3rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 4, 2018

Our Lady of Mount Carmel † St. Casimir † St. John the Baptist

Key: OLMC= Our Lady of Mount Carmel  STC= St. Casimir  STJB= St. John the Baptist  PVCC= Parkview Care Center, Wells

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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<td>Tuesday, Mar 6</td>
<td>PVCC Mass</td>
<td>† Margaret Johnson</td>
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<td>Friday, Mar 9</td>
<td>STC Children’s Mass</td>
<td>† Cleo Klein</td>
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<td>Saturday, Mar 10</td>
<td>STJB Mass</td>
<td>† John Bach</td>
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<td>† Carola Loonan Russell</td>
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Sacraments of the Church

Baptism: Expectant parents who wish to present their child for Baptism must participate in Baptism Preparation Class. Contact the Tri-Parish office at 507-553-5391.

Marriage: All Catholics need to meet with a Priest at least six months before being married (even if the wedding is in a non-Catholic church). Contact the Tri-Parish office at least one year before your scheduled wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): If you or someone you know would like more information on becoming Catholic please contact the Tri-Parish office.

Christian Burials: For all burials at any of the Tri-Parish cemeteries, please contact Tom Schindler for St. Casimir 553-3062; Don Linder for Our Lady of Mount Carmel 787-2571; Lois Cole for St. John the Baptist 462-3517.

Daily Rosary: Evenings at St. Casimir beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday at St. John the Baptist, 4:15-4:45 p.m. and Sunday at St. Casimir, 7:15-7:45 a.m. and the 1st Sunday of the month after Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30 a.m. Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Casimir.

THANK YOU to all who attended, helped work, and the following donors of this year’s St. Casimir Church Carnival...

A&P Service
Al Bias
All Pets Medicine
Anonymous Donors
Ashley Herman
Bernie Bias Family
Blake Greenfield
Caldyn Huper
Chuck Nowak
County Corner Service
Dairy Queen
Dan Neubauer Oil
Darlene Bias
Dave and Lil Buesing
Dulas Excavating
Greg Stenzel
HI Yold Products
Ike and Kristen Dulas
Julie Stenzel
Kathy Schultz
Katie Koziolek
Kay Herman
Kylene Koziolek
Lacey’s Catering
Northern Country Coop
Pete and Teresa Hassing
Randy and Barb Fiest
St. Casimir’s Quilting Ladies
True Value
Wells Marketplace

Apologies to anyone inadvertently missed.
Parish Staff & Contact Information

Parochial Administrator................. Fr. Kern
Fr. Kern.......................... 507-553-5391
Deacon Eugene Paul............. 507-854-3676
Sacramental Emergencies........ 507-390-5785
Tri-Parish Office............... 507-553-5391
Website.............................. olmcstcsjtb.org

Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday Noon

St. Casimir
Website: olmcstcsjtb.org
320 2nd Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097
Phone: 507-553-5391 Fax: 507-553-5391
Email: scasimir@beccomm.net
Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Administrative Assistant.............GeDee Feist
Bookkeeper.................. Sue Cory
Cemetery........................... Tom Schindler
Faith Formation.................. Lisa Bute
Liturgical Music Coordinator..... Connie Stenzel
Maintenance....................... Bruce Roberts

St. John the Baptist
Website: olmcstcsjtb.org
100 Park St N, Minnesota Lake, MN
56068 507-462-3636
Email: stjb@beccomm.net
Office Hours Vary
Administrative Assistant.......... Rhonda Drager
Cemetery........................... Lois Cole
Faith Formation.................. Rhonda Drager
Maintenance....................... Quentin Staloch

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Website: olmcstcsjtb.org
27 Main St, Easton, MN 56025
507-787-2303 Email: olmc@beccomm.net
Office Hours Vary
Administrative Assistant......... Sue Cory
Cemetery........................... Don Linder
Custodial......................... Annette Schuster
Faith Formation................. Chris Schultz
Music.............................. Mary Kayser

