

# TRI~PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 17, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
(OLMC)**

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**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

Mon., Dec. 18	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Tues., Dec. 19	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Wed., Dec. 20	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration starts	9:00 pm	STC
Thurs., Dec. 21	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
	Adoration Ends	10:00 pm	STC
Friday, Dec. 22	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sat., Dec. 23	Mass †Mark Sonnek	5:00 pm	OLMC
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sun. Dec. 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Mass † Jean Stenzel	5:00 pm	STC
	Mass †Clara & †Joe Madzo and † Joe Stenzel	9:00 pm	OLMC
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Monday Dec. 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	Mass †Yatz and †Erma Bach	9:00 am	STJB
	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

**Tri-Parish Staff**

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**STC School**

Principal .....John Hengel  
Office Manager.....Teresa Chirpich  
Bookkeeper.....

**Cemetery**

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

**Tri-Parish Office Hours**

OLMC.....Hours Varied  
STC.....8:00-2:00pm, Weekdays  
STJB.....Hours Varied

Christmas is almost here with the 3 week of Advent. For most it's a joyful time of the year. But it's also an ache in the heart of those who, perhaps, have lost somebody in the past year that they love or have moved away from the kind of joy that they experienced on Christmas Day and there's sorrow in their hearts. And we pray for them at this time, because Christmas is very, very hard for people who do not rejoice in their hearts and feel any joy, because they are confronting difficulties in their own way. But for most of us, it's a very happy day. It's a family day. We celebrate the First coming of Jesus. And in the celebration of his birthday, we become one with that day.

~Fr. Greg

**Holiday Schedule**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

Sat. 5:00 pm OLMC

Sunday. 9:00 am STJB

**Christmas Eve**

Sunday 5:00 pm STC

Sunday 9:00 pm OLMC

**Christmas Day**

Monday 9:00 am STJB

<b>Weekly Contributions as of Dec. 3, 2023</b>			
	OLMC	STC	STJB
Weekly Needed	\$2,500.00	\$5,519.00	\$1,925.00
Needed to Date	\$67,500.00	\$132,110.00	\$44,275.00
Given to Date	\$74,161.94	\$117,423.78	\$43,987.25
<b>2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal</b>			
CMA Goal	\$10,683.00	\$21,968.00	\$7,658.00
Amount Rec'd	<b>\$10,683.00</b>	\$20,322.11	\$7,805.00
	<b>Met CMA Goal</b>	<b>Still needing \$1,645.89</b>	<b>Over goal \$147.00</b>

**End of the Year Gift Giving:**

As we reach the end of the calendar year, please remember your parish in your gift-giving. You financial support is appreciated as we work together for God's Kingdom here on earth. To be included in the 2023 giving, all donations need to be received by December 31,2023

**St. Casimir Liturgical Ministers**

**Sunday Dec. 24, 2023 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**Sacristan—Brian Bias**

**Lector— Tim Klein**

**Eucharistic Ministers—Lea & Mark Nowak**

**and Bev Klein**

**Ushers— Mark Ignazewski, Randy Feist & Matt Zebro**

**Servers— Abby Chirpich & Kylee Koziolk**

**Rosary Readers—Tim Klein**

**Money counters— 3**

**Shepherds Inn— Larry Brand**

**St. Casimir Church Eucharistic Adoration**

St. Casimir 's 9:00pm Wed– 10:00pm Thurs.

**Scripture Reading for Dec. 17 2023**

First reading: **Isaiah 62:1-5**

Second readings: **Act of the Apostles 13:16-17**

Gospel: **Matthew 1:1-25**

***In our Prayers:***

**Soldiers Overseas: Connor Grunzke,  
Paul Rauenhorst**

2024 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!

## School Article

As we approach the end of the year, our classrooms have been buzzing with excitement and learning. Here's a glimpse into the wonderful activities and lessons our students have been engaged in:

Recently students had a blast playing with Magna tiles as they embarked on a creative adventure to build the tallest towers. This hands-on activity not only enhanced their spatial reasoning but also fostered teamwork and problem-solving skills. The enthusiasm in the room was palpable as students worked collaboratively to construct structures that defied gravity!

In the spirit of the holiday season, our students have been exploring and learning about Christmas traditions from various corners of the globe. From the tradition of Old Befana in Italy to the festive markets in Germany, our young learners are broadening their cultural horizons and gaining a deeper understanding of the rich diversity that makes our world so unique.

As part of our social studies curriculum, students are delving into the histories and cultures of communities that have migrated to our country. This exploration fosters empathy and encourages our students to appreciate the unique contributions each culture brings to our country.

Our third and fourth graders have been making incredible strides in their mathematical journey. They are now diving into the world of multiplication and division, mastering fundamental concepts that will serve as building blocks for their future math classes.

Our fifth-grade scholars are tackling advanced mathematical concepts with determination and skill. Currently, they are mastering the art of long division, working with decimals, and exploring the world of surface area and volume. It's impressive to witness their mathematical skills grow.

As we approach the holiday break, I want to take a moment to wish every one of you a Merry Christmas! May this festive season be filled with joy, laughter, and the warmth of family and friends. We are grateful for the privilege of guiding your children's education and look forward to continued growth and success in the up coming year.

Teacher, Ethel Aranda



## Tri-Parish Events

***OLMC MCCW Bake Sale was a great success. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the bake sale! Everything sold! MCCW proceeds were \$1,520.00. May God bless one and all!***



**Christmas Flower Memorials-** Memorial donations for Christmas environment are now being accepted. Forms can be found at the church entrances and can be filled out and placed in

the offering basket or sent to the respective parish office. Memorial donation envelopes may also be found in with your contribution envelopes. 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 turn in by Dec. 20th

## Prayer Requests for Our Tri-Parish

### Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

**Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially** Jerome Leesch, Lois Hund, Gary Bach, Dawn "Russ" Cory, Dale and Marg Sonnek, Triston Father, Sheila Runquist, Chuck Evan, Ardean Schultz, Fr. Greg Havel, Zach Fendrich, John Volz, Jeanne Miller, Bill Minks, Don Yokiel, Ken Tibodeau, Tiffany Sonnek, Laurie Radke-Maidl, Dave Sonnek, Jan Willette, Orland Drager, Steve Heilmann, Mark Obermeyer, Jim Bute, Greg Sonnek, Ron Laitenberger, Doug Redman, 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

*"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."*

St. Faustina, Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary

*"I desire to unite Myself to human souls, Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things...They treat Me as a dead object." (1385)*

*"Every morning during meditation, I prepare myself for the whole day's struggle. Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is. I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion. This bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and the courage to do whatever the Lord asks of me. The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him who lives in me – it is the Eucharist." (91)*

St. Alphonsus Liguori

*"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest of the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."*

St. Padre Pio