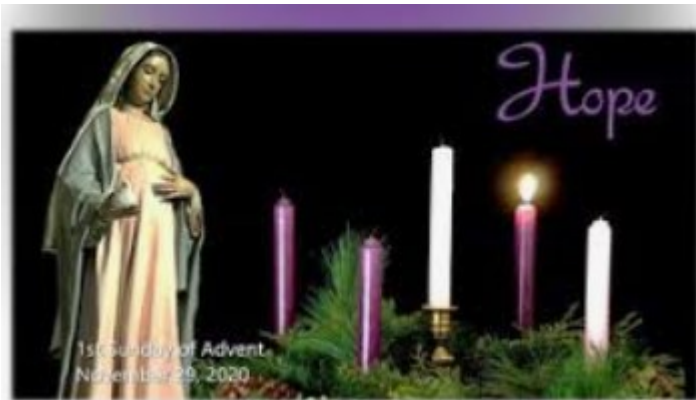


TRIPARISH CATHOLIC CHURCHES



Our Lady of Mt Carmel (OLMC)

27 Main Street

Easton, MN 56025

Saint Casimir (STC)

320 2nd Ave SW

Wells, MN 56097

Saint John the Baptist (STJB)

100 Park Street N.

Minnesota Lake, MN 56068

Pastor: Rev. Greg Havel

507-553-5391

Sunday November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

*Monday,	November 29	
No Mass		STC
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

*Tuesday,	November 30	
Mass	8:30 am	STC
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

*Wednesday,	December 1	
Mass	8:30 am	OLMC
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

*Thursday,	December 2	
Mass	8:30 am	STJB
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

*Friday,	December 3	
Mass	8:30 am	STC
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

*Saturday,	December 4	
Reconciliation	8:30 am	STC
Reconciliation	9:30 am	OLMC
Reconciliation	4:00 pm	STJB
Mass	5:00 pm	STJB
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

*Sunday,	December 5	
<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>		

Mass	8:00 am	STC
Mass	10:00 am	OLMC
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC

Adoration Eucharistic Adoration for the Tri-parish will resume weekly at St. Casimir Church

Wednesday at 9:00 pm through **Thursday** 10:00 pm.

From Fr. Havel...

Blessed Advent prayers for everyone as we begin our holy journeys with the Lord. The four weeks of Advent give us time to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah, the Child of Bethlehem. Keep the Advent season at the forefront of our lives so that all of the worldly preparations and busyness do not overpower the gift of Jesus!

This year Christmas is on a Saturday. In the hierarchy of celebrations, Christmas masses take precedent over other celebrations. This means that a Saturday evening Mass is a Christmas Mass and not a Vigil Mass for the weekend (Feast of the Holy Family). For this reason and already having 5 Christmas Masses there will not be a 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass at St. John the Baptist Church that weekend.

~Fr. Greg

The Christmas Mass schedule will be:

12/24 5:00 pm STJB

12/24 5:00 pm STC

12/24 9:00 pm OLMC

12/25 9:00 am STC

12/25 11:00 am OLMC

12/26 8:00 am STC

12/26 10:00 am OLMC



Recently departed: Martha Ignaszewski,

Ron Neubauer

In Our Prayers-Soldiers Overseas: Troy Haugh,

Nick Father

Tri-Parish Announcements

This years' Confirmation will be on December 5, 2021, at 2:00 pm at St. Teresa Church
104 Silver Street W.
Mapleton, MN

Come and support our Tri-parish community and congratulate our Confirmation students.



STJB students: **Mason Schirmer, Rachael Fields**

STC students: **Stacy Adams, Nicholas Bushlack, Zale Bushlack, Tristian Obermeyer, Allyson Stenzel, Molly Wegner, Paige Roberts**

STC Giving Tree The giving tree will be set up in the handicap entrance the first week of Advent. You can find donation suggestions on the giving tree ornaments. We will be collecting donations for the *Options for Women located in Mankato, MN*. Here are some of the needs this year; diapers of all sizes, wipes, white onsies, infant thermometer, audio monitor, Muslin swaddle blanket, Infant winter coats, sippy cups, diaper bags, and much more. Monetary donations can be placed in a marked envelope in the collection. Please leave unwrapped donations under the tree. Thank you!