St. Casimir Catholic School
Website: stcasimirsschool.net
507-553-5822 casimir@beccomm.net
Custodial........................ Gene & Pat Hassing
Maintenance.................... Bruce Roberts
Secretary........................ Sarah Oldham
Interim Administrative Team...... Julie Bruegger
...................................... Katy Schmitz

Faith Formation

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SCS Classroom News

Hello from Kindergarten! We are happy to be feeling some warmer temps which hopefully means spring is just around the bend. Last week we had the honor of leading our school in the Stations of the Cross. We held up pictures for each station and then recited the Station Number and "The Lord Be With You." We also wrote letters to God expressing how much we love Him and our gratitude for his Blessings, Mercy, and Forgiveness which has tied well into our discussion of Lent. Academics keep us busy! We are currently working on measuring in 1 inch increments and estimating length. Language Arts class has us learning even more sight words and learning about question words such as what, when, where, do and how if these words are at the beginning of a sentence they cue us to knowing it is a question and needs a question mark. Science is all about living things and the life cycle of a plant. Science class is an excellent way to incorporate the Blessings that God has provided us with such as the food that will potentially grow from the seeds that we will be planting this month. –Beth Emerson

Shoemaker’s Appeal

We would like to acknowledge and thank our anonymous donor for the $300.00 Shoemaker’s Appeal donation received 2.26.18. Our current total is $19,245.00! Thank you to those who have already given and we sincerely ask that others will prayerfully consider helping St. Casimir’s School! We greatly appreciate any amount that you would be willing to share with St. Casimir’s School and its children. Thank you and God Bless!

Celebrate with Saints- Save the Date April 14th

Students will be out selling tickets within the next couple of weeks for the big event. The tickets are $10/piece with only 1,000 available. Items you can win range from a John Deere lawn mower, $50 amazon gift card and much, much more. Students will be selling tickets before and after mass at all three parishes starting the weekend of March 24th to April 7th. We are excepting silent and live action items. We will also be having the wheel of wine again this year. If you are interested in donating an item/s to the silent auction, live auction or wheel of wine you can drop off the items at the school from now till April 14th. Thank you for the continued support of the Catholic School. ~ Celebrate with Saints Committee Members

Prayer Line...

We want everyone to receive the powerful blessings that prayer can provide—even those who don’t want to share publicly. Whenever any of our parish members or families are in need of special prayers, please call us and we will begin our prayer lines for any need. OLMC- Margaret Stevermer at 787-2525 or Celie Stevermer 507 340 0566, STJB- Rhonda Drager at 462-3627 or STJB Parish Office at 462-3636, STC- Lois Stenzel at 553-5423.
Stewardship

The numbers calculated below are for the fiscal year 7/1/17-6/30/18

St. Casimir

As of 2/25/18

Ash Wednesday

Adult........................................$520.00
Offertory..................................$420.50
Church in Eastern Europe..............$85.00

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Sunday 2/25/18

Adult........................................$1947.00
Offertory..................................$82.00
Childrens Mass.........................$4.29
Amount needed weekly.................$7,980.00
Amount needed to date...............$287,280.00
Amount given to date.................$212,604.99

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St. John the Baptist

Adult........................................$520.00
Offertory..................................$116.00

Amount needed weekly.................$1,850.00
Amount needed to date...............$64,750.00
Amount given to date.................$60,769.10

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Adult........................................$985.00
Plate.......................................$82.00

Amount needed weekly.................$2,424.00
Amount needed to date...............$84,840.00
Amount given to date.................$29,995.53

Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter

Amount given to date.................$33,000.00

Handicap Access as of 1-31-2017

Total Project Cost....................$617,000.00
Cash on Hand............................$556,684.62
Amount left to raise..................$60,315.38

From the Heart by Fr. Jason Kern

God in His mercy continues to fill your hearts with generosity and love. Thank you for your response to the Catholic Ministries Appeal 2018 (CMA18). If you have not yet had the opportunity to consider a gift please pray and ask God what He might invite you to give.

