

TRI~PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 10, 2024 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mon., Mar. 11	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Tues., Mar. 12	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Wed., Mar. 13 <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	Stations of the Cross	6:30 pm	STC
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration starts	9:00 pm	STC
Thurs., Mar. 14	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration Ends	10:00 pm	STC
Friday, Mar. 15 Rectory Closed	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sat., Mar. 16	Reconciliations	4:00 pm	STJB
	Mass	5:00 pm	STJB
	†John Walser Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sun. Mar. 17 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass	8:00 am	STC
	†Helen Chirpich Mass	10:00 am	OLMC
	†John Braunshausen Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

Second Sunday Social, Coffee and Rolls March 10th St. Casimir Church After 8:00 am Mass

Save the Date

Fish and Bingo, Friday, March 22nd
St. Casimir Church Basement in Wells

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

Fr. Kurt Farrell



“If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains”. These words of Jesus to the Pharisees in the Gospel today makes it clear to us how important it is for us to admit and confess our sins. As Catholics we have a wonderful sacrament that guarantees us the forgiveness that comes directly from Christ. After his resurrection from the dead Jesus appeared to his Apostles and sent them out into the world to make disciples. One of the gifts that Jesus left the Church through these men was his forgiveness. In John 20: 22-23, Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. As Catholics we believe that in the sacrament of reconciliation Jesus fulfills his promise to forgive us. Lent is a great time to take advantage of this wonderful sacrament. Let us never despair of God’s love and mercy, but never presume of it either. We need to ask! ~Fr. Kurt

Fr. Peter Klein

WELL VERSED?

Being well versed in Scripture is one sure way to make progress in the spiritual life. That doesn’t require memorizing many verses, or even being able to cite chapter & verse of important passages. However, there are a few Bible references that often stand out for those who are well versed. Psalm 23 & 1 Corinthians 13 would surely be two. There are three that came to mind **this Sunday**—actually, two came in the very readings & another came because it’s closely related to the first.

This Sunday’s first reading (2 Chronicles 36: [14-16](#), [19-23](#)) spoke of Israel’s devastating defeat & exile at the hands of Babylon & then quoted the prophet Jeremiah: *All this was to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah: “Until the land has retrieved its lost Sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while 70 years are fulfilled.”* It was at this point in our history that Jeremiah proclaimed his “New Covenant Prophecy” (Jeremiah 31:31-34), the central part of which, verses 31 & 33, I have underlined: *The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel & the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant & I had to show myself their master, says the Lord. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them & write it upon the hearts; I will be their God, they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends & kinsmen how to know the Lord. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing & remember their sin no more.* (About Jeremiah’s New Covenant passage, one commentary says: “Sometimes called ‘The Gospel before the Gospel’ this passage contains Jeremiah’s most sublime teaching & is a landmark in Old Testament theology.”)

Which brings us to **this Sunday’s** gospel, including the iconic verse, John 3:16, which has been called “The Gospel within the Gospel.” “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*”

Finally, completing a kind of biblical trinity for this week, the second reading (Ephesians 2:4-10) includes one of St. Paul’s celebrated statements on justification by faith: “*For by grace you have been saved through faith, & this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.*”

So ... several candidates **today** for a “Word to Keep.” That phrase is from the Benedictine religious tradition. Through the course of the Liturgy of the Word each **Sunday**, each monk would find a “word” (a phrase, a verse) to keep in mind & memory, taking it from Mass & carrying it through the course of the week’s activities. Consciously making this choice each **Sunday** will make us more & more well versed. The benefit is described by St. Paul in his letter to Timothy (3:16-17): “*All Scripture is inspired by God & is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction & for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*” Who doesn’t want that??

St. Casimir's Holy Week

All preparations for Holy Week with need to go through Rosemary Brand, please feel free to call her or call the rectory for any information. 507-553-5391, Thank You. **Fr. Kurt Farrell**

Easter Memorials- Memorial

donations for Easter environment are now being accepted. Forms can be filled out and placed in the offering basket or sent to the respective parish office. Also Memorial donation envelopes may be found in with your contribution envelopes.

