



A Testament to Christ

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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.

DECEMBER 26, 2021

We, the Catholic family of St. Olaf, believe ours is the mission of Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic family of St. Olaf, believe ours is the mission of Jesus Christ.

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

We accept the challenge to live in the Gospel, to love others as Christ loves us, and to be models of Christian stewardship.

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



Questions about St. Olaf

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 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 and make an appointment to register with Rhonda Nispel or Robin Johengen.. Their schedules are flexible so you can meet at your convenience.

PENANCE

Saturdays 4:15-4:45 PM or by appointment with Pastor. Communal celebrations and individual Reconciliation are held during the seasons of Advent and 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)
- Ruth La Liberte 715-835-7055 (afternoons)
- Prayer contact needed: (evenings-5 pm to 9 pm)
- 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 Giving

December 12, 2021\$5440.00

Offertory

December 12, 2021\$238.00

Debt Retirement Giving

December 12, 2021\$369.00

Year to date November 2021

Adult Envelope/Holy Days \$200,953.73

Amount budgeted \$201,900.00

Offertory \$4,208.25

Amount budgeted \$7,900.00

Thank You.

To everyone who is continuing to send in their weekly and monthly contributions a big thank you! Your commitment to St. Olaf is greatly appreciated. You are all in our prayers and will continue to be as we navigate this journey we are all on.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
NO MASS

Tuesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
NO MASS

Thursday, December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
NO MASS

Friday, December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
NO MASS

Saturday, January 1 -New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
5:00 PM † David Smith

Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
8:30 AM Our Parishioners & Guests
10:30 AM † Elderly of the Parish

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

We are offering a live stream option for Mass. The Mass will be posted to the St. Olaf YouTube channel before 5:00pm each Saturday, and you will be able to access by choosing the Mass Videos link on the website once it is posted:

<http://saintolafparish.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2022 ARE NOW OPEN

If you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact Alison in the parish office at 715-832-2504 x100 or solaf@saintolafparish.org

The suggested offering for an intention is \$10.

SCRIP NEWS

If you are interested in purchasing Scrip you may call the parish office (715-832-2504, 100) to see if we have it in stock at this time. If we do you may place an order over the phone and we will have it ready for you to pay for at the time of pick-up. We will be selling only what is in stock at this time.



\$CRIP NOTES & NEWS

		ORDERS
CURRENT SALES - NOV. 30, 2021	\$9,110.00	28
CURRENT SALES - DEC. 13, 2021	\$7,760.00	31
SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/21-6/30/2022)	\$60,207.00	
FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH:	\$2,602.23	

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 and those just in need of comfort and healing in any way.



Loving hearts and hands make up the St. Olaf Prayer Shawl Ministry, sharing simple gifts with those who are in need of comfort and healing. If you or someone you know would be comforted with a prayer shawl, contact Rhonda Nispel at 715-832-2504 x 101

BEACON HOUSE DATES

These are the upcoming dates in 2022 for St. Olaf helping at Beacon House: March 6 - 12, June 5 - 11, Sept. 18 - 24, Nov. 27 - Dec. 3. Please, keep these dates in mind and check the sign up boards to see where you might be able to volunteer.



HELP THOSE DEVASTATED BY THE RECENT TORNADOES

Assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states. Visit Catholic Charities' website - CCLSE.org - click on "Donate Today" and enter "tornado relief" and your gift amount in the "general donations" box.



PCCW JANUARY POTLUCK DINNER

The PCCW will be holding their **POTLUCK DINNER** on **January 4th, 2022**. Please mark your calendars to attend this great night out. You don't want to miss this. Signup sheets will be posted in the Gathering Space please sign up to bring your favorite food item.



FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY

Baskets have been placed up near the altar for food donations. If you want to donate non-perishable food items, please place donations in the baskets either before or after mass. These will be brought to the St. Francis Food Pantry. **Thank you for your generosity!**



St. Olaf Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 3, 2022



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

By Fr. James Kurzynski

Last year, I spoke of how Advent took on special meaning as we not only anticipated the coming of Jesus Christ, but also rejoiced that our time of being able to return to Mass had begun. This year, I feel a similar joy as many of you may be experiencing your first family Christmas in two years. In that spirit, enjoy your families and have a most blessed Christmas!

