

# Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community

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

## Sunday, December 6, 2020 The Second Sunday of Advent



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(Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community of OLMC, STC & STJB)

### Sacramental Emergencies

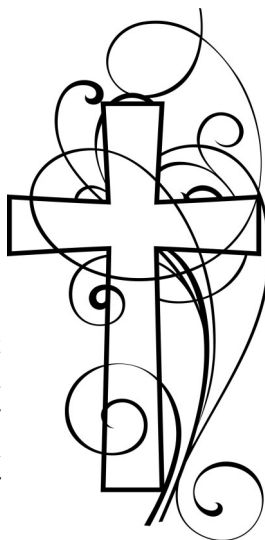
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### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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  
Custodian ..... Anne Lippert  
Faith Formation..... Chris Schultz  
Music ..... Mary Kayser

### St. Casimir

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Phone: 507-553-5391 Fax: 507-553-5391  
Email .....scasimir@bevcomm.net  
Office Hours ..... varied  
Administrative Assistant ..... Julie Bruegger  
Bookkeeper..... Kay Herman  
Cemetery ..... Tom Schindler  
Faith Formation ..... Lisa Bute  
Liturgical Music Coordinator ..... Connie Stenzel  
Maintenance ..... Bruce Roberts



### DOW-R Televised Mass Sunday Mornings

KEYC 12 or 12.1 at 7:30 a.m.;  
7.1 at 9:00 a.m.; 12.2 at 9:30 a.m.

Mass will be broadcast Sundays with  
DOW-R priests at 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
on AM 970, Real Presence Radio

Online Mass with Bishop Quinn  
[dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html](http://dowr.org/about/weekly-mass.html)  
live every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

### St. John the Baptist

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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

### St. Casimir's School

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Phone: 507-553-5822 Fax: 507-553-5391  
Email .....casimir@bevcomm.net  
Office Hours ..... varied  
Bookkeeper..... Ashley Seedorf  
Maintenance ..... Bruce Roberts  
Principal ..... Diane Edwards  
Secretary.....  
Website..... stcasimirsschool.net

## Prayer Requests of the Tri-Parish

***Let us always remember the sick and all those in need of prayer, especially:*** Marti Paul, John Walser, Sharon Hodge, Doug Johnson, Allan Latourelle, Zach Fendrich, Denny Swehla, Doug Ascherman, Triston Father, Mike Redig, Louise Giese, Mark Haler, Janet Yokiell, Dale Sonnek, Jeanne Ziegler Miller, Butch Becker, Gayle Redig, Pam Schultz, Jay Johnson, Barb Price, Jim Bute, Marge Bute, Tiffany Oeffler, David Stadheim, Mario Rubio & family ***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](mailto: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.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday 12/7 Immaculate Conception Vigil	STJB	† Ginny Drager & † Laura Drager	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12/8 Immaculate Conception Mass	STC	† Dick Stenzel	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 12/9	OLMC	† Bernie & † Anna Tibodeau and † Mary Tibodeau	8:30 a.m.
Thursday 12/10	STJB	† Gladys Walser	8:30 a.m.
Friday 12/11	STC	† Lloyd Seipp	8:30 a.m.
Saturday 12/12	STJB	† Max VanSickle	5:00 p.m.
Sunday 12/13	STC	Pro Populo	8:00 a.m.
Sunday 12/13	OLMC	† Ray Kalis	10:00 a.m.

### Spiritual

#### Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



The Seminarians from IHM Seminary have created videos for Advent. View them on their website under "Latest Posts-view all" or on their Facebook page:

Website: [ihmseminary.org](http://ihmseminary.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/ihmseminary](https://facebook.com/ihmseminary)

### In Our Prayers

Soldiers Overseas  
Troy Haugh

Recently Departed  
Margaret Stevermer  
Bill Schindler, *father of Tom*

### Sunday Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5; 9-11

***Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.***

Psalm: 85:9-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

### Advent Confessions

#### Saturdays December 5, 12 & 19

Wells 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Easton 9:30-10:30 a.m. onward

MN Lake 4:00-4:30 p.m. onward following Mass

### Advent Confessions with Adoration

#### Sundays December 13 & 20

Wells 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Catholic Ministry Appeal***as of November 30, 2020***OLMC**

Goal.....\$10,000.00  
 Amount given/pledged.....\$7,190.00  
 # of donors .....32  
 % of goal reached..... 70.3%

