



JANUARY 28, 2024

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

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.



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Questions about St. Olaf

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

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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 14, 2024..... \$2,108.00

Offertory

January 14, 2024.....\$452.00

Debt Retirement Giving

January 14, 2024.....\$178.00

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 29— Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, January 30— Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43

8:30 AM † Tom Sundblad

Wednesday, January 31— St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

8:30 AM † Dominic Stubblefield

Thursday, February 1—Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

8:30 AM †

Friday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

8:30 AM † Tena & Gene Lahr

Saturday, February 3—St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St.

Ansgar, Bishop

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

5:00 PM † Charles Levenhagen

Sunday, February 5—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

8:30 AM Parishioners and Guests

10:30 AM † Gene Lahr

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.....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!

Confirmation Theme for February: Solidarity



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.

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

Do you want to receive the bulletin in your email?

Do you want to be apart of funeral masses?

Are you interested in helping plan Fun Fest 2024?

Please call or email Amy in the parish office!

Solaf@saintolafparish.org

715-832-2504 x 100

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

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!



Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection Jan. 27-28 or Feb. 3-4:

Bishop Callahan designated the last weekend of January (27-28) or the first weekend of February (3-4) for the CCHD collection. Parishes should have received a shipment of envelopes from the USCCB for this purpose. Checks should be made payable to your parish (CCHD on the memo line), with one check from the parish for the total made payable to the Diocese of La Crosse and sent to the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns.

Meetings & Gatherings

Monday - 1/29	Tuesday 1/30	Wednesday - 1/31	Thursday - 2/1	Friday - 2/2	Saturday - 2/3	Sunday - 2/4
NO Daily Mass	8:30am— Mass 6:30pm—RCIA (MR 2)	8:30am— Mass	8:30am— Mass 4pm—Fish Fry Setup 5:30pm—Bible Study (GS)	8:30am— Mass Parish Offices Closed 4-7pm—Friday Fish Fry (PC) 	5pm— Mass	8:30am— Mass After Mass-Family Formation (PC) 10:30am— Mass 

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - FEBRUARY 3 & 4

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Sue Schamberger

Servers: Chris McAnarney & Carter Atkinson

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Mary Smieja

Servers: Allie & Gabe Liedl

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Stacy Knudson

Servers: Marcus Romack & Catherine Lemanski-Trujillo



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.

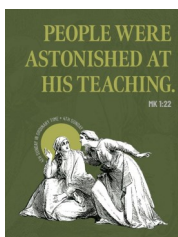
Are you a morning person? Do you like to volunteer? Sojourner House needs help in the mornings, in two possible shifts: 5-9 am, help with coffee and breakfast, checking out, bin room; or 8-10 am, help with cleaning. Come every day, once a week, once a month, whatever time frame you prefer - they really need the help anytime! Contact the Sojourner House Coordinator Clare at ceinum@cclse.org if you are interested or have questions.



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Richard Klimek** who have recently died. Our prayers & sincere sympathy are extended to their family. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, & may perpetual light shine upon them.*



Staff and Students of Regis High School & Regis Middle School Would Like to Thank Fr. James and St Olaf's Parish For Continued Support of Our Catholic Schools!



REGIS Catholic Schools

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 Elementary School 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 Elementary School Thursday, February 8 | 6 p.m.

For more information: RegisCatholicSchools.com/Kindergarten

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

*****2024 — 40th ANNUAL*****

Immaculate Conception Parish

FISH BOIL

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

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS



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**.



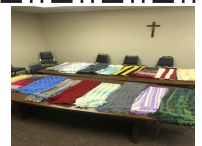
HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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.



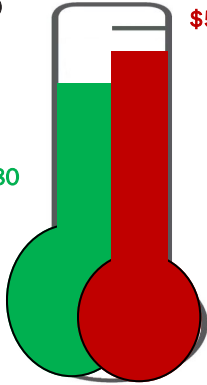


Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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	\$ 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:
306,405.80**

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:

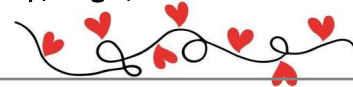
Cathy Reitz & 7Swing

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: Leading Others to Christ

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS