

TRI~PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEB 11, 2024 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mon., Feb. 12	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Tues., Feb. 13	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Wed., Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Service	8:30 am	STC
	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 pm	OLMC
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration starts	9:00 pm	STC
Thurs., Feb. 15	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration Ends	10:00 pm	STC
Friday, Feb. 16 Rectory Closed	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sat., Feb. 17	Mass	5:00 pm	STJB
	†Sister Barbara Haag & †Sister Helen Haag		
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sun. Feb. 18 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass	8:00 am	STC
	†Ron Neubauer		
	Mass	10:00 am	OLMC
	†Mary Helen O'Rourke Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

Tri-Parish Staff

Pastoral Administrator Fr. Kurt Farrell
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Administration

OLMC.....Sue Cory
STC.....Ilda Reyerson
BookkeeperRod Kollman
STJB.....Rhonda Drager

Faith Formation

OLMC.....Chris Schultz
STC.....Lisa Bute

STC School

PrincipalJohn Hengel
Office Manager.....Teresa Chirpich
Bookkeeper.....Rod Kollman

Cemetery

OLMC.....Don Linder
STC.....Tom Schindler
STJB.....Bob Drager

Tri-Parish Office Hours:

St. Casimir Rectory office hours
Monday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 to 2:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 to 2:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 to 2:00 pm
Friday Closed

OLMC.....Hours Varied
STJB.....Hours Varied

St. Casimir in Wells New Rectory Hours →

Starting February 5th, 2024. Hours are posted in the Bulletin,
on the bottom right-side of the first page.



In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus cures the man with Leprosy. Leprosy was an especially horrible disease for various reasons. Firstly, there was no cure for this very contagious and deadly disease. Secondly, because it was so contagious it was a social disease, meaning it separated you from your family and the rest of society. They were condemned to live on the out skirts of town in caves. Lastly, it was a disease that carried the stigma of being a punishment from God. They were not only sick, and cut for from any support, but they were also felt that God abandoned them.

When Jesus cures the leper he also restores him to social and spiritual health. Sin is like leprosy. It separates us from God and one another. Repentance and the forgiveness we receive from the sacrament of reconciliation restores us to God’s loving embrace and heals the division caused by sin. Let us take advantage of this wonderful sacrament and be restored to full spiritual and social health.

~Fr. Kurt

Don’t forget next Wednesday Ash

Wednesday the beginning of Lent.

**Ash Wednesday Mass
February 14**

St. Casimir in Wells 8:30 am

Our Lady Of Mount Carmel 6:00 pm

Weekly Contributions as of Feb. 4, 2024

	OLMC	STC	STJB
Weekly Needed	\$2,500.00	\$5,519.00	\$1,925.00
Needed to Date	\$80,000.00	\$165,224.00	\$63,525.00
Given to Date	\$102,518.34	\$182,704.52	\$63,049.50

St. Casimir Liturgical Ministers

Sunday Feb. 18, 2024

Sacristan—Arnie Stenzel

Lector— Brian Bias

Eucharistic Ministers—Adam Henning, Don Chirpich

**Ushers— John Tibodeau, Chris Bushlack,
& Mark Herman**

Servers— Loxlee Feist & Carla Bushlack

Rosary Readers—Ray & Marti Yokiel

Money counters— 5

Shepherds Inn— Larry Brand

Scripture Reading for February 18, 2024

First reading: Joel 2:12-18

Second readings: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

In our Prayers:

Faithfully departed ;

Francis E. Herman

Soldiers Overseas: Connor Grunzke,

Tri-Parish Stations of the Cross:

STC Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm

STJB Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm

OLMC Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm

STC Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 pm

STJB Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm

Deacon Gene will be leading the Stations

Lenten Enrichment

The Lenten enrichment of “Jesus of Nazareth” will start **this Sunday** evening, with the same enrichment topic on **Monday**.

Please feel free to attend either time. Each week will build on the previous week. Please feel free to bring a Bible.

The Lenten Enrichment Schedule

Week 1, OLMC

Feb. 11th 6:00 pm– Feb.12th, 3:00 pm

Week 2, STC

Feb. 18th 6:00 pm-Feb. 19th, 3:00 pm

Week 3, STJB

Feb. 25th, 6:00 pm-Feb. 26th, 3:00 pm

Week 4 OLMC

Mar. 3rd, 6:00 pm-Mar.4th, 3:00 pm

Week 5 STC

Mar. 10th, 6:00 pm-Mar.11th, 3:00 pm

Week 6 STJB

Mar. 17th, 6:00 pm-Mar. 18th, 3:00 pm

Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

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Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially Jeremy Kolars, Charlie Kalis, Charlie Traynor , Koltun Kunz, Betty Thisius, Teresa Berry, Jan Stenzel, Nancy Dylla, Jerome Leesch, Lois Hund, Gary Bach, Dawn “Russ” Cory, Dale and Marg Sonnek, Triston Father, Sheila Runquist, Chuck Evan, Zach Fendrich, John Volz, Jeanne Miller, Bill Minks, Don Yokiell, Ken Tibodeau, Tiffany Sonnek, Dave Sonnek, Jan Willette, Orland Drager, Steve Heilmann, Mark Obermeyer, Jim Bute, Greg Sonnek, Ron Laitenberger, 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

School News

Second Sunday Social; Hosted by STC Home and School Association

Sunday: February 11th

Please Join us for Coffee and Rolls and Fellowship Following the 8 am Mass in the STC Hall

Every school year, endowment earnings from the ***Seeds of Faith – Tuition Assistance Fund*** are available for families in Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

The endowment fund provides tuition assistance to parents seeking a Catholic education for their children and who demonstrate financial need. Funds each year are available through the ***Rothwell Endowments***, specifically for Hispanic families with financial need seeking a Catholic education for their children. ***Seeds of Faith – Tuition Assistance*** funds are available only to families with financial need. This is not an academic scholarship fund.

All applications and supporting documents are due **Friday, May 17, 2024**. In June 2024, a committee will review applications and recommend awards. In July, applicants will be informed of the committee’s decision and award checks will be sent directly to each school.

Applications are available at your school. You can also download the application on our website at www.catholicfsmn.org/granting or on your school’s website. Please direct any questions to Carlee Shimek at cshimek@catholicfsmn.org or 507-858-1275.

St. Casimir School is now selling raffle tickets for the Catholic School’s Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial! Each ticket is \$10 and every dollar stays at our school! See a St. Casimir student or simply call the office at 507-553-5822 and talk to Mr. Hengel for more information. Raffle tickets can be purchased until February 18th, 2024. Prizes include a Chevy Trax or \$20,000, a dream vacation, vikings tickets, MN Zoo, Best Buy, Nike, and more!
Thank you for supporting St. Casimir School!!

Tri-Parish Memorial Cards: Sympathy and memorial Cards for the Family of Father Havel can be placed in the baskets this weekend by the display on the altar of each Church. Cards can also be placed in the collection basket. We will get these cards to Father Havel's family.

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Greeting cards for his family are welcome
Please join us in this important
Celebration of Life for Fr. Greg Havel. As
Father Havel said: "Have a nice catered
meal. Have fun. Pray hard. Enjoy a day
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Mass Closing Information please refer to the following:

Tri-Parish Facebook
Tri-Parish website
KEYC TV station
KBEW or KJLY Radio Stations
Or call 507-553-5391

OLMC Friendship Day
OLMC Friendship Day Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 11, 2024 after the 10 am Mass. Meeting will be held in Madonna Hall. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.**

TRIVIA NIGHT

Answers to last weeks' questions:
In what book of the Bible will you find the story of Noah's Ark? *Genesis*
What's the name of the Bulldog featured in Tom & Jerry Cartoons? *Spike*
This week's questions:
What name is given to an atomic particle carrying a negative charge?



What river begins in the Black Forest region of Germany, flows across central Europe and the countries of Austria, Hungary, Croatia, and Yugoslavia, and empties into the Black Sea? This year's Trivia Night is **Saturday, February 10th** at 7 p.m. in St. Casimir's Hall. Get your team, get your tickets, and get your fun on.
Call the parish office or Tom Schindler at 553-3062 for tickets. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Interfaith Caregivers is offering a Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class beginning on Tuesday March 21st from 1:00 –2:30, running every Tuesday through April 23rd. The classes will be held at Interfaith Caregiver Office, 301 N. Main, Blue Earth. If you have any question please contact Merry or Sara at 507-526-4684.

