

# 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

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday, April 5, 2020

**Sunday, weekday & Parkview Care Center Masses are suspended through  
Friday, May 15, 2020.**

**All events of the Tri-Parish have been cancelled or postponed.  
Church and School offices are being staffed from home.**

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Phone..... 507-553-5391  
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Tri-Parish Website..... olmcststjb.org  
Facebook ..... search: Tri-Parish South  
(Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community of OLMC, STC & STJB)

### Sacramental Emergencies

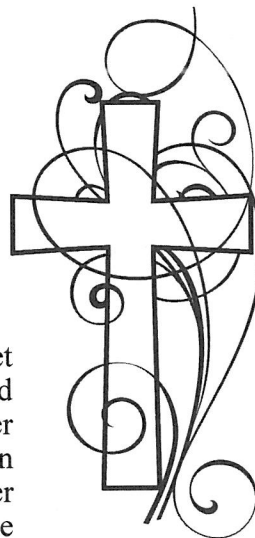
Fr. Havel .....507-553-5391

### 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 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, Norma Goodrich, Allan Latourelle, Zach Fendrich, Denny Swehla, Rick Herman, Lynn Ascheman, Doug Ascheman, Triston Father, Mike Redig, Helen Tatarek, Louise Giese, Mark Haler, Rita Braun, Katie Woitas **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 scasmir@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, April 6	STC	† Leo Schultz
Tuesday, April 7	STC	† Adeline Lorenz
Wednesday, April 8	OLMC	† Tom Stevermer
Holy Thursday, April 9	STC	† Dick Stenzel
Good Friday, April 10	Good Friday - no intentions	
Holy Saturday, April 11	STC	† Mike & Donna Druffel
Easter Sunday, April 12	STJB	Pro Populo
Easter Sunday, April 12	OLMC	† Fred Cole

### Divine Mercy Image

On YouTube search: Let's Seal the Doorposts (posted by Divine Mercy). To protect you and your family, the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception urge you to post an Image of the Divine Mercy on your front doors. Father Chris Alar, MIC, explains why. A free copy of the Divine Mercy image may be downloaded for you to print at:

[www.thedivinemercy.org/divinemercyimage](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/divinemercyimage)

### In Our Prayers

#### Soldiers Overseas

Troy Haugh, Zack Adams

## Outside Activity Suggestion

Ready to get out of the house and get some exercise? Looking for somewhere to go? How about visiting a cemetery! All the Tri-Parish cemeteries are a beautiful place to walk and pray, especially as we enter into Holy Week. If you visit graves you've decorated in the past, we welcome you to remove any old decorations or flowers that have spent the winter or are faded, as well as any other debris that may be surrounding you on your walk. Headstones could also be washed at this time as well. The St. Casimir Cemetery has a new driveway and is still looking for rocks 6"-14" to be placed on either side of the drive if you have some you're looking to re-home. STC also has volunteers lined up to pick up any raked piles you may be motivated to pull together. God bless you on your walk!

## 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: St. Casimir, 8:30-9:00 a.m.; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at St. John the Baptist, 9:30-10:00 a.m.; St. John the Baptist, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

**Catholic Ministry Appeal**  
*as of March 27, 2020*

**OLMC**

Goal.....\$10,000.00  
Given/pledged.....\$4,960.00  
*Needed to reach goal .....*\$5,040.00  
# of donors .....21  
% of goal reached.....39.4%

**STC**

Goal.....\$25,000.00  
Given/pledged.....\$7,985.00  
*Needed to reach goal ...*\$17,015.00  
# of donors .....31  
% of goal reached.....27.5%

**STJB**

Goal.....\$7,750.00  
Given/pledged.....\$980.00  
*Needed to reach goal .....*\$6,770.00  
# of donors .....10  
% of goal reached.....10.3%

**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

**Tune in on the Radio**  
Sunday Mass will be broadcast with DOW-R priests at 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Real Presence Radio at AM 970.

**Holy Week Masses**

Bishop Quinn will be live-streaming all Holy Week liturgies beginning this Sunday, Palm Sunday. Join him on Facebook by searching: Diocese of Winona-Rochester

These Masses may also be accessed at: [www.dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html](http://www.dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html)

**Live-Streaming on Facebook:**

Palm Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday: 12:00 Noon  
Holy Saturday: 8:00 p.m.  
Easter Sunday: 10:30 a.m.



**Financial Support Option**



Do you want to continue your church support but don't know how to do this when there are no Masses and the office is closed? OSV accepts credit card contributions either as a recurring donation or as a single time donation. You decide the frequency of your contribution-every week, once or twice a month, whatever

is convenient for you. Visit our website [www.olmstcstjb.org](http://www.olmstcstjb.org), click the OSV Online Giving Icon located on the bottom right of the home page, select which parish you'd like to donate to and follow the steps to create a new account. There is a pdf file on the website under the "Resources" tab which shows step by step how to create your account. If you have any questions or problems, please call the parish office.