For me, I am facing the occupational hazard of being priest. Christmas falls on a Saturday this year so I will not be able to visit my parents. That being said, I still will be with family on Christmas Day. And that family is you. Thank you for being my spiritual family as your pastor. Thank you for allowing me to walk with you through these challenging days. And thank you for being my Christmas gift this year by simply being faithful to Christ as members of St. Olaf Parish.



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Meetings and Gatherings

Monday - 12/27	Tuesday - 12/28	Wednesday - 12/29	Thursday - 12/30	Friday - 12/31	Saturday - 1/1	Sunday - 1/2
		No Religious Ed.		Parish Offices Closed	5:00 PM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

Evenings of Grace

Join Us at St. Olaf's for two faith experiences.

Sacred Silence

Join us for an hour of quiet with the Lord. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament on one Wednesday every month and invite any parishioner and non-parishioner to come and enjoy a time of silence. Fr. James will provide reflective praise and worship music intermittently through the hour along with spiritual meditations. Dates will be:

Wednesdays: October 20th, November 17th, December 15th, January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, and April 20th (6:30-7:30pm)

Sacred Word

Join us once a month to explore the Sunday Gospels for the upcoming month. Fr. James will discuss how the Gospels connect from week to week to help deepen your understanding of the Bible and enrich your experience of encountering Scripture during Mass.

Wednesdays: October 27th, November 24th, January 26th, February 23rd, March 30th, April 27th (6:30-7:30pm)

Address: 3220 Monroe Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703

ST OLAF MEN'S CLUB FISH FRYS FOR 2022—50TH YEAR!!

The St. Olaf Men's Club invites you back inside the Parish Center for the return of our *All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry*, beginning **January 7, 2022**. Serving hours are the usual 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Menu includes beer-battered fried or baked Pollock, French fries or baked potato, vegetables, coleslaw, and salad bar. Cost is \$14 for all adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, kids 4 and under are free. Carry-outs will be available for just \$12. St. Olaf Catholic Church, 2407 North Lane, Eau Claire, WI.



Future Dates:

Jan 21...Feb 4 & 18...Mar 4 & 18... April 1 & 22

WEATHER POLICY

In the case of inclement weather, if the Eau Claire Area School District is closed, the St. Olaf Parish Offices will not be open **AND** there will not be daily Mass offered. In the event of a 2 hour delay there will be Daily Mass offered and 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.



CHALICE OF MERCY UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER JAN. 8 (5:30-9:00 PM)

Each year, Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, a pro-life mission to Ukraine, hosts a Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the **Lillydale Event Center** in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this delicious, multicourse meal served by young people in full Ukrainian garb, go to benefit the work of the mission.



To learn more, visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy.

Christmas Flowers

In Memory of:

Catherine & Ray Peterson	by: Basil & Anne Hargrave-Thomas
Deceased Members of Barney Family	by: Mary Barney
Walter & Rose Schwartz	by: Tom & Joan Schwartz
Bert & Jeanette Seibel	by: Tom & Joan Schwartz
Mary Frances Berchtold	by: Tom & Joan Schwartz
Barb Dunham	by: Tom & Joan Schwartz
Paul Seibel	by: Tom & Joan Schwartz
Deceased Members of Langel Family	by: Wally Swoboda
Deceased Members of Swoboda Family	by: Wally Swoboda
Terumi Wanserski	by: George Wanserski
In Honor of Helen & Ansel Kocken	by: Gregory & Sarah Kocken
David R. Smith	by: Lori Smith
Harold & Carole Cook	by: Lori Smith
Russell & Coletta Smith	by: Lori Smith
The Krogman Family	by: Shirley Krogman
Chad Anderson	by: Shirley Krogman
Walter & Bernice Olson	by: Deb Sundblad
Anton & Rosalind Sundblad	by: Deb Sundblad
Edwin & Lorraine Wander	by: Bonnie Wander
Don & Dolores Jensen	by: Shawn & Karen Bergeman
David Staves	by: Susan J. Staves
Charles Kampa	by: Susan J. Staves
Deceased Members of Fahrman Family	by: Rhonda & Bill Nispel
Deceased Members of Nispel Family	by: Rhonda & Bill Nispel



