

TRI~PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEB 18, 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mon., Feb. 19 Rectory Closed	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Tues., Feb. 20 <i>K C meeting</i> <i>7:30 pm</i>	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Wed., Feb. 21	Rosary Adoration starts	7:30 pm 9:00 pm	STC STC
Thurs., Feb. 22	Rosary Adoration Ends	7:30 pm 10:00 pm	STC STC
Friday, Feb. 23 Rectory Closed	Rosary	7:30 pm	STC
Sat., Feb. 24	Mass †Marian Weckwerth Rosary	5:00 pm 7:30 pm	STJB STC
Sun. Feb. 25 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass †Marlene Staloch Mass †Marie Miller Rosary	8:00 am 10:00 am 7:30 pm	STC OLMC STC

Starts Next Week

Tri-Parish Stations of the Cross:

STC Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm
STJB Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm
Deacon Gene will be leading the Stations

Tri-Parish Staff

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OLMC.....Sue Cory
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STC.....Lisa Bute

STC School

PrincipalJohn Hengel
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Bookkeeper.....Rod Kollman

Cemetery

OLMC.....Don Linder
STC.....Tom Schindler
STJB.....Bob Drager

Tri-Parish Office Hours:

St. Casimir Rectory office hours
Monday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 to 2:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 to 2:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 to 2:00 pm
Friday Closed

OLMC.....Hours Varied
STJB.....Hours Varied

Fr. Kurt Farrell



In the gospel this Sunday James, John and Peter are given a foretaste of the joy of heaven through their witnessing Jesus be transfigured before their eyes. This experience will be a consolation to them as they suffer witnessing the brutal execution of their master. Often times I refer to this scripture passage when I try to explain why sometimes in our lives we feel a strong presence of God's love, but other times it seems that he is nowhere to be found. Like the disciples in the Gospel after a deep experience of God's love, through a retreat or other activity, we have to go down the mountain, back to ordinary life where God's presence is not so easily found. Dry times in prayer or periods of doubt are not necessarily due to the fact that God has abandoned us, but rather opportunities for us to be drawn into a deeper faith. Lent can be such a time for us, let us trust that God is with us even when he is silent.

~Fr. Kurt

Fr. Peter Klein

Lent is launched, beginning as always with the temptation of Christ on the 1st Sunday of the season. This year's evangelist, St. Mark, is the only one who doesn't describe just what those temptations were. Here's some food for thought to help us fill in those blanks—not so much about what Christ's temptations were, but what our temptations are. This is a good time to recall the traditional SEVEN CAPITAL SINS ... in terms of what we might call "the 7 capital virtues." So: a reflection on inspirations as well as temptations:

- Humility is the virtue that counters pride. As pride leads to other sin, true humility clears a path for holiness. Pride is a sin of undue & arrogant estimate of one's self worth & place. Conversely, the virtue of humility is about modest behavior, selflessness & the giving of respect.
- Generosity, or liberality, is the virtue that is counter to greed – the sin of immoderate desire for earthly things. The virtue of liberality is focused not merely on the appropriate concern regarding one's earthly things, but furthermore on generosity & a willingness to give, freely & without request for commendation.
- Chastity is the counter-virtue to the sin of lust. Chastity embraces moral wholesomeness & purity, & in both thought & action treats God's gift of sexuality with due reverence & respect.
- Meekness, or patience, is the virtue that counters the sin of unjust anger, also called wrath or rage. Where the sin of wrath is about quick temper & unnecessary vengeance, the virtue of meekness focuses on patiently seeking appropriate resolution to conflicts & on the ability to forgive & show mercy.
- Temperance or abstinence counters the sin of gluttony. To be gluttonous is to over-indulge. On the opposite hand, the virtue of temperance is centered on self-control & moderation.
- Kindness, or brotherly love or love for one's neighbor, is the virtue which counters the sin of envy. Envy, contradicting God's law of love, is manifest in a person's sorrow & distress over the good fortune of another. Conversely, kindness is unprejudiced, compassionate & charitable concern for others.
- Diligence, or persistence, is the virtue which acts as a counter to the sin of sloth, which refers to laziness in matters of faith. Diligence in the spiritual life combats laziness & is manifest in appropriately zealous attitudes toward living & sharing the faith.

