



MARCH 10, 2024

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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.

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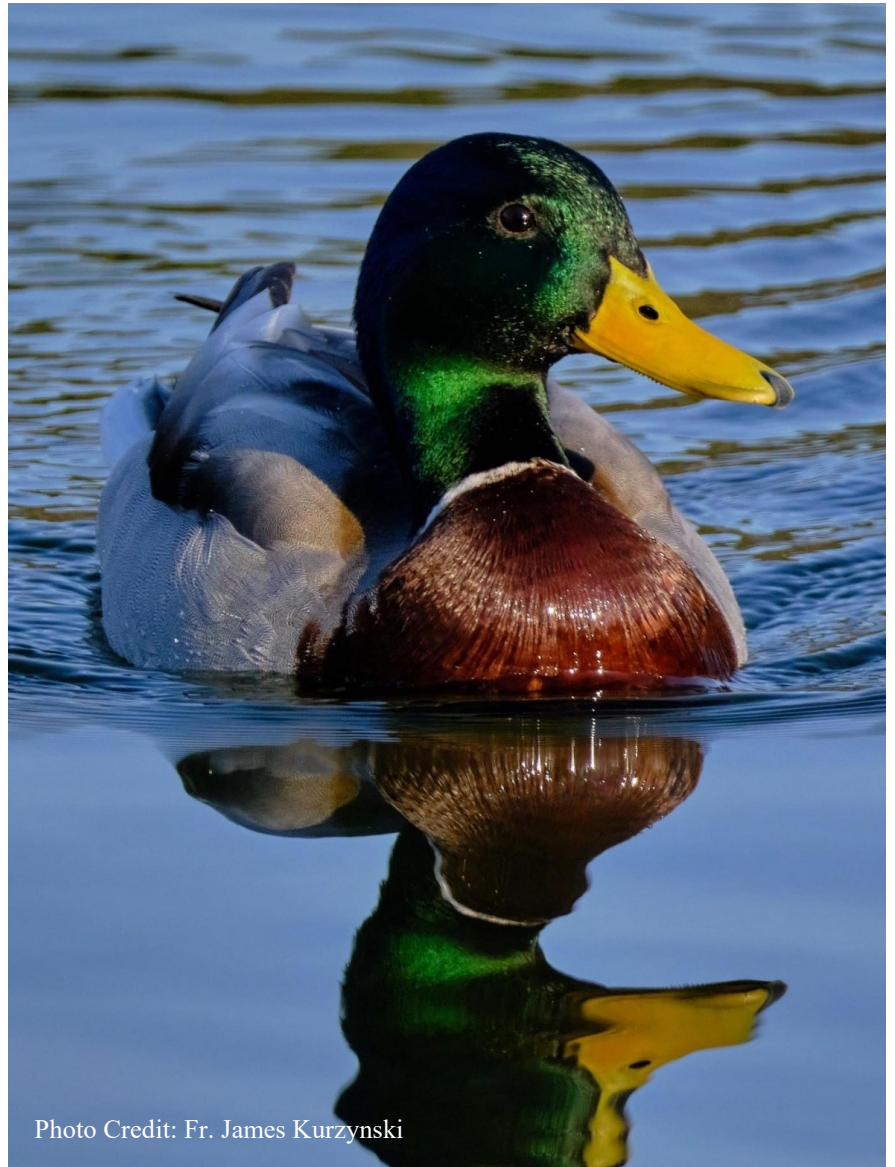


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JOIN US FOR THE
**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**

St. Olaf will have **Stations of the Cross**
Fridays during Lent at
4:00 pm in the Church on
March 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 25, 2024 \$5,119.00

Offertory

February 25, 2024\$636.00

Debt Retirement Giving

February 25, 2024\$240.00

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, March 11— Weekday

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, March 12— Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

8:30 AM † Dory Karker

Wednesday, March 13— Weekday

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

8:30 AM †

Thursday, March 14—Weekday

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

8:30 AM † David Smith

Friday, March 15—Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:30 AM Special Prayer for Regis students going on the Kairos Retreat

Saturday, March 16— Weekday

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

5:00 PM † Betty & Jerry Larson

Sunday, March 17—5th Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

8:30 AM Our Parishioners and guests

10:30 AM † Julie & John Guite

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 19, 2024.— \$6,635.0027

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



Easter Flower Offering...

