

# Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community

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

## 5th Sunday of Easter May 10, 2020

**Sunday, weekday & Parkview Care Center Masses are suspended.**

**All events of the Tri-Parish have been cancelled or postponed.**

**Church and School offices are being staffed from home & various office hours.**

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Facebook..... search: Tri-Parish South

(Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community of OLMC, STC & STJB)

### **Sacramental Emergencies**

Fr. Havel.....507-553-5391

DOW-R Televised Mass  
Sunday Mornings

KEYC 12 or 12.1 at 7:30 a.m.

KAAL Channel 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Mass will be broadcast Sundays with  
DOW-R priests at 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
on AM 970, Real Presence Radio

Online Mass with Bishop Quinn  
[dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html](http://dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html)  
live every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

### **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 Hours..... varied

Administrative Assistant.....Julie Bruegger

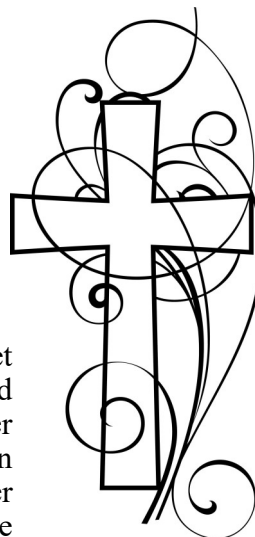
Bookkeeper.....Kay Herman

Cemetery..... Tom Schindler

Faith Formation.....Lisa Bute

Liturgical Music Coordinator ..Connie Stenzel

Maintenance..... Bruce Roberts



### **St. John the Baptist**

Church: 100 Park St N

Mailing: 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

Maintenance..... Quentin Staloch

### **St. Casimir's School**

330 2nd Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097

Phone: 507-553-5822 Fax: 507-553-5391

Email..... casimir@bevcomm.net

Office Hours..... varied

Bookkeeper..... Ashley Seedorf

Custodians..... Gene & Pat Hassing

Maintenance..... Bruce Roberts

Principal.....

Secretary.....Ashley Dawson

..... Sarah Oldham

Website.....stcasimirsschool.net

## Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

**Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially:** Marti Paul, Brady Berberich, John Walser, Sr. Carmen Sonnek, Sharon Hodge, Alice Schimek, Gerry Ziegler, Faron Bremseth, Doug Johnson, Allan Latourelle, Zach Fendrich, Denny Swehla, Rick Herman, Lynn Ascheman, Doug Ascheman, Triston Father, Mike Redig, Helen Tatarek, Louise Giese, Mark Halder, Katie Woitas, Janet Yokiell, Dale Sonnek, LaRue Staloch, Jeanne Ziegler Miller **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.

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 and we will begin our prayer lines for any need—give only the details you wish. 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.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

All Masses will be offered privately by Fr. Havel

Monday, May 11	No Mass	
Tuesday, May 12	STC	† Jeanette Lorenz
Wednesday, May 13	OLMC	† Mary Tibodeau
Thursday, May 14	STJB	† John & † Roman Bach
Friday, May 15	STC	† Ervin Hollund
Saturday, May 16	STJB	† Arnie Sonnek
Sunday, May 17	STC	Pro Populo
Sunday, May 17	OLMC	† Mike Bauer

### Blessing of the Fields

It is the time of planting the new crops and we pray for a safe planting season, good weather, a bountiful harvest, and just wages. Although many fields have already been planted, we can still offer our prayers to the Lord, for God hears our hearts and knows our needs. The following prayer is offered for your use if you wish.

#### Sign of the Cross

Lord of the harvest, you placed the gifts of creation in our hands and called us to till the earth and make it fruitful. We ask your blessing as we place these seeds in the earth. May the care we show these seeds remind us of your tender love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Our Father...

Sign of the Cross

### In Our Prayers

#### Soldiers Overseas

Troy Haugh, Zack Adams

#### Blessing for Mothers

This weekend we are given an opportunity to do what we should do every day. Namely, give thanks to God for our mothers. Please pray for them and with them if you are able. The following prayer is offered to you to use if you wish.

#### Sign of the Cross

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord. (Lord, hear our prayer.)

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and that their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. (Lord, hear our prayer.)

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord. (Lord, hear our prayer.)

Let us pray:

Loving God,

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless our mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Our Father...

Sign of the Cross

**Catholic Ministry Appeal**  
*as of May 1, 2020*

**OLMC**

Goal.....\$10,000.00  
 Given/pledged.....\$5,410.00  
*Needed to reach goal*.....\$4,590.00  
 # of donors .....23  
 % of goal reached..... 44.4%

**STC**

Goal.....\$25,000.00  
 Given/pledged.....\$9,305.00  
*Needed to reach goal*.....\$15,695.00  
 # of donors .....37  
 % of goal reached..... 33.7%

**STJB**

Goal.....\$7,750.00  
 Given/pledged.....\$1,280.00  
*Needed to reach goal*.....\$6,470.00  
 # of donors .....12  
 % of goal reached..... 14.3%

**Financial contributions** may be mailed into 320 2nd Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097, and Fr. Havel will get them to the appropriate churches. Online giving is available at the website: [olmcstcstjb.org](http://olmcstcstjb.org) or [triparishsouth.com](http://triparishsouth.com). Click on the Online Giving logo on the main page under the calendar. From there select which parish you'd like to donate to. It can be one-time or recurring. Please contact your church office with any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

**Confessions**

Confessions will be Saturday mornings in the church sacristies with safe distancing practices in place.