We will have reconciliations at St. John The Baptist in March

Fr. Peter Klein has set up time for confessions on Saturday in Minnesota Lake. STJB in March

March 2—4:00 pm	March 16—4:00 pm
March 9—4:00pm	March 23 —4:00 pm

Tri-Parish Giving-Liturgical Ministers

Tri-Parish Events

Weekly Contributions as of Feb. 11, 2024

	OLMC	STC	STJB
Weekly Needed	\$2,500.00	\$5,519.00	\$1,925.00
Needed to Date	\$82,500.00	\$170,743.00	\$63,551.50
Given to Date	\$105,259.34	\$182,704.52	\$65,450.00

St. Casimir Liturgical Ministers

Sunday Feb. 25, 2024

Sacristan—Arnie Stenzel

Lector—Scott Bute

Eucharistic Ministers—Mark and Lea Nowak

Ushers—Blaine Bias Mark Ignaszewski & Rick Herman

Servers—Carla Bushlack & Abby Chirpich

Rosary Readers—Scott Bute

Money counters—5

Shepherds Inn—Lea Nowak

Scripture Reading for February 25, 2024

First reading: Genesis 22:1, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Second readings: Romans 8-31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

In our Prayers:

Faithfully departed ; Mary Majeski

And Francis E. Herman

Soldiers Overseas: Connor Grunzke,

Tri-Parish Memorial Cards: Sympathy and memorial Cards for the Family of Father Havel can be placed in the baskets this weekend by the display on the altar of each Church. Cards can also be placed in the collection basket. We will get these cards to Father Havel's family.

*Father Havel's Triparish Farewell and Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, February 18, 2024** at OLMC from 11 am to Noon. This Open House was very important to him and he was so looking forward to it to express his gratitude to everyone. We wish to honor his wishes now as a Celebration of Life and as a tribute to him. Father Havel was most appreciative of the generosity of the Tri-parish. He also wanted to thank everyone for any and all parts they played in keeping things moving forward and smoothly. Know of his gratitude to everyone who brought food and helped in any way during his illness. We were blessed to have him as our Pastor the past five years. Father requested no gifts.*

Greeting cards for his family are welcome

Please join us in this important

Celebration of Life for Fr. Greg Havel. As Fa-

ther Havel said: "Have a nice catered

meal. Have fun. Pray hard. Enjoy a day

*of **Thanksgiving** to the Lord."*

Tri-Parish Stations of the Cross:

STC Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm

STJB Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm

OLMC Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm

STC Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 pm

STJB Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm

Deacon Gene will be leading the Stations

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 28— STC 7:00 pm

Friday, March 29—OLMC 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 30—STC 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 31—STJB 8:00 am

Sunday, March 31—OLMC 10:00 am

"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."

St. Francis de Sales

School News

As February is coming to a close, we embarked on three special projects that enriched our students' understanding of language arts, the contributions of influential Black figures in history, and how Valentine's Day is celebrated around the world.

Our young scholars are becoming text detectives! This month, we're focusing on understanding and identifying text features in various publications. Text features such as headings, subheadings, captions, glossaries, and many more are crucial for navigating and comprehending informational texts. Each student selected a magazine and embarked on a scavenger hunt to identify and list different text features. They then created their own text features booklet. This booklet included examples of each feature, including descriptions and purposes. The booklet provided a hands-on project that reinforced their understanding and encouraged them to utilize these features in their writing.

February is Black History Month, and our class is honoring this month with a unique learning experience. I have introduced a daily scavenger hunt that encourages students to discover and learn about influential Black individuals who have shaped our history and culture. Each day, students choose one person to learn about from an online calendar. To deepen their understanding of this person, they complete an activity related to their chosen figure.

In a special addition to our February curriculum, we also explored the many ways love is celebrated across different cultures. This project introduced students to an interactive resource, "Love Around the World". This engaging online platform showed students different traditions, festivals, and day-to-day practices to celebrate Valentine's Day. Students gathered as many interesting facts as they could and got to share their most fascinating finds.

As we move into the season of Lent this Valentine's Day, may all of us seek a deeper understanding of the heart of God.

Submitted by Mrs. Ethel Aranda, Classroom Teacher



St. Casimir's School will be hosting its annual carnival on Thursday, March 7th, for families with children 3-12 years of age. Not only will there be games, prizes and treats, we also hope to provide a bounce house or two for the children's enjoyment. If you have an inflatable house/castle that you would be willing to loan to the school for this event, please call the school office at 507-553-5822. Thank You very much!

