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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.*

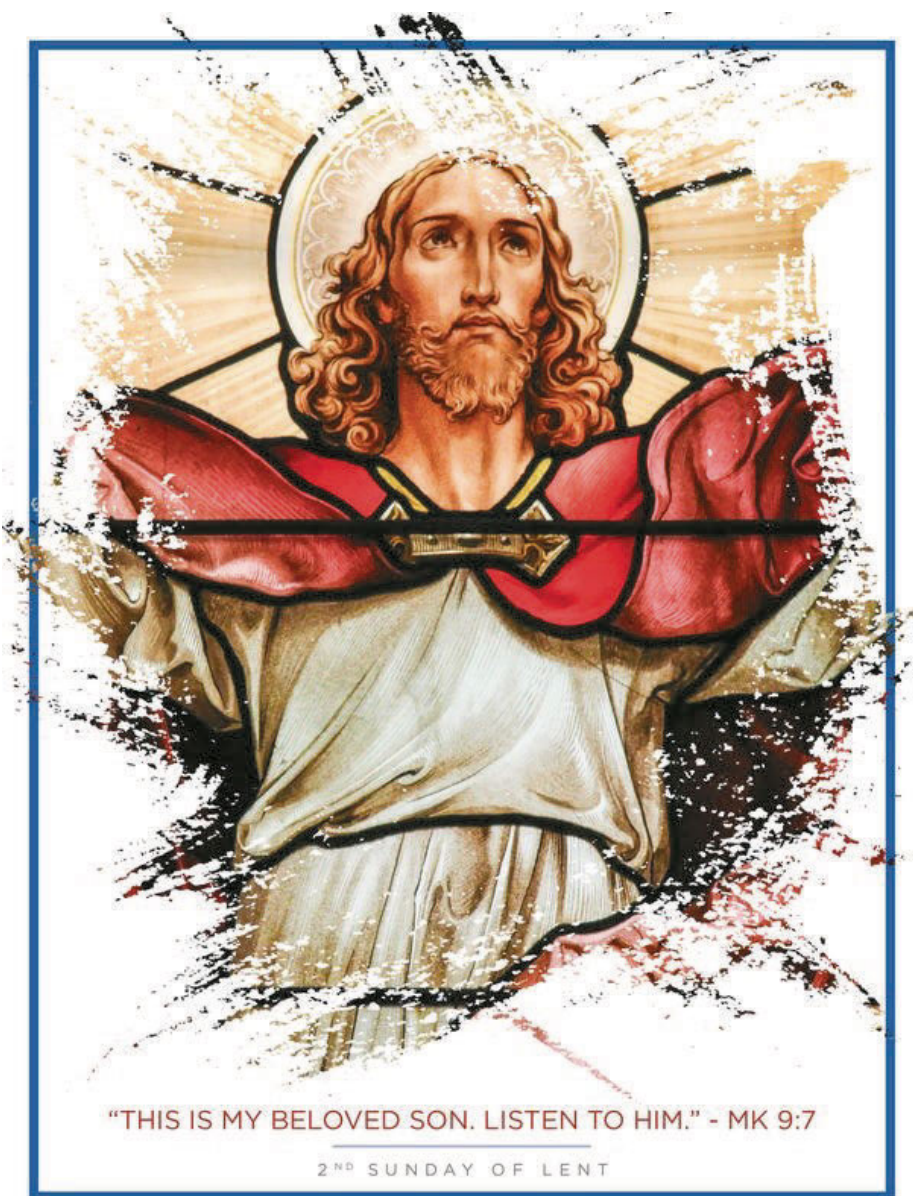
We live & proclaim the Gospel through prayer, liturgy & action.

