

Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community

The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 5, 2020

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not
so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Save the Date!

St. Casimir's Valentine Carnival

Sunday, February 9, 2020

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, January 6		No Mass
Tuesday, January 7 STC	† Jerry Ignaszewski	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 8 OLMC at STC	† Lyle Stevermer	8:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 9 STJB	† Frank Sonnek	8:30 a.m.
Friday, January 10 STC	† Melvin Voigt	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 11 STJB	† Helen & † Mary Evan	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 12 STC	Pro Populo	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 12 OLMC Mass @ STJB	† John & Florence Schuster	10:00 a.m.

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.

Scripture Readings for Next Week

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: "The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

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Sacramental Emergencies

Fr. Havel 507-553-5391

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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 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 Hours M-F 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Administrative Assistant.....Julie Bruegger
 Bookkeeper Kay Herman
 Cemetery..... Tom Schindler
 Faith Formation..... Lisa 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 Hours M-F 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 Bookkeeper Ashley Seedorf
 Custodians..... Gene & Pat Hassing
 Maintenance..... Bruce Roberts
 Principal.....
 SecretaryAshley Dawson
 Sarah Oldham
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St. John the Baptist

Church: 100 Park St N
 Mailing: 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
 Maintenance..... Quentin Staloch

Tri-Parish Faith Formation

OLMC	Sun 1/5 Sun 1/12	Grades 1-8 Grades 1-8	New Years Break Class
TRI	Sun 1/5 Sun 1/12	Confirmation I Confirmation I	5:00-7:00 p.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.
STC	Wed 1/8	Grades 1-8	6:30-7:45 p.m.
TRI	Wed 1/8	Grade 9 TOB	6:30-7:45 p.m.

SCS News

Hello! I'm thrilled to announce that starting January 2020, I will now have all the Preschoolers and Pre-Kindergartners combined in my room. I'm sure it will be exciting and challenging all at the same time. I'm anticipating they will all eventually find their place and be back in the "new" groove of things quickly. I think the "littles" are going to like being with the "big" kids. They will all have something different to offer and we will all learn from each other!

Because the number of students will vary day-to-day, I will now have an aide coming in to help me when we reach the capacity of more than one adult needed. It will be nice to have someone around to bounce ideas off of and help plan fun things for the kids to do—and of course with small children—it's always nice to have an extra set of hands!

It will definitely be an adjustment, but I think in the end it will be good and beneficial for everyone involved.... Now on to our new journey!
 ~Submitted by Mrs. Angie Swehla

Thank you...St. Casimir's School would like to thank the St. Casimir's Choir for inviting us to participate in Lessons and Carols. The students and staff really enjoyed it. We would like to thank Thrivent Financial for their monetary donation to help with the cost of the meal. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, family members and the community for coming out to share in the story of Jesus and for your monetary donations for the meal that went to Options Mankato & Wells Food Shelf. Each organization received a check for \$546.50.

A Word of Thanks...Thank you for the prayers, gifts and notes of support we received during the past days and weeks. It is good to serve in a caring, helpful community. God's blessings to all, Deacon Gene & Jane

VIRTUS Safe Environment Recertification Coming Soon!

If you completed your VIRTUS training in 2014 or prior you will receive an email from our diocesan Safe Environment Office to complete **Keeping Our Promise Alive 3.0**, a VIRTUS® online re-certification training.

If you completed you VIRTUS live training in 2015 you will receive an email in February from our diocesan Safe Environment Office to complete **Keeping Our Promise Alive 3.0**, a VIRTUS® online re-certification training.

The email will be from Mary Hamann and will contain your User ID and directions to login and complete the training which takes 30-40 minutes.

Your volunteering in our parishes and schools is very important to the life of our local Church. Thank you for your dedicated support in keeping a safe environment for our children, young people and vulnerable adults!

Please send any email address updates to scasimir@bevcomm.net
 Thank you!! Happy New Year!

Stewardship

Collection amounts for the weekend of:
12/29/2019

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, December 29

Adult.....	\$4,510.00
Offertory.....	\$66.02
Christmas.....	\$1,000.00
<i>Christmas</i>	
Adult.....	\$6,430.00
Offertory.....	\$274.00
Flowers.....	\$25.00

St. Casimir

Sunday, December 29

Adult.....	\$15,883.01
Offertory.....	\$127.86
Christmas.....	\$110.00
Christmas Flowers/Memorials ..	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$10.00
<i>Christmas Eve & Christmas Day</i>	
Adult.....	\$2,350.00
Offertory.....	\$473.00
Christmas.....	\$10,471.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$5.00

St. John the Baptist

Saturday, December 28

Adult.....	\$2,905.00
Offertory.....	\$233.83
Christmas.....	\$100.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$260.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$50.00
<i>12/31/2019</i>	
Adult.....	\$240.00
Offertory.....	\$194.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$40.00

In Our Prayers

Soldiers Overseas

Troy Haugh, Zack Adams

Recently Departed

Darlene Pyzick

Irene "Jean" Evan

Michael "Mike" McCallum

Upcoming Marriages

Hannah Proehl & Logan Block

A Word from Fr. Havel...