Save the Date:

Friday, March 8th at St. John
The Baptist in Minnesota Lake
Holy Name Society Fish Fry
5-7 pm, More info to follow



Save the Date

Fish and Bingo
Friday, March 22nd 2024
St. Casimir Church
Basement in Wells

Lenten Enrichment

The Lenten enrichment of “Jesus of Nazareth” will start [this Sunday](#) evening, with the same enrichment topic on [Monday](#).

Please feel free to attend either time. Each week will build on the previous week. Please feel free to bring a Bible.

The Lenten Enrichment Schedule

Week 1, OLMC

Feb. 11th 6:00 pm– Feb.12th, 3:00 pm

Week 2, STC

Feb. 18th 6:00 pm-Feb. 19th, 3:00 pm

Week 3, STJB

Feb. 25th, 6:00 pm-Feb. 26th, 3:00 pm

Week 4 OLMC

Mar. 3rd, 6:00 pm-Mar.4th, 3:00 pm

Week 5 STC

Mar. 10th, 6:00 pm-Mar.11th, 3:00 pm

Week 6 STJB

Mar. 17th, 6:00 pm-Mar. 18th, 3:00 pm

Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

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Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially Jeremy Kolars, Charlie Kalis, Charlie Traynor , Koltun Kunz, Betty Thisius, Teresa Berry, Jan Stenzel, Nancy Dylla, Jerome Leesch, Lois Hund, Gary Bach, Dawn “Russ” Cory, Dale and Marg Sonnek, Triston Father, Sheila Runquist, Chuck Evan, Zach Fendrich, John Volz, Jeanne Miller, Bill Minks, Don Yokiell, Ken Tibodeau, Tiffany Sonnek, Dave Sonnek, Jan Willette, Orland Drager, Steve Heilmann, Mark Obermeyer, Jim Bute, Greg Sonnek, Ron Laitenberger, Pam Klocek, Jan Elmer, Mike Redig, Steve Nowak, Dennis Thisius, Donald Klocek, Melissa Haugh, Don Becker, Steve Stenzel, **and for all our service men & women of the armed forces.** please call us and we will begin our prayer lines for any need. OLMC-Sue Cory 787-2598, STJB-Rhonda Drager at 462-3627 or STJB Parish Office at 462-3636, STC-Barb Stenzel 553-3805

School News & Knights of Columbus

Every school year, endowment earnings from the ***Seeds of Faith – Tuition Assistance Fund*** are available for families in Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

The endowment fund provides tuition assistance to parents seeking a Catholic education for their children and who demonstrate financial need. Funds each year are available through the ***Rothwell Endowments***, specifically for Hispanic families with financial need seeking a Catholic education for their children. ***Seeds of Faith – Tuition Assistance*** funds are available only to families with financial need. This is not an academic scholarship fund.

All applications and supporting documents are due **Friday, May 17, 2024**. In June 2024, a committee will review applications and recommend awards. In July, applicants will be informed of the committee’s decision and award checks will be sent directly to each school.

Applications are available at your school. You can also download the application on our website at www.catholicfsmn.org/granting or on your school’s website. Please direct any questions to Carlee Shimek at cshimek@catholicfsmn.org or 507-858-1275.

St. Casimir School is now selling raffle tickets for the Catholic School’s Raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial! Each ticket is \$10 and every dollar stays at our school! See a St. Casimir student or simply call the office at 507-553-5822 and talk to Mr. Hengel for more information. Raffle tickets can be purchased until February 18th, 2024. Prizes include a Chevy Trax or \$20,000, a dream vacation, vikings tickets, MN Zoo, Best Buy, Nike, and more!

Thank you for supporting St. Casimir School!!

The Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 1596, would thank all of our table sponsors for our 2024 Trivia Night. Your donation will benefit St. Casimir School, Faith Formation, and other projects.

The Knights of Columbus rely on the generosity of such donors and are grateful for your continued support.



It's Time!

FOR OUR ANNUAL GERTEN'S
SPRING PLANT SALE!

What: Gerten's Spring Plant Sale

Why: 30% of plant sale profits & 15% of plant
card profits go to *St. Casimir's School*

When: Our site opens on February 12th and closes
at 10 PM on March 28th.

How: Order online :

www.gertensfundraising.com

Store ID code for St Casimir's School: 337

Where: Plants will be delivered
to *St. Casimir's School* on May 10th and will be
ready for pick up at 4 pm.

Questions: Contact Danielle @ danielle.tvedten@hotmail.com

