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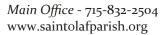
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Celebration of Eucharist

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

Penance

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

Parish Mission Statement

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

We live & proclaim the Gospel through prayer, liturgy & action.

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

Empowered by our Baptism, we give witness to the values of Christian unity, service, compassion & justice.



Questions about St. Olaf

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9 am to 5 pm

A Testament to Chris

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 & make an appointment to register with Michelle Zanoni. 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 & individual Reconciliation are held during the seasons of Advent & 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 31, 2023..... \$9,829.00

Offertory

December 31, 2023.....\$657.00

Debt Retirement Giving

December 31, 2023.....\$212.00

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 & 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, January 15— Martin Luther King Day 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, January 16— Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, January 17—St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

NO DAILY MASS

Thursday, January 18—January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

NO DAILY MASS

Friday, January 19—Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

NO DAILY MASS

Saturday, January 20—St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St.

Sebastian, Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

5:00 PM † Leo & Irene Herbst

Sunday, January 21-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

8:30 AM Parishioners and Guests

10:30 AM † Elaine Sydejko

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office at 715-832-2504 x100. Suggested stipend is \$10/Mass

@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

ORDERS

CURRENT SALES-DECEMBER 18, 2023 \$7,330.0029

SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-12/11/2023) \$96,381.00 FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: \$3,931.79

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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Family Formation & Religious Education



K-6: February 4 after 8:30 am Mass 7-10th Grade: January 17, 2024!

Confirmation Theme for January: Option for the Poor & Vulnerable

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, & 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 iulianna.brindle@gmail.com.

General questions can be answered by Deb Sundblad, as she is the Treasurer, $\underline{\text{red}}$ $\underline{\text{deb1@hotmail.com}}$.

January 17, 2024



Calling all volunteers! Join us for a tour, lunch and roundtable discussion at the Sojourner House.

Tour: 11:30 am-12:00 pm

All new volunteers as well as those who haven't had a chance to serve our community.

Lunch: 12:00 pm

Roundtable Discussion: 12:30 pm

Staff Introductions
Staff and Volunteer Expectations
Volunteer Positions
Questions and Concerns

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 & 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 & the Pascal Mystery. Please pray for Danielle as she continues her journey of

faith. Welcome Danielle!

St. Olaf Parish is currently looking for:

- 3 Members for the Parish Pastoral Council
- Scrip sellers before & after Mass
- Cup & Gift Bearers for mass-sign up on the ministry clipboard

KNIGHTS CORNER

Brother Knights:

Our next Council meeting will be held Tuesday February 13, at 7p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Center, 2708 Thomas Dr., Eau Claire

Each month our Knights of Columbus recognize 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 December are Jim and Ann Tunender from Immaculate Conception Parish. Your time and talent is appreciated.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting our annual Life Saver fundraiser at all Masses on January 20th and 21st. The Knights will be at the doors of our churches handing out individually wrapped life savers and will be happy to accept your donations enabling us to further a Culture of Life within our community. Donations will also be accepted by sending a check written out to the Knights of Columbus Lifesaver Drive. Please mail it to Knights of Columbus, Council 1257, PO Box 1257, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0923

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

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

Meetings & Gatherings Monday - 1/15 Wednesday - 1/17 Thursday - 1/18 Friday - 1/19 Tuesday 1/16 Saturday - 1/20 Sunday - 1//21 NO Daily Mass 5pm- Mass 8:30am- Mass 6:30pm-RCIA (MR 2) 6:30pm - Women's Bible 6:15pm-7:30pm Religious 4pm—Fish Fry Setup Parish Offices Closed 10:30am- Mass 5: 30pm-Bible Study Study 4-7pm— Friday Fish Fry

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - JANUARY 20 & 21

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Dave Teslaw

Servers: Chris McAnarney & Carter Atkinson

8:30 am Sunday Lector: Cathy McCann Servers: Allie & Gabe Liedl

10:30 am Sunday Lector: Kevin Deroiser

Servers: Camden Sedlcek & Addison Polzer



Fun Fest Kick-off Meeting is January 22 at 6:30pm! Join the committee to plan Fun Fest on May 19th!

HAVE YOU MOVED!? HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED!!?

St Olaf would appreciate it very much if either of the above has happened that you would please

contact them with your new information. This information is very important in case contact with you is necessary. St Olaf thanks you for your cooperation in this matter. Call the Parish office & talk to Amy.



