



**FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

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

## A Testament to Christ

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<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 & 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.*



Photo Credit: Fr. James Kurzynski

## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

*"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent,  
and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15*

JOIN US FOR THE  
**STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS**

St. Olaf will have **Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays during Lent at  
**4:00 pm** in the Church on  
**Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22**

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



## 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 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 & 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

February 11, 2024 ..... \$2,215.00

#### Offertory

February 11, 2024 ..... \$596.00

#### Debt Retirement Giving

February 4, 2024 ..... \$68.00

#### 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, February 19— Presidents' Day

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, February 20— Weekday

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

8:30 AM † Grace Ehr

Wednesday, February 21— St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

8:30 AM †

Thursday, February 22—The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

8:30 AM † Tena Lahr

Friday, February 23—St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

8:30 AM †

Saturday, February 24— Weekday

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

5:00 PM † Jerry & Betty Larson

Sunday, February 25—2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

8:30 AM † Linda Marie Kolo

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

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—FEBRUARY 5, 2024... \$6,405.00.....27

SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-2/5/2024) \$118,076.00

FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: \$4803.88

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

## 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

## Family Formation & Religious Education

**K-6: March 3, after 8:30 am Mass**  
**7-10th Grade: February 21**



**Regarding Raffle Tickets:** Please return your completed State Raffle ticket stubs and funds, in a sealed envelope with your name on it at our upcoming March or April meetings. An additional method of returning these is through the parish offices. Parish offices are assisting us by also collecting your sold ticket stubs and funds (in a sealed and named envelope) during their normal office hours. Please text the State Raffle Chairman for our Council, Tim Hau with any questions or needs for more tickets

### Confirmation Theme for February: Solidarity



#### KNIGHTS CORNER

Brother Knights:

Our next Council meeting will be held Tuesday March

12th, 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 January are Chad and Jodi Preston of St Olaf Parish. Your Time and Talent is appreciated. The Knights also pick a Knight of the Month and for January it is Tim Gump from Sacred Heart/S. Patrick's. Thank You for all you do for our Council.

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



**1. Whats Our Story?** Tuesday 2/13, or Thursday 2/15, 6-8pm. The Bible is the story of God's love for us. It begins with Him creating us out of love, redeeming us by love and finally, transforming us in His love.

**2. Who is Jesus?** Tuesday 2/20, or Thursday 2/22, 6-8pm. Jesus is both God and man, and therefore, reveals who God is in relation to us. Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). He asks this same question of us: who do you say Jesus is?

**3. Am I Saved?** Tuesday 2/27, or Thursday 2/29, 6-8pm. Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our "yes".

**4. Why a Church?** Tuesday 3/5, or Thursday 3/7, 6-8pm. Jesus didn't simply leave us a message or instruction manual to follow. He left us a living, dynamic Church where we can encounter Him constantly and be transformed into His likeness.

**Two Options:** Each class is offered twice weekly, Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6-8pm, February 13-holy week in the basement of Sacred Heart Church.. You choose which evening to attend. Contact the parish office at office@shspec.org or 715-832-0925 with questions and to register for the series.


**5. God is with Us.** Tuesday 3/12, or Thursday, 3/14 6-8pm. God's presence in the Old Testament foreshadows the gifting of the Eucharist, on of the seven sacraments of the Church. Jesus establishes the Eucharist to give us strength for our journey, and to accompany us at every moment.

**6. The Story of the Eucharist.** Tuesday 3/19, or Thursday 3/21, 6-8pm. The story of the Eucharist is traced through Scripture—starting with Genesis and the Passover, through Jesus' miracles and teachings, the institution at the Last Supper, and the road to Emmaus. The Cross is the new Tree of Life, and the Eucharist is its fruit.

**7. Bread for the Journey.** Tuesday 3/26, or (TBD) 6-8pm. The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is our offering of thanksgiving to God, sending us forth to share the One Whom we have received.

**Please note: We will be taking a break from Bible Study. Please listen for Father's announcement of restarting!**

### Meetings & Gatherings

Monday - 2/19	Tuesday 2/20	Wednesday - 2/21	Thursday - 2/22	Friday - 2/23	Saturday - 2/24	Sunday - 2/25
NO Daily Mass	8:30am— Mass 6:30pm—Pastoral Meeting 6:30pm—RCIA (MR 2)	8:30am— Mass 6:30pm—Finance Meeting 6:15-7:30 - Religious Ed 	8:30am— Mass	Parish Offices Closed 8:30am— Mass	5pm— Mass	8:30am— Mass 10:30am— Mass



## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - FEBRUARY 24 & 25

### 5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Jerry Boettcher

Servers: Chris McAnarney & Laura Muenich

### 8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Marlene Johnson

Servers: Lily Knutson & Rhonda Nispel

### 10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Kevin DeRoiser

Servers: Marcus Romack & Charles Gibson

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](mailto:ceinum@cclse.org) if you are interested or have questions.



