

TRIPARISH CATHOLIC CHURCHES



Our Lady of Mt Carmel (OLMC)

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Saint Casimir (STC)

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Announcements for the following week

No Adoration on Dec. 22/23

There will be no Reconciliations on Saturday Christmas day. Also no evening mass at St. John the Baptist on Saturday the 25th.

Sunday December 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

***Monday, December 20**

No Mass

Rosary 7:30 pm STC

***Tuesday, December 21**

Mass 8:30 am STC

Rosary 7:30 pm STC

***Wednesday, December 22**

Mass 8:30 am OLMC

Rosary 7:30 pm STC

***Thursday, December 23**

Mass 8:30 am STJB

Rosary 7:30 pm STC

***Friday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Masses

No Mass 8:30 am STC

Mass 5:00 pm STJB

Mass 5:00 pm STC

Mass 9:00 pm OLMC

Rosary 7:30 pm STC

***Saturday, December 25**

Christmas Day Masses

Mass 9:00 am STC

Mass 11:00 am OLMC

No Mass 5:00 pm STJB

Rosary 7:30 pm STC

***Sunday, December 26**

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass 8:00 am STC

Mass 10:00 am OLMC

Rosary 7:30 pm STC

From Fr. Havel...

This weekend is the 4th Sunday of Advent. It reminds us that our time of preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus is coming quickly to an end. It is important that we make time this week to prepare our hearts to welcome the Child of Bethlehem. The temptation is to put our spiritual preparation aside in order to do worldly things. So much of our world wants to look good (worldly things) rather than be good (spiritual)!

Doing decorations is much easier than becoming more Christ like in our lives. Come Lord Jesus and help us to open our hearts to the gift of your love. ~Fr. Greg

Dear Parishioners:

Joyful Christmas blessings! My prayer is a prayer of peace for all of you, your families, and our world. May the Prince of Peace, the Child of Bethlehem, be reborn in powerful ways in the hearts of all! Fr. Greg

It is a short Christmas season this year. Dec 26 (Sunday) is the celebration of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The following week is Epiphany (coming of the 3 Kings) and then the Baptism of the Lord. May God bless us in this holy season.

St. Casimir School Update...

Hello from Kindergarten! I hope you are finding this Advent Season a blessed one! Our class has been busy with preparations for both the Advent and **Christmas** seasons. We have talked about the reason for the season of Advent and the importance of preparing our hearts for the birth of our Savior.

In the core subjects, the class has moved from learning their numbers to being able to make or take apart numbers in Math by taking two groups of items and combining them together to create a whole. They have also discovered that there are several ways to do this. For example, groups of one and four make five just as groups of two and three make five. Furthermore, the kids have learned that taking apart a number by groups works the same way. Through making and taking apart numbers, they are learning that there are many different ways to get to the whole number. This process is preparing the class to do addition and subtraction.

Language Arts and Reading have the kids studying how repetitive text helps them read and have begun using pictures to make predictions on what a story is about. In Phonics the challenge is to learn decodable words with each new letter learned. The class is almost through the alphabet and can read or sound out more words than they can count! They also know seven high frequency words and can read them in short sentences! The kids have come a long way from the beginning of the year.

I hope that you all have a wonderful **Christmas** season!
Beth Emerson, Classroom Teacher

The Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021 is Coming to an end. All gifts to the Appeal need to be received by 12/31/2021. Thank you to all who have shared in the work of our diocese through your support of the Appeal.

Mass Schedule & Intentions				
Mon	12/20		No Mass	
Tues	12/21	STC	†LaDonna & †Shirley Raimann	8:30 a.m.
Wed	12/22	OLMC	†Fred Cole	8:30 a.m.
Thurs	12/23	STJB	†John & †Roman Bach	8:30 a.m.
Fri	12/24	STJB	†Ginny Drager	5:00 p.m.
Fri	12/24	STC	†Dick Stenzel	5:00 p.m.
Fri	12/24	OLMC	†Joe, †Clara Madzo and †Joe Stenzel	9:00 p.m.
Sat	12/25	STC	†Jenny Ignazewski	9:00 a.m.
Sat	12/25	OLMC	†Mary Meyer	11:00 a.m.
Sun	12/26	STC	†Helen Herman	8:00 a.m.
Sun	12/26	OLMC	†Ray & †Margaret Stevermer	10:00 a.m.

