

TRI~PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mon., Dec. 25	Mass	9:00 am	STJB
	†Yatz and †Emma Bach		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Tues., Dec. 26	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Wed., Dec. 27	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration starts	9:00 pm	STC
Thurs., Dec. 28	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration Ends	10:00 pm	STC
Friday, Dec. 29	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sat., Dec. 30	Mass	5:00 pm	STJB
	†Bill Stokman		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sun. Dec. 31	Mass	8:00 am	STC
	† Matt J Sonnek		
	Mass	10:00 am	OLMC
	†Kalis Family		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

Tri-Parish Staff

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STJB.....Rhonda Drager

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OLMC.....Chris Schultz

STC.....Lisa Bute

STC School

PrincipalJohn Hengel

Office Manager.....Teresa Chirpich

Bookkeeper.....

Cemetery

OLMC.....Don Linder

STC.....Tom Schindler

STJB.....Bob Drager

Tri-Parish Office Hours

OLMC.....Hours Varied

STC.....8:00-2:00pm, Weekdays

STJB.....Hours Varied

Merry Christmas

May you feel the presence of the Lord always!

From Father Greg Havel...

Christmas is coming soon. I pray that everyone will have a blessed Christmas and that God will be present in your gatherings, however they may be held this year. Throughout the Advent season we have been praying and preparing room in our hearts that the Child of Bethlehem could be reborn into our lives in powerful ways. May the love of God and the peace of Christ, the Child of Bethlehem, make your Christmas season a time of grace and blessing. Merry Christmas to all! Fr. Greg

St. Casimir Church Eucharistic Adoration

St. Casimir 's 9:00pm Wed– 10:00pm Thurs.

In our Prayers: Recently departed:

Luella "Lou" Magdaline (Ludewig) Becker,
Ardean Schultz

Soldiers Overseas: Connor Grunzke,
Paul Rauenhorst

2024 Calendars are now available in all three churches. Thank you, again, to our very generous donors who supply these each year for all of us ~ what a blessing! Thank you to Mark Schmitz of State Farm, and Herman Manufacturing for the generous donation of the calendars. We are so blessed!



Tri-Parish Giving-Liturgical Ministries

Weekly Contributions as of Dec. 17, 2023

	OLMC	STC	STJB
Weekly Needed	\$2,500.00	\$5,519.00	\$1,925.00
Needed to Date	\$70,00.00	\$137,629.00	\$46,200.00
Given to Date	\$78,164.94	\$121,127.00	\$46,660.25
2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal			
CMA Goal	\$10,683.00	\$21,968.00	\$7,658.00
Amount Rec'd	\$10,683.00	\$21,986.00	\$7,805.00

**Our Tri-Parish have meet their goals!!!
Thank you everyone who made it possible!
We are so very
blessed to have such generous Parishioners!**

End of the Year Gift Giving:

As we reach the end of the calendar year, please remember your parish in your gift-giving. Your financial support is appreciated as we work together for God's Kingdom here on earth. To be included in the 2023 giving, all donations need to be received by December 31, 2023

St. Casimir Liturgical Ministers

Sunday Dec. 31st

Sacristan—Brian Bias

Lector— Mark Nowak

Eucharistic Ministers—Brian Bias, Adam Henning, & Arnie Stenzel

Ushers— Larry Brand, Chris Bushlack & Rick Herman

Servers— Clara Bushlack & Brooke Huper

Rosary Readers—Larry Brand

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Shepherds Inn— Linda Enser

Scripture Reading for Dec. 31st 2023

First reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (17B)

Second readings: Hebrews 11:18, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

School Article

The kindergarten, first and second grade class of St. Casimir's School celebrated St. Lucia's Day on [December 13th](#) by reading the book, [Lucia, St. of Light](#) by Katherine Bolger Hyde, and learning about the life of St. Lucy and how a few countries celebrate the special day. For instance, in Sweden the oldest girl in the family will dress up in a white gown, wear a crown wreath with candles and bring special treats to family members in the early morning! According to legend, Lucia or Lucy, would carry food and water to Christians who had been forced to hide out in the catacombs of Rome. The catacombs were dark, and Lucy needed her hands free to carry supplies. Therefore, she created her own "headlamp" of a wreath of candles placed on her head to light her way. The students re-enacted their own version of this holiday and followed in St. Lucy's footsteps by dressing in white gowns, wearing paper wreaths with candles and singing a hymn as they walked to the principal's office to share a treat with Mr. Hengel! St. Lucia's Day celebrates light returning to the long, dark days of winter--especially the winter solstice which the shortest day of the year. During this time of Advent, may we all bring light to those around us!

Submitted by Jinger Woodring, SCS Classroom Teacher

The Shoemaker's Appeal: St. Casimir's School would like to thank all of the very generous donors who have contributed towards this year's goal of raising \$35,000.00 for the annual Shoemaker's Appeal. The success of this project is vital to the continuation of Catholic education in our communities, so the donations from the following are so appreciated: Matthew and Kathryn Mellen, Matthew and Joyce McCabe, Gary and Mary Beth Bushlack and 38 additional anonymous donors. At this point in time, we are thrilled to announce that \$28,929.05 has been raised! It's hard to put into words just what this blessing means for the students of SCS, but please know of our immense gratitude. If you have not yet donated, please feel free to do so.

This year's annual goal is well within reach!

Happy Advent and Merry [Christmas](#) to all!



Server Training

To all 4th graders and older students who would like to be servers in the Tri-Parish Church's, you are invited to a training session after Masses on January 14th. You may come to any of the training sessions, as we train for this ministry of the Alter. Even if you're not sure you would like to be a server, please come and check it out, who knows you may like doing it. The training will take place at

St. John the Baptist after the 5 pm Mass.

St. Casimir after 8 am Mass.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel after the 10 am Mass.

Please watch the bulletin for any changes in times.

"O Lord, we cannot go to the pool of Siloam to which you sent the blind man. But we have the chalice of Your Precious Blood, filled with life and light. The purer we are, the more we receive." St. Ephraem

Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially Nancy Dylla, Jerome Leesch, Lois Hund, Gary Bach, Dawn "Russ" Cory, Dale and Marg Sonnek, Triston Father, Sheila Runquist, Chuck Evan, Ardean Schultz, Fr. Greg Havel, Zach Fendrich, John Volz, Jeanne Miller, Bill Minks, Don Yokiel, Ken Tibodeau, Tiffany Sonnek, Laurie Radke-Maidl, Dave Sonnek, Jan Willette, Orland Drager, Steve Heilmann, Mark Obermeyer, Jim Bute, Greg Sonnek, Ron Laitenberger, Doug Redman, Pam Klocek, Jan Elmer, Mike Redig, Steve Nowak, Dennis Thisius, Donald Klocek, Melissa Haugh, Don Becker, Steve Stenzel, **and for all our service men & women of the armed forces.** please call us and we will begin our prayer lines for any need. OLMC-Sue Cory 787-2598, STJB-Rhonda Drager at 462-3627 or STJB Parish Office at 462-3636, STC-Barb Stenzel 553-3805

Holiday Schedule**4th Sunday of Advent**

Sat. 5:00 pm OLMC

Christmas Eve

Sunday 5:00 pm STC

Sunday 9:00 pm OLMC

Christmas Day

Monday 9:00 am STJB

Have a wonderful Christmas from all the staff at our Tri-Parish!

Wells Parish office will be Closed Dec. 25th Christmas Day.

Have Blessed Week!