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

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies & procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate & 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. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish & on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse & the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.



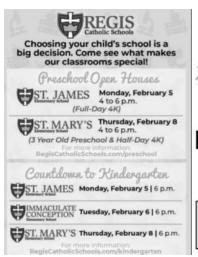
WELCOMED TO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

Congratulations to:

Braylee Jean Hoffman Son of Austin & Katelyn Hoffman

Baptized on January 7, 2024.

It is with great joy that we welcome you to God's family!





ebruary 23rd, March 8th, March 22n *Includes famous Fish Chowder

New England Style Fish Boil includes: Red Potatoes - Onions - Carrots - Coleslaw Mac & Cheese - Vienna Bread - Ice Cream Cup Beverage - Hot Dogs for Kids

Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria, 1722 Highland Avenue, Eau Clair

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") & Father Timothy Welles ("Devotion to Mary"). Registration starts at 8:00 with confessions, rosary, & mass held prior to the registration. Registration forms & more detailed information regarding this event can be found at Idccw.org (La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women). Please plan to attend & register early. Flyers & registration forms will be available in the parish office.

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.

PRAYER SHAWLS

: We have given out prayer shawls to those who lare grieving, undergoing treatment for an : illness, suffering from chronic illness, l recovering from an accident & those just in eed of comfort & healing in any way.



Loving hearts & hands make up the St. Olaf Prayer Shawl Ministry, sharing simple gifts with those who are in need of comfort & healing. If you or someone you know would be comforted with a prayer shawl, contact the Parish Office at 715-832-2504 x 100

WEATHER POLICY

In the case of inclement weather, there will be daily Mass. If the Eau Claire Area School District is closed, the St. Olaf Parish Offices will be closed. In the event of a 2 hour delay the offices will be open. The Parish Office voicemail will be updated with the closure if you want to check that as well, 715-832-2504 x 100.





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Total Received
Diocese of La Crosse 2022 DAA Share
Diocese of La Crosse Curia & Foundation

Disbursements as of November 1, 2023

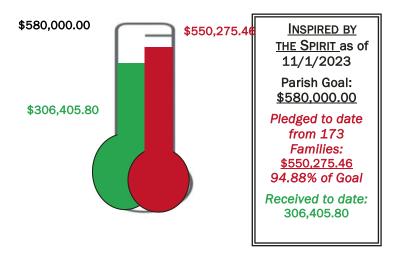
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St. Olaf Parish Share

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\$306,405.80

\$ 73,425.00



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Those Who Seek the Truth

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Moving Beyond Ourselves: A LOVE that Integrates and Unites

SILENT THEME RETREAT

r. Frank Corradi, Lee Ann Niebuhr, Elizabeth Schussler, and Rita Simon

January 26, 6:00 pm - January 28, 1:00 pm



What does this LOVE look like? It is a love that is compassionate, reverent, merciful, peaceful, just, and faithful. We will be reflecting upon these attributes of love from Jesus? Beatitudes and how, by living them fully, they lead each of us to a rich and joyful life.

Fr. Corradi - "A Love that Integrates and Unites," introduction to the Beatitudes
Betsy Schussier - "Reverence and Mercy"
LeeAnn Niebuhr - "Compassion and Faith"
Rita Simon - "Peace and Justice"

Registration begins at 3:00 pm on Friday, followed by orientation at 5:45 and supper at 6:00. The retreat concludes after the noon meal on Sunday. The investment for this weekend retreat is \$225 and includes lodging in a regular room and six meals.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a silent retreat weekend.
To register: call 715-443-2236 or email: info@sarcenter.com

St. Anthony Spirituality Center 300 E. Fourth St. Marathon, Wisconsin 54448 715-443-2236



The St. James The Greater K of C Roundtable will be serving their January Breakfast on Sunday January 28, 2024 from 8:30 to 11:30AM in the parish hall, located at 2502 Eleventh

Street, Eau Claire.

The menu consists of scrambled eggs, ham, hashbrowns, biscuits & sausage gravy, cinnamon rolls, coffee, milk & orange juice.

Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children 5 through 12 (under 5 are free). Continental Breakfast is \$2.00.

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: "You don't want to talk to me. There's nothing special about me."

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: There it is. We finally found it.

Isn't that the best we can all hope for?

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" — John 1:38



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