



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.*

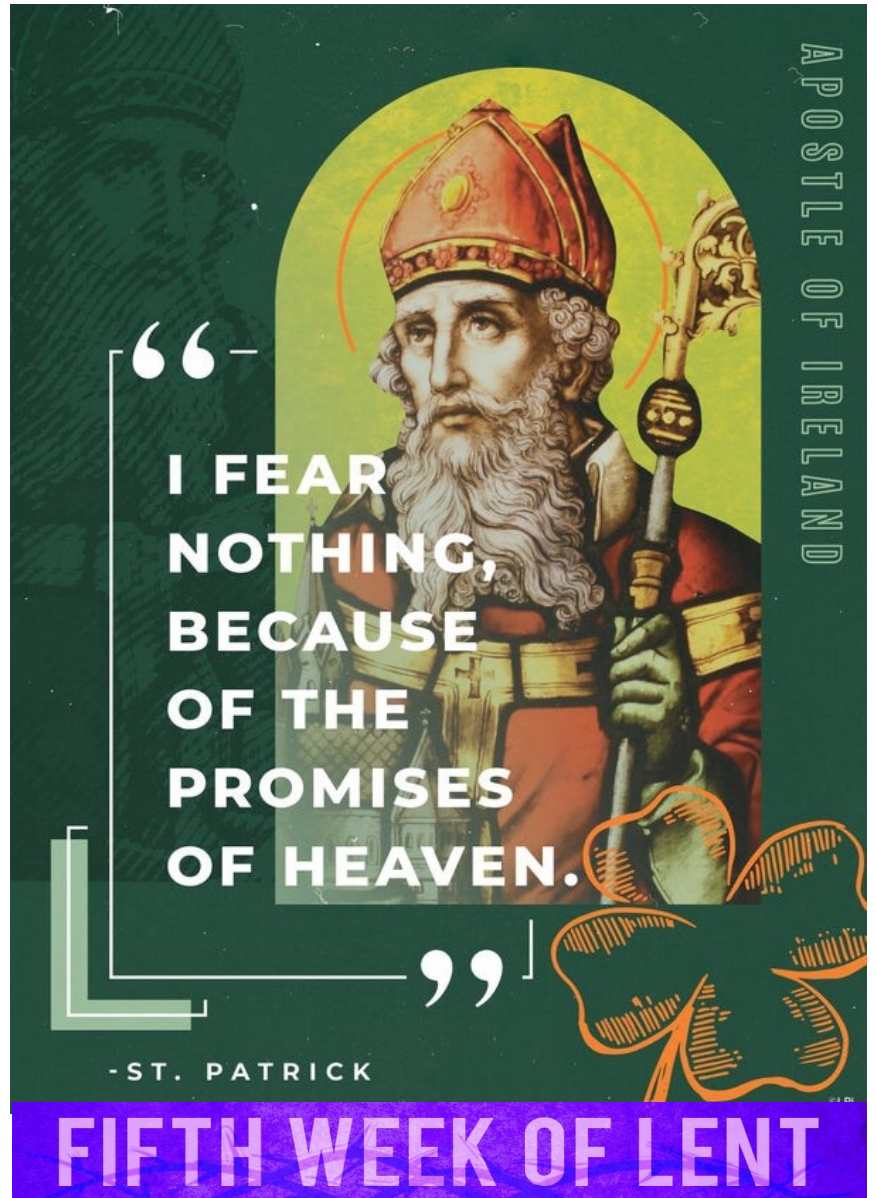
We live & proclaim the Gospel through prayer, liturgy & action.

*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.

MARCH 17, 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 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 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

March 10, 2024..... \$3,613.00

Offertory

March 10, 2024.....\$633.00

Debt Retirement Giving

March 10, 2024.....\$50.00

Year to Date February 2024

Adult Envelope/Holy Days.....\$319,755.82

Amount budgeted.....\$328,000.00

Offertory\$22,747.88

Amount budgeted.....\$10,250.00

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 18— St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, March 19— St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

8:30 AM † Richard Quetsch

Wednesday, March 20— Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

8:30 AM † Bill Beckwith

Thursday, March 21—Weekday

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

8:30 AM † Tina & Gene Lahr

Friday, March 22—Weekday

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

8:30 AM † Shawn Gibson

Saturday, March 23— St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

5:00 PM † Shawn Gibson

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

8:30 AM Our Parishioners and guests

10:30 AM † Elaine Sydekjo

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

\$SCRIP NOTES & NEWS

CURRENT SALES—MARCH 5, 2024.— \$6,040.00 32

SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-2/5/2024) \$130,774.00

FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: \$6,327.00

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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Lost in the Crowd

