

Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2019

Tri-Parish Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019

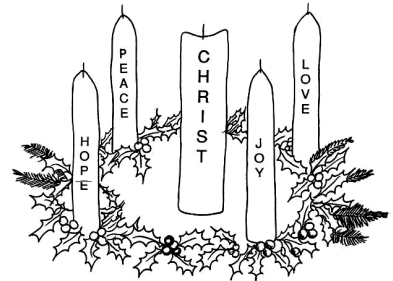
- ✧ St. Casimir, Wells, 5:00 p.m. (Fr. Havel)
- ✧ St. John the Baptist, Minn. Lake, 5:00 p.m. (Fr. Stenzel)
- ✧ Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Minnesota Lake, 9:00 p.m.

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.



Last Sunday, St. Casimir's Lessons & Carols was recorded by KBEW. It will be broadcast on Christmas Day at 2:30 p.m. Tune in to KBEW 1560 AM or listen online at www.kbew98country.com/1580-am-kbew-listen-live/

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

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| Monday, December 23 | No Mass | |
| Tuesday, December 24 STC | † Living & deceased members of the Yokiel & Rossing families | 5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, December 24 STJB | † John & † Roman Bach | 5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, December 24 OLMC @ STJB | † John Becker | 9:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, December 25 STC | † Bernard (Bub) Holway | 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, December 26 STJB | No Mass | |
| Friday, December 27 STC | No Mass | |
| Saturday, December 28 STJB | Pro Populo | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 29 STC | † Fred Cole | 8:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, December 29 OLMC Mass @ STJB | † John & † Theresa Voss | 10:00 a.m. |

Scripture Readings for Next Week

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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: 9:30 a.m. Sunday- 8:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Casimir.

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

Tri-Parish Staff Contact Information

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Deacon Gene Paul..... 507-854-3676
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
..... Sarah Oldham
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

All Classes for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tri-Parish Confirmation and St. Casimir are on Christmas break. Classes will resume in January. Merry Christmas!

Congratulations to the following students from our Tri-Parish who received the merciful love of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time: Carter H., Brooke H., Levi J., Kinley K., Aryan K., Maddy M., Lillian M., Gabriel P., Abbie R., Sophia S., Victoria S.

SCS News

Merry Christmas from the Kindergarten class! We are excited for Christmas break, but first wanted to share what we have been up to in our class. In Math, we have been learning about joining groups together with early addition. Soon we will start using the addition and equal symbols. In Language Arts we have learned 27 sight words and even more decodable words. Along with learning new words to read, we have been learning about verbs, articles (a, an, and the), and nouns - singular and plural. They are not easy concepts to understand at this age, but the kids are doing well with them. In Science, we are learning about weather and seasons. We are discussing the different types of weather we can have during each season. God Bless, Mrs. Beth Emerson

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.

Thank You... Thank you to all the volunteers who carried the scaffolding in and out of the OLMC church.

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

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| 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 Wilmot 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:
12/15/2019*

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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| Adult..... | \$3,911.57 |
| Offertory..... | \$30.00 |
| Christmas..... | \$800.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$40.00 |
| Thanksgiving..... | \$550.00 |

St. Casimir

Immaculate Conception, December 9

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| Offertory..... | \$105.00 |
| Immaculate Conception..... | \$238.00 |

Sunday, December 15

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| Adult..... | \$5,780.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$68.00 |
| Religious Retirement..... | \$100.00 |
| Christmas Memorials | \$280.00 |

St. John the Baptist

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| Adult..... | \$1,575.00 |
| Offertory..... | \$153.00 |
| Christmas | \$25.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$175.00 |

Catholic Ministry Appeal

OLMC

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| Goal..... | \$10,940.00 |
| Given/pledged | \$8,665.00 |
| Needed to reach goal | \$2,525.00 |

STC

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| Goal..... | \$25,700.00 |
| Given/pledged | \$17,562.00 |
| Needed to reach goal | \$8,138.00 |

STJB

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| 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,
Kathryn Mazurkiewicz

90th Birthday!

Open House Birthday Party

Please join us for a celebration honoring the 90th birthday of Rosemary Leesch on Sunday, December 22, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church.

A Word from Fr. Havel...

As we continue our Advent journeys we give thanks to God for the gifts of His mercy and forgiveness. This past Tuesday I was blessed with the opportunity to join with Fr. Greg Leif (Waseca), Fr. Andrew Whiting (Mankato) and Fr. Gene Stenzel (senior priest) in the celebration of our Tri-Parish reconciliation service. On Wednesday morning I celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the children of St. Casimir's School. (I will schedule confessions with our faith formation children after Christmas). Thank you God for the healing power of your love in the lives of those who seek your mercy.

