

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 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mon., Dec. 5	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Tues., Dec. 6	Mass	8:30 am	STC
	†Patricia Sonnek		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Wed., Dec. 7	Mass	6:30 pm	OLMC
Vigil Mass	†Tom Sonnek		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration-starts	9:00 pm	STC
Thurs., Dec. 8	Mass	8:30 am	STC
The	†Reta Stencil		
Immaculate	Mass	6:30 pm	STJB
Conception of	†Special Intention CW		
the Blessed	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Virgin Mary	Adoration-ends	10:00 pm	STC
Friday, Dec. 9	Mass	8:30 am	STC
	†Lee Beran		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sat., Dec. 10	Reconciliation	8:30 am	STC
Bake Sale	Reconciliation	9:30 am	OLMC
7:00 to Noon	Reconciliation	4:00 pm	STJB
STC Basement	Mass	5:00 pm	STJB
	†Arnie and †Marian Redig		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sun., Dec. 11	Mass	8:00 am	STC
3rd Sunday Of	†Darlene & †Mark Delgado		
Advent	Mass		
Coffee & Rolls	†Ray Kalis	10:00 am	OLMC
STC	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

Christmas Memorials: Memorial donations for Christmas environment are now being accepted. Forms can be found at the church entrances. If you choose to designate in memory or in honor of someone, please include their name(s) on or in the envelope. Please have them in by December 14th to have the list of donors in the bulletin. I will have a box in all entrances.

From Fr. Greg Havel...

John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It seemed a popular thing to do and many people went to John with no intention of repenting. We hear this weekend John's response, "When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, you brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance."

God is calling us to be faithful disciples. Sometimes doing what is right and holy is popular in the world and sometimes it isn't popular. Jesus calls us to be faithful always and in doing so we truly do produce good fruit for the Lord. May God strengthen us and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, Knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, given to us in the reading from Isaiah) and keep us always faithful to God.

~Fr. Greg

*Next weekend (Dec. 10 & 11) Fr. Jason Kern will be the celebrant of our weekend Masses. Fr. Kern is the vocations director of our diocese and will be speaking on the call of God to serve as priests, deacons, and in religious life.

School Update...

So, here we are already at the end of fall... Oh, how time is flying here in the preschool room!! We have been talking a lot about, "What we are thankful for?", and there were LOTS of interesting answers... pickles, Sonic the Hedgehog and macaroni and cheese, just to name a few! But we all NOW know the "true" meaning of Thanksgiving and what really matters as we thought about our family and friends that are truly irreplaceable and the wonderful lives that we all get to live here on this beautiful earth. We are honestly all so very blessed!

To continue with the Thanksgiving theme this month, we incorporated turkeys into our learning curriculum. We read lots of Thanksgiving/turkey books and worked through some turkey-themed math lessons with shapes. The kids really seemed to enjoy it and had a little fun while still learning! And no Thanksgiving month would be complete without some fabulous hand turkeys which we ALL created. This art project gets a little messy, but they turned out adorable! Hearing the laughter and chaos while it was all happening and the memories that MAYBE some of them will remember totally made the mess worthwhile!

I hope you all had a peaceful and restful Thanksgiving Season! Blessings,
Angie Swehla, Early Childhood Coordinator

Advent Confessions		
After all 8:30 weekday masses in Advent		
Sat.	12/10	8:30-9:00 am STC
Sat.	12/10	9:30-10:00 am OLMC
Sat.	12/10	4:00-4:30 pm STJB
Sun.	12/11	1:00-2:00 pm with adoration STC
Thurs	12/15	6:00-7:00 pm OLMC
Fri.	12/16	5:00-6:00 pm STJB
Sat.	12/17	8:00-9:00 am STC
Sat.	12/17	9:30-10:30 am OLMC
Sat.	12/17	3:30-4:30 pm STJB
Sun	12/18	1:00-3:00 pm with adoration STC

In Our Prayers:

Baptism for Azalia Rose Mathews Dec. 4th at 12:00 noon St. Casimir Church daughter of Sunshine and Joseph Mathews. May Jesus Christ bless you as you grow and flourish!

Recently departed... *Kathryn Spencer*,
Jim Willette

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

Communal Reconciliation

Tues. 12/6	St. John Vianney Church, Fairmont	6:00pm-8:00pm
Tues 12/4	St. Teresa Church, Mapleton	6:00pm-8:00 pm



Cookie Walk Donations: Would you consider donating baked Christmas goodies for the annual St Casimir's School Cookie Walk? The SCS Home and School Council is hosting their annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 10th, in St. Casimir Church Hall, and we'd love donated, baked items if you enjoy helping in this way. You may drop off your goodies on Friday, December 9th, in the church hall with a drop off deadline of 8:00 AM on Saturday, December 9th, in order to allow the council members time to organize and set-up. You may bring store-bought or home-baked items. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristen Dulas at 507-317-2301 (Home and School Committee member).
Thank You!

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](#)

2023 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!

Sending a eGift via email is a great option for advance or last-minute Shopping, while also earning for St. Casimir School.

<https://youtu.be/c-v65F0xr2c>

The link is a you tube video showing you how to send a eGift card that you can buy on the rasedright website. It's so simple to do with no hassle of leaving you home to mail it in or deliver.

***Note *There is no Caribou Coffee Cards available on RaiseRight (Scrip)**

OLMC Faith Formation

It was with hearts of compassion and generosity that the Sunday morning Faith Formation students of OLMC packed shoeboxes to be distributed thru Samaritans Purse, Operation Christmas Child to be gifted to less fortunate children across the globe. The excited hands and smiles revealed joy in their activity of giving.
~Chris Schultz-Faith Formation

Trip parish Members:

Winter snow seems to be upon us. With the coming of Advent, we are reminded of the call of God to be ready both spiritually and physically for the Lord. Spiritually by renewed prayer and physically by sharing in the work of the Lord in our parishes. There is always a need for help in parishes and schools. Things do not get done by accident but rather because people come together to accomplish the work that needs to be done. Be involved in your parish and the work of the Lord. A new Church year (beginning in Advent) is a great time to start.

As a mission of St. Casimir Church, The Shoemaker's Appeal fundraising information is mailed annually to all members of our tri-parish, school alumni and current school families with the invitation to join the efforts already underway to provide quality, Catholic education to the children of our communities. With alumni members living in at least 30 of our 50 states, keeping current on mailing addresses is always a challenge. Likewise, the last mailing address we have for many of our newer alumni members is most likely their home address even though it has been several years since they moved on from there. If you receive a Shoemaker's mailing for a family member with an outdated address, would you please write the current address on the envelope and drop it off at either the church rectory or the school? Doing so will help us greatly cut down on unnecessary mailing expenses due to outdated addresses. Thank you for your help--it is greatly appreciated!

Tri-Parish News & Events...

OLMC; 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**

Weekly Contributions as of Nov. 20th			
	OLMC	STC	STJB
Weekly Needed	\$2,692.00	\$5,671.00	\$1,750.00
Needed to Date	\$59,224.00	\$113,420.00	\$36,750.00
Given to Date	\$64,676.04	\$114,290.05	\$28,332.59
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

News Flash!!! Giving Tuesday Event, Dec. 6th, 2022 Where-Wells Market-Place, Parking Lot When-10 am to 7pm. Help our families in need this Holiday Season. Donations provided to our surrounding communities. Please Bring your Donations. Kiester Food Shelf; Single serving snacks such as pudding & fruit cups. Wells Food Shelf; cans of Meats, Vegetables, Soup & Personal Care products. There will be pictures with Santa from 4pm to 6pm. *Special Holiday gifts available by Local Crafters to Purchase* Sponsors: Our Town USA Community Foundation-Wells Area Food Shelf - Wells Marketplace Foods.

STC Liturgical Ministers	Dec. 11, 2022
Lector	Scott Bute
Eucharistic Ministers	Mark & Lea Nowak
Ushers	Larry Brand & Jon Tibodeau
Servers	Kylee & Kinley Koziolk
Trainee	Abby Chirpich
Rosary Readers	Mike & Elaine Hernandez
Money counters	Team 1
Shepherds Inn	Angie Bushlack

Scripture Reading for Dec. 11, 2022
First reading: Isaiah 35:1
Second readings: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

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.

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Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish
Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially: 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 Knewtonson, Mildred Stencel, 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