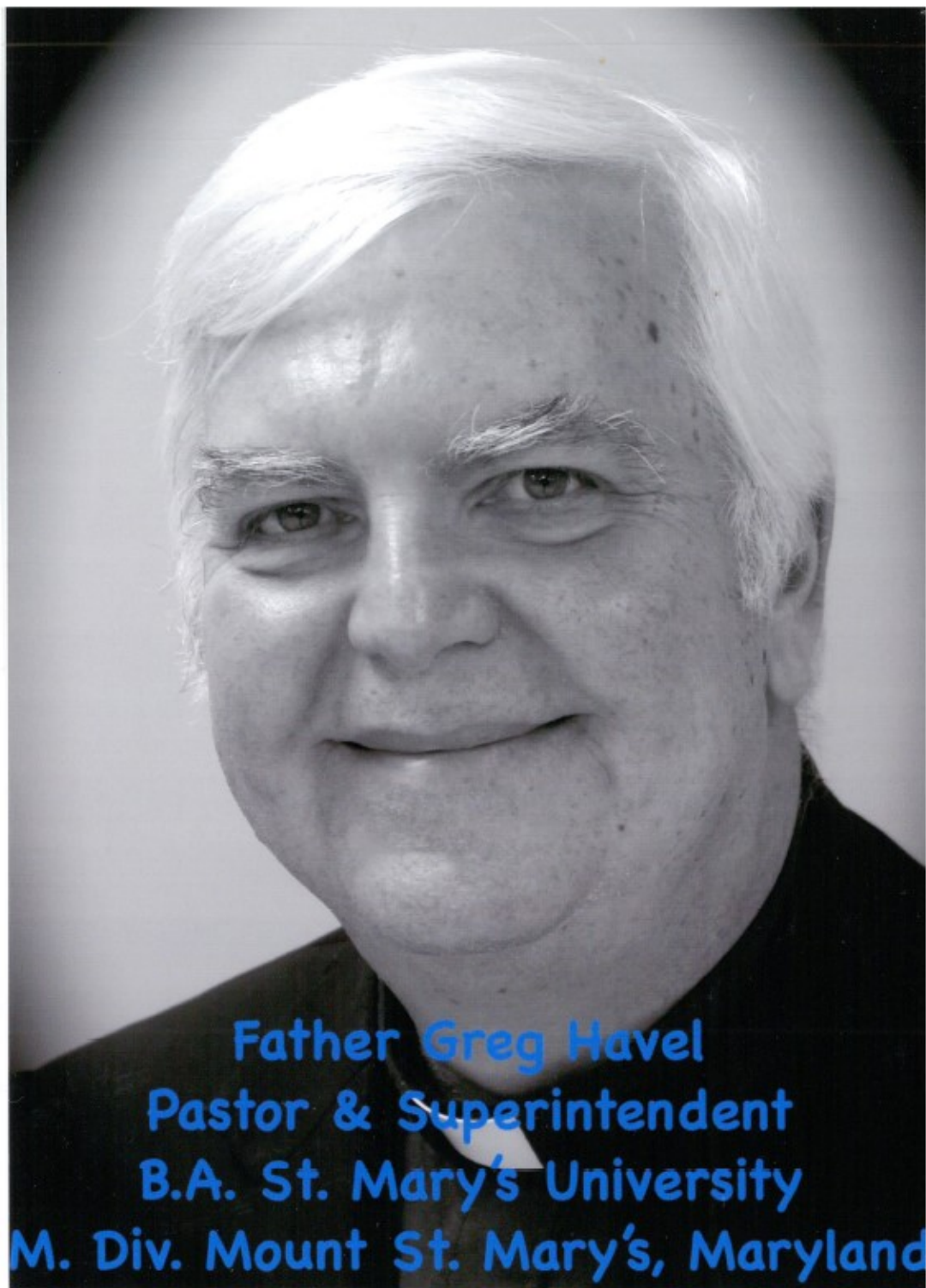
What is Powerful

Tools for Caregivers?

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a class series that supports caregivers in taking care of yourself while caring for someone else. By taking care of your own health and well-being, you become a better caregiver.

The class will give you tools to help:

- Reduce Stress
- Improve self-confidence
- Communicate in challenging situations
- Make tough decisions
- Locate helpful resources



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This was his last Bulletin Article, Fr. Greg sent me from the Hospital

Dear Parishioners, I wish to pass on to you my blessings for a safe and holy Christmas season. I realize that this message is coming a week late. I spent last week in the hospital in Rochester and did not get out till **Friday** afternoon. They are treating a couple of serious liver infections as well as the cancer. I am trying to remain positive. I want to say thank you to all of you for your help in this time and for your prayers. It has been a great gift for me to be your pastor for five years. It is great to know that I have wonderful people praying for me and gifted medical people working on the diseases. Best of all, is the grace of God present in so many ways. As for the future: I have been granted senior priest status by Bishop Barron. In the near future (a couple of weeks) I will be moving to La Crescent, MN. I will be in assisted living apartments so that I can get aid with medicines, meals, etc. I hope to be able to use Mayo hospital in La Crosse, WI to ease the driving to Rochester. I do get tired quickly but I would like to have an opportunity to say thank you and good bye before leaving. I am thinking that from 11:00 on **Sunday, January 14**, till 12:00 there could be a small open house at OLMC. There could be small sandwiches, cole slaw, potato salad, or whatever. It should be very simple as all the three parishes could help. Catered is good. There should be no gifts. If you feel a need, give something to your parish or St Casimir school, or a charity of your choice. I will be leaving, probably, the week after the 14th. I hope that the new pastor will be named and the parishes are moving ahead by that time. Once again thank you for your support during these years together. May the Lord bless you always. ~Fr Greg Havel This weekend we celebrate, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. God's gift to us is that of the family for there we find support, encouragement, and love. We learn from the family those virtues that will benefit us throughout life. We read in the Sacred Scriptures how even Jesus learned from obedience to Mary and Joseph. The Bible tells us that through his obedience Jesus grew in knowledge and respect. May God bless us and our families throughout the new year. ~ Fr. Greg