



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.

JANUARY 16, 2022

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.

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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

January 2, 2022.....\$5401.00

Offertory

January 2, 2022.....\$243.00

Debt Retirement Giving

January 2, 2022.....\$342.50

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 17 – Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
NO MASS

Tuesday, January 18 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
NO MASS

Wednesday, January 19 - Weekday
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
8:30 AM † John W. Hutter

Thursday, January 20 – St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
8:30 AM † Bonnie Zais

Friday, January 21 – St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
8:30 AM † Tom Sundblad

Saturday, January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
5:00 PM † Raymond LaVelle

Sunday, January 23 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
8:30 AM † Wayne Kostka
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

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.



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.

\$CRIP 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		

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*—next one is **January 21**. 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:

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.



MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS - JANUARY 22 & 23

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Sue Schamberger
Servers: Chris McAnarney ~ Bonnie Gibson

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Joe Kozuch
Servers: Gabriel Liedl ~ Rhonda Nispel

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Stacy Knudson
Servers: Camden Sedlacek ~ Julianna Lemanski-Trujillo

LIFESAVER WEEKEND - JANUARY 22ND & 23RD:

January 22 marks the 49th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortions in the United States. Since 1973, over 63,000,000 innocent unborn children have lost their lives through abortions. The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a fundraising event at all Masses on January 22nd and 23rd. Knights will be at the doors of Church handing out individually wrapped lifesaver candy and would be happy to accept your donation enabling us to further a Culture of Life within our community. This year again you will have the opportunity to support this effort through online giving! The Go Fund Me link is: gofundme.com/knights-of-columbus-fundraiser-campaign. Thank you for your support of this campaign which is needed now more than ever before.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



RESERVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 1ST @ 6:30 PM

Please mark your calendars to attend the **February 1st, PCCW monthly meeting**. The meeting usually runs from 6:30 PM to 7:45PM. Hope to see you there.

THANK YOU FROM SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS:

On Behalf of Spirit of Christmas, we extend our sincere thanks for having a Gift Collection at your organization. During the 2021 Christmas season, through your generosity and the generosity of others, we were able to serve 474 families and 1,286 children throughout the area.



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 - 1/17	Tuesday - 1/18	Wednesday - 1/19	Thursday - 1/20	Friday - 1/21	Saturday - 1/22	Sunday - 1/23
	2PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM RCIA (MR 2)	6:15-7:30 PM Religious Ed. 6:15-7:30 PM 9th/10th Gr. (SFG) 6:30 PM Sacred Silence	3 PM Fish Fry Set Up	Parish Offices Closed 4-7 PM Fish Fry	4:15-4:45 PM Confessions 5PM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

IT TAKES ALL KINDS

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5

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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.

COME FOLLOW ME!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!



NEW HOPE FOR UNBORN BABIES?



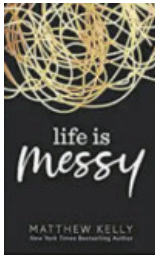
Pray for our Supreme Court Justices! Is the end near for Roe v. Wade? Could the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy be overturned? The Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court could have that outcome — but we must pray. Read about the nationwide initiative of fasting and prayer at diolc.org/respect-life, where you can also download a flyer with photos of each of the Justices. Post it on your refrigerator and remember to pray and sacrifice for each of them by name! A ruling is expected by June.

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**"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.



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to do everything you say.
I know you can do anything.



**FUNFEST COMMITTEE
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

Preparations will begin soon for Fun Fest 2022, scheduled on Sunday, May 22nd.

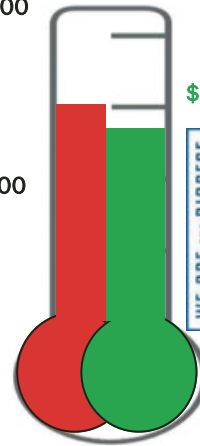
This year finds the committee in need of volunteers to become our **co-chairs** and to fill other vacancy gaps. We are asking you to consider stepping into these roles to support this fantastic and fun-filled fundraiser.

Please contact Alison in the parish office to express your interest,
715-832-2504, x100.

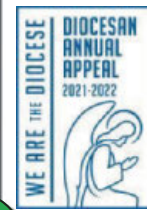
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IS STILL HERE + IT STILL PROVIDES
IS YOU AND ME

\$71,890.00

\$60,105.00



\$50,153.00



**DAA UPDATE as of
1/11/2022**

**Parish Responsibility:
\$71,890.00**

**Pledged to date from
164 families:
\$60,105.00**

**Received to date:
\$50,153.00**

**Needed to reach
Parish Responsibility:
\$11,785.00**

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

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 kuba@bloomer.net) or Kathy Zwiefelhofer (715-568-3942 zeefmly@bloomer.net) to reserve seats. Cost of the retreat is \$10 per person.



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Preschool Open House

St. James Elementary School Tuesday, February 8 4 to 6 p.m.	St. Mary's Elementary School Thursday, February 10 4 to 6 p.m.
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Kindergarten Preview

St. James Elementary School Tuesday, February 8 6 p.m. Friday, February 11 1 p.m.	St. Mary's Elementary School Thursday, February 10 6 p.m. Friday, February 11 10:30 a.m.
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Immaculate Conception Elementary School
Tuesday, February 15 | 6 p.m.

RSVP online to save your spot!
www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/RSVP

Curious about our other grade levels? We invite you to schedule a private tour to learn more about what we can offer your child.
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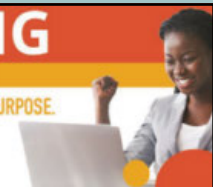
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