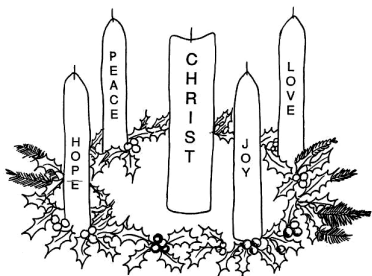


Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community

The Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2019

Upcoming Calendar Events

- ✧ 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 16	No Mass	
Tuesday, December 17 STC	† Jose Lopez	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 17 Parkview Care Center	† Quentin Schultz	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 18 OLMC @ STC	† Andy & † Troy Kalis and † Kurt Pearson	8:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 19 STJB	† Daisy Bach	8:30 a.m.
Friday, December 20 STC	† Angela Chirpich	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 21 STJB	† MeriKay Stokman	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 22 STC	Pro Populo	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 22 OLMC Mass @ STJB	† Joe & † Clara Madzo and † Joe Stenzel	10:00 a.m.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
 Psalm: "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."
 Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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: 7:00 p.m. Sunday- 8:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Casimir.

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

Tri-Parish Staff Contact Information

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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
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 12/15 Sun 12/22	Grades 1-8 Grades 1-8	9:00 a.m. Christmas Break
TRI	Sun 12/15 Sun 12/22	Confirmation I Confirmation I	5:00-7:00 p.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.
STC	Wed 12/18	Grades 1-8	6:30-7:45 p.m.
TRI	Wed 12/18	Grade 9 TOB	6:30-7:45 p.m.

SCS News

In November the students presented the area Veterans with a program to show their appreciation for their service to our country. The students worked hard on preparing songs and a skit. The program was attended by 75+ parents, grandparents, area military members and other guests. Thank you to all who attended as it was great to see such a fantastic turn out and we are so thankful for all you do for our country.

This last month all the students have been preparing for the upcoming "Lessons & Carols" which will be taking place this Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m. During our preparation for the program we have been able to learn what a round is and how to sing in a round, singing loud and soft, and call and response. The children are very excited to share the story of Jesus and would like to invite you to attend the program on Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 p.m. Submitted by Mrs. Ashley Seedorf

Employment Opportunities...

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.

Dear Parishioners, people have asked about the former priests of our parishes. Here are their addresses:

Fr. Mark McNea Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 360 Main St Winona, MN 55987	Fr. Andy Vogel St. Teresa 104 Silver St W Mapleton, MN 56065	Fr. Tom Niehaus Most Holy Redeemer 206 Vine Avenue W Montgomery, MN 56069
Fr. John Wilmont St. Columbanus 114 E Main St Blooming Prairie, MN 55917	Fr. Matt Fasnacht St. Mary of the Lake 419 W Lyon Ave Lake City, MN 55041	Fr. Gerald Kosse St. Catherine 203 E Brown Luverne, MN 56156

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:
12/8/2019**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Adult.....	\$3,355.00
Offertory.....	\$120.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$110.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$100.00
Retired Religious.....	\$20.00
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 generous support!

St. Casimir

Adult.....	\$4,947.00
Offertory.....	\$64.75
Christmas Flowers.....	\$325.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$340.00
Retired Religious.....	\$135.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$225.00

St. John the Baptist

Adult.....	\$10,536.96
Offertory.....	\$101.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00

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, Jacob Cory

The Recently Departed

Louie Osdoba,
JoAnne Ascherman,
Kathryn Mazurkiewicz

A Word from Fr. Havel...

The word of God comes to us today in the voice of Isaiah the prophet when he speaks about the long awaited Messiah. Isaiah says, "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing." We are told these things are signs of the coming of the savior.

John the Baptist sends two disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Instead of responding with a simple yes or no answer, Jesus says, "Go and tell John what you see and hear: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Jesus shows himself to be the fulfillment of the prophetic message. He invites the disciples of John to give witness to what they have experienced. We too are called to give witness to our faith, that Jesus is the savior of all peoples, by sharing the stories of our lives and how God has been present to us. May we always give witness to God by sharing what we have seen and heard in our lives.

~Fr. Greg

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.

Catholic Ministry Appeal

Dear Parishioners: As you can see in the bulletin all three parishes are behind in our support of the Catholic Ministry Appeal. I am asking for your support of the appeal. If you are able to help please do so before the end of the year. Any monies that are short of the goal need to be paid by the parish. Fr. Greg

Thank you... The family of JoAnne Ascherman would like to thank everyone from the Tri-Parish who were so kind and loving during this extremely difficult time. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, kind words, cards and Mass intentions. JoAnne was a very special lady. Family meant everything to her. We will miss her greatly.

Thank you again, love,

Doug & Lynn Ascherman, Chrissy, Brent, Makayla and Michael Ankeny, Theresa, Tyler and Geneva Jones, Megan Finlayson, and Katie Jo Ascherman

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, **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.

Rosary Society Members- The new year is approaching soon. So as of January 1, please advance to the next mystery for the new year. The schedule for mysteries should be as follows: first the Joyful, then the Luminous, then Sorrowful then the Glorious mysteries. The Rosary Society would like to invite anyone who would like to join to join us in honoring Jesus with the prayers to his Mother, please contact the parish office and leave your contact info. Welcome to our newest member from this year's Confirmation class!

Meetings...

KC's Meeting- The Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council will host its monthly meeting this Tuesday, December 17, at 8 p.m., following the communal penance service. We will be planning the St. Casimir's School library fundraiser helper for January 25. We will also continue to plan the annual Trivia night for the first Saturday in February. To the Tri-Parishes: the Knights would like to wish everyone a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

Community...

FINAL EVENT of the 150th Anniversary of Wells- Join us for our last Wells 150th Celebration on Saturday, December 28, at the American Legion. Music by Bud Berhow from 4-6 p.m. & Brett Feist from 7-10 p.m. Pulled pork sandwich, chips, salads and dessert will be available for \$6; receive a discounted meal with your 150th Celebration button. Sponsored by the 150th Celebration committee.

St. Casimir's Lessons & Carols This 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent				
Ministries for Saturday, December 21, & Sunday, December 22, 2019				
	STJB Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	STC Sunday, 8:00 a.m.		OLMC at STJB Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Lector	Bill Osdoba	1 st Reading: Rita Vondracek 2 nd Reading: Katie Koziolk		Nancy Linder
Eucharistic Ministers	Rick Girard, Darrell Radtke, Rhonda Drager	Ike Dulas, Jerry Dulas, Sheila Treptow, Mark & Lia Ignaszewski, Mark & Lea Nowak		Peg Linder, Bob Linder, Dave O'Rourke
Servers	Collin Price, Paige Gonsolus, Brielle Gonsolus	Ben Bias, Stacy Adams, Hunter Adams		Aidan Rath, Justin Rath, Ava Petersen
Ushers	Volunteer, Volunteer	Nick Kalis, Paul Kalis, Rick Mueller, Larry Brand (U&G)		Tom Warmka, Dean Warmka
Sacristan		Tom & Sandy Schindler		
Gift Bearers		Tom Schindler Family		
Rosary		Bonnie Schuster		Sue Rath
Money Counters	Rick Girard Volunteer	Team #5: Larry or Sheila Treptow, Jeff Stenzel, Bernard J. Steinhauer		Jeff Rath, Rachel Petersen
Monicas		Week of December 15-21	Week of December 22-28	
		Marie Hassing, Jan Ignaszewski	Jan Nowak, Rhonda Fuhrmann	