Fish Fry

St. Teresa Catholic Church Mapleton, MN
Friday, March 22nd from 5-7 pm.
Cost is TBD. Proceeds will go to our youth ministry efforts.

Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

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Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially Craig Sonnek, Jeremy Kolars, Charlie Kalis, Koltun Kunz, Betty Thisius, 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, 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

Weekly Contributions as of Feb 25, 2024

	OLMC	STC	STJB
Weekly Needed	\$2,500.00	\$5,519.00	\$1,925.00
Needed to Date	\$90,000.00	\$187,300.00	\$71,225.00
Given to Date	\$110,498.34	\$185,176.05	\$66,069.50
2024 CMA Goals			
	OLMC	STC	STJB
CMA Goal	\$10,683.00	\$21,089.00	\$7,685.00

St. Casimir Liturgical Ministers

Sunday March 17, 2024

Sacristan—Brian Bias

Lector— Tim Klein

Eucharistic Ministers—Bev Klein & Scott Bute

Ushers— Mark Herman, Rick Mueller & Mark Schmitz

Servers—Abby Chirpich & Gemma Woodring

Rosary Readers—Larry Brand

Money counters— 1

Shepherds Inn— Linda Esner

Scripture Reading for March 17, 2024

First reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16

Second readings: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

Tri-Parish Stations of the Cross:

STC Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 pm

STJB Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm

Deacon Gene will be leading the Stations

Tri-Parish News

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!

Give Blood Every 2 seconds someone in the
U.S. needs blood.

Blood Drive American Legion Wells
Legion Hall 145 W. Franklin , Wells,

Monday, March 25, 2024

10:30 am to 6:30 pm

Knights of Columbus please help unload
at 8:45 am . Thank You!

Visit; [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter WELLSMN
for an appointment or Call 1-800-REDCROSS

St. Casimir School Annual Gerten's Spring Plant Sale

What: Gerten's Spring Plant sale

Why: 30% of plant sale profits & 15% of plant card profits go
to STC School.

When: Our site opens on February 12th and closes at 10 Pm
on March 28th.

How: Order online: www.Gertensfundraising.com

Store ID code for St. Casimir School: 337

Where: Plants will be delivered to STC School on May 10th
and will be ready for pick up at 4:00 pm.



A Worldwide Call to Prayer

In our world we witness so
much confusion and error regarding God
and His plan for our eternal salvation. We
are confronted by an abysmal decline of

Christian culture, by an attack on the fundamental truths
about the world itself and about human life and its cradle in
marriage and family, and by violence in multiple forms. The
situation in our world today is grave, but we must never give
up hope, we must never turn away from the maternal gaze of
the Mother of God, who draws us to her Divine Son ALIVE in
the Church. Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke is calling every
Catholic, especially in America to return to our Lady and join
in prayer. All are asked to join the Nine-Month Novena to
our Lady beginning March 12 and ending December 12 on
the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You can receive
emails from His Eminence with encouragement and spiritual
direction along the journey of this novena at [https://](https://novena.cardinalburke.com/)

novena.cardinalburke.com/ or
scan the QR code to get signed
up.



Minnesota Food Share March Campaign will
join with faith communities, businesses and or-
ganizations across Minnesota in working to-
gether to support the work of our local food
shelves. During the month of March dollars re-
ceived can expand the amount of food that we
can purchase. \$1 can be stretched into food
for 2 or more meals.

The need in our area is great! Thanks to com-
munity support, we serve 75-100 families each
month. Our food shelf is making a difference!
Your help is crucial for us to continue to serve
our friends and neighbors!

Donations may be sent to: WAFS PO Box 12
Wells MN 56097

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was
thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger
and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

*“If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear that they would col-
lapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven without the Bread
of Heaven.” St. Jerome*