

Tri-Parish Catholic Church

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Easton, St. Casimir Church in Wells and St. John the Baptist in Minnesota Lake

Sunday December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mon., Dec. 19	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Tues., Dec. 20	Mass	8:30 am	STC
Knight of Columbus meeting 7:30 pm	†Rita Neubauer		
	*Reconciliation	6-6:30 pm	OLMC
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Wed., Dec. 21	Mass	8:30 am	OLMC
	†Mary Murry		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration-starts	9:00 pm	STC
Thurs., Dec. 22	Mass	8:30 am	STJB
	†Burton and		
	†Donna Schroeder		
	*Reconciliation	6-6:30 pm	STJB
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration-ends	10:00 pm	STC
Friday, Dec. 23	Mass	8:30 am	STC
No School	†Cleone Meyer		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sat., Dec. 24	<u>Christmas Eve Masses</u>		
	St. John the Baptist	5:00 pm	
	† Reta Stencil		
	St. Casimir	5:00 pm	
	† Darlene & † Mark Bushlack		
	† Ben Bushlack		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	
	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9:00 pm	
	† Bonnie Schuster		
Sun., Dec., 25th	<u>Christmas Day Mass</u>		
The Nativity Of The Lord	St. Casimir	10:00 am	
	† Norbert Sonnek		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	



From Fr. Greg Havel...

It is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Christmas is coming soon! There are in some families during these holy seasons a tension. Sometimes we put a lot of expectations on ourselves and others to accomplish so many things. We may feel pressure to try to do everything perfectly. Pray for peaceful hearts and trust in God! If all the cookies don't get baked, all the presents don't get wrapped, and all the expectations don't get met it will be all right. God will provide and the gift of the Child of Bethlehem will still come. Please pray for the peace of Christ for ourselves and for families that gather in this holy season.
~Fr. Greg

I will be going to visit my sister this Christmas. We will gather at her new home in Otsego, Mn. Deb's knees have been getting worse and so she bought a twin home that is on one level. Her move is ongoing and I know that I will be making several runs from her old home to the new one. Please keep her also in your prayers in this time of transition.



In Our Prayers:

STC baptism for Sophie and James Woodring December 18th at St. Casimir's Church Children of Eric and Heather Woodring.

Upcoming Baptisms, at St John the Baptist Jan.

1st at St. John the Baptist, 12:00 noon,

We welcome Penelope Jo Stewig,
parents Benjamin and Emily Stewig

Ila Rae Drager will be baptized on Jan. 7th at

St. John the Baptist .at 6:00 pm

Daughter of Logan and Kimberly Drager

May Jesus Christ bless you as you
grow and flourish!

✠ **We pray for all who can not be with us.** ✠
at this beautiful time of the year.

Lord hear ours prayers

Soldiers Overseas: *Bernard D.Steinhauer,*
& Troy Haugh

The rectory office will be closed on December 26 for at least 5 days. Fr. Havel will be gone from Christmas Day evening to Wednesday night. I myself will be having surgery on Tuesday December 20th, and will be in the hospital for 5 days, and yes Christmas Day. I will be working from home until I am up to coming back to work. Thank you everyone who have been praying for me. Its not cancerous, they are tumors in my small intestine that have metastasize into my area lymph nodes. They will be repairing my small bowel and removing affected areas. Pray for a speedy recovering. I will be back before you know it! I am wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year! God Bless!



First of all I would like to congratulate St. John the Baptist for meeting there goal for the Year!!!

As Catholics, we are blessed to be strengthened and united by Christ in the Eucharist and sent forth to bring the peace and joy of our Triune God to all those we encounter. As individual members of the Body of Christ, we all possess different gifts and talents for furthering the ministry of Christ and His Church.

Here in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, many of the ministries that serve parishes and the wider community are made possible through the financial generosity of Catholics across southern Minnesota. It is through the Catholic Ministries Appeal that the Church is able to be a Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts.

Thanks to you, 19 men are currently discerning the vocation to the priesthood, and more than 4,600 children in our Catholic schools are being formed in lives of faith and virtue. Additionally, hundreds of students on our college campuses receive formation as disciples of Christ, with the help of Newman Centers and FOCUS missionaries. The TV Mass provides the presence of Christ and the Catholic community to the homebound, and the permanent diaconate supports education and formation of candidates to proclaim the Gospel.

All Catholic appeal donations need to be in by the end of the year.

St. Casimir has a shortfall of (\$3,941.00)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel has a shortfall of (\$1,384.75)



2022 Shoemaker's Appeal:

With the annual Shoemaker's Appeal for St. Casimir's School well underway, I am very pleased and grateful to report that the school has already received donations totaling \$16,631.00. While this amount is not quite half-way to our goal of \$35,000.00, I am very hopeful of reaching that milestone in the coming weeks. At this time, I would like to thank the following donors: Country Corner Service, Matthew and Joyce McCabe, Matthew and Kathryn Mellen, Dr. Al and Donna Mendenhall, Therese Murray, Cletus and Eleanor Rath, Amber Roecker, Mary Sonnek, Tom and Marilyn Staloch, Barbara Stenzel, Dale and Connie Stenzel, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schultz, Larry and Marsha Stenzel, Carolyn Trevis (in memory of her brother, Kevin), Orland Yokiell and Edward and Betty Ziegler. In addition to these generous donors, I would also like to send thanks to 23 anonymous donors. Your generosity is humbling and thankfully accepted on behalf of the students of St. Casimir's School! Submitted by Principal Diane Edwards

School Donations

If you are looking for items to donate to St. Casimir's School for classrooms, please take a look at our wish list on Amazon. Order using Amazon Smile and Raise Right to add extra earnings for our school.

