

Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community

The First Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 1, 2019

Upcoming Calendar Events

- ✧ SCS Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.-12 Noon, St. Casimir's Hall
- ✧ SCS Coffee & Rolls, Sunday, December 8, following 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✧ OLMC Holiday Bake Sale, Sunday, December 8, 11:30a-1:00 p.m. at Club 569, Easton
- ✧ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, Monday, December 9, 5:00 p.m. at STC
- ✧ Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 15, 4:00 p.m. at St. Casimir, Potato Bar Supper to follow
- ✧ Tri-Parish Communal Penance, Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. at St. Casimir

Tri-Parish Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019

- ✧ St. Casimir, Wells, 5:00 p.m. (Fr. Havel)
- ✧ St. John the Baptist, Minn. Lake, 5:00 p.m. (Fr. Stenzel)
- ✧ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Minnesota Lake, 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25, 2019

- ✧ St. Casimir, Wells, 9:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- ✧ Tuesday, 12/31: St. John the Baptist, Minn. Lake, 4:00 p.m.
- ✧ Wednesday, 1/1/20: St. Casimir, Wells, 9:00 a.m.

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		
Monday, December 2	No Mass	
Tuesday, December 3 STC	† Bob Fuhrmann	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 4 OLMC	† Jerry Paul and † Karel Paul	8:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 5 STJB	† Max McGregor-Otterby	8:30 a.m.
Friday, December 6 STC	† Mike Butson	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 7 STJB	Pro Populo	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 8 STC	† Helen Evan	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 8 OLMC Mass @ STJB	† Vern & † Marjorie Schultz	10:00 a.m.
St. Casimir's Minister Schedule — Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Minister Schedule sign-up is located in the elevator entrance. This will be available until Sunday, December 8. After that, scheduling will happen as usual to fill any blanks, and will be sent out that week. Thank you for sharing your time & talents with your church family during this sacred time of year.		
Scripture Readings for Next Week		
2nd Sunday of Advent		
First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10		
Psalm: "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever."		
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9		
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12		

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 Don Linder for Our Lady of Mount Carmel 787-2571; Tom Schindler for St. Casimir 553-3062; Bob Drager for St. John the Baptist 507-995-0160.

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

Reconciliation: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at St. John the Baptist, Saturdays 9:30-10:00 a.m.; St. Casimir, Sundays 7:00-7:30 a.m.; St. John the Baptist, Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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

If the weather is unfavorable, Mass cancellations will be announced on KEYC News 12 and KBEW 98.1FM & 1560AM.



Tri-Parish Staff Contact Information

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Deacon Gene Paul..... 507-854-3676
Tri-Parish Website olmcststjb.org

Sacramental Emergencies

Fr. Havel 507-553-5391

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

27 Main Street, Easton, MN 56025
Phone: 507-787-2303 Fax: 507-553-5391
Email.....olmc@bevcomm.net
Office Hours varied
Administrative Assistant..... Sue Cory
Cemetery..... Don Linder
Custodial.....Annette Schuster
Faith Formation Chris Schultz
Music Mary Kayser

St. Casimir

320 2nd Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097
Phone: 507-553-5391 Fax: 507-553-5391
Email.....scasimir@bevcomm.net
Office HoursM-F 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Administrative Assistant.....Julie Bruegger
Bookkeeper..... Kay Herman
Cemetery..... Tom Schindler
Faith FormationLisa Bute
Liturgical Music CoordinatorConnie Stenzel
Maintenance..... Bruce Roberts

St. Casimir's School

330 2nd Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097
Phone: 507-553-5822 Fax: 507-553-5391
Email.....casimir@bevcomm.net
Office HoursM-F 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Bookkeeper..... Ashley Seedorf
CustodiansGene & Pat Hassing
Maintenance..... Bruce Roberts
Principal.....
Secretary.....Ashley Dawson
..... Sarah Oldham
Website.....stcasimirsschool.net

