

# 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)*

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Minnesota Lake, MN 56068

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

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

## Sunday February 27, 2022

*8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

<b>*Monday,</b>	<b>February 28</b>		
No Mass			
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC	
<b>*Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 1</b>		
Mass	8:30 am	STC	
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC	
<b>*Ash Wednesday, March 2</b>			
Mass	8:30 am	STC	
Mass	5:00 pm	STJB	
Mass	7:00 pm	OLMC	
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC	
<b>*Thursday,</b>	<b>March 3</b>		
Mass	8:30 am	STJB	
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC	
<b>*Friday,</b>	<b>March 4</b>		
Mass	8:30 am	STC	
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	5:30 pm	STC	
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC	
<b>*Saturday,</b>	<b>March 5</b>		
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	
<b>*Sunday,</b>	<b>March 6</b>		
	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>		
Mass	8:00 am	STC	
Mass	10:00 am	OLMC	
Rosary	7:30 pm	STC	

## From Fr. Havel...

Jesus speaks to us in the Gospel saying “A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

Jesus, the Son of God, teaches us about the importance of making choices that produce a good heart. For from the actions of the heart we will be known. Sometimes in people’s lives, we try to justify actions or words that are not holy. We may think that it is only a small deal or no one will ever know what we did or said. All choices however become part of defining who we are and who we are becoming as people. May all that we do and say keep us faithful to the Lord. May our lives produce a bountiful harvest to our God.

~Fr. Greg

### Lenten Schedules:

Ash Wednesday Masses:

8:30 am STC (with school kids)

5:00 pm STJB

7:00 pm OLMC

Stations of the Cross; (Fr. Havel will lead them on Fridays. People of the parishes can lead them other days if you wish.)

Friday 3/4 STC 5:30 pm

Friday 3/11 OLMC 5:30 pm

Friday 3/18 STJB 5:30 pm

Friday 3/25 STC 5:30 pm

Friday 4/1 OLMC 5:30 pm

Friday 4/8 STJB 5:30 pm

## St Casimir School Update

The SCS third and fourth graders are completing their study of the northeast region in Social Studies and adding to a map that portrays items affiliated with the northeast. Some examples are lobsters in Maine, Niagara Falls and the Statue of Liberty in New York, syrup in Vermont, and cranberries in Massachusetts, etc. When asked to write about where they would like to visit in their Language Arts class, the majority chose Hershey, Pennsylvania, where the whole town smells like chocolate!

The fifth and sixth graders have been learning about the Native American regions in our country and the various tribes from each area along with their ways of living. The students are in the process of writing facts about each region and setting up a museum that has objects that pertain to each particular nation. Some examples of these are totem poles which are from the northwest tribes and longhouses from the eastern woodlands. They are also learning about the history that includes The Trail of Tears, Custer's Last Stand and famous Native Americans such as Jim Thorpe, Squanto and Sitting Bull. A more in depth study includes researching the present day life of Native Americans, including life on reservations.

February is also Black History Month, so we are reading about famous African Americans such as Frederick Douglas, Sojourner Truth, Martin Luther King and many more. Learning about the civil rights movement that came about in the 1960's has brought out some great discussions. This group of students always has much to say and ask on every topic. The goal of Social Studies is to teach students to be informed about local and world events, and these children are and will be future informed citizens--a benefit for all of us! Submitted by Cindy Bixby, Classroom Teacher

**Recently departed: Joe Mazurkiewicz**

**In Our Prayers-Soldiers Overseas: Jacob Cory, Troy Haugh, Nick Father**

Catholic Charities of Southern MN has immediate openings for part-time or full-time counselors to provide individual, marriage, and family counseling. Please see their website for more information at [www.ccsomn.org/employment](http://www.ccsomn.org/employment).

Mass Schedule & Intentions				
Mon	2/28	STC	No Mass	
Tues	3/1	STC	†Marlene Staloch	8:30 a.m.
Wed	3/2	STC	†Lois Stenzel	8:30 a.m.
		STJB	†Helen & †Mary Evan	5:00 p.m.
Ash		OLMC	† Gerry Ziegler	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday				
Thurs	3/3	STJB	†Bill Stokman	8:30 a.m.
Fri	3/4	STC	† Pam Schultz	8:30 a.m.
Sat	3/5	STJB	†Marion Jones	5:00 p.m.
Sun	3/6	STC	†Mary E. Stenzel	8:00 a.m.
Sun	3/6	OLMC	†Deceased Family Of Ray Ascheman Family	10:00 a.m.

# Tri-Parish Announcements

**Gertens Plant Fundraiser:** Is it really time to start thinking about spring planting! Well, I'm ready. I'm excited to share with you a new St. Casimir's School fundraiser through Gerten's Fundraising. This event is being hosted by the Home and School Association, and we have our very own website to promote sales. Best of all, SCS will receive 30% of the profits for plant sales, and 15% of plant card sales. H&S will pick up the plants on **April 30th** and have them ready for pick up after the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Casimir Church on **May 1st**—just in time for Mother's Day!. The website is now open until **10:00**

**PM on Thursday, April 7th**, and can be accessed at [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com). Once on the site, enter the **Store ID code for St. Casimir's School of 337** into the text field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'. The company cannot accept any late orders past the ordering deadline of **April 7th**. Furthermore, **quantities are limited on fundraiser items**. If an item sells out, it will be marked sold out on the website, and customers will not be able to order that item. **Please place your orders early to avoid limited item availability!**

