



A Testament to Christ

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<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 & 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.

JANUARY 21, 2024

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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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 & make an appointment to register with Michelle Zaroni. 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

January 7, 2024..... \$6,134.00

Offertory

January 7, 2024.....\$896.72

Debt Retirement Giving

January 7, 2024.....\$255.00

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 22— Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, January 23— St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

NO DAILY MASS

Wednesday, January 24— St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

8:30 AM † Tena Lahr

Thursday, January 25—The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

8:30 AM † Frank & Betty Mezera

Friday, January 26—Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:26-34

8:30 AM †

Saturday, January 27—St. Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

5:00 PM 25th Anniversary for Fr. Konopa

Sunday, January 28—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

8:30 AM † Betty & Jerry Larson

10:30 AM 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

\$CRIP NOTES & NEWS

CURRENT SALES—JANUARY 8, 2024... \$8,8605.00.....^{ORDERS}38

SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-12/11/2023) \$104,920.00

FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: \$4,286.46

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

MORE IN '24
— JAN 13-26 —



WIN FREE SHIPPING FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

In partnership with our featured brands, we are giving away free organization shipping to 5 lucky organizations for the rest of 2024. Make your earnings go further this year with added savings. Every participant order placed January 13-26 can increase your chance of winning. Don't miss out!

How it Works:

- 5 organizations will be selected from a random drawing to win free shipping for the remainder of 2024 (March – December).
- Every participant order placed January 13-26 is a qualified entry for your organization.
- All brands and card types are eligible.

FOR EXAMPLE

40 × 2 = 80

Participants place orders between Jan 13-26

Orders placed per participant

Entries for your organization to win

The more orders placed, the better your chances of winning!

Family Formation & Religious Education

K-6: February 4 after 8:30 am Mass

7-10th Grade: February 7

We are preparing for confirmation!!

Reminder to hand in your sponsor forms !



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 julianna.brindle@gmail.com.

General questions can be answered by Deb Sundblad, as she is the Treasurer, red_deb1@hotmail.com.

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 & 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 923, 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

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!



Twice each year the organizations that assist those experiencing homelessness are required to participate in a count of people who are unsheltered. Family Promise - Beacon House is one of those organizations. This count helps establish the needs of the homeless community and determine where funding is directed for homeless programs.

We are looking for 3 people to assist us with this count on January 24th. If you are able to assist please contact us at 715-834-4357 or click the link below to sign up for the count. Your efforts can make a real difference for those experiencing homelessness in the Chippewa Valley.

Meetings & Gatherings

Monday - 1/22	Tuesday 1/23	Wednesday - 1/24	Thursday - 1/25	Friday - 1/26	Saturday - 1/27	Sunday - 1/28
NO Daily Mass 6:30pm- Women's Bible Study (CR) 6:30pm-Fun Fest Meeting (MR 3)	8:30am- Mass 6:30pm-RCIA (MR 2)	8:30am- Mass	8:30am- Mass	8:30am- Mass Parish Offices Closed	5pm- Mass	8:30am- Mass 10:30am- Mass

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - JANUARY 27 & 28

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Steve Roesler

Servers: Bonnie Gibson & Laura Muenich

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Mark Vaughn

Servers: Lily Knutson & Rhonda Nispel

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Janet Dubec

Servers: Marcus Romack & Charles Gibson



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.

Moving Beyond Ourselves: A LOVE that Integrates and Unites

SILENT THEME RETREAT
Fr. 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 Schussler - "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
www.sarcenter.com



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.

Choosing your child's school is a big decision. Come see what makes our classrooms special!

Preschool Open Houses

ST. JAMES Elementary School Monday, February 5 4 to 6 p.m.
(Full-Day 4K)

ST. MARY'S Thursday, February 8 4 to 6 p.m.
(3 Year Old Preschool & Half-Day 4K)

For more information:
RegisCatholicSchools.com/preschool

Countdown to Kindergarten

ST. JAMES Elementary School Monday, February 5 | 6 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Elementary School Tuesday, February 6 | 6 p.m.

ST. MARY'S Thursday, February 8 | 6 p.m.

For more information:
RegisCatholicSchools.com/Kindergarten

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

*****2024 — 40th ANNUAL*****

Immaculate Conception Parish

SINCE 1985

Dine In & Carry Out 4:30 to 6:30 PM

Save these Friday Dates !!!

January 26th , February 9th
February 23rd, March 8th, March 22nd*

*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
*Ticket Prices & Sponsors to be announced

Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria, 1722 Highland Avenue, Eau Claire

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PALM COLLECTION

We are collecting palms to be burned and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday. You may drop off your blessed palms in the cauldron in the gathering space before Mass on the weekend or during office hours Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 5 PM. Ash Wednesday is **February 14**.

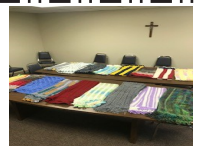
HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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 Laura Dolezel at ledolezrn@gmail.com or call the parish office, 715-832-2504 x100.



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 & those just in need 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.





Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Disbursements as of November 1, 2023

Total Received

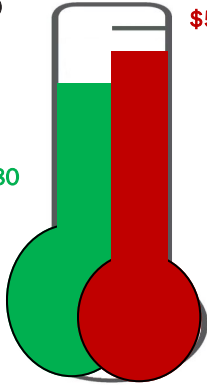
\$306,405.80

Diocese of La Crosse 2022 DAA Share

\$ 73,425.00

Diocese of La Crosse Curia & Foundation

\$580,000.00



\$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**

Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club Card Party

Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club Annual Valentine Party will be held Monday, February 5th at Pine Meadows Golf Club. Social hour starts at 11:30, lunch which includes chicken wild rice soup, salad, roll & dessert will be served at noon. Cost is \$15 and payment should be mailed to Judy St. Arnault, 3718 Gables Court, Eau Claire WI 54701 by January 25th. Please wear red and bring a Valentine card. Cards, games and door prizes will follow the luncheon. If you have questions please contact Renee Liming (715) 379-6782.



Valentine Swing Dance February 10 6:30pm



Looking for a fun evening with your sweetheart or a good friend?

Do you enjoy Big Band Swing Music?



St. Olaf Parish Center for a night of music, food, and dancing.

No Admission Fee!

Free Will Offering Appreciated!

You say you don't dance? Come out to enjoy the music, great food from Jan Liedl & friends, and the company of friends. Entertainment provided by:

Cathy Reitz & 7Swing

Soup Supper Thank You!!



Thank you to all who partook of all the wonderful soups on January 13th! There was 10 soups to pick from along with appetizers & desserts. A big pat on the back to all who provided all the great food and no one went home hungry. The gathering was small but there was a great sense of camaraderie. The Outreach Committee wants to thank all the people who had any part in making this another successful event – big or small, making, helping or eating. To those who did come and partake, please talk to your friends about the great food and remind them, that they could be a part of it next year! Thank you all again. (A big thank you to Fred and Theresa Boetcher for all the work they did to make this event happen!! You guys ROCK!)

Thank you from Bolton Refuge for the gift cards to Walmart, Festival, Kwik Trip, Target, Farm & Fleet and Fleet Farm.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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Give Until It Hurts

by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed – to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers – they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him – not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.