## Fun Fest 2024



- \*Game Chair
- \*Assistant Game Chair
- \*Car Show Manager
- \*Head Cashier/Financial Assistant
- \*Prizes for Duck Pond
- \*Prizes for Hoopla
- \*Prizes for Prize Blaster
- \*Silent Auction Items
- \*Donations for \$300 Balloon Artist
- \*Volunteers in various areas-watch for the sign up sheets!

Look in the Gathering Space for our Fun Fest Balloon Tree-we are asking for items to be donated! Please take an item off the tree and return to the Parish office! Thank you so much -we look forward to seeing you May 19, 2024.

Next Fun Fest Meeting is February 28 at 6:30pm! Join the committee to plan Fun Fest on May 19th!

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

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

## 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](mailto: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



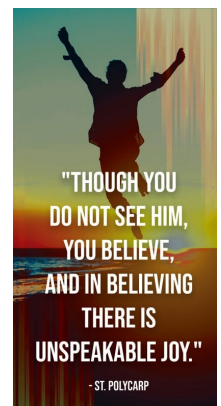
Hello, my name is Bernadette "Bernie" Hull. As parishioners of St. Olaf, you may have heard that my husband, Duane, passed away in a tragic accident in late 2022. To honor his memory, I have set up a scholarship in his name for a cause dear to our hearts—Catholic schools.

Duane and I greatly appreciated our experience in attending Catholic schools. Money was tight for our parents, so paying tuition for Catholic school was a challenge. Duane was able to get a job in high school to pay his tuition. My family was fortunate to receive scholarships to help pay for my siblings' and my tuition.

Based on our experience, we invested in tuition for our children to attend Catholic elementary through high school. We believe strongly that our children's experience in attending Catholic schools paved their way for success in college, careers and life. We are truly grateful.

To honor Duane's memory, I have established the Duane Hull Memorial Scholarship, which has been endowed to generate an annual \$1,000 scholarship. Each year, this scholarship will go to a St. Olaf parishioner who would like to attend Regis or McDonell Catholic schools.

If you are interested or know someone else who may be interested in receiving this scholarship, information to apply will be available in our parish office.



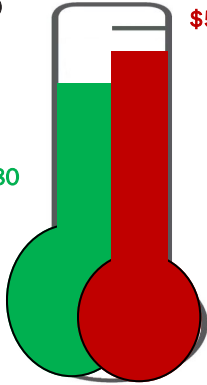


## Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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
<b>St. Olaf Parish Share</b>	<b>\$186,484.64</b>

\$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**

## Call for Donors!

### EMBRACING YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS

The Eau Claire Deanery is again hosting the Embracing Your Call To Holiness. The event will be held Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at St James the Greater Catholic Church in Eau Claire. The Eau Claire Deanery is looking for donors for the event. The event has been an annual event except during COVID. Detailed information regarding this event can be found at [ldccw.org](http://ldccw.org) ([La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women](http://ldccw.org)). The event is attended by about 125+ women from all over the state. The Deanery will be posting those businesses who donate to this event on a placemat. Any questions please contact Deb Sundblad at [red\\_deb1@hotmail.com](mailto:red_deb1@hotmail.com). This day is a spirituality day for all women, please help to make it a success.

## TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

### Eau Claire Deanery Positions Available Now

The Eau Claire Deanery of Catholic Women is in need of officer candidates for PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY. The positions will be vacated as of April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Deanery hopes that someone will step forward for these positions or the Deanery will no longer be in existence. We need your help in filling these positions. If you are interested in getting involved with the Deanery (one level above your parish PCCW) now is your chance. 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).

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# Lent

## Lenten Regulations:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, & Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## EAU CLAIRE DEANERY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 2024

### "18 Hours for the Lord"

**Immaculate Conception Parish  
1712 Highland Ave, Eau Claire**

**Friday, March 15, 1:00-11:00 PM**

*and*

**Saturday, March 16, 6:00 AM-2:00 PM**



Immaculate Conception Parish will be hoisting "18 Hours for the Lord" for the Eau Claire deanery. This time of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament takes place March 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am -11:00 pm and Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 am -2:00 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during these times. Each parish is asked to provide Adorers for specific hours. St. Olaf's are listed below. Please contact Gina Ostrowski (715-225-7558) with questions or if you would be willing to be an Adorer during one of these times.

Time	First Adorer	Second Adorer
Friday, March 15 7:00-8:00 pm		
Friday, March 15 8:00-9:00 pm		
Saturday, March 16 1:00-2:00 pm		

Time	First Adorer	Second Adorer
Friday, March 15 9:00-10:00 pm		
Friday, March 15 10:00-11:00 pm		
Saturday, March 16 9:00-10:00 am		

*Sponsored by the Eau Claire and  
Chippewa Falls Catholic Parishes*

## Hope and Healing from Stress and Trauma

*2-Evening Retreat*

Presented by Father Derek Sakowski

**Sunday, February 25 and  
Monday, February 26**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

**St. Olaf Catholic Church  
3220 Monroe St. Eau Claire**