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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.

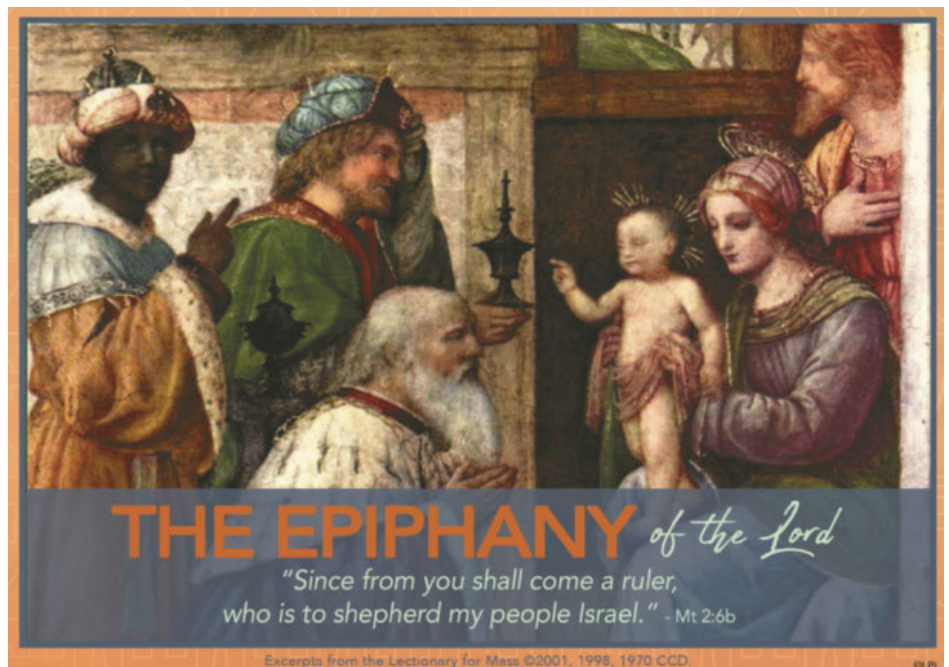
JANUARY 2, 2022

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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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 bddoesler@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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 3:22–4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
8:30 AM † Jerome & Mavis Fahrman

Wednesday, January 5 - St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
8:30 AM † Lester Olson

Thursday, January 6 – St. André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
8:30 AM † Paul Krogman

Friday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
8:30 AM † Charles E. Kampa

Saturday, January 8 –Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
5:00 PM † Terumi Wanserski

Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
8:30 AM † Deceased Members of the Men’s Club
10:30 AM Our Parishioners & Guests

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.



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.

\$SCRIP NOTES & NEWS

CURRENT SALES - DEC. 16, 2021	\$7,620.00	ORDERS	14
SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/21-6/30/2022)	\$67,760.00		
FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH:	\$3,009.06		

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

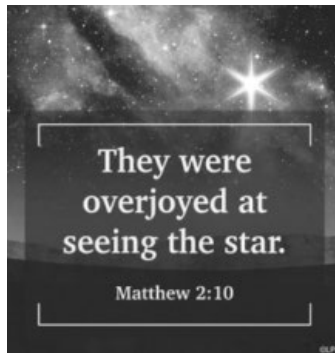
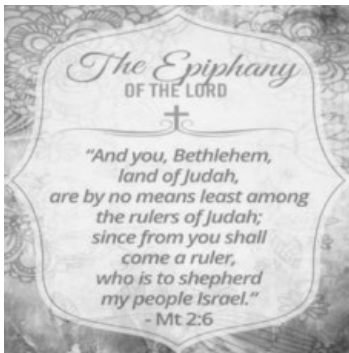
BEACON HOUSE DATES

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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bonnie Zais**, who has recently died. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to their family.

Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.



PCCW JANUARY POTLUCK DINNER

The PCCW will be holding their **POTLUCK DINNER** on **January 4th, 2022 at 6:00p.m.** 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.



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



A few weeks ago, I shared with you that Pope Francis is having a special synod in which parishes are to participate. The idea is that the Pope wants parishes to communicate about core issues of parish life for the sake of developing a culture of "Synodality." What does that mean? Essentially, it means an

inclusionary attitude of listening to those who may not always be listened to, in order to help us better understand the Church.

Included in the bulletin this week, there is a questionnaire we would invite you as parishioners to reflect upon. The questions have been put together by the Parish Council and reflect core principles of the Catholic faith. Our hope is to have a large number of parishioners and non-parishioners respond to these questions (feel free to share them with friends who are non-parishioners, including non-Catholics).

We have designated a reporter to take these responses, summarize them, and send them to the Diocesan representative who will then send them to Rome. The summaries will also be shared with parishioners to help us understand how we can use the Synod as a means to help build up St. Olaf Parish.

In that spirit, I would ask you to prayerfully reflect on these questions. Type (or write) out answers to these questions and send them to the parish office. We would like to have them returned by the **24th of January**. This will give our reporter enough time to summarize the responses and send them to the Diocese.

We will then provide a copy of the summary to the parish so we can continue to reflect on this important question: *What is God asking of us as St. Olaf Parish?*

**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.



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

Meetings and Gatherings

Monday - 1/3	Tuesday - 1/4	Wednesday - 1/5	Thursday - 1/6	Friday - 1/7	Saturday - 1/8	Sunday - 1/9
Parish Offices Closed	6 PM PCCW Pot Luck (PC) 6:30 PM RCIA (MR 2)	6:15-7:30 PM Religious Ed.	3 PM Fish Fry Set-Up	Parish Offices Closed 4-7 PM Fish Fry (PC)	4:15-4:45 PM Confessions 5PM 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 23th, 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.



EPIPHANY



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

GOSPEL

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.



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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
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Harold & Carole Cook	by: Lori Smith
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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
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Tom Hamm	by: Rosanne Hartung
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Jerry Hoehl	by: Sharon Hoehl
Darin Bowe	by: Sharon Hoehl



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON | JANUARY 4



The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

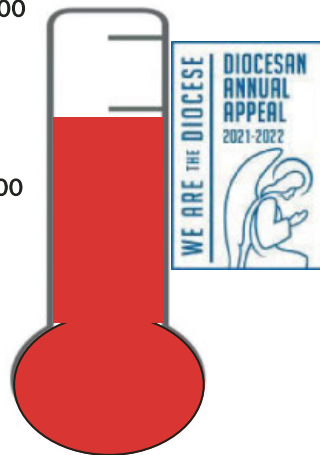
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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IS YOU AND ME

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DAA UPDATE as of
12/22/2021

Parish Responsibility:
\$71,890.00

Pledged to date from
146 families:
\$46,705.00

Needed to reach
Parish Responsibility:
\$25,185.00

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."



If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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