St. John the Baptist

PO Box 158, Minnesota Lake, MN
Phone: 507-462-3636 Fax: 507-553-5391
Email.....stjb@bevcomm.net
Office Hours varied
Administrative Assistant.....Rhonda Drager
Cemetery..... Bob Drager
Faith FormationRhonda Drager
Maintenance..... Quentin Staloch

Tri-Parish Faith Formation

OLMC	Sun 12/1	Grades 1-8	9:00 a.m.
	Sun 12/8	Grades 1-8	9:00 a.m.
TRI	Sun 12/1	Confirmation I	No Class
	Sun 12/8	Confirmation I	5:00-7:00 p.m.
STC	Wed 12/4	Grades 1-8	6:30-7:45 p.m.
TRI	Wed 12/4	Grade 9 TOB	6:30-7:45 p.m.

SCS News

Preschool is going amazing this year. Only three month in and I'm seeing so much progress already!! We are just zipping through our letters, numbers, colors and shape recognition. Not to mention our social skills we've been working on. Learning to share with one another, wait patiently and take turns, being kind and just playing well together!!

More exciting news...I have gotten two new full-time students in the last two weeks. So that brings our class to eight this year, four boys and four girls, I love it!! So much fun welcoming new little's into the classroom. It has brought new attitudes and definitely new energy into the room!

We are also working hard on trying to finish up all of our November activities. From apple stamping (and tasting, since we always have to sample everything ☺), making fall leaves filled with glitter and sparkles, and hand painted turkey's with colorful feathers and googly eyes! There is never a dull moment in our classroom, with all of these different little personalities...and we wouldn't want it any other way!!

God bless, Angie Swehla, Preschool Teacher

St. Casimir's Lessons & Carols- Sunday, December 15, prepare for Christmas as St. Casimir's Choir and St. Casimir's School children share God's Word and song to tell the story of Jesus' long awaited coming. Beginning at 4:00 p.m. at St. Casimir's Church, listen to Scripture and beautiful music by the choir, and talented area musicians. Be blessed by the innocence of children as they re-enact the Nativity. Following the program, everyone is invited to enjoy supper in St. Casimir's Church Hall. A free-will offering will benefit local charities.

Lighthouse Kiosk- The Lighthouse CD kiosk is back at St. Casimir's—along with a dozen new topics on Catholic formation! There's something for everyone; from "Amazing Angels and Super Saints" for ages 3-11 to learn and love their faith to "The Mystery of Christmas" by renowned preacher Fr. Larry Richards. There are CDs on current topics such as "Why I Left Planned Parenthood" and "The Incredible Mind of G.K. Chesterton", among others. Please feel free to shop from this kiosk at your convenience. A donation of \$3 per CD is suggested.

Do you shop at Mankato Hy-Vee? Do you know someone that does? St. Casimir School wants your receipts! We have the opportunity to receive up to \$2000. All you do:

1. Shop Mankato Hilltop or Riverfront Hy-Vee
2. Give your receipts to St. Casimir School office
3. Hy-Vee donates \$1 for every \$150 of receipts collected including grocery, liquor store, and pharmacy.

A box to deposit receipts is in St. Casimir's Church by the stairs leading to the choir loft. Thank you for supporting our school!

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 Peggy Linder 787-2575, STJB- Rhonda Drager at 462-3627 or STJB Parish Office at 462-3636, STC- Lois Stenzel at 553-5423.

Stewardship

*Collection amounts for the weekend of:
11/24/2019*

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Adult \$3,638.63
 Offertory \$51.29
 Thanksgiving \$350.00
 Human Dev. Campaign.....\$65.00

St. Casimir

Adult.....\$9,149.00
 Offertory\$154.00
 Thanksgiving\$2,020.00
 All Saints20.00
 Baby Bottles.....\$15.09
 Grain Donation\$983.81
 Human Dev. Campaign.....\$190.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult\$1,075.00
 Offertory\$109.50
 Thanksgiving\$150.00
 Human Dev. Campaign.....\$10.00

