



## 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.*

# FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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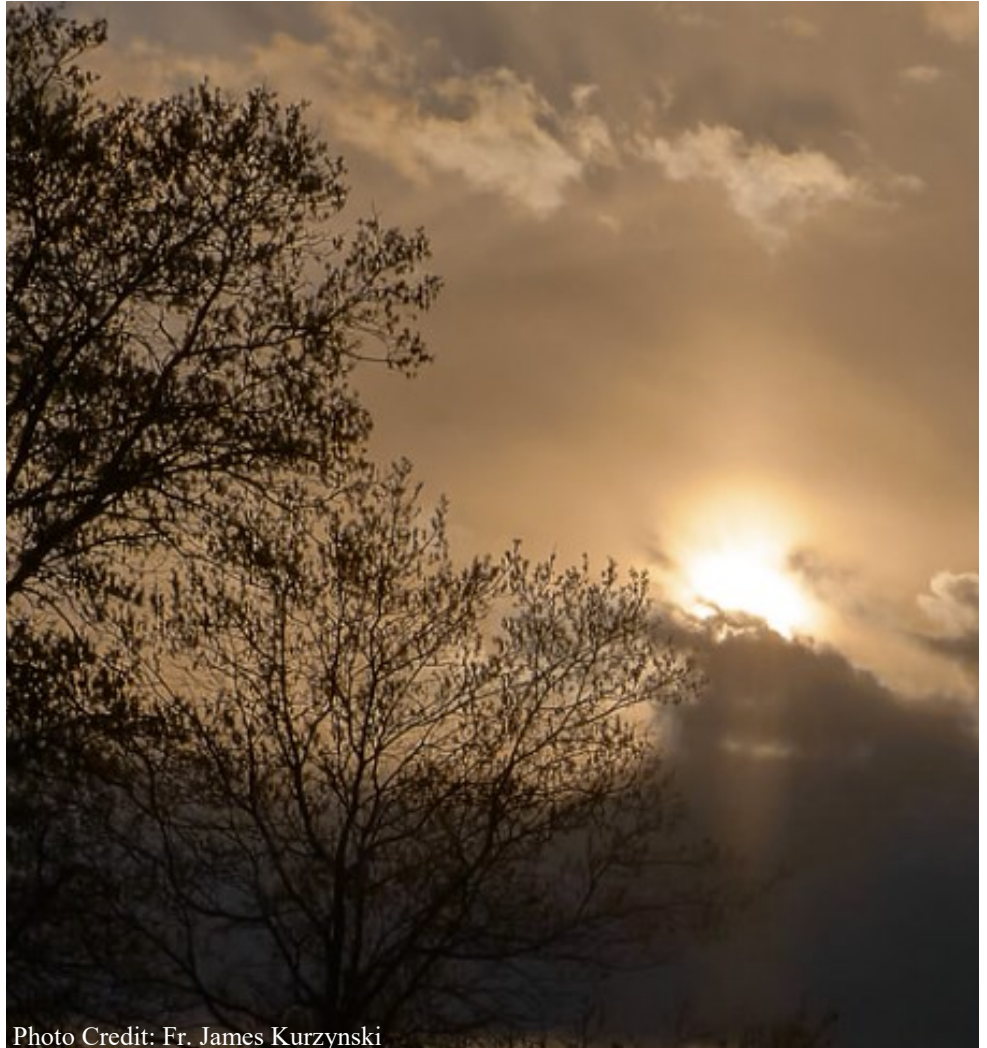


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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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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 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](mailto: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 21, 2024..... \$11,908.00

### Offertory

January 21, 2024..... \$649.00

### Debt Retirement Giving

January 21, 2024..... \$284.00

### 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 5— St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

**NO DAILY MASS**

Tuesday, February 6— St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

8:30 AM † Richard “Dick” Klemik

Wednesday, February 7— Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

8:30 AM † Dick Olson

Thursday, February 8—St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

8:30 AM † Grace and Gerald Ehr

Friday, February 9—Workday

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

8:30 AM † Anton Sundblad

Saturday, February 10—St. Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

5:00 PM † Mike Longsdorf, Calvin Longsdorf & James Heller

Sunday, February 11—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/P1 Cor 10:31–11:1/Mk 1:40-45

8:30 AM † Tena Lahr

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](https://diolc.org/live)

## \$CRIP NOTES & NEWS

CURRENT SALES—JANUARY 22, 2024... \$6,685.00.....<sup>ORDERS</sup>29

SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-12/11/2023) **\$111,671.00**

FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: **\$4,562.20**

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



## TO BENEFIT ST. OLAF WITH MORE SCRIP OPTIONS

Instantly use eGift cards and reloadable Gift cards, and see the latest sales through the app!

Download the Raise Right app for free on Google Play or the App Store.

Questions? Call Michelle Zanon at 715-832-2504 x101



Uber Eats

BARNES & NOBLE

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Explore 400+ brands that offer eGift cards in the RaiseRight™ app and at [RaiseRight.com](https://RaiseRight.com).