OLMC choir will start practicing for Christmas every Wednesday at 7:30 beginning December 1 until the 22nd, meeting in the choir loft. New members are always welcome!

Easton Fire Department will host its *Pancake Breakfast* on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at the Easton Fire Hall. Serving will be from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

OLMC MCCW will have their Holiday Bake Sale on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at Club 569. Bake sale hours will be from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. MCCW members be thinking about what you would like to donate for this fundraiser. More details will be coming.

Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially: Reta Stencel, Mary McCallum, Bruce Woitas, Cassandra Walser, Jerome Goette, Jean Stenzel, Zach Fendrich, Triston Father, Mike Redig, Louise Giese, Mark Haler, Janet Yokiel, Dale Sonnek, Butch Becker, Jay Johnson, Jim Bute, Marge Bute, David Stadheim, Dick Esser, Ardean Schultz, Leshaine Sonnek, Evelyn (Haugh) Wallace, Abe Subia, Larry & Barb Quillin, Cletus Rath *and for all our service men & women of the armed forces.* 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- Peggy Linder 787-2575 or Linda Swehla 787-2434, STJB - Rhonda Drager at 462-3627 or STJB Parish Office at 462-3636, STC- Barb Stenzel at 553-3805.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mon	11/29	STC	No Mass	
Tues	11/30	STC	†Norbert Sonnek	8:30 a.m.
Wed	12/1	OLMC	†Deceased member of Ray Ascherman Family	8:30 a.m.
Thurs	12/2	STJB	†Louie Osdoba	8:30 a.m.
Fri	12/3	STC	†Rita Neubauer	8:30 a.m.
Sat	12/4	STJB	†Yatz & †Erma Bach	5:00 p.m.
Sun	12/5	STC	†Norbert & †Elaine Wanzek	8:00 a.m.
Sun	12/5	OLMC	†Luverne & †Mary Koziolk	10:00 a.m.

St. Casimir School Update...

The students of St. Casimir's School have now entered the second quarter of the school year, and the third-sixth grade students have been busy learning new concepts in Math.

The third graders began a new chapter on addition and are learning to use the addition properties to add large numbers. They are also learning how to estimate sums.

The fourth graders started the Add and Subtract Whole Numbers chapter. They are learning how to add and subtract whole numbers, estimate sums and differences and solve multi-step word problems.

Multiplying whole numbers is the chapter concept being studied by the fifth grade students in which they are learning how to factor numbers, as well as how to use exponents. They will explore the distributive property and multiplication patterns as well as learning how to multiply by one- and two- digit numbers.

Using their prior knowledge of fractions, decimals, ratios and rates, the sixth graders started the Fractions, Decimal and Percents Module and are developing an understanding of percent and find the percent of a number. This module is preparing students for their future as they calculate tips, understand taxes and compare sale prices while shopping.

During Science we have started the Energy Unit. We previously learned about sound and light energy and completed a few experiments using sound and demonstrating the ways it travels. We made an old fashion "phone" using string and cups. Who remembers doing that as a child? Students also investigated how light travels using a flash light. They tested a variety of materials to see which one would allow light to shine through. Students also tried to shine a light through holes made on index cards. They tried to get the holes lined up so the light could hit the bullseye. Finally, in our last fun experiment, students were able to analyze how energy is transferred by making their own Rube Goldberg machine. Happy Thanksgiving from the third-sixth grade students and Mrs. Aranda!



The days always fly by in school as there is never a dull moment, and the students are learning so much every day. In reading, students read a variety of fiction and nonfiction each week. We focus on specific skills each week that lead to better comprehension. These recent skills include finding the main idea, learning how to make inferences, analyzing character traits, and using text features in nonfiction. Students are learning to answer questions by writing in complete sentences and giving detail in their responses. Learning new vocabulary and reading with expression is always part of reading too.