Catholic Ministry Appeal

OLMC

Goal\$10,940.00
 Given/pledged\$8,665.00
 Needed to reach goal.....\$2,525.00
 # of donors.....37
 % of goal reached..... 79.2%

STC

Goal\$25,700.00
 Given/pledged\$16,927.00
 Needed to reach goal.....\$8,873.00
 # of donors.....66
 % of goal reached..... 65.86%

STJB

Goal\$7,990.00
 Given/pledged\$4,887.00
 Needed to reach goal.....\$3,103.00
 # of donors.....27
 % of goal reached..... 61.6%

In Our Prayers

Soldiers Overseas

Troy Haugh

The Recently Departed

Max McGregor-Otterby, infant
 grandson of Brian & Kris McGregor

A Word from Fr. Havel...

Today marks the first week of Advent. A new beginning of the Church year. It is a time to say thank you to the Lord for the spiritual blessings of God's love present within this last year. Blessings so often experienced through the lives of people who pray for us, support us and encourage us in our journeys of life. It is also a time to pray for the blessings of the Lord for the upcoming year. I have all sorts of plans for myself and our parishes. We may want to ask ourselves in quiet reflection— how will I be different at the end of the year and how will I get there? One of my goals as your pastor is to encourage us all to become more open to God's loving care and to become, by the grace of God, more welcoming parishes. With the Lord, there are always new beginnings. May this Advent season truly be a time of grace for us and through us be a year of healing and renewal.

~Fr. Greg

Annual Announcements...

Contribution Envelopes are available in the back of each church. Thank you for using these for your donations to the collection. Remember we have an online option as well if you'd prefer to go paperless. God bless you for your generosity to your parish.

End Of Year Giving As we reach the end of the calendar year, please remember your parish in your gift giving. Your financial support is appreciated as we work together for God's Kingdom here on earth. To be included in the 2019 giving, all donations should be received by December 31, 2019. Thank you for your generosity!

2020 Calendars Available We are once again blessed by the generous donation of church calendars by Herman Manufacturing Co., Inc. and State Farm Insurance of Wells. The calendars are available at the entrances of the churches in our Tri-Parish community. Please be sure to pick yours up today and offer thanks to our generous donors.

Employment Opportunities...

St. John the Baptist

Snow Removal- STJB is looking for individual(s) to shovel snow off steps at the church and parish center. Also, south sidewalk at the church. Please contact Rhonda Drager at 507-380-8591.

St. Casimir's School

Catholic Elementary School Principal, Wells, MN
 Saint Casimir's Catholic School is a Preschool – 6th grade school that currently enrolls 45 + students with a professional staff of six and is accredited by MNSAA. Saint Casimir's School is currently looking for a principal for the 2019-2020 school year. The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic, hold a minimum of a master's degree, or be willing to work toward a master's degree, and preferably a MN licensure in educational administration or a related field. Additional requirements include a minimum of five years of educational experience in elementary education, ideally in a Catholic school system.

Qualified applicants are invited to send a resume, cover letter, references to:

Father Gregory Havel

320 2nd Avenue Southwest • Wells, MN 56097

Or send electronically to: triparish.priest@gmail.com

Applications accepted until the position is filled with the appropriate candidate.

Tri-Parish Prayers...

Let us always remember the sick of our parish communities and families, and all those in need of prayer, especially:

Rick Herman, Marti Paul, Anne Jackson, Brady Berberich, Linda Willette, Mike Redig, Lynn Ascheman, John Walser, Sr. Carmen Sonnek, Rosemary Brand, Ginny Drager, Sharon Hodge, Triston Father, Bill Stokman, Alice Schimek, Gerry Ziegler, Faron Bremseth, Doug Johnson, Norma Goodrich, Allan Latourelle, Mike McCallum, Dick Stenzel **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.

Tri-Parish...

Early Bulletin Deadline- Please have all bulletin submissions in by Monday 12/2 Noon for the 12/8 bulletin. Thank you!

OLMC- Reminder to all MCCW members to donate baked goods to the Holiday Bake Sale set for Sunday, December 8. Please bring your items to Club 569 anytime after 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Or, for your convenience you can drop off your baked goods at Julie Stevermer's home. Thank you for your support in making this event a success!

STC & STJB Giving Tree- We will be collecting donations for Options Mankato, a pregnancy center. Please see the tags on the trees for items needed this year. Monetary donations can be placed in a marked envelope in the collection. Please leave unwrapped donations in the manger in the St. Casimir's elevator entrance or under the tree at St. John the Baptist. Thank you!

STJB CCW- Thank you so much for your Giving to the Max Day Donation. Your support of the St. Thomas More Newman Center is greatly appreciated. With your donation we are able to have bible studies, well-known speakers and fun events. Thanks again for your generosity. Mikhaila Roth, MSU Senior, St. Thomas More Newman Center

OLMC Holiday Bake Sale- Plan now to attend the Annual OLMC Holiday Bake Sale set for Sunday, December 8, at Club 569 in Easton. This is the bake sale you won't want to miss with a HUGE variety of Christmas goodies and more! Bake sale opens at 11:30 a.m. and will be held in conjunction with Santa Days.

Pans & Bowls, oh my! There are pans to be picked up in the St. Casimir's kitchen and many bowls to be taken home from the St. John the Baptist's kitchen. Please stop down and get yours to help keep us tidy for upcoming events/funerals. All items not collected by 12/15 will be donated. Thank you for your participation in our church functions!

Community...

Wells VFW Omelet Breakfast- You are invited to the Wells VFW for an Omelet breakfast Sunday, December 1, from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. They will be serving omelets, hash browns, eggs and more. All proceeds will go to support Our Town USA Community Foundation.

Bell Ringers are Needed! If you'd like to help change lives and know it's helping local folks, sign up for a shift or two to ring the bell at Wells Marketplace. The shifts are 2 hours and run from 12 Noon to 6 p.m. Volunteers can sign up for open time slots by going to www.RegisterToRing.com or by contacting Bev Johnson at 507-420-0634 or Sarah Hankerson at 507-317-4322 or 553-5453. Sign up with a friend or two and spread the giving spirit of Christmas!

Meetings...

St. Casimir's CCW Meeting- All ladies of the St. Casimir's Parish are encouraged to attend the quarterly CCW meeting on Thursday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. We hope you will join us!

The Second Sunday of Advent				
Ministries for Saturday, December 7, & Sunday, December 8, 2019				
	STJB Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	STC Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		OLMC at STJB Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Lector	Maxine Daly	1 st Reading: Steve Bushlack 2 nd Reading: Arnie Stenzel		Steve Schultz
Eucharistic Ministers	Jill Swehla, Arnie Stenzel, Mary Stevermer	Jerry Dulas, Ike Dulas, Sheila Treptow, Mark & Lia Ignaszewski, Mark & Lea Nowak		Ron Schultz, Chelsea Sonnek, Teresa Schimek
Servers	Paige Gonsolus, Brielle Gonsolus	Bob Schindler, Nick Schindler, Nathaniel Clore		Claire Schimek, Riley Stevermer, Mason Stevermer
Ushers	Bob Drager, Volunteer	Tom & Marilyn Staloch, Linda Sonnek, Eric Allis, Ronda Allis (G)		Brad Stevermer, Sheldon Stevermer
Sacristan		Gene & Pat Hassing		
Gift Bearers		Joe Koziolk Family		
Rosary		Rhonda Fuhrmann		Dawn Doyle
Money Counters	Volunteer, Volunteer	Team #5: Larry or Sheila Treptow, Jeff Stenzel, Bernard J. Steinhauer		Jeff Rath, Sue Haugh
Monicas		Week of December 1-7	Week of December 8-14	
		Marie Hassing, Jan Ignaszewski	Jan Nowak, Rhonda Fuhrmann	