**STC**

Goal.....\$25,000.00  
 Amount given/pledged.....\$16,952.00  
 # of donors .....57  
 % of goal reached..... 67.6%

**STJB**

Goal.....\$7,750.00  
 Amount given/pledged.....\$2,250.00  
 # of donors .....21  
 % of goal reached..... 29%

**Weekly Contributions***as of November 29, 2020***OLMC**

Amount needed weekly.....\$2,414.00  
 Amount needed to date .....\$53,108.00  
 Amount given to date.....\$58,836.39  
 Amount needed annually for Thanksgiving,  
 Christmas, Easter .....\$35,000.00  
 Amount given.....\$11,747.71

**STC**

Amount needed weekly.....\$5,127.00  
 Amount needed to date .....\$112,794.00  
 Amount given to date.....\$113,057.41  
 Thanksgiving.....\$3,423.00  
 Options.....\$125.00

**STJB**

Amount needed weekly.....\$2,225.00  
 Amount needed to date .....\$48,950.00  
 Amount given to date.....\$27,532.88  
 Thanksgiving.....\$170.00

**St. Casimir's Classroom News**

Since November 12, the world of distance learning has been navigated by the staff, students and parents of St. Casimir's School, and we have made a great team. During these first two weeks of distance learning we have utilized technology for all things educational, and Zoom calls have become our new way of being together. While it has had its challenges, it has been so much fun seeing the kids in a different way.

I have come up with a couple of challenges for the students, to help them stay creative and entertained during their day at home. The first challenge consisted of making the tallest tower they could with different materials around the house. It was a delight seeing their imagination at work. I saw towers made of toilet paper, blocks and even pillows and blankets. This week's challenge was making a fort, I can't wait to see what the students create.

In Language Arts we are discussing informational text, cause and effect, singular and plural nouns and patterns in nature. The second graders have been learning about money in Math and all that it entails, while the third graders have been learning different methods of adding and subtracting.

As always, Science during these two weeks has been fun for students. They were able to come up with ideas for making a bird house with materials they already had at home. They also learned about different types of frogs. This week they are learning how seeds migrate, and they even got to make a rotocopter and a glider to simulate how seeds get away from the momma plant.

Distance learning has its challenges, but I am so grateful for all the work we have done together to make this adventure a success. The St. Casimir's family has really come together to make the most out of this phase.

~ Mrs. Ethel Aranda, 2-3 Grade Teacher

**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 2020 giving all donations should be received by December 31, 2020.

- ♦ Hymnals are available for you to take home.
- ♦ If you would like Holy Communion brought to you, please contact the office at 553-5391.
- ♦ Evening Rosary is said at St. Casimir daily at 7:30 p.m. Please safe distance. All are welcome.
- ♦ SCRIP is available in the church office. Feel free to call, email or stop in for your order! 553-5391 scasimir@bevcomm.net

## From Fr. Havel...

People will sometimes ask me: Why doesn't God do something about all the evil things that happen in our world? St. Peter, in our second reading this weekend, reminds us that God's ways and our ways are not the same. We see short term, 'I want it and I want it now!', while God looks at the long term and eternal life. St. Peter says, "Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay", but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

God waits patiently for people to choose to repent. He keeps working in the hearts of sinners that they may turn back to the Lord. We should not forget, though, that the Lord will come. May we be ready on that great day to meet the Lord.

~Fr. Greg

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	Wells	5:00 p.m. (Fr. Havel)
Christmas Eve	Minnesota Lake	5:00 p.m. (Fr. Stenzel)
Christmas Eve	Easton	9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	Wells	9:00 a.m.

## Join the Road to Bethlehem

Draw close to Christ this Advent season with daily reflections and enrichment from FORMED. We've personally selected content to help you prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmas. We will be sending you handpicked videos, talks, and texts every day throughout Advent to nourish your spiritual life.

### *The Road to Bethlehem includes the following:*

- ♦ Daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray
- ♦ Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids
- ♦ Weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts related to the theme of the week
- ♦ Action items designed to help you take the Advent message and apply it to your daily life

To sign up for Advent reflections for adults and children visit <https://advent.augustineinstitute.org/>

## Tri-Parish Announcements

**2021 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 you are to us all!**

**Omelet Breakfast-to-Go Sunday, December 6** Wells VFW