

TRI~PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEB 25, 2024 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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St. Casimir's School

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Mass Schedule & Intentions			
Mon., Feb. 26	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Tues., Feb. 27	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Wed., Feb. 28	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration starts	9:00 pm	STC
Thurs., Feb. 29	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration Ends	10:00 pm	STC
Friday, Mar. 1 Rectory Closed	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sat., Mar. 2	Mass †Mildred Stencel	5:00 pm	STJB
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sun. Mar. 3 3rd Sunday of Lent	Mass †George Yokiell	8:00 am	STC
	Mass †Gerry Ziegler	10:00 am	OLMC
	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



In the gospel this Sunday James, John and Peter are given a fore-taste of the joy of heaven through their witnessing Jesus be trans-figured before their eyes. This experience will be a consolation to them as they suffer witnessing the brutal execution of their master. Often times I refer to this scripture passage when I try to explain why sometimes in our lives we feel a strong presence of God's love, but other times it seems that he is no where to be found. Like the disciples in the Gospel after a deep experience of God's love, through a retreat or other activity, we have to go down the mountain, back to ordinary life where God's presence is not so easily found. Dry times in prayer or periods of doubt are not necessarily due to the fact that God has abandoned us, but rather opportunities for us to be drawn into a deeper faith. Lent can be such a time for us, let us trust that God is with us even when he is silent.

~Fr. Kurt

Tri-Parish Giving-Liturgical Ministers

Weekly Contributions as of Feb. 18, 2024

	OLMC	STC	STJB
Weekly Needed	\$2,500.00	\$5,519.00	\$1,925.00
Needed to Date	\$82,500.00	\$176,262.00	\$67,375.00
Given to Date	\$105,259.34	\$185,170.27	\$63,991.50

St. Casimir Liturgical Ministers

Sunday March 3, 2024

Sacristan—Brian Bias

Lector— Eric Woodring

Eucharistic Ministers—Adam Henning & Angie Bushlack

Ushers— Jon Feist, Randy Feist & Matt Zebro

Servers—Brooke Huper & Gavin Chirpich

Rosary Readers—Ray & Marti Yokiell

Money counters— 1

Shepherds Inn— JoAnne Tibodeau

Scripture Reading for March 3, 2024

First reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Second readings: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 28— STC 7:00 pm

Friday, March 29—OLMC 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 30—STC 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 31—STJB 8:00 am

Sunday, March 31—OLMC 10:00 am

In our Prayers:

Faithfully departed : Mary Majeski

Soldiers Overseas: Connor Grunzke,

Tri-Parish Stations of the Cross:

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

February Bulletin Article--Jinger

Hello from the kindergarten-second grade classroom! Have you ever asked a small child what their favorite part of the school day is? Much to the chagrin of the teacher, the most popular responses are lunch, recess and P.E. class. But when I think about my favorite part of our school day, it is pretty much the same response as the children—well, aside from that P.E. class!

While I enjoy teaching the core subjects, my favorite parts of the day are the times we spend together as a whole group. It's where the learning and growing in God's grace and love shine through. So, my favorite time of the day would have to be our Morning Circle time. After breakfast we gather on the rug and update our class calendar, discuss upcoming feast days, and begin our class prayer service. The school has supplied us with a book that includes a full year of daily prayer services where the children learn psalms, hear a reading from the Bible, are given reflection questions and, most importantly, learn to pray. The prayers and intentions that the children say are beautiful reflections of what they are learning in their homes and at school. We pray for their families, for those that are sick and hospitalized and for people who don't have anyone to pray for them. And now they kids have learned how to pray for the souls of the departed.

Once we have finished our prayers, we spend time practicing the virtue of respect. We take turns listening to the joys the children are experiencing in their lives. We also show empathy and support to one another as children occasionally have bad days too. The questions flow easily between real life stories and some fairly deep theological questions. It always amazes me to hear what they are thinking.

We end our Morning Circle time with a song. Some days it's an educational song that will teach them skills necessary for learning our lessons. Other days we are learning beautiful hymns that support our Catholic teachings. Finally, there are the silly songs that just make us all begin the day with an extra skip in our step and a good belly laugh.

While lunch, recess and gym time might be at the top of the favorite class list for the children, I have a feeling that Morning Circle time might be just as special for all of us.

Submitted by Jinger Woodring, Classroom Teacher



St. Casimir's School will be hosting it's annual carnival on Thursday, March 7th, for families with children 3-12 years of age. Not only will there be games, prizes and treats, we also hope to provide a bounce house or two for the children's enjoyment. If you have an inflatable house/castle that you would be willing to loan to the school for this event, please call the school office at 507-553-5822. Thank You very much!

Save the Date

Fish and Bingo

Friday, March 22nd 2024

St. Casimir Church

Basement in Wells



Tri-Parish News

OLMC Thank You!

A sincere "thank you" to a very special group of young men from OLMC Parish, who whenever they are called, come to church and dust all the high places, stain glass windows, altars, pillars, stations ... everything they can reach. God bless you and thank you!

St. John the Baptist

Holy Name Society LENTEN FISH FRY
FRIDAY, March 8, 2024
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

At St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Minnesota Lake

Serving

"All you can eat Fish"

Rosemary's Salmon Loaf, Baked Potato
Creamed Peas, Cole Slaw and Beverage
Adults-\$15 Under 10-\$8.00

Take Outs Available
All are Welcome!



Minnesota Lake Lions
Night of Bingo



Permit # XB-04490-24-010

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
MINNESOTA LAKE, MN

SATURDAY, March 2, 2024

6:00 p.m. sandwich meal available for \$8.00
Pork sandwich, chips, drink, and bar



7:00 P.M. Bingo games start

Advance sale \$20

At the Door \$25

Tickets available from Lions Club members or call Edie, 462-3469



CASH PRIZES

Proceeds go to Lions Community Projects

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, 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

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.