Wells 8:30-9:00 a.m.

MN Lake 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Begin with prayer in the church. Father will come out of the sacristy so you know when he is available. The door will be closed for privacy. Please keep a safe distance between yourselves while you're praying.

✝ *Lord, Be Near*

**Employment Opportunities & Thank You**

I would like to say thank you to Gene & Pat Hassing for their faithful work as custodians of St. Casimir School. The generosity of your time and labor is greatly appreciated. Gene & Pat have decided to retire and we are in need of a custodian at the school. The job is part time, 3-4 hours a day, Monday through Friday. The work hours are in the late afternoon (after school) and after 6:00 p.m. when Kid Zone has ended. This is an hourly paid position. If interested please call the St. Casimir parish office at 507-553-5391.

St. Casimir's School is seeking willing individuals to work with kids preschool through sixth grade for the school's Kid Zone childcare programs. Both full-time and part-time positions are available. For more information please contact Angie Swehla 507-995-4896.

Dear Parishioners:

It has been quite a different first year as the pastor of our Tri-Parish and I am sure that there will be other challenges in the months to come. I do thank God for giving me the blessing of being with you. May God continue to bring the blessings of His loving care to our lives. One of the challenges that I have found is the need for better communication between our parishes, our school and all the different organizations and groups that make up our Tri-Parish. It will be a priority of the next year and into the future.

We are blessed in our parishes with wonderful people who work faithfully in the education of our children. Our Catholic school and faith formation programs continue to be an important part of our parish life. Thank you to all involved in this important work.

One of the aspects entrusted to Catholic parishes is the education of the children. This work is not understood as something separate from the parish but flows from the mission of parish life. Catholic schools and faith formation programs are not separate from the church but need to be understood as one entity.

It has been my privilege to work with Catholic schools for most of my priesthood and always to be a part of parish faith formation programs. Please remember always that in a Catholic school, we are never in competition with the public school system. I do, however, believe that the education that can be offered through our Catholic schools provides benefits that public schools are unable to supply. To learn each day and be surrounded by a spirit of God's presence is a tremendous gift to our children.

In the weeks ahead I will be writing more on our school at St. Casimir, our Faith Formation programs of our Tri-Parish and on continuing adult education work of the parish life.

~Fr. Greg

## From Fr. Havel...

**Greetings from the office.** My hair is getting longer and I just spent five hours on Zoom meetings on Tuesday. Then, on Wednesday, my fishing trip for the walleye opener got cancelled. It was a good decision. Each year, two friends and I have spent Monday—Wednesday fishing together on small lakes by St. Cloud. Now that area is a Corona hotspot so we are staying away. Instead of unpacking, I will add more clothes to the bag for a trip in June to Lake Winnibigoshish (Lake Winni). This trip is especially enjoyable for me since Dave Winkels from Des Moines, IA, and I spend the week renewing our friendship. Dave and I met in first grade and have kept the friendship alive for about 60 years. Life changes over the years as I reflect on our fishing trips. When we were younger, we drank beer and talked about the future. Now we drink bottled water, talk about retirement, and our aches and pains. Dave always adds in what is going on with the grandkids. Life changes! All of this reminds me of how important family and friends are in our journeys of life. In this time of separation, I encourage us all to stay in touch with all the people who make our lives times of grace and peace.

**Masses on Weekends** About six weeks ago, Bishop Quinn cancelled public Masses until May 16-17. This was only a guess on when we could safely resume to gather. We now know that this date will change and will be dependent on when the state of Minnesota allows these times of prayer to continue.

At this time, Bishop has asked each parish to form a committee to plan and make arrangements for beginning our coming back together. Guidelines will be coming from the diocese and state government. At this time I am asking for people who would be willing to help in this work to call the office. Please leave which parish you belong to, your name, phone number, and email, and when we get word to begin we will contact you.

~ Fr. Greg

### *Each parish's new committee needs to figure out:*

- ♦ Sanitizing issues
- ♦ Monitoring
- ♦ Seating
- ♦ Numbers of people
- ♦ Other issues

## Sunday Readings

First Reading: Acts: 6:1-7

Psalm: 33:1-2; 4-5; 18-19

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Evening Rosary is being said at St. Casimir

daily at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Please practice safe distancing.

## Drive-Thru Sweet Rolls!

All are welcome to come to St. Casimir's Church on **Sunday, May 17, 2020**, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for some delicious cinnamon and caramel sweet rolls — drive-thru style! We will come to your car, take your order, and SCS Home & School members will bring them right to you! We ask that everyone remain in their vehicles for this event. Please enter at the back of the parking lot near the old football field, circle around and drive-up to the church elevator entrance, then exit the north side between the garage and church. As always, this is a free-will offering event. We hope it's a beautiful, sunny day but they'll still serve you even if it's not! Come enjoy sharing some hellos, smiles & tasty treats!