The third and fourth graders are continuing to gain knowledge about our country. We have been studying about early European explorers, Lewis and Clark, Sacajawea, natural resources, and land forms. This week we will start to learn about the three branches of government. The fifth and sixth graders are completing their study of government, but we will still be working on learning about our jury system. They will be participating in a mock trial to help understand the court and jury system. This group will also be designing posters and making speeches to help in learning about the election process. Each student will present their campaigns as to why they should be the class president to the other students and teachers in the school.

All of the students have learned about immigration, different cultures, and they have had some lessons in the study of economics. We will be studying much more about economics in the coming weeks.

In honor of Veteran's Day, Mrs. Nowak and I took the students to the Memorial here in Wells. It was a wonderful experience, and students were excited when they found the names of some of their relatives that served in the various military branches. We were all interested in finding out that there are tributes to veterans that go way back to the Civil War and also include World War I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and Afghanistan. The students made rubbings with crayons and were able to see all of the wars our country has been involved in. They gained a deeper understanding and respect for our veterans. We are thankful for their service so we can enjoy our freedom in this country. Have a great Thanksgiving with all of your loved ones. God Bless you all. Sincerely, Mrs. Bixby and the third-sixth grade students

STC Policy on Mass Intentions: While the parishes wish to be supportive of the need for Mass intentions for loved ones, in fairness to all we have decided to set the limits as follows: (1) We can only schedule for 1 year in advance **Starting December 1st.** (2) Cost for the Mass is \$5.00 per intention. (Please come with the correct amount as we don't have change here in the office.) (3) Only 3 Masses per person will be accepted for the year. (4) If there is a large amount of money available, the church will ask if part of it can be a donation, or if part of it can be sent to the Seminary or the missions to be used for intentions there. We hope this clarifies the method of scheduling Mass intentions for the parishes.

* **Advent** comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance, and fasting are appropriate during this season.

2022 Calendars are now available in all three churches. Thank you, again, to our very generous donors who supply these each year for all of us - what a blessing! Thank you to Mark Schmitz of State Farm, and Herman Manufacturing for the generous donation of the calendars.

Weekly Contributions as of November 19

OLMC--Amount needed weekly.....\$2,452.00
Amount needed to date.....\$51,492.00
Amount given to date..... \$55,470.45
STC— Amount needed weekly.....\$5,127.00
Amount needed to date.....\$107,667.00
Amount given to date.....\$105,632.69
STJB—Amount needed weekly.....\$1,700.00
Amount needed to date.....\$35,700.00
Amount given to date.....\$25,054.45

Online giving is available at the website: olmcstcstjb.org or triparishsouth.com. Click on the Online Giving logo on the main page under the calendar for the parish you'd like to donate to. It can be one-time or recurring.

Catholic Ministry Appeal

OLMC Goal \$10,000.00

Amount received/pledged- \$6,388.00

% Given— 62.38%

donors— 25

STC Goal—\$20,885.00

Amount received/pledged— \$20,683.00

% Given— 99.03%

donors— 61

STJB Goal \$7,404.00

Amount received/pledged- \$4,610.00

% Given— 62%

donors- 14

The **Catholic Ministries Appeal** offers a unique opportunity for you to give back to the God of Love, from whom all things are given. Grow closer to Christ by doing your part to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota. The Appeal funds ministries to invite more than 34,000 households each year to encounter Christ and embrace His Church.

To give online, visit www.catholicfsmn.org

The envelopes are in the entrances of the Churches.

The deadline for the Catholic Appeal is December 31st,

TriParish Directory

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Office Hours Vary

Scrip is available! Please call 553-5391 Email: scasimir@bevcomm.net. Or stop into the Church Office.

Contribution envelopes are available for pick up in STJB & OLMC Church entrance's

If you would like Holy Communion brought to you , please call the Church office 553-5391.