF WITH MORE SCRIP OPTIONS

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Download the Raise Right app for free on Google Play or the App Store.

Questions? Call Michelle Zanon at 715-832-2504 x101



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## Family Formation and Religious Education

K-6: January 7 after 8:30 am Mass  
7-10th Grade: January 3, 2024!

Confirmation Theme for January: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

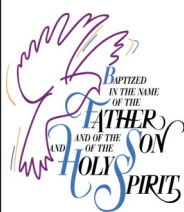


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**MAGNIFICAT** is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer.

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  
If you are needing to renew, please let us know this also!  
We can help with that!



**WELCOMED TO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM**  
Congratulations to:  
**Leo James Laffey**  
Son of Alex & Alexandra Laffey  
Baptized on December 17, 2023.  
It is with great joy that we welcome you to God's family!



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!



**Daily Mass Notifications:**  
No Daily Mass December 26th & 27th  
No Daily Mass on January 1, 2024

# 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.

### 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!



### Eau Claire Deanery Positions Available

The Eau Claire Deanery of Catholic Women currently have positions available on the executive board. If you are interested in getting involved with the Deanery (one level above your parish PCCW) now is your chance. They currently have the following positions available: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY. If this is something that you are interested in pursuing you can contact Julie Brindle, the past president of the Deanery. Her contact information is [julianna.brindle@gmail.com](mailto:julianna.brindle@gmail.com).

General questions can be answered by Deb Sundblad, as she is the Treasurer, [red\\_deb1@hotmail.com](mailto:red_deb1@hotmail.com).



### DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE.

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

## Meetings and Gatherings

Monday - 12/25	Tuesday 12/26	Wednesday - 12/27	Thursday - 12/28	Friday - 12/29	Saturday - 12/30	Sunday - 12/31
9:30 AM—Christmas Mass	NO Daily Mass Parish Office Closed		5: 30 PM—Bible Study (GS)	Parish Offices Closed	5 PM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - DECEMBER 30 & 31

**5:00 pm Saturday**

Lector: Jodi Preston

Servers: Laura Meunich & Chris McAnarney

**8:30 am Sunday**

Lector: Kristen Cheuvront

Servers: Rhonda Nispel

**10:30 am Sunday**

Lector: Gina Ostrowski

Servers: Reagan Hutchinson & Addison Polzer



*Witness the Difference!*

**Mark your calendars!**  
Enrollment for the coming school year opens soon!

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

Regis High School  
Regis Middle School  
Immaculate Conception  
Elementary School  
St. James Elementary School  
St. Mary's Elementary School  
RegisCatholicSchools.com



Thank you to all of the talented parishioners who donated to the PCCW Christmas Bake sale. We truly appreciate your generosity for taking time bake and help make the Christmas Bake Sale a success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the bake sale and purchased the delicious goodies. We look forward to sharing our final amount raised in the near future.

### 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.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and Merry Christmas! May Christ's peace reign in your hearts and in your homes! Serving you in the name of Christ is an honor

Fr. Jim Kelly, Amy, Andrea, Lee, Rob, Dennis, Michelle

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## 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)

**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

### St. Olaf Parish is currently looking for:

- ♦ **3 Members for the Parish Pastoral Council**
- ♦ **Scrip sellers before and after Mass**



### 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

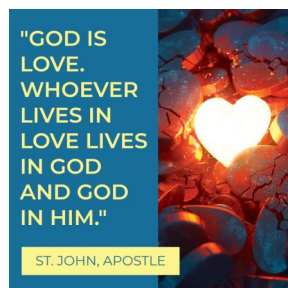
Beth: 715-577-4011 or okas.beth@gmail.com

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.**



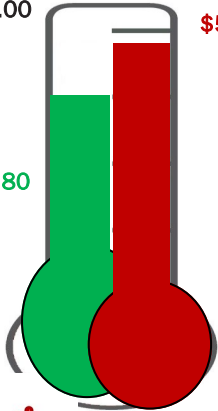


## Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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**



## Christmas Flowers

*In Memory of:*



Bert & Jeanette Seibel  
Walter & Rose Schwartz  
Paul Seibel  
Barb Dunham  
Mary Frances Berthold  
Roger & Donna Falkenburg  
Terumi Wanserski  
Vince and Rita Wagener  
Elmo & Harriet Korn  
Donovan & Dolores Jensen  
David & Russell Smith, Harold & Carole Cook,  
Russell & Colletta Smith & Louise and Myrtle Cook

Judy Sires  
Linda Marie Kolo  
James A Ewer  
Frances Marek  
Amelia Kolo  
Donald & Elaine Sydejko  
Conrad & June Bjelland  
Deceased members of the Sazama Family  
Deceased members of the Wanichak Family  
Ann & Doc Kinnick  
Marvin & Katherine Piwoni  
Louie & Jo Walta  
Deceased members of the Beal Family  
Phillip O'Donnell

### Donations:

The Edwards Family  
Kris Moldenhauer  
Adam & Kayla Kremer  
Polzer Family  
Sandy Jasper  
Charles & Sandy Grohman

Bonnie Wander  
Paul & Della Schindler  
Joe & Bridget Kajer  
Sundbland-Olson  
Lori Smith

### 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.



by Tom & Joan Schwartz  
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by George Wanserski  
by Thomas Wagener  
by William Korn  
by Shawn & Karen Bergeman

by Lori Smith  
by Nancy Sires  
by Edwin & Valencia Kolo  
by Edwin & Valencia Kolo  
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by Don & Vickie Sydejko  
by Don & Vickie Sydejko  
by Mary & Tom Sazama  
by Mary & Tom Sazama  
by Connie & Lee Bremer  
by Tom & Marilyn Day  
by Lou & Billie Walta  
by Lou & Billie Walta  
by Marie Lelivelt

Gary & Jan Liedl  
Steve Polus  
Becky Noland  
Tom & Maureen Kruse  
Roger & Jen Gostomski