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.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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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
March 1, 8, 15, & 22

3220 MONROE ST., EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703
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Parish Mailing Address:

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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

February 11, 2024 \$2,215.00

Offertory

February 11, 2024 \$596.00

Debt Retirement Giving

February 11, 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 26— Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, February 27— St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

8:30 AM †

Wednesday, February 28— Weekday

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

8:30 AM †

Thursday, February 29—Weekday

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

8:30 AM †

Friday, March 1—Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

8:30 AM †

Saturday, March 2— Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00 PM †

Sunday, March 3—3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-1/1 Cor 1:22-25/

Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

8:30 AM †

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—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: March 6

Confirmation Theme for March: Dignity of Human Work



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



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



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.

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, one 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.



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.

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.

We are taking a break from Bible Study. Listen for Announcements from Father for resuming!

Meetings & Gatherings

Monday - 2/26	Tuesday 2/27	Wednesday - 2/28	Thursday - 2/29	Friday - 3/1	Saturday - 3/2	Sunday - 3/3
NO Daily Mass 6:30pm-8- Hope and Healing Retreat	8:30am- Mass 6:30pm-RCIA (MR 2)	8:30am- Mass 6:30pm-Fun Fest Meeting (MR3)	8:30am- Mass 3pm-Fish Fry Setup	Parish Offices Closed 8:30am- Mass 4pm-Stations of the Cross 4-7pm-Fish Fry 	5pm- Mass	8:30am- Mass After 8:30 Mass-Family Formation 10:30am- Mass 

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - MARCH 2 & 3

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Brad Kupczak
Servers: Janet McAnarney

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Denise Ives
Servers: Allie & Gabe Liedl

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Gina Ostrowski
Servers: Catherine Lemanski-Trujillo and Julianna Lemanski-Trujillo

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.



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!

Next Fun Fest Meeting is February 28 at 6:30pm! Going forward we will meet the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30! Join Us!

Speaking of games - We would like to have a chairperson for each game!

Prize Blaster/hoopla/duck pond - Chairperson

- Come one night TBD before Fun Fest and gather the prizes - Need to label each prize with a prize number or prize number range and get chips in order
- Morning of Fun Fest set up game (table would already be there) and collect the prizes and display them with the appropriate number
- Be around during games times and after to help clean up and put away leftover prizes and game items
- Oversee the day with workers who are scheduled to work

If you have any questions, suggestions, please feel free to contact the Parish Office or the Co-Chairs - Mary Behling 715-577-2979 or Thomas Behling 715-456-4504.

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



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. Thank you to those who have already donated! If you need some ideas:

Boxes of individually wrapped chips, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks or candies such as Air Heads, Licorice or Candy Bars for games.

Prize Tree Balloon suggestions could include items from Dollar Tree such as match box cars, dolls, balls, stickers, or any clearance items from stores you shop at that you think would appeal to children/young adults...any price range within your budget.

Small prizes for the Duck Pond might range from (\$.25-\$1.00), medium (\$1-\$3) and larger prizes (\$3-\$5)

small (under \$5) , medium (\$5 to \$10) and larger prizes (\$10 to \$20) for the blooza and prize blaster.

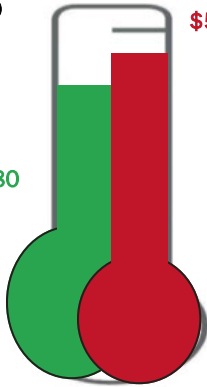


Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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



\$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**

**Received to date:
306,405.80**

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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



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.

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.



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 15th 11:00 am -11:00 pm and Saturday March 16th 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		

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Community Blood Center will be conducting an Eau Claire Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 12th, at St. Olaf's Parish located at 3220 Monroe Street, Eau Claire from 1:30 pm-5:30 pm.

The Eau Claire Knights of Columbus along with St. Olaf's Parish will be sponsoring the Drive.

This is a very difficult time for recruiting Blood donors for all Blood Centers, resulting in shortages of all Blood types.

Here's a wonderful way to do some Community Charity and save Life's during this Lenten season .

If you are eligible ,please consider helping those who are in a bad way.

We encourage donors to make an appointment by calling 800 280-4102 or call Bob Link at 715 614-1551. Of course, walks-ins are always welcome!

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