END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to St. Olaf Parish this past year. In order for your contributions to be posted to 2021, we would appreciate receiving them by **4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.**

WELCOMED TO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM



Congratulations to: Aubrey Jean Butera
daughter of Caleb & Julie Butera,
December 19, 2021 after 10:30 Mass

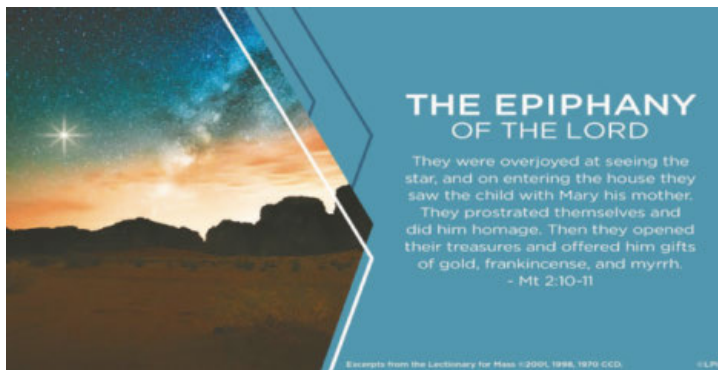
It is with great joy that we welcome you
to God's family!

HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

NEW YEAR'S DAY: 5:00 PM

MAKE A PLANNED GIFT

We hope that you will consider including the St. Olaf Parish in your estate or financial plans for the future



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and Merry Christmas! May Christ's peace reign in your hearts and in your homes! Serving you in the name of Christ is an honor and a privilege. May 2022 be another year of grace for all of us!

Fr. James Kelly
Robin *Rhonda* *Andrea* *Dee* *Alison*



Christmas Flower Offering

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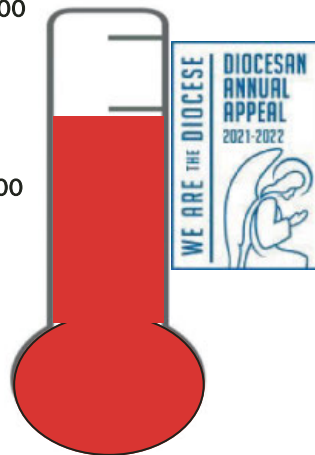
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 IS YOU AND ME

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DAA UPDATE as of
 12/16/2021
 Parish Responsibility:
\$71,890.00
 Pledged to date from
 140 families:
\$43,985.00
 Needed to reach
 Parish Responsibility:
\$27,905.00

PLEASE, REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS. IF YOU HAVE MISPLACED YOUR CARD, CONTACT ALISON IN THE PARISH OFFICE. 715-832-2504, x100

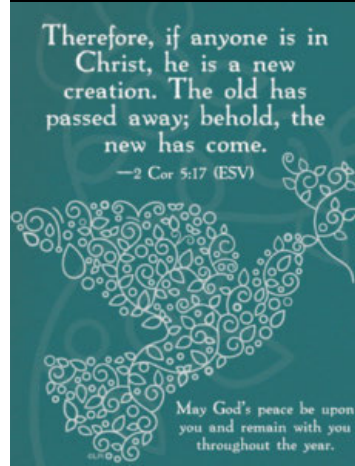


January 1, 2022

Mary, Mother of God



World Day of Peace





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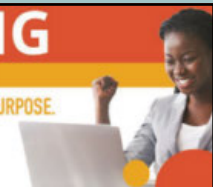
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