With spring just around the corner, this promises to be a very timely and convenient fundraiser for all the green thumbs in our tri-parish community! Thanks for your support! Danielle Elg, Gertens Fundraiser Chairperson

## Employment opportunity

The Tri-Parish of St. Joseph, St. Matthew and St. Teresa is seeking a full time Tri-Parish Administrator, in Mapleton, MN. This position is the primary contact for the office and performs a full range of administrative, managerial, and clerical functions for the tri-parish. The Administrator collaborates with the pastor, bookkeeper, the tri-parish staff, and enables all parish ministries to function effectively. Minimum qualifications: Practicing Roman Catholic, High School Diploma or GED, proficient in Apple Office or MS Office. Benefits are offered for full time staff. Please send your letter of application, resume, and references, to [sjsmst@gmail.com](mailto:sjsmst@gmail.com) You can also find a detailed job description on our website [www.sjsmst.org](http://www.sjsmst.org) under "employment".

## Drive thur Fish Fry—Albert Lea St. Theodores Church

March 4th, 25th and April 8                      5:00pm—6:30pm

\$10 Advance Tickets

\$12 at the Door

Menu: Fish, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and Dessert bar.

## St Casimir School

### Accreditation:

St. Casimir's School is accredited through MNSAA- Minnesota Non-public Schools Accrediting Association. We are in the process of completing the school profile, standards narrations and developing a new school strategic plan to be submitted for reaccreditation. This is a 7 year cycle. We will be hosting the Accreditation team on **Thursday, April 28-Friday, April 29, 2022**. Our school will be providing snacks, lunch and beverages for the team while they are on site. If you have questions about the Accreditation process or if you are interested in donating snacks, beverages or preparing a lunch for one of these days, please contact Diane Edwards, SCS Principal at 507.553.5822.

### St. Casimir's School Board:

We are working to find members to be part of our School Advisory Board. We are hopeful you will prayerfully consider fulfilling a role on our School Advisory Board.

The purpose of the School Board is to promote and advance the mission of St. Casimir's School for the education and instruction of students to reach the fullness of the Christian life. You do not have to currently have or have had children in the past that attend/attended St. Casimir's School to be able to be a School Board Member.

We would like anyone from any of our Tri-Parish churches to consider this opportunity. We meet one time per month at 6:30 PM at school for approximately an hour.

We will be training all board members this fall. You would be responsible to attend the regular board meetings and actively participate in at least one of the Board Committees. (eg: Finance Committee, Marketing/Enrollment Committee, Development and Fundraising Committee, and Facilities Committee) The blessing of being able to assist with providing a faith-filled learning environment for our students is a rewarding experience.

If you are interested in talking with someone about the possibility of becoming a School Board member, please feel free to contact Father Greg Havel or Principal Diane Edwards at 507.553.5822.

### Religion Teacher:

I would like to personally thank Mrs. Lea Nowak from the bottom of my heart for being a volunteer Religion Teacher at St. Casimir's these past two years. She has provided education and instruction in Religion with the integration of Art and Music for our Pre-K-6th grade students that has provided a great foundation for them to walk as servants of the Lord. Lea will be retiring and spending time with family and enjoying the wonderful hobbies she has. She will continue to assist St. Casimir's School in some capacity.

If you or anyone you know is interested in teaching Religion, Art, Music and/or PE to our students next year, please have them contact Principal Diane Edwards for more information. 507.553.5822

**Weekly Contributions as of February 18**

OLMC--Amount needed weekly.....\$2,452.00  
 Amount needed to date.....\$83,368.00  
 Amount given to date..... \$121,940.10

STC— Amount needed weekly.....\$5,127.00  
 Amount needed to date.....\$222,866.64  
 Amount given to date.....\$232,303.72

STJB—Amount needed weekly.....\$1,700.00  
 Amount needed to date.....\$57,800.00  
 Amount given to date.....\$52,402.88

Online giving is available at the website: olmcststjb.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.

**Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish**

***Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially:***

Joe Mazurkiewicz Family, Pat Dallman, Julie Theis, Helen Skov, Theresa Berry, Dave Villarreal, Reta Stencel, Mary McCallum, Bruce Woitas, Cassandra Walser, Jerome Goette, Jean Stenzel, Zach Fendrich, Triston Father, Mike Redig, Mark Haler, Janet Yokiell, Dale Sonnek, Butch Becker, Jay Johnson, Jim Bute, Marge Bute, David Stadheim, Dick Esser, Ardean Schultz, Leshaine Sonnek **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. Janet Schimek 854-3638 STJB-Rhonda Drager at 462-3627 or STJB Parish Office at 462-3636, STC– Barb Stenzel at 553-3805.

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

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

**TriParish Directory**

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**St. Casimir's School**

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 Secretary.....Teresa Chirpich  
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**Office Hours Vary**

**Scripture Reading for Next Week: (STC)**

*1st Sunday of Lent (3-6-22)*  
 First reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
 Second readings: Romans 10:8-13  
 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13  
**Lector:** George Bias  
**Greeters :** Brands  
**Rosary:** Ray & Marti  
**Money Counters:** Team 2  
**Shepard's Inn:** Lea Nowak

*Monthly Minister, lector and rosary schedule is now on our Tri-Parish website STC only*