Here is a prayer we can all say for the work of the church in our diocese:

Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for your many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ’s Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts. Amen.

Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota: www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal

Stations of the Cross:

Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb have become a popular devotion in parishes. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross. This devotion has evolved over time. Tradition holds that our Blessed Mother visited daily the scenes of our Lord's passion. After Constantine legalized Christianity in the year 312, this pathway was marked with its important stations. St. Jerome (342-420), living in Bethlehem during the later part of his life, attested to the crowds of pilgrims from various countries who visited those holy places and followed the Way of the Cross.

The devotion continued to grow in popularity. In the fifth century, an interest developed in the Church to "reproduce" the holy places in other areas as well as in the Holy Land. Many who could not actually travel to the Holy Land could do so in a devotional, spiritual way in their hearts.

In 1342, the Franciscans were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land. The faithful received indulgences for praying at certain stations. The Moslem Turks blocked the access to the Holy Land, reproductions of the stations were erected at popular spiritual centers. Many of these stations were reproduced by renowned artists and are considered masterpieces today. The devotion continued to grow in popularity in Europe.

At the end of the 17th century, the erection of stations in churches became more popular. In 1686, Pope Innocent XI, realizing that few people could travel to the Holy Land due to the Moslem oppression, granted the right to erect stations in all of their churches and that the same indulgences would be given to the Franciscans and those affiliated with them for practicing the devotion as if on an actual pilgrimage. Pope Benedict XIII extended these indulgences to all of the faithful in 1726.

Five years later, Pope Clement XII permitted stations to be created in all churches and fixed the number at 14. In 1742, Pope Benedict XIV exhorted all priests to enrich their churches with the Way of the Cross, which must include 14 crosses and are usually accompanied with pictures or images of each particular station.

To date, there are 14 traditional stations: Pilate condemns Christ to death; Jesus carries the cross; the first fall; Jesus meets His Blessed Mother; Simon of Cyrene helps to carry the cross; Veronica wipes the face of Jesus; the second fall; Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem; the third fall; Jesus is stripped of His garments; Jesus is nailed to the cross; Jesus dies on the cross; Jesus is taken down from the cross; and Jesus is laid in the tomb.

A plenary indulgence is granted for those who piously exercise the Way of the Cross, actually moving from station to station where they are legitimately erected and while meditating on the passion and death of our Lord ("Enchiridion of Indulgences," No. 63). Those who are impeded from visiting a church may gain the same indulgence by piously reading and meditating on the passion and death of our Lord for one-half hour.

Edited for space. Find the original at the following link:
http://www.ewtn.com/library/answers/stcross.htm
**Tri-Parish...**

**Tri-Parish Lenten project this year** - Will be collecting funds for the Wells Ministerial Community Fund (the WMCF). This fund is a combined effort funded by the Wells area churches and provides support for the people in need of our community. The Wells Police Department manages the disbursement of the funds by way of gas cards, food assistance, overnight shelter, clothing, as well as referrals for assistance programs and much more. There will be a second collection on the 4th Sunday of Lent at each parish. Please be generous during this time of self-sacrifice and reflection. To help others less fortunate is one of the greatest imitations of Christ’s love for us. Thank you.

**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.

**STJB Holy Name Fish Fry** - Will be held at St. John the Baptist in Minnesota Lake on Friday, March 23rd from 5-7 pm. They will be serving “All you can eat fish” and Rosemary’s Salmon loaf, baked potato, creamed peas, cole slaw and beverage. There will be a raffle drawing for prizes so contact STJB council members, Holy Name Board or Parish office for your tickets today!

**STC** - Please join the Home and School for coffee and rolls after 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 11th in the STC church basement. Thank you for your continued support of the St. Casimir’s School.