Tri-Parish Announcements

The Shoemaker's Appeal: It's that time of year again---The Shoemaker's Appeal is now in session! This annual appeal was mailed to all tri-parish members to invite them to partner with St. Casimir's School in ensuring that Catholic education is available within our communities now and well into the future. With a goal of raising \$30,000.00, we are thrilled to announce that \$17,920.10 has already been donated to this fundraiser--thank you! This fundraiser took on the name of "The Shoemaker's Appeal" in honor of the age-old story of the shoemaker and his meeting with Jesus. The moral of this fable is that we are all called to be Jesus to one another, and we may never know when we have looked into the face of Jesus in the people we see and serve each day. If you would like to be Jesus to the students of St. Casimir's School, we encourage you to participate in The Shoemaker's Appeal. We are especially grateful to Darlene Bias for her donation of \$50.00; Louise Giese, \$50.00; Gordon Kruger, \$500.00 in memory of his wife, Jean; Mark and Brenda Herman, \$400.00; Kathryn Mellen, \$200.00; Larry and Marsha Stenzel, \$200.00 and 36 other donors who wished to remain anonymous. Thank you and God bless! If you have not yet taken the opportunity to donate, there's still time!

Christmas Memorials: Memorial donations for Christmas environment are now being accepted. Forms can be found at the church entrances or on the website under the "Bulletins" tab. 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. Please have them in by December 15th to have the list of donors in the bulletin.

Contribution envelopes are available for pick up at all our Tri-Parishes

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.

St Casimir School is having a Christmas Cookie Walk, on Saturday, Dec. 18th at 9:00 am. until gone, at STC Church basement. There will be a variety of sweets and treats available for purchase. \$8.00 per pound. Your support helps fund students' field trips and help them gain experience. If you would rather bake than buy than buy to support the school and students, we would appreciate that just as much. Please drop Christmas treats off in the Church basement Friday the 17th before 6:00 pm. Any questions please call Kristen Dulas at 507-317-2301.

KC Meeting Due to the proximity of **Christmas**, the Holy Family Knights of Columbus will NOT be meeting this month. May the immortal message of **Christmas** fill everyone's heart and home with euphoria now and all through the coming year.

OLMC MCCW BAKE SALE: Thank you to all who donated baked delights for the Holiday Bake Sale held **last Sunday**. Thank you too, to those who came and supported our event and gave so generously! The bake sale was very successful and we raised \$1,093.76. God bless you all!

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!

Have a wonderful Christmas from all the staff at our Tri-Parish!

Wells Parish office will be Closed Dec. 24 Christmas Eve . Thank you and have Blessed Week!



Weekly Contributions as of December 10

OLMC--Amount needed weekly.....\$2,452.00
Amount needed to date.....\$58,848.00
Amount given to date..... \$80,037.94
STC— Amount needed weekly.....\$5,127.00
Amount needed to date.....\$123,048.00
Amount given to date.....\$124,635.57
STJB—Amount needed weekly.....\$1,700.00
Amount needed to date.....\$40,800.00
Amount given to date.....\$33,806.45

Online giving is available at the website: olmcstestjb.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- \$6,663.00
% Given- 66.63%
donors- 28
STC Goal—\$20,885.00
Amount received/pledged- \$28,168.22
% Given- 134.87%
donors- 70
STJB Goal \$7,404.00
Amount received/pledged- \$5,560.00
% Given- 75%
donors- 18

Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially: Dave Villarreal, Reta Stencel, Mary McCallum, Bruce Woitas, Cassandra Walser, Jerome Goette, Jean Stenzel, Zach Fendrich, Triston Father, Mike Redig, Louise Giese, Mark Haler, Janet Yokiell, Dale Sonnek, Butch Becker, Jay Johnson, Jim Bute, Marge Bute, David Stadheim, Dick Esser, Ardean Schultz, Leshaine Sonnek, Abe Subia, Larry & Barb Quillin, ***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.

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