**YouTube Palm Braiding Video Links**

**Palm Weaving/Braiding Two Palms Together:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfuozyW8Rbk>

**The Circular "Lenten" Rose:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZKgyAL3W9s>

**Beehive:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhloG5LyjiM>

**Palm Crosses:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zigJNdU6YKM>

**Palm Crosses:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBQk41VWkx8>

**Our Tri-Parish Website & Facebook Page**

Now with us communicating virtually, we want you to know how to find us. The Tri-Parish website is the abbreviations of our Tri-Parish churches in alphabetical order: [olmstcstjb.org](http://olmstcstjb.org) OR you can search in your top browser bar: [triparishsouth.com](http://triparishsouth.com) and that will bring you to our website as well. Several years ago we were dubbed "Tri-Parish South" and the Tri-Parish of Good Thunder, Mapleton and Vernon Center was nicknamed "Tri-Parish North". Not many people know that, but, it makes more sense when you know the origins of it :) Click on the Resources tab and you'll find several links to great Catholic content and free resources! We are working on adding to this page so feel free to check back each week!

Our Facebook page is the same option for searching: Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community of OLMC, STC & STJB (which we know is super long) but you can also search "tri-parish south" and it will connect you to our page. Please click "Like" and "Follow" to receive our information in your newsfeed!



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is Palm Sunday, April 4 & 5. I have blessed the palms early this year and they're available to pick up at each of the churches. Easton will have them available in the garage, MN Lake's are on a table at the side entrance, and Wells will be in the elevator entrance. There will be a place to put your old palms you may still have in your home, so please feel free to bring them in to discard when you come for your fresh ones. The palms will be in the shipping bags and I would ask you to please keep the bags closed as much as you are able. The air dries them out and makes them brittle. If you wish to braid the palms fresher is better. Take as many as you will use in your homes.

Palm branches remind us of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The people sang his praises and laid the branches on the ground as a carpet for the Lord. We are invited to place the branches in our homes so that they may remind us of the saving work Jesus did for each of us. Next year, we will be again invited to bring these branches back to the church. They will be burned, sifted, and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday as we once again renew our commitment to repentance and turning our lives to the Lord.

Since the beginning of the states "Stay at Home" policy I have been saying a private Mass each day. Please know that you are in my prayers. What I have come to realize is how much of the Mass is congregational (truly a prayer of the people.) Without the music, and without the presence and participation of the people of God, the Mass seems to be so much different. I know that it is still the Sacrament but it reminds me as I pray how much we are God's people, loved as individuals but brought together to live, love, and pray as God's people. May the love of God inspire us and take away unnecessary anxiety in these difficult times.

~Fr. Greg

### STC Faith Formation Classes Continue with "At Home" Lessons

Materials for students in grades 1, 5-8 are available for pick up at the elevator entrance of St. Casimir Church. All families will need to stop by to pick up their books this weekend. Pick up times are: Friday 5:00-7:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Grades 1, 5-8** have received an email explaining how the "at home" lessons will be completed.

**Grades 9 & 10** have been sent a link in which you will be able to access the video component of your lessons.

**Grades 2-4** will continue with the current schedule of online classes at My Catholic Faith Delivered.

Know that our prayers are with each of you as we journey through this difficult time together. Please contact Lisa if you have any questions or concerns. Remembering that the Lord is with us always, we turn to Him and remember His love for us.

### 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.

### 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.

 *Lord, Be Near*

April 2, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As we near the end of our Lenten season, I write with the realization that this Lent has become much more difficult and longer than anticipated. Currently, public Masses and parish events are cancelled through May 15, when we hope and pray that conditions will allow us to once more gather together as a community of faith.

During this time, I will be celebrating Mass privately, and will be holding all of you up in prayer. Currently, I am able to offer the scheduled Mass intentions and plan to continue doing so at this time. If you prefer to have a Mass rescheduled so you may be in attendance, please contact the parish office. I realize that going without the Eucharist is a very painful reality, and I hope that the Lord will draw us all close to His Sacred Heart, even if we are unable to receive Him sacramentally.

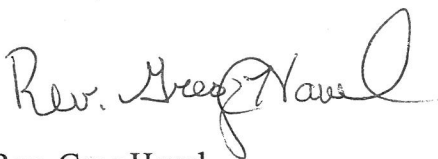
All are welcome to come and pray in St. John the Baptist or St. Casimir during daytime hours. The opening of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel has been delayed. Additionally, I am still available for the Sacrament of Penance, Anointing of the Sick, and Viaticum. Please contact me at 553-5391 to arrange for any sacramental or pastoral needs.

Since there are still ongoing operating expenses, I would ask that you please continue to support our community as you are able. You can send your envelopes to the parish office, utilize online giving, or go to the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota's special webpage, [catholicismn.org/parish-donations](http://catholicismn.org/parish-donations), where you can directly donate to individual parishes.

Lastly, I encourage you to stay strong in faith and utilize the many spiritual resources on the diocesan / parish website, to help you keep holy the Sabbath and stay united with the Church in prayer. In addition to the various options for viewing Mass online or on TV, this year Bishop Quinn's private celebrations of the Holy Week Liturgies will be live-streamed, to enable the faithful across the diocese to watch and spiritually join him for these solemn celebrations of our faith. Details can be found at [dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html](http://dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html).

Please be assured of my prayers for you during these difficult and uncertain times. May Our Blessed Mother, Help of the Sick, intercede for us and comfort us.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Greg Havel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "G".

Rev. Greg Havel