**STC** - There are just a few of the free Lenten Gospel Reflections book by Bishop Robert Barron remaining at the two main entrances of St. Casimir Church. Please feel free to pick up a copy to assist with your Lenten devotions. If you did not receive a copy, you can still receive the free daily reflections by email when you sign up on the Word on Fire website. The site address is https://dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-daily-gospel. When you sign up for this service, Bishop Barron’s daily reflection will be sent directly to your email address ensuring that you always have access to a means to enrich your Lenten season.

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**Community...**

**Wells VFW Kitchen Fund Fish Fry** - Will be held March 9th from 5pm - till gone at the Wells American Legion. The cost is $9.00 per person and they will be serving fish, baked potato, coleslaw and bread. Proceeds will go to the Wells VFW Kitchen Fund.

**Meetings...**

**OLMC** - The Winter MCCW meeting was postponed due to weather. The meeting is re-scheduled for Monday, March 5th, at 7:00 PM in Madonna Hall. Prior to the meeting, please join us at 6:30 PM in the church to pray the Rosary for priests, and for peace within our families, schools, and country.

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**Tri-Parish Prayers...**

...Let us always remember the sick of our parish communities and families, and all those in need of prayer, especially:
Margaret Dickhoff; Louie & Ellie Osdoda; Mary Meyer; Zach Fendrich; Mildred Stencel; Sharon Hodge; Don Yokiel; Rose Stencel; Jim Engebretson; Regina Boldt; Paul Willette and for all our service men & women of the armed forces. Please notify the office of family members currently in active duty to include in our prayers. All requests will be removed after four weeks. Please notify the Tri-Parish office by emailing scasimir@bevcomm.net or calling 553-5391 if you would like to continue prayers.

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**Ministries for Saturday, Mar. 10, & Sunday, Mar. 11, 2018**

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<td>Arnie Stenzel</td>
<td>1st Reading: George Bias</td>
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<td>Darrell Radtke, Rick Girard, Sam Lemmon</td>
<td>2nd Reading: Steve Bushlack</td>
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<td>Marlene Staloch</td>
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2018 Lenten Project

St. Casimir’s School invites you to join us in our Lenten project. This year our school has chosen a local non-profit charity, The Five Sisters Project, to be our focus for Lenten prayer and almsgiving.

A little background on the Five Sisters project:

“They are a local non-profit group that serves women in crisis by providing confidential comfort and critical care, spiritual coaching, life skills training, resources and referrals. Their goal is to provide temporary, transitional housing for women in extreme or dangerous situations.”

From now until the end of Lent we will be collecting items listed below. These items do not have to be brand new, they can be gently used items that you have at home, or find at a thrift store, such as our local “Back Door Clothes Closet.”

If you are not able to donate items, they are also in need of funds and/or volunteers for various areas from mailing, transportation, pregnancy/new mom support, lawn care, and building projects.

**Things they hope for**

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<td>Stackable washer/dryer</td>
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<td>Temporary Housing</td>
<td>New/Gently used toys</td>
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<td>Bags of any kind--used for Escape Bags</td>
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<td>“New” Items for the Escape Bags: deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, Kleenex packs, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/brush, Q-Tips, tampons/pads, soap</td>
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These items can be brought to St. Casimir’s School at any time during Lent and will be displayed in the hall next to the office. As a school we will then hand deliver the donated items to the Five Sisters Project after Easter. Thank you for your continued support!
Fish Supper with Bingo Night

St. Casimir’s Church Hall

Friday, March 9th, 2018

Serving Meal from 5 pm to 7 pm ~ or until gone
BINGO from 6 pm to 8 pm (must be 18 to play)

$6 Meal Includes: Fish Sandwich
Pickle & Chips
Cole Slaw
Cookie
Lemonade/Coffee

$1 Bingo Game Cards
With Cash Prizes!

All proceeds directly support St. Casimir’s School!