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33



26th Annual St. Peter
Chicken Dinner
Chicken & Dressing with
all the Trimmings & Pie
St. Peter's Catholic Church
CITY HWY Q | TOLSON
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
4-6:30 p.m.
(PER DINER PRICE)
Adults - \$12 | Children (6-12) - \$8 | Preschool - Free
Carry-outs available (no call-ins)
Featuring 2 carry-out lines for faster service!
CO-SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC FINANCIAL LIFE
Handicap Accessible | 11558 Hwy Q | Chippewa Falls, WI



The Chippewa Falls Knights of Columbus #974 will be holding our annual all you can eat **Smelt Feed** open to the public, on Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at the Chippewa KC Hall, 236 Pumphouse Road in Chippewa Falls. We will be serving a delicious meal of deep fried smelt, cole slaw, baked beans and homemade bread with refreshments for \$15.00 at the door. All who attend will be eligible for Cash drawing prizes. We will be holding several raffles throughout the evening. Smelt Feed is from 4:30P.M. until gone.

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.



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.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



ST. OLAF HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 pm
Good Friday, March 29 - 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday, the Great Easter Vigil, March 30 - 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday, March 31 - 8:30 & 10:30 am

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



Meetings & Gatherings

Monday - 3/18	Tuesday 3/19	Wednesday - 3/20	Thursday - 3/21	Friday - 3/22	Saturday - 3/23	Sunday - 3/24
NO Daily Mass	8:30am— Mass	8:30am— Mass 6:15 - 7:30pm—Religious Education 7-10th grade	8:30am— Mass 6:30pm—Choir Rehearsal in Church	Parish Offices Closed 8:30am— Mass 4pm—Stations of the Cross 4-7pm—Fish Fry	5pm— Mass	8:30am— Mass 10:30am— Mass
						

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - MARCH 23 & 24

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Sue Schamberger & Brad Kupczak

Servers: Janet McAnarney & Joe Heil

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Mark Vaughn & Jay Bouley

Servers: Lily Knutson & Bonnie Gibson

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Jason Gibson & Janet Dubec

Servers: Charles Gibson & Marcus Romack

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

*Car Show Manager

*Money Counters

*Volunteers in various areas-Sign up sheets in Gathering Space!

Thank you for donating game prizes! We are going to have GREAT prizes for our games this Fun Fest!! See you May 19th!!!

Rumor has it, we will be having popcorn and cotton candy. Thank you to Emma Baumann for volunteering to be the Chairperson for the Cotton Candy Machine. Thank you to the PCCW for volunteering to cover for the cotton candy supplies.

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 to Bonnie Gibson for volunteering to be the Fun Fest Cashiers Office Head Cashier/Financial Assistance!

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.



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."

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

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.

Jesus and the Eucharist Small Group Series for Lent 2024

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.

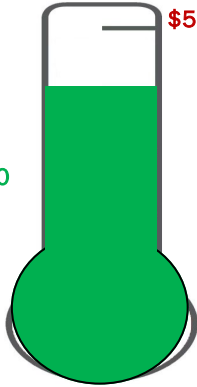


Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Disbursements as of March 11, 2024

Total Received	\$334,599.80
Diocese of La Crosse 2022 DAA Share	\$ 73,425.00
Diocese of La Crosse Curia & Foundation	\$ 52,234.96
St. Olaf Parish Share	\$208.939.84

\$580,000.00



\$547,735.46

\$334,599.80

**INSPIRED BY
THE SPIRIT as of
3/11/2024**

**Parish Goal:
\$580,000.00**

**Pledged to date
from 174
Families:
\$547,735.46
94.4% of Goal**

**Received to date:
\$334,599.80**

Family Formation & Religious Education

K-6: April 7th, after 8:30 am Mass,
in the Conference Center

7-10th Grade: March 20

Confirmation Theme for March: Dignity of Human Work

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



Easter Flower Offering...

Please print all information....

\$ _____

From: _____

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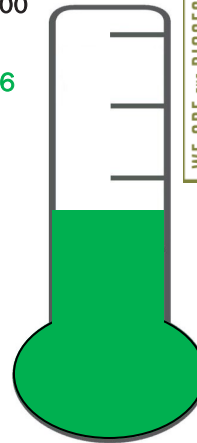
Lenten Regulations:

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.

*"Where one alone may be overcome,
two together can resist.
A three-ply cord is not easily broken."*

\$78,080.00

29,858.56



**DAA UPDATE as of
3/29/2022**

**Parish Responsibility:
\$78,080.00**

**Received to date:
29,858.56**

**Donations needed to
reach Responsibility:
\$48,221.44**



Easter Flower Donations



IN MEMORY OF:

Bob & Judy Sires
Bert & Jeanette Seibel
Walt & Rose Schwartz
Harriet, Elmo and Thomas Korn

FROM:

Nancy Sires
Tom & Joan Schwartz
Tom & Joan Schwartz
William Korn