Fr. Gene Stenzel will be celebrating the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in Minnesota Lake. I will have the 5:00 p.m. Mass in Wells and also the 9:00 p.m. Mass and 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass. Then I will be leaving for 2 days of time with my family. I will return on Friday, December 27, for the weekend liturgies. I pray that everyone will have blessed and joyful celebrations of the birth of Jesus. Safe travels and peaceful hearts to all. Blessed Christmas greetings! ~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.

Tri-Parish...

STC & STJB Giving Tree- We are 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 new, 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- 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.

Rosary Society Members- In January, please advance to the next mystery for the new year. The schedule for mysteries should be as follows: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful ending with 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!

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 Ascheman, 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, Ray Kalis, Denny Swehla **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.

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.

Wells VFW Omelet Breakfast- You are invited to the Wells VFW for an Omelet breakfast Sunday, January 5, from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. They will be serving omelets, hash browns, eggs and more. All proceeds will go to support St. Casimir's School.

Wells Blood Drive- We are looking for people to donate blood on Monday, January 6, from 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Wells American Legion. Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: WellsMN. We thank you for your participation. Knights of Columbus: Please help unload at **8:45 a.m.** Thank you!

| Christmas Eve and Christmas Day | | | | |
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| Ministries for Tuesday, December 24, & Wednesday, December 25, 2019 | | | | |
| | Christmas Eve STJB 5:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve STC 5:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve OLMC at STJB 9:00 p.m. | Christmas Day STC 9:00 a.m. |
| Lector | Arnie Stenzel | Steve Bushlack | Dianne Rauenhorst | Bernard J. Steinhauer |
| EM | Bill Daly, Gary Bach, Mike Swehla | Mark & Lia Ignaszewski, Larry Brand, Rick Herman, Scott Bute, Jerry Dulas, Ike Dulas | Brian Rath, Cletus Rath, Eleanor Rath | Rick Herman, Joanne Haugh, Sheila Treptow |
| Servers | Collin Price, Martha Price, Mason Schirmer | Zale Bushlack, Nick Bushlack, Mark Bushlack | Claire Schimek, Riley Stevermer, Mason Stevermer | Stacy Adams, Hunter Adams, Julianna Clore |
| Ushers | Roger Volz, Volunteer | Larry & Rosemary Brand, Ray Yokiell, Rick Mueller | Dale Yokiell, Doug Ascherman | Brian Bias, Linda Sonnek, Tom & Marilyn Staloch |
| Money Counters | Volunteer, Volunteer | | | |
| Gifts | | Jeremie Seedorf Family | | Rick Herman Family |
| Rosary | | Volunteer—please begin at 4:20 p.m. | Christmas Carols | Volunteer—please begin at 8:20 a.m. |
| The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | | | | |
| Ministries for Saturday, December 28, & Sunday, December 29, 2019 | | | | |
| | STJB Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | STC Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | | OLMC at STJB Sunday, 10:00 a.m. |
| Lector | Edie More | 1 st Reading: Bridgette Holl 2 nd Reading: Bernard J. Steinhauer | | Tim Lippert |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Jill Swehla, Rhonda Drager, Mary Stevermer | Joanne Haugh, Marti Yokiell, Bev Klein, Tom Schindler, Scott Bute, Don Chirpich, Arnie Stenzel | | Jon Rath, Jeff Rath, Sue Rath |
| Servers | Silas Price, Collin Price, Martha Price | Alexis Roberts, Paige Roberts, McKenzie Roberts | | Logan Strom, Caleb Warmka, Makayla Ankeny |
| Ushers | Volunteer, Volunteer | Ray Yokiell, Ike Dulas, Brian Bias, Eric Allis, Ronda Allis (G) | | Kerry Doyle, Mark Braunshausen |
| Sacristan | | Brian Bias | | |
| Gift Bearers | | Kyle Chirpich Family | | |
| Rosary | | Marti Yokiell | | |
| Money Counters | Volunteer, Volunteer | Team #5: Larry or Sheila Treptow, Jeff Stenzel, Bernard J. Steinhauer | | Jeff Rath, Sue Haugh |
| Monicas | | Week of December 22-28 | Week of Dec 29-Jan 4 | |
| | | Jan Nowak, Rhonda Fuhrmann | Marie Hassing, Jan Ignaszewski | |