## Family Formation & Religious Education

**K-6: March 3, after 8:30 am Mass**

**7-10th Grade: February 14-Ash**

**Wednesday Mass. The students will be filling in roles of liturgical ministers.**

**Confirmation Theme for February: Solidarity**



### 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!



## 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

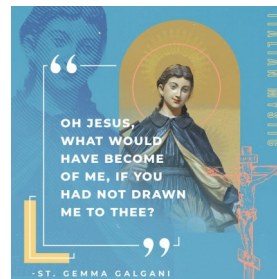
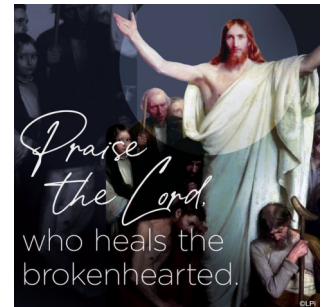
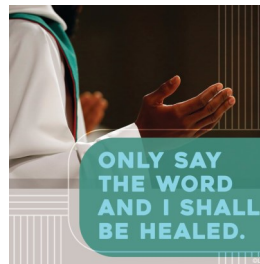
Each month our Knights of Columbus recognize a Family from parishes throughout Eau Claire. The Family of the month is chosen for their efforts in helping out our parish communities in special ways. The recipients for the month of December are Jim and Ann Tunender from Immaculate Conception Parish. Your 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**

Thank you to all who donated to the recent Knights of Columbus lifesaver fundraiser, it was a huge success. Your gifts will help to further a culture of life in our community. Knights of Columbus JFK Council 1257.



**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



**Mass Times: 8:30am  
12pm  
6:30pm**

**Ash Wednesday  
February 14**

## Meetings & Gatherings

Monday - 2/5	Tuesday 2/6	Wednesday - 2/7	Thursday - 2/8	Friday - 2/9	Saturday - 2/10	Sunday - 2/11
NO Daily Mass	8:30am— Mass 6:30pm—RCIA (MR 2) 6:30pm—PCCW Wine and Cheese event	8:30am— Mass 6:15-7:30 - Religious Ed 	8:30am— Mass 5:30pm—Bible Study (GS) 7pm—Choir Rehearsal	8:30am— Mass Parish Offices Closed	5pm— Mass 6:30pm—Valentine's Swing Dance (PC) 	8:30am— Mass 10:30am— Mass

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - FEBRUARY 10 & 11

### 5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Jodi Preston

Servers: Laura Muenich & Joe Heil

### 8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Jay Bouley

Servers: Bonnie Gibson & Milen Pohlen

### 10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Ivy Hartman

Servers: Camden Sedlacek

### 8:30 am Ash Wednesday

Lector: Gina Ostrowski

Servers: TBD

### 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Lector: Jim Baldeshwiler

Servers: TBD

### 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday

Lector: Religious Education Students

Servers: TBD

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

JOIN OUR TEAM!

- \*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.

### Witness the Difference!

Your family could qualify to attend Regis Catholic Schools tuition-free! Applications for the 2024-25 Wisconsin Parental Choice Program are now being accepted.

Family Size	Maximum Yearly Income
1	\$32,076
2	\$43,384
3	\$54,692
4	\$66,000
5	\$77,308
6	\$88,616

For each additional family member, add \$11,308.

**Application Deadline | April 18 at 4 p.m.**  
Questions? Please call (715) 830-2273, ext. 1404.  
[RegisCatholicSchools.com](http://RegisCatholicSchools.com)

**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



## 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**.

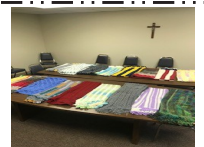
## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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](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

## 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.



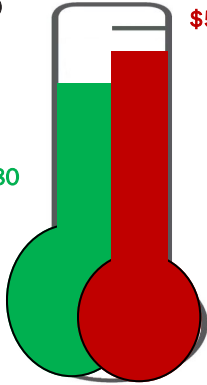


## Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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**

## 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). 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).



## Valentine Swing Dance February 10



**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**



### 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.

Greetings...

I wanted to personally thank you for your generosity! Our Pregnancy Support Program strives to assist any expectant parent or someone who is parenting a young child. Whether that is through support, guidance, or our GRACE Community Bags we are here to offer help. Your donation assists us with that and is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU!

*Melissa Bowe*

Melissa Bowe  
Catholic Charities Director of Family Services



Thank you for your generous gift of \$1000 on 12/11/2023 to the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild. Your prayers and contribution are furthering the legacy of Padre Jose in this Diocese of La Crosse and around the world.

With your investment in the Guild actively supports the canonization efforts of Father Joe, shares the word about the fruits of his missionary spirit including the children at Casa Hogar in Peru, and provides funding for future missionary works in and across the Diocese. Please continue to pray for the canonization of Father Joe, and report any favors granted to you through the asking of the intercession of Father Joe. Any specific prayer requests can be sent to: [frjoesguild.org/prayers](mailto:frjoesguild.org/prayers)

May the miracle of Christmas continue to fill your heart with wonder and joy throughout the year and may God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

Thank you for your support!

In Christ,

*Msgr. Joseph Hirsch*

Msgr. Joseph Hirsch  
Director

In Christ,

*Noel Furger*

Noel Furger  
Director of Development