



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.

APRIL 21, 2024

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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 Zanoni. 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

April 7, 2024 \$3,481.00

Offertory

April 7, 2024 \$1,303.02

Debt Retirement Giving

April 7, 2024 \$160.00

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 22— Earth Day

Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

NO DAILY MASS

Tuesday, April 23— St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

8:30 AM †

Wednesday, April 24—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day

Acts 12:24–13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

8:30 AM †

Thursday, April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

8:30 AM †

Friday, April 26—Arbor Day

Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

8:30 AM †

Saturday, April 27— Weekday

Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

5:00 PM Our Parishioners and guests

Sunday, April 28—5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

8:30 AM †Leonard & Ann Kinnick

10:30 AM † Gene & Hilde Ploskonka

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office at 715-832-2504 x100. Suggested stipend is \$10/Mass

@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—APRIL 1, 2024— \$6225.00

ORDERS
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SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/23-2/5/2024) \$146,498.00

FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH: \$6,345.32

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 Zanoni at 715-832-2504 x101



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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.

Caring for Your Loved One at Home

A Skills Fair for Family Caregivers

PRESENTED BY THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY DEMENTIA COALITION

Thursday, May 9, 2024 • 8AM - 3PM

Jacob's Well Church • 989 122nd St • Chippewa Falls
Centrally located between Chippewa and Eau Claire County!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Family caregiver of a spouse, adult child, parent, friend or neighbor who is living with dementia, Parkinson's disease, stroke, etc.

EVENT DETAILS

This Family Caregiver Skills Fair will help you learn practical skills with hands-on demonstrations by a registered nurse and physical, occupational, and speech therapists. Caregivers will learn how to provide everyday care for their loved ones. Visit the vendors with a variety of community resources too.

TOPICS COVERED

- Oral Care • Handling Medications
 - Bathing & Dressing • Incontinence Management
 - Body Mechanics and Transfer Equipment Demos
 - Adaptive Equipment and More!
- Plus, presentations on *Mapping Out Your Caregiver Support Options*; *Reflections of the Day*; and *Dementia Live* (a simulation experience that immerses participants into what it might be like to live with dementia, resulting in deeper understanding and empathy).

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MAY 2

Online: <http://www.adrcvents.org>
Call: 715-839-4735

Thanks to our generous sponsors, a light breakfast and lunch are provided at this no-fee event. Goodie bags and door prizes too! **You must register by May 2 and commit to attending.**

"Thank you so much for this event! It helped me feel more confident in my skills and knowledge. Most importantly, it provided a network of support for me going forward, thank you!"
-2023 Caregiver Attendee

EVENT COORDINATORS



Brother Knights:

Our next Council meeting will be held Tuesday May 14th, at 7 p.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 March are Paul and Lynn Beutz of Sacred Heart / St Patricks Parish. Your Time and Talent is appreciated. The Knights also pick a Knight of the Month and for March it is John Delesry from Immaculate Conception Parish. 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

Holy Treasures Rummage Sale

The KC Immaculate Conception Parish Round Table will be holding a one day Rummage Sale on Saturday May 18th in conjunction with the annual City wide East Hill Rummage Sale. Over the next several weeks we invite you to start getting your gently used and unwanted items together for our sale. We will have 2 drop off days only, May 16th and May 17th from 3 PM to 6 PM. Bring your donated items to the Sherwin Avenue entrance by Mary's Grotto. We will have volunteers there to accept donations. **Only clean, usable, intact items will be accepted.** Items not accepted: anything stained, broken or chipped, clothing, linens, books, electronics, large furniture & appliances. Please honor our request as space is limited. Food and beverages will be available on the day of the sale. Questions call Mike @ 715-279-2439 or Gary @ 920-946-1463.

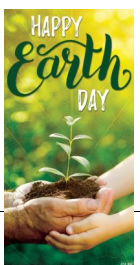
Pilgrimage to Poland - See the Catholic Treasure of Poland!

Please join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit www.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295

Thank you for assisting our Men's Club with successful Fish Frys! We look forward to serving you in the fall!



May 14th
PCCW Women's Appreciation Dinner
5pm Appetizers
Meal to Follow
Sign Up in Gathering Space



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Lorraine A. Dwyer & Susan Staves** 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.

WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

Meetings & Gatherings

Monday - 4/22	Tuesday 4/23	Wednesday - 4/24	Thursday - 4/25	Friday - 4/26	Saturday - 4/27	Sunday - 4/28
NO Daily Mass 6:30pm—Fun Fest meeting (CR3)	8:30am— Mass	8:30am— Mass 6:00-8:00pm—Confirmation Retreat (10th grade only)	8:30am— Mass	Parish Offices Closed	5pm— Mass	8:30am— Mass 10:30am— Mass

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - APRIL 27-28

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Dave Teslaw

Servers: Janet McAnarney & Joe Heil

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Jay Bouley

Servers: Allie & Gabe Liedl

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Stacey Knudson

Servers: Charles Gibson & Addison Polzer



Fun Fest 2024

- *Car Show Manager
- * Money Counters
- *Volunteers in various areas-Sign up sheets in Gathering Space!

First - we want to say **Thank You!**

Thank You to everyone that has volunteered to be on the committee, that has signed up to help at Fun Fest, that has donated items for the silent auction and/or games, for the cotton candy machine and supplies, donated pork and other items for the meals, picked up their raffle tickets, and donated money to cover the face painter and balloon artist/juggler and more!

Fun Fest is right around the corner! May 19th from 11 to 3 - with raffle drawing at 3:05 pm.

If you have been waiting/ now is the time to go put your name on the signup board! We need to get all those blank spots filled up.

Do you like to bake? Plan on bringing in your wonderful cakes and desserts and note on them if they are for the dinner or the cake walk. We really appreciate all the wonderful treats each year!

We are excited that Father's brother Ray is doing the grilling for the pork dinner! Plus Father is working on perfecting a dish for the dinner. A thank you to Father and his brother for the pork and cooking for Fun Fest.

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.

**See you May 19th!
11-3pm!!!**

St. Olaf Men's Club Membership News:

Congratulations to Dennis Gloudesmans-President
Dave Roubal-Secretary.

Thank you Gene Tremblay (former President) and Scott Krieger (former Secretary) on your years of service!!!!

Men's Club Appreciation Dinner May 6th

Annual Plant and Bulb Sale at St. Joseph Catholic Church, E9265 State Road 85, Mondovi, WI (really at Rock Falls) Saturday, May 4th, 10 AM to 2PM. Sale is in the church parking lot behind the church. There will be many plants at reasonable prices. Also, a bake sale. Questions, Call Jenny Gruber (715-456-5587) or Linda Dekan (715-875-4837).

Rose Sale on Mother's Day Weekend

The Eau Claire County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life is holding its annual Rose Sale after the Masses on Mother's Day weekend. The beauty & delicacy of the rose reminds us of the dignity of each human life; its red color & thorns reminds us of the untold lives lost to abortion. Please consider purchasing a rose for the special woman in your life or in memory of that special person. Suggested donation: \$3 each or two for \$5.



Urgent Need for Host Families

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in the life of another person?

Global Outreach is a Catholic student exchange program which brings students from Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine to the United States for a year of study at Catholic high schools.

Students arrive in early August and return about June 15 after the school year. The host family's commitment is to provide room, board, transportation, and the setting of a loving and supportive home environment.

To learn more, contact Barbara Tota-Boryczka, Global Outreach Program Director, at (920) 540-3085 or barbara.totaboryczka@globaloutreachprogram.com or Fr. Larry Seidl, Global Outreach Spiritual Director, at (920) 412-0320 or lseidl1949@gmail.com.



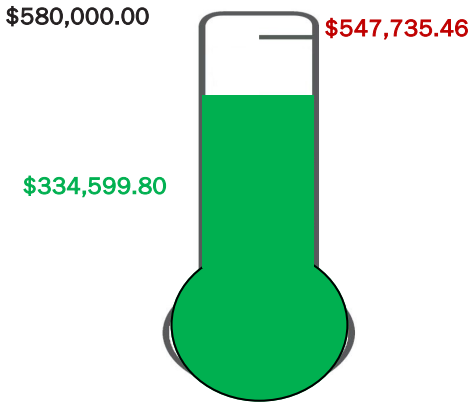
Retreat Info

Jesus said "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Are you willing but your cross is heavy? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.



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



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



10th Grade: April 24 Confirmation Retreat
 Confirmation Theme for April: Care for Creation



"Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" (CGS) is a Montessori based religious formation program that helps small children to learn about and most importantly, to love God. Although beautiful for all ages, 3-6 year olds will be the age group we serve in Eau Claire. CHS seeks to create and facilitate a sacred space for children in which the child and the catechist can hear, ponder and celebrate God and the essentials of the Catholic faith. The weekend of April 27-28, next weekend, there will be a display and a 10 minute presentation following all masses to introduce this program, answer questions and gauge interest for classes beginning next fall. For questions contact Beth Okas 715-577-4011 or Kathy Krieger 715-271-4482. Thanks!

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



DAA UPDATE as of 3/29/2024
Parish Responsibility: \$78,080.00
Received to date: 29,858.56
Donations needed to reach Responsibility: \$48,221.44

Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club Spring Banquet - May 6th at Wild Ridge.
 Menu - Roasted Pork, Baby Reds, Carrots, Salad & Dessert
 Cost is \$25. Make checks payable to Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club & mail payment to Judy St. Arnault, 3718 Gables Court, Eau Claire WI 54701 by April 22nd.
 Social Hour - 5:00, Dinner - 6:00 followed by a Style Show featuring clothing from 'Daily Thread'.
 Join us for a fun evening and bring a friend.
 If you have any questions contact Renee Liming (715) 379-6782.

Everyday Stewardship: Lead by Example
 --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless. Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example.

Eau Freedom FUN RUN & FEST
SAVE THE DATE
 July 24, 2024 | 5pm - 8pm | Carson Park
 Fun Run, Food Trucks, Vendors & More!
eaufreedom.org

Regis ScRambler
20 24
 Golf Outing
Saturday, June 15
Lake Hallie Golf Course
Hurry!
 Space is limited!
 The registration deadline is Friday, June 7.