Please print all information....

\$ _____

From: _____

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Everyday Stewardship 4th Sunday of Lent

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine.

My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go.

But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings and not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it?

Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Family Formation & Religious Education



K-6: April 7th, after 8:30 am Mass, in the [Conference Center](#)

Reminder: First Communion meeting is March 16th
7-10th Grade: March 13

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 at (715) 828 - 8897.

Jesus and the Eucharist Small Group Series for Lent 2024

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.

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.

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.



WELCOMED TO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

Congratulations to:


Jonah John Bogumill

Daughter of Marcus & Lauren Bogumill

Baptized on March 3, 2024.

It is with great joy that we welcome you to God's family!

Meetings & Gatherings

Monday - 3/11	Tuesday 3/12	Wednesday - 3/13	Thursday - 3/14	Friday - 3/15	Saturday - 3/16	Sunday - 3/17
NO Daily Mass	8:30am— Mass 1:30-5:30pm—Community Blood Drive (PC) 6:00pm—PCCW meeting (GS)	8:30am— Mass 6:15 - 7:30—Religious Education 7-10th grade 	8:30am— Mass	Parish Offices Closed 8:30am— Mass 4pm—Stations of the Cross 4-7pm—Fish Fry 11am-11pm-18 Hours for the Lord-Immaculate Conception	6:00am-2pm-18 Hours for the Lord-Immaculate Conception 9:00am—First Communion Prep 5pm— Mass	8:30am— Mass 10:30am— Mass

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - MARCH 16 & 17

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Steve Roesler

Servers: Laura Muenich & Chris McAnarney

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Cathy McCann

Servers: Allie & Gabe Liedl

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Janet Dubec

Servers: Julianna Lemanski-Trujillo & Catherine Lemanski-Trujillo



Wanted: Choir Members

"Address . . . one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart." "He who sings prays twice." (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church).

The St Olaf Choir always welcomes new members. We also need musicians and cantors. We meet every Thursday night at 7 pm and a half hour before each Mass. You don't have to attend every Mass, just the one you prefer. Our music selection for Holy Week is beautiful and inspiring. Please join us. We're a friendly, fun group of people.

Lift your spirits and the rest of the congregation with your musical gift, however big or small, and "sing a new song unto the Lord."

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.



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



Fun Fest 2024



- *Car Show Manager
- *Head Cashier/Financial Assistant
- *Silent Auction Items
- *Volunteers in various areas-Sign up sheets in Gathering Space!

Next Fun Fest Meeting is March 25 at 6:30pm! We meet the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30! Join Us!

Thank you Karen Bergman for volunteering to be our Volunteer coordinator!

Look in the Gathering Space for our Fun Fest Balloon Tree-This will be the last week it is out! Please take an item off the tree and return to the Parish office or put under the tree with the balloon attached!! 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 item or any clearance items from stores you shop at that you think would appeal to children/young adults...any price range within your budget.

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 bloozz and prize blaster.

We would like to have a captain for each game! We are working to increase the number of games we have, but we need volunteers to run them! Please sign up or let Karen/Lori or Amy know you are interested in helping with games and we will be in contact!!!!

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.

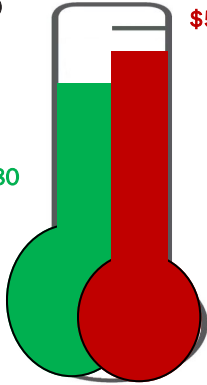


Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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**



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 Knight's 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, walk-ins are always welcome!

Hot Lunch will be served.



Bernadette "Bernie" Hull has created 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		



PCCW Mission Bake Sale March 16th and 17th

The annual Mission Bake Sale will be held March 16th and 17th. All proceeds from the bake sale goes to the Casa Hogar Orphanage. This has become an annual fund raiser for the Orphanage's milk fund. The bakers of the parish have always provided us with a great variety of baked goods. Please be generous in your support of this event by buying these goods.

FREE WILL OFFERING

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Gathering Space for helpers. Please check it out to see if you can be of help. The PCCW appreciates any & all help that is provided.

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

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