



MARCH 24, 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.

Empowered by our Baptism, we give witness to the values of Christian unity, service, compassion & justice.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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Questions about St. Olaf

A Testament to Christ

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday: 9 am to 5 pm

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

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 25— Weekday

Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, March 26— Weekday

Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

8:30 AM † Richard Quetsch

Wednesday, March 27— Weekday

Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

8:30 AM † Annette Chura

Thursday, March 28—Holy Thursday

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

7pm † Donald Logeais

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

Is 52:13–53:12/(Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday, March 30— Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ex 14:15–15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32–4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/ Mk 16:1-7

8:00 PM † Betty Fraker

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

8:30 AM Our Parishioners and guests

10:30 AM † Rick Halquist

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

ORDERS

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 MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY -LAST OF THE SEASON!!

April 5

Serving hours are 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Menu includes: beer-battered fried or baked fish, French fries or baked potato, vegetables, coleslaw, & salad bar.

Cost is \$14 for all adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, kids 4 & under are free.

Carry-outs will also be available.





The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything. But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

“His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.” — John 12:16

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 **Betty Fraker** 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.



26th Annual St. Peter
Chicken Dinner
Chicken & Dressing with all the Trimmings & Pie
St. Peter's Catholic Church
CITY HWY. Q | TILDEN
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
4-6:30 p.m.
(PER DINNER 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 | 11358 Hwy. Q | Chippewa Falls, WI

Meetings & Gatherings

Monday - 3/25	Tuesday 3/26	Wednesday - 3/27	Thursday - 3/28	Friday - 3/29	Saturday - 3/30	Sunday - 3/31
NO Daily Mass 6:30pm—Fun Fest Meeting (MR3)	8:30am— Mass	8:30am— Mass	7pm— Mass	Parish Offices Closed 3pm— Mass	8pm— Easter Vigil Mass	8:30am— Easter Mass 10:30am— Easter Mass

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - MARCH 30 & 31

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



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.



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.

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.



DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE.

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies & procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate & compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish & on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse & the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

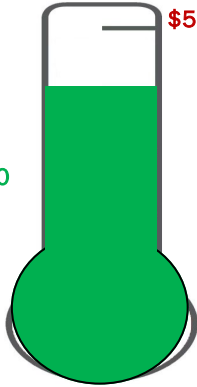


Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

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: April 3

Confirmation Theme for April: Care for Creation



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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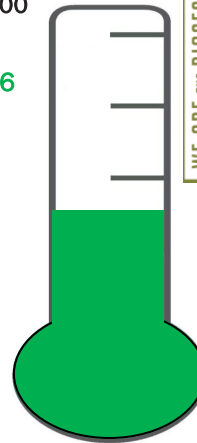
Lenten Regulations:

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

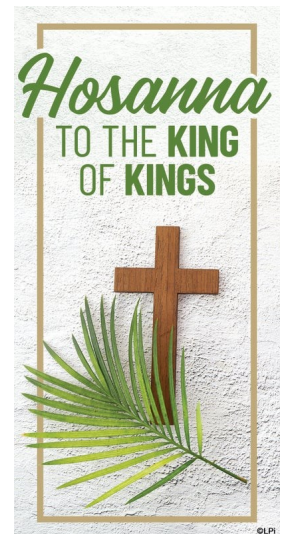


**DAA UPDATE as of
3/29/2022**

**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
LeRoy Kack
Ruth Vogel
Mike & Marlin (Pete) Anderson
Walter & Doris Karker
Tom & Kay Karker

FROM:

Nancy Sires
Tom & Joan Schwartz
Tom & Joan Schwartz
William Korn
The Pohlens
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Deb & Pat Karker
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