[SCS Amazon wish list](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Start a New years resolution. Volunteer! There are volunteer opportunities available at school. There are volunteer sheets to fill out on the table in the handicap entrance at St. Casimir church. Volunteering is a heartfelt experience you could share with your family members. Call the school or the rectory and volunteer today!

Scrip SHOPPING/GIFT Cards

We will be having **McDonald's** shopping cards available in both \$25.00 and \$10.00 amounts coming soon.

We are waiting on The Wells Marketplace cards to come available. Bruce tells us that progress is being made although slowly.

Check out the links below for additional information:

<https://www.raiseright.com/hubfs/eGifting%20Flyer.pdf>

<https://www.raiseright.com/hubfs/ShiptoHome-1.pdf>

https://www.raiseright.com/hubfs/RaiseRight_eGftCards_Reloadable_pdf-1.pdf

Scrip will be available this Sunday after 8:00 am mass at St. Casimir. Please give Judy Johnson a big thanks for volunteering her time to work on RaisedRight (Scrip) she does a wonderful job!

Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially:

Ron Laitenberger, Ilda Reyerson, Matt Bartell, Doug Redman, "Baby VanOtterloo", Pam Klocek, Jan Elmer, Darrell Radtke, Mike Redig, Steve Nowak, Dennis Thisius, Michael Ankeny, Donald Klocek, Melissa Haugh, Butch Becker, Don Becker, Alice Roeker, Steve Stenzel, Larry Woitas, Andrew Knewton, Mildred Stencil, Dave Braun, Kolton Kunz, Joe Mazurkiewicz Family, Pat Dallman, Helen Skov, Theresa Berry, Mary McCallum, Bruce Woitas, Cassandra Walser, Jerome Goette, Zach Fendrich, Triston Father, **and for all our service men & women of the armed forces.** Whenever any of our parish members or families are in need of special prayers, please call and we will begin our prayer lines for any need-give only the details you wish. Linda Swehla 340-5529, Peggy Linder 787-2575 STJB- Rhonda Drager at 462-3627 or STJB Parish Office at 462-3636, STC-Barb Stenzel at 553-3805

Triparish RCIA Coordinator

RCIA is an acronym for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the process that we use to teach and bring adults into the Church. Our tri-parish is in need of a coordinator for RCIA to work with Fr. Havel in sharing our faith with those who are experiencing the call of God to be a part of the Church. Please call the Office at 507-553-5391 with any questions.

Interfaith Caregivers

Interfaith Caregivers is initiating a grief support group that will meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 10:00 am at the Interfaith office, 301 N. Main, Blue Earth (entrance on north side). As an ongoing support group, participants will attend as long as they wish and new participants may start at any session. Terri Hanson, PhD, retired psychologist will facilitate the group. Contact her at 701-537-0611 or call the interfaith office at 501-526-4684

Tri-Parish End of Year 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 2022 giving, all donations need to be received by **December 31, 2022***



Tis the season for giving

Contribution Envelopes

****Still no word on when they will arrive. ****

Contribution envelopes have not arrived. The Company "Church Budget" is having mechanical and staffing issues This is causing delays. We will have them out as soon as they arrive and are labeled. Thanks

Weekly Contributions as of December 11

	OLMC	STC	STJB
Weekly Needed	\$2,692.00	\$5,671.00	\$1,750.00
Needed to Date	\$64,608.00	\$130,433.00	\$40,250.00
Given to Date	\$69,327.49	\$124,362.79	\$34,055.59
Catholic Ministry Appeal			
Goal	\$9,600.00	\$20,385.00	\$7,658.00
Amount Rec'd.	\$8,215.25	\$16,344.00	\$9,977.00

STC Liturgical Ministers	Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Lector	George Bias	Lea Nowak
Eucharistic Ministers	Angie Bushlack & Scott Bute	Larry Brand & Mark Nowak
Ushers	Marilyn & Tom Staloch	Linda Sonnek & Ray Yokiell
Servers	Nick & Zale Bushlack	Kylee & Kinley Koziolk
Rosary Readers	Scott Bute	Ray & Marti Yokiell
Money counters	Team 1— Counting on Monday	
Shepherds Inn	Angie Bushlack —Sunday Dec. 25	

Scripture Reading for Dec. 24, 2022

First reading: **Isaiah 62:1-5**
Second readings: **Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17**
Gospel: **Matthew 1:1-25**

Scripture Reading for Dec. 25, 2022

First reading: **Isaiah 62:11-12**
Second readings: **Titus 3:4-7**
Gospel: **Luke 2:15-20**

Catholic Prayers God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.



Christ the Savior is Born

Monthly Minister schedule is now on our Tri-Parish website St. Casimir only.