

Pastor Fr. James Riley Kurzynski 715-832-2504 ext. 104 fr.james@att.net

Main Office - 715-832-2504 Parish Fax - 715-832-0742 www.saintolafparish.org

Secretary Alison Welin ~ ext. 100 solaf@saintolafparish.org

Business Manager Rhonda Nispel ~ ext. 101 rhondanispel@saintolafparish.org

Director of Sacred Music Dee Bouley ~ ext. 105 dbouley@saintolafparish.org

Director of Faith Formation Robin Johengen ~ ext. 103 rjohengen@saintolafparish.org

Sites for up-to-date info: https://www.facebook.com/ SaintOlafEauClaireWi/

https://twitter.com/home? logged_out=1&lang=en

https://www.facebook.com/ StOlafCatholicChurchFaithFormation/

https://www.facebook.com/saintolafmensclub/

Celebration of Eucharist

Saturdays: 5:00 pm Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

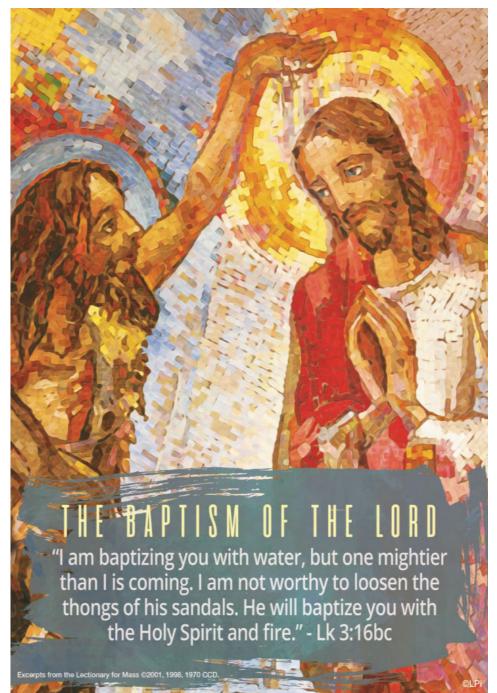
Penance

Saturdays: 4:15 – 4:45 PM or by appointment with Pastor.

JANUARY 9, 2022

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



3220 MONROE ST., EAU CLAIRE, WI 54703 PO Box 1203, EAU CLAIRE, WI 54702-1203

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.



Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

A Testament to Christ 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 decisionmaking, 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

onentory	
December 25, 2021	\$604.00
December 26, 2021	\$135.00

Debt Retirement Giving

December 26, 2021\$42.00

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



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, January 10 – Weekday 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20 NO MASS

Tuesday, January 11 - Weekday 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 NO MASS

Wednesday, January 12 - Weekday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 NO MASS

Thursday, January 13 – St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 NO MASS

Friday, January 14 – Weekday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 NO MASS

Saturday, January 15 – Weekday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 5:00 PM † Jerome Fahrman

Sunday, January 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 8:30 AM † Barb Dunham 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.



ORDERS

\$CRIP NOTES & NEWS

CURRENT SALES - DEC. 16, 2021 \$7,620.0014

 SALES FISCAL Y-T-D (7/1/21-6/30/2022)
 \$67,760.00

 FISCAL YTD RETURN TO PARISH:
 \$3,009.06

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 20^a, November 17^a, December 15^a, January 19^a, February 16^a, March 16^a, and April 20^a (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 27°, November 24°, January 26°, February 23°, March 30°, April 27° (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—next one is* **January 21**. Serving hours are the usual 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Menu includes: beerbattered 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:

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 <u>AND</u> 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.



Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Baptism of the Lord • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

NOTRE DAME PARISH IS SEEKING A DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Notre Dame Parish in Chippewa Falls, WI is seeking a director of music to continue the vibrant music program in the parish. This is an up-to-full-time

position and can be filled by a single individual or shared. The ideal candidate for this position is a practicing Catholic who understands the Liturgy of the Catholic Church, and who seeks to live out the parish's mission of inviting all people to encounter Christ and inspiring them to become saints.

Responsibilities include rehearsing and directing the Notre Dame Adult Choirs and Children's Choir, along with recruiting and coordinating cantors for all weekend and Holy Day Masses. Excellent choral directing skills are a must, keyboard skills are required, and organ skills are also a plus. Salary is negotiable based on experience and ability. Please send a cover letter and resume to the Parish Office <u>akatz@ourladyofthefalls.org</u> attention Fr. Jesse Burish.

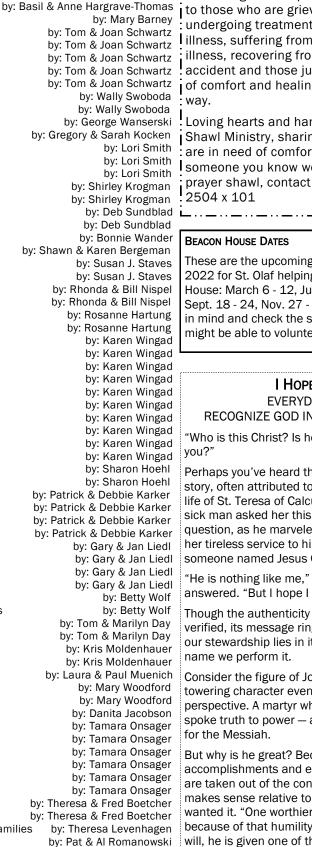
MAKE A PLANNED GIFT

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

Meetings and Gatherings Monday - 1/10 Tuesday -1/11 Wednesday - 1/12 Thursday - 1/13 Friday - 1/14 Saturday - 1/15 Sunday - 1/16 6:30 PM RCIA (MR 2) 6:15-7:30 PM Religious Ed. 7PM Choir Rehearsal Parish Offices Closed 4:15-4:45 PM 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM Sacred Worship Mtg (MR 3) 5PM Mass

Christmas Flowers

In Memory of: Catherine & Ray Peterson Deceased Members of Barney Family Walter & Rose Schwartz Bert & Jeanette Seibel Mary Frances Berchtold Barb Dunham Paul Seibel Deceased Members of Langel Family Deceased Members of Swoboda Family Terumi Wanserski In Honor of Helen & Ansel Kocken David R. Smith Harold & Carole Cook **Russell & Coletta Smith** The Krogman Family Chad Anderson Walter & Bernice Olson Anton & Rosalind Sundblad Edwin & Lorraine Wander Don & Dolores Jensen **David Staves** Charles Kampa Deceased Members of Fahrman Family Deceased Members of Nispel Family Bernie Hartung Tom Hamm Lyna & Archie Derousseau Gladys House Rex Wingad Ron Wingad Mike Wingad Bruce Wingad Dan Wingad Roger Chartier **Kevin Chartier Ronald Chartier** Jerry Hoehl Darin Bowe Deceased Members of Karker Family In Honor of Living Members of Karker Family Deceased Members of Anderson Family In Honor of Living Members of Anderson Family Herman & Anna Liedl Stanley & Stella Chura Tom Stubblefield Paul Roth Bill Wolf Deceased Members of Schulner & Wolf Families Marvin Piwoni Katherine Piwoni Arthur Berg Evelyn Berg William & Marjorie Balaz Bob Woodford Evelyn, James & Ken West Darlene Zwiefelhofer John A. Onsager Donald & Ina Larson Michael Larson Sharon & Joseph Hiller Maurita & Andrew Onsager Helen & Gerry Stolp Jerry & Betty Larson Delores & Vern Boetcher Deceased Members of Levenhagen & Richter Families Deceased Members of Romanski Family Deceased Members of Nawrocki Family Ellen Havens Romona & Joseph Miller Jeanne & Roy Johnson



PRAYER SHAWLS

We have given out prayer shawls to those who are grieving, undergoing treatment for an lillness, 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.

I HOPE I AM LIKE HIM EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

"Who is this Christ? Is he like vou?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at



her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

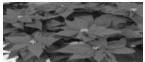
"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist – a magnificent. towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power - a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ - and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan? - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



by: Pat & Al Romanowski

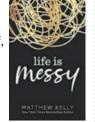
by: Pat & Al Romanowski

by: Marlene & Drew Johnson

by: Marlene & Drew Johnson

"LIFE IS MESSY" BY MATTHEW KELLY

During our Christmas masses here at St. Olaf, these books were available for anyone that wanted one. We still have several books left over. If you would like a book, please take one as you leave. They are in baskets on tables in the gathering space.



WOMEN'S RETREAT: CHRIST IS OUR HOPE AND OUR PEACE

Ladies you are invited to renew and deepen your faith on **Saturday, January 22, 2022 at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1222 Main Street, Bloomer from 9:00 a.m. until Noon**. Come listen to a presentation by Gina Bauer, a dynamic and entertaining speaker. Gina captivates and engages her audiences with lively stories and humor. She is able to convey Catholic teachings in a compassionate, down-to-earth style that reaches the hearts of listeners. Join us for this inspiring speaker, music, refreshments and fellowship. Please invite a friend.

Call or email Diane Kuba (715-568-2388 <u>kuba@bloomer.net</u>) or Kathy Zwiefelhofer (715-568-3942 <u>zeefmly@bloomer.net</u>) to reserve seats. Cost of the retreat is \$10 per person.



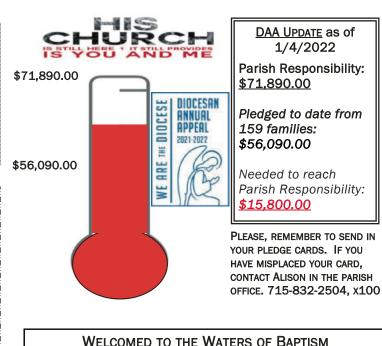
Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.

LUKE 3:21



www.RegisCatholicSchools.com

00



Congratulations to: Autumn Ozra Haghayeghi daughter of Megan Loftsgaarden & Kamyer Haghayeghi, December 31, 2021

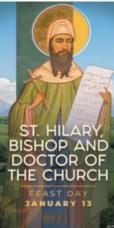
Congratulations to: Rowan James Loftsgaarden son of Morgan & Adam Loftsgaarden, December 31, 2021

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

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH JANUARY 13

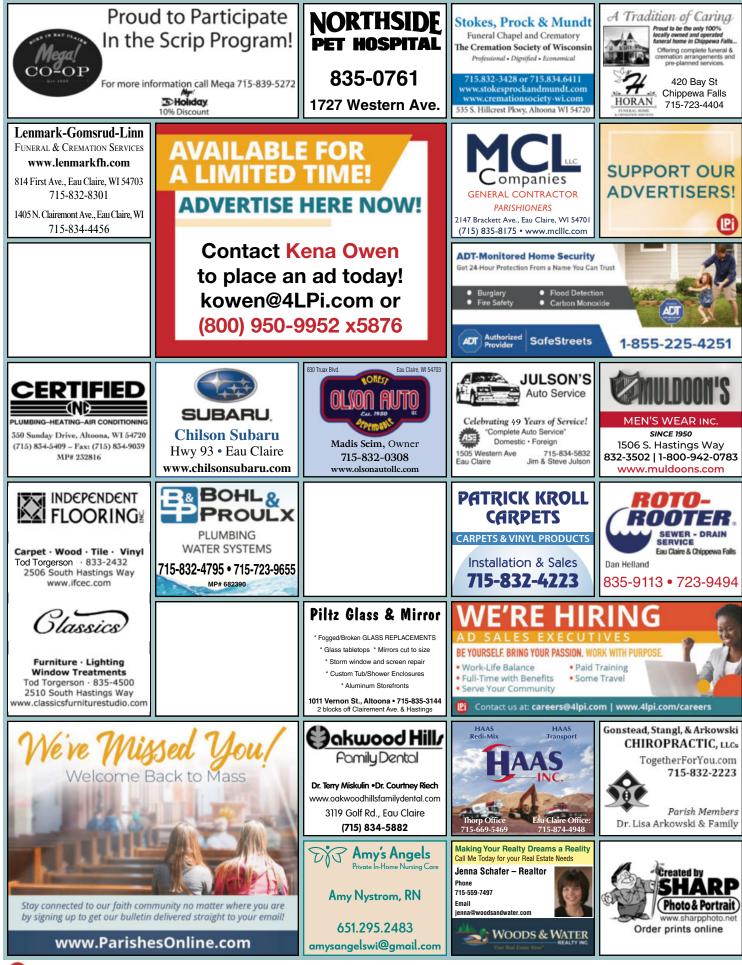
Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 - c. 367) studied philosophy

and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phyrgia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.



Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St.

Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Olaf, Eau Claire, WI

A 4C 02-0872