

Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2019

Upcoming Calendar Events

- ✧ 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 St. Casimir
- ✧ 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

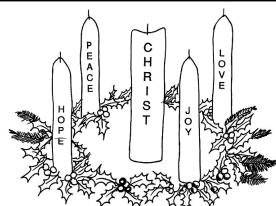
Mass Schedule & Intentions		
Monday, December 9 STC Marian Feast Day	† Mary E. Stenzel	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 10 STC	† Donald Staloch	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 10 Parkview Care Center	† Living & deceased members of the George & Joan Erb family	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 11 OLMC @ STC	† Leon Schultz	8:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 12 STJB	† Daisy Bach	8:30 a.m.
Friday, December 13 STC	† Glen Garver	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 14 STJB	† Helen & † Mary Evan	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 15 STC	† Darlene & Mark Delgado, Ben Bushlack	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 15 OLMC Mass @ STJB	Pro Populo	10:00 a.m.

St. Casimir's Minister Schedule— This is the last weekend to sign up for the STC Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Minister Schedule located in the elevator entrance. Thank you for sharing your time & talents with your church family during this sacred time of year.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10
Psalm: "Lord, come and save us."
Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



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

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- 8:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Casimir.

Tri-Parish Staff Contact Information

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Phone 507-553-5391
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 12/8	Grades 1-8	9:00 a.m.
	Sun 12/15	Grades 1-8	9:00 a.m.
TRI	Sun 12/8	Confirmation I	5:00-7:00 p.m.
	Sun 12/15	Confirmation I	5:00-7:00 p.m.
STC	Wed 12/11	Grades 1, 3-8	6:30-7:45 p.m.
TRI	Wed 12/11	Grade 9 TOB	6:30-7:45 p.m.

SCS News

Greetings, please congratulate our Second Grade students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend. They were a bit nervous but very excited as well.

The First Graders are learning about informational text and working on the First Grade sight words in Language Arts. They have also been working on writing complete sentences and learning about nouns, verbs and adjectives. In Math class, we are completing a unit on Geometry, learning about plane shapes and solid figures and lines of symmetry and learning about simple fractions. In Social Studies, we learned about the First Thanksgiving and are also in the middle of a unit learning Map Skills. We worked hard on making an Indian corn decoration for Thanksgiving in Art class. Thank you to Mrs. Koziolk for the corn husks and Mrs. Bittmann for attaching ribbons to them. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful volunteers at our school.

God bless, Ms. Carol Supalla

Knights of Columbus Marathon Update: Our students did a fantastic job for the Knights of Columbus Marathon! We were able to raise \$18,715.60, which is an average of \$435.25 per student! Thank you for everyone who pledged money and volunteered at the event, and great job students for running those laps!

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.

Pans & Bowls, oh my! There are pans to be picked up in the St. Casimir's kitchen & bowls to be taken home from the St. John the Baptist's kitchen. Please 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!

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:
12/1/2019**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, December 1

Adult.....	\$1,570.00
Offertory.....	\$138.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$750.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$160.00
<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	
Collection.....	\$10,524.86

End of Year Giving Update: Just a reminder that the church expenses continue even though we are not back in the church. Listed below is an update with where we are to date with our budget:

Annual Budget:	\$90,000.00
YTD Budget as of 11/30/2019:	\$37,500.00
YTD Actual as of 11/30/2019:	\$40,352.70
Annual Budget for Thanksgiving,	
Christmas and Easter	\$35,000.00
YTD Actual as of 11/30/2019	\$11,374.86

*Thank you for your
continued and generous support!*

St. Casimir

Adult.....	3,248.00
Offertory.....	\$109.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$245.00
Thanksgiving Mass	\$563.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult.....	\$805.00
Offertory.....	\$98.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00

Catholic Ministry Appeal

OLMC

Goal.....	\$10,940.00
Given/pledged	\$8,665.00
Needed to reach goal.....	\$2,525.00

STC

Goal.....	\$25,700.00
Given/pledged	\$16,927.00
Needed to reach goal.....	\$8,873.00

STJB

Goal.....	\$7,990.00
Given/pledged	\$4,887.00
Needed to reach goal.....	\$3,103.00

In Our Prayers

Soldiers Overseas

Troy Haugh, Zack Adams

The Recently Departed

JoAnne Ascherman

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

A Word from Fr. Havel...

We hear this weekend that John the Baptist was not just a voice crying out in the desert calling people to prepare the way of the Lord. He was also a witness to the message that he proclaimed. His life gave witness to the words that he spoke! John the Baptist challenges us to also give witness to the faith we profess by living each day through the words that pass over our lips. May this Advent season truly be a time when our lives and our words give glory to God.

~Fr. Greg

With grateful joy we congratulate and pray for the members of our Tri-Parishes who received the grace of God in their First Reconciliation on Saturday morning. May the gift of the Holy Spirit continue to bless them and guide them always!

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 Ascherman, 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, Zach Fendrich, Louis Osdoba **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...

STC & STJB Giving Tree- We will be collecting donations for Options Mankato, a life-affirming pregnancy clinic. 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!

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.

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.

Food Shelf Donation Update- Our School and Parish project this year during Thanksgiving was just that...Giving to others! Our students helped with chores around the house to earn canned goods and donated to our local food shelf. Our 4th, 5th, & 6th grade students delivered 175 pounds of dry goods! Way to go students and parishioners!

Community...

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!

Donate to The Salvation Army- *Your Donation Helps Change Lives For The Better.* The Salvation Army's 2019 Red Kettle Campaign will run from Friday, November 29, through December 24. In Wells, Bell Ringers will be posted at Marketplace Foods each Friday and Saturday until Christmas and also Monday & Tuesday, December 23 & 24. Donations will stay within Faribault County to fund social service programs for local residents in need.

St. Casimir's Lessons & Carols on 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.

The Third Sunday of Advent				
Ministries for Saturday, December 14, & Sunday, December 15, 2019				
	STJB Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	STC Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		OLMC at STJB Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Lector	Edie More	1 st Reading: Lea Nowak 2 nd Reading: Mark Nowak		Lynn Ascheman
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Price, Mike Swehla, Sam Lemmon	Angie Bushlack, Ronda Allis, Don Chirpich, Adam Henning, Tom Schindler, Bev Klein, Barb Redman		Angie Doyle, Yvonne Cory, Nancy Linder
Servers	Emma Simon, Mason Schirmer	Mark Bushlack, Nick Bushlack, Colten Quade		Aidan Rath, Logan Strom, Caleb Warmka
Ushers	John Manders, Volunteer	Brian Bias, Mark Ignaszewski, Kerry Haugh, Joanne Haugh (U&G)		Ryan Strom, Tony Stevermer
Sacristan		Mark & Lea Nowak		
Gift Bearers		Chad Bittmann Family		
Rosary		Jan Stenzel		
Money Counters	Volunteer, Volunteer	Team #5: Larry or Sheila Treptow, Jeff Stenzel, Bernard J. Steinhauer		Jeff Rath, Rachel Petersen
Monicas		Week of December 8-14	Week of December 15-21	
		Jan Nowak, Rhonda Fuhrmann	Marie Hassing, Jan Ignaszewski	