

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

4th Sunday of Easter May 3, 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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Sacramental Emergencies

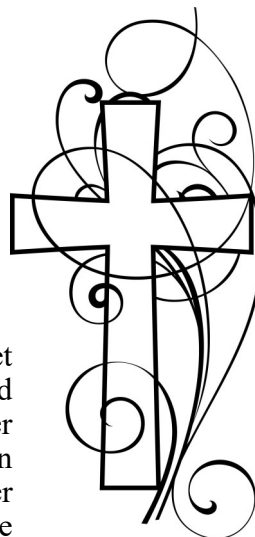
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Our Lady of Mount Carmel

27 Main Street, Easton, MN 56025
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Administrative Assistant Sue Cory
Cemetery Don Linder
Custodial Annette Schuster
Faith Formation Chris Schultz
Music Mary Kayser

St. Casimir

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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
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Administrative Assistant... Rhonda Drager
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Maintenance Quentin Staloch

St. Casimir's School

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Bookkeeper Ashley Seedorf
Custodians Gene & Pat Hassing
Maintenance Bruce Roberts
Principal
Secretary Ashley Dawson
..... Sarah Oldham
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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 Haler, Katie Woitas, Janet Yokiell, Dale Sonnek, LaRue Staloch **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 Janet Schimek 854-3638, 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 4	No Mass	
Tuesday, May 5	STC	† James Yokiell
Wednesday, May 6	OLMC	† Lyle Stevermer
Thursday, May 7	STJB	† John McCallum
Friday, May 8	STC	† Special Intentions CW
Saturday, May 9	STJB	† Paul McCue
Sunday, May 10	STC	† Darlene Pyzick
Sunday, May 10	OLMC	Pro Populo

Employment Opportunity

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.

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Everyone in the Tri-Parish is able to have FREE sign up at Formed.org. Visit the website, click "Sign-Up", click "I Belong to a Parish or Organization" use the Wells zip code (56097) to find/select St. Casimir. Next, enter your name and your email. It will send you an email to confirm you are you and include a link to get you in. That's it! Please take the time to check it out!

In Our Prayers

Recently Departed

Jerome Gracyalny

Soldiers Overseas

Troy Haugh, Zack Adams

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Acts 2:14A, 36-41

Psalm: 23:1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20B-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Evening Rosary is being said at St. Casimir daily at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please practice safe distancing.

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: 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.

Reconciliation: On Saturdays: Wells 8:30-9:00 a.m.; Minnesota Lake 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Catholic Ministry Appeal
as of April 24, 2020

OLMC

Goal.....\$10,000.00
 Given/pledged.....\$5,160.00
Needed to reach goal.....\$4,840.00
 # of donors22
 % of goal reached..... 41.9%

STC

Goal.....\$25,000.00
 Given/pledged.....\$9,205.00
Needed to reach goal.....\$15,795.00
 # of donors36
 % of goal reached..... 33.3%

STJB

Goal.....\$7,750.00
 Given/pledged.....\$1,280.00
Needed to reach goal.....\$6,470.00
 # of donors12
 % of goal reached..... 14.3%

DOW-R Televised Mass Sunday Mornings

KEYC 12 or 12.1 at 7:30 a.m.
 KAAL Channel 6 at 9:00 a.m.
 KEYC-DT 12.2 at 9:30 a.m.
 Charter Channel 19 at 9:30 a.m.
 Dish 12 or 6701
 Direct TV Channel 12
 Cable Channel 10 or 12
 HD Cable 407, 412 or 812

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

Online at dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html
 with Bishop Quinn live every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

A Word of Thanks... We would like to thank everyone in the Tri-Parish for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers during our recent surgeries and recoveries. Thank you also for the many cards and phone calls. We really appreciate it. May God bless each of you, Doug & Lynn Ascherman

Scrip is a safe, secure way to shop online! Did you know that using Scrip gift cards online allows you to make a purchase without using your banking information? Whether it be a specific stores gift card or a Visa gift card, transactions can take place with ease. Scrip cards can be purchased with cash or check at the St. Casimir church office. Please email or call the office to place an order or with any questions you may have.

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: olmstcstjb.org or triparish-south.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

Spiritual Communion

When we're prevented from receiving Holy Communion at Mass, the Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
 I believe that You
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if
 You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.

From Fr. Havel...

This weekend we learn from the Scripture readings that being a follower of Jesus is about faithfulness to God's teachings. It is a way of life. Each day we are called by God to be faithful to God in all ways. We don't get to pick and choose which teachings we will follow. Many people, we are told, want to sound good to others. The Pharisees said all the right words but their actions were far from God. In our world today there are people who want to look good to others in many ways but it is unfortunately an illusion. People wear clothes or jewelry (the cross) that proclaim their Christianity while living lives far from a faithfulness to Jesus. May our words and lives reflect our faith. Each day, may God purify our hearts and bring us closer to the gift that saves us. Jesus come and save your people.

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. Although I haven't heard from the diocese, I am assuming that this date may change and will be dependent on when the state of Minnesota allows these times of prayer to continue.

Charitable Giving With the filing date of taxes being extended, I thought this notice for the new laws concerning charitable giving might be helpful. This is information for giving to the parish and other non-profit charities you may wish to support.

Here's how the new Coronavirus Stimulus Package bill stretches your charitable giving:

Smaller gifts, up to \$300, are now 100% deductible. Until this bill passed, only those who itemized were able to use a charitable deduction. Now, individuals can deduct up to \$300 whether or not they itemize their deductions. This deduction can be used for contributions of cash, credit card, checks, but not for gifts of stock.

Larger gift deductions has been raised up to 100%. Until this bill passed, individuals could deduct up to 60% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) for charitable deductions of cash (not gifts of stock). The stimulus package allows individuals to deduct it up to 100% of their AGI for the year 2020. Donors who use this provision must tell the IRS. This is helpful for individuals making major gift donations and could allow a person to make a charitable gift eliminating their tax burden. Any contributions in excess of their total AGI may be carried forward for up to five additional years.

Corporations have much greater incentives to make charitable gifts. Usually giving is limited to 10% of taxable income for the corporation. That limit has been increased to 25% of their taxable income, making charitable gifts much more attractive to business donations.

~ Fr. Greg

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!

Online Communication

During this time of being unable to celebrate Mass together, Father Havel will be sharing some video updates on Facebook. We know that not everyone is on that social media platform, but, we invite you to consider checking it out. Please know of our prayers for you as we all try to keep up with the ever changing world.