We celebrate this weekend the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. In the coming of the three kings, Jesus is seen as the savior of all people.

An epiphany is when something unknown becomes known or when something unseen becomes visible. In the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus, the son of the unseen God, becomes visible in the Child of Bethlehem. May our minds and hearts always embrace the gift of Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

Next week we conclude our celebration of Christmas as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus receives the gift of the Holy Spirit and begins his public ministry. It is the same Holy Spirit that is God's gift to each of us. May we always be guided in our lives by the gift of God's love.

~Fr. Greg

January is Respect Life Month

9 Days for Life: 9 Days for Life 2020 will take place Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29. 9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at www.9daysforlife.com.

March for Life – St. Paul: The annual Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22. Participants from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester are invited to meet there (look for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester banners). This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. Immediately following the prayer service, we will walk to the state capitol for the MCCL March for Life rally. Please consider carpooling or utilizing buses, as parking is limited.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

DOW-R Prayer Service: Bishop Quinn will preside at the annual Prayer Service for Life, this year in Rochester at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, January 26. All are invited to come and pray for a greater respect for the dignity of all human life. The service will begin at 2:00 p.m. "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

Tri-Parish Community of Prayer...

Let us always remember the sick of our parish communities and families, and all those in need of prayer, especially:

Marti Paul, Anne Jackson, Brady Berberich, Linda Willette, Mike Redig, Lynn Ascheman, John Walser, Sr. Carmen Sonnek, Ginny Drager, Sharon Hodge, Triston Father, Bill Stokman, Alice Schimek, Gerry Ziegler, Faron Bremseth, Doug Johnson, Norma Goodrich, Allan Latourelle, Dick Stenzel, Zach Fendrich, Ray Kalis, Denny Swehla, Rick Herman, Doug Ascheman **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.

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 and we will begin our prayer lines for any need-give only the details you wish. 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.

Community...

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!

Homeschooling Program- The St. John Paul II Homeschool Enrichment Program will be holding its Spring Semester February 14—May 1. We meet on Fridays in the Fitzgerald school building across from Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato. PreSchool—High School. Please contact Lisa for more information: 507-345-5200, mamaschwam@aol.com.

Pro-Life Apologetics- 40 Days for Life, Mankato, is excited to host Josh Brahn who will be holding *Equipped for Life: Pro-Life Apologetics* in Mankato at the Loyola Fitzgerald Campus for four weeks this Spring. Dates we'll be meeting are March 1, April 19 & 26, and May 3. Contact 40daysforlife@gmail.com for video access and registration.

Tri-Parish...

Online Book Study through DOW-R- Want to grow in your spiritual life this winter? The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is offering a free online book study of Fr. Jacques Philippe's *Fire and Light: Learning to Receive the Gift of God*, about growing in prayer in everyday life. It is led by Dr. Susan Windley-Daoust, Director of Missionary Discipleship. Tuesdays, January 7-February 11 at 7 p.m. online through Zoom technology (you need a smartphone or laptop with camera and mic to participate). All are welcome. If interested, please buy the book online and contact Michele Klein asap at mklein@dowr.org.

Save the Date! St. Casimir's Valentine's Carnival will be held Sunday, February 9, 2020. Parishioner letters were sent out Friday, so look forward to seeing that early next week. Raffle tickets will be available soon! Questions can be directed to Kerry Haugh 507-327-1161. See you 2/9/20!

The Baptism of the Lord			
Ministries for Saturday, January 11, & Sunday, January 12, 2020			
	STJB Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	STC Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	OLMC at STJB Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Lector	Arnie Stenzel	1 st Reading: Scott Bute 2 nd Reading: Katie Koziolk	Julie Stevermer
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Price, Sam Lemmon, Darrell Radtke	Tom Schindler, Rick Herman, Arnie Stenzel, Joanne Haugh, Marti Yokiell, Mark & Lia Ignaszewski	Ryan Strom, Dean Warmka, Teresa Schimek
Servers	Silas Price, Martha Price, Emma Simon	Ally Stenzel, Adam Stenzel, Colten Quade	Ava Petersen, Riley Stevermer, Mason Stevermer
Ushers	John Manders, Volunteer	Mark & Lea Nowak, Ike Dulas, Larry Brand (U&G)	Troy Petersen, Dean Schimek
Sacristan		Gene & Pat Hassing	
Gift Bearers		Coleman Bushlack Family	
Rosary		Tim Klein	Carolyn Willette
Money Counters	Volunteer, Volunteer	Team #1: Julie Stenzel, Joanne Haugh, Carmen Meyer	Dale Yokiell, Yvonne Cory
Monicas		Week of January 5-11	Week of January 12-18
		Deb Widman	Jan Nowak, Rhonda Fuhrmann