



A Testament to Christ

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<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 23, 2022

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

3RD 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.

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

January 9, 2022.....	\$9,149.00
January Direct Payment	\$11,308.58

Offertory

January 9, 2022.....\$161.00

Debt Retirement Giving

January 9, 2022.....	\$130.00
January Direct Payment	\$1,957.09

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 24 — St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
NO MASS
- Tuesday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
8:30 AM † Grace Ehr
- Wednesday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:1-20
8:30 AM † Bill Dresden
- Thursday, January 27 – Weekday
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
8:30 AM † Gordy Kelly
- Friday, January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
8:30 AM † Brian Yetter
- Saturday, January 29 – Weekday
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
5:00 PM † Tom Pichler
- Sunday, January 30 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31–13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
8:30 AM † Kyle Polenchek
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.



\$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 our *All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry*—next one is **February 4th**. Serving hours are 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Menu includes: beer-battered fried or baked fish, 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 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 29 & 30

5:00 pm Saturday

Lector: Reid Sollberger

Servers: Chris McAnarney ~ Laura Muenich

8:30 am Sunday

Lector: Jay Bouley

Servers: Joe Heil ~ Chase Kostka

10:30 am Sunday

Lector: Ivy Hartman

Servers: Steve Adams ~ Carter Atkinson

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.



PCCW MONTHLY MEETING

The St Olaf's PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) February meeting will be **Tuesday, February 1st at 6:30 PM**. Please join us in the Gathering Space. We will be deciding funding for the year. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Deb Sundblad, President
715-839-0139 – call for more information.



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

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

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 - 1/24	Tuesday - 1/25	Wednesday - 1/26	Thursday - 1/27	Friday - 1/28	Saturday - 1/29	Sunday - 1/30
	6:30 PM RCIA (MR 2) 6:30 PM PFC Mtg (MR 3)	6:30 PM Catechist In-Service (CR) 6:30 PM Sacred Word		Parish Offices Closed	4:15-4:45 PM Confessions 5PM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

**EAU CLAIRE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
ANNUAL VALENTINE CARD PARTY**



Monday, February 7th at Pine Meadows Golf Club

Menu is: Soup, salad, dessert, water and coffee.

Cost is \$10.00

Please send check for your reservation to:

Judy St. Arnault, 3718 Gables Court, Eau Claire, WI 54701
on or before February 1, 2022.

Please wear Red and bring a Valentine card in an envelope signed; Eau Claire Catholic Women to be delivered to

those that are lonely or forgotten,

Social hour at noon, luncheon at 12:30,

followed by cards, games and door prizes.

Bring a friend and enjoy!

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

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.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
PLANT YOUR WORKS IN THE WORD**

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful – truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God – giving it true spirit and life.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





The Eau Claire County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life will hold its annual **Rally for Life** on Sunday, February 6th at 2:00 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. Brian Gibson, the Executive Director of Pro-Life Action Ministries in St. Paul, will speak about the organization and its mission and about the Supreme Court *Dobbs* case which could result in overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

VALENTINE'S DINNER

Reserve your spot! There will be a **Valentine's Dinner on Feb. 12, 2022 at Lilydale in Chippewa Falls**. Celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage and reconnect with your spouse at this elegant event. The evening will include a cocktail hour with appetizers and two complimentary drinks, dinner, dessert, piano music, and a presentation by Fr. Joseph Redfern. Early bird tickets are \$75/couple (\$90 after Feb. 4), and registration is limited to the first 50 couples. Reserve your tickets at lilydalewi.com (preferred) or by using the paper forms located in the back of church. We hope to see you there!

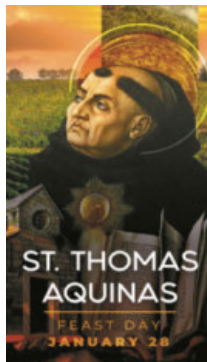
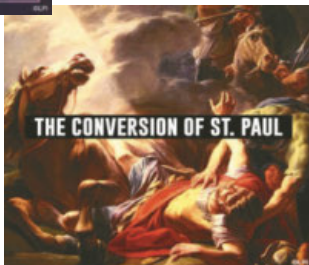


Feast Days:

January 23
St. Marianne Cope

January 24
St. Francis de Sales

January 25
The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle



A Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages!

When the old ways aren't working, the **Retrouvaille Program** helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support.

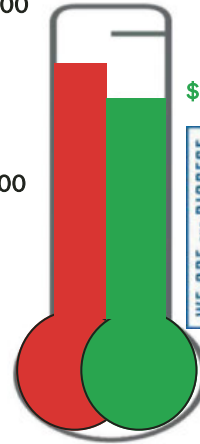


Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

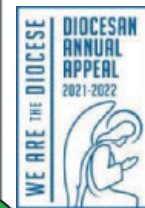
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IS YOU AND ME

\$71,890.00

\$60,640.00



\$54,323.75



DAA UPDATE as of
1/18/2022

Parish Responsibility:
\$71,890.00

Pledged to date from 168 families:
\$60,640.00

Received to date:
\$54,323.75

Needed to reach Parish Responsibility:
\$11,250.00

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



FUN FEST 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.

St. Joseph's in Menomonie is looking for a full-time Custodial Assistant. The position is currently full-time with benefits, but the job can be split into two part-time positions depending on applicant availability. For more details and how to apply, please visit St. Joseph's website at <http://www.menomonicatholic.org> and click on the "Custodial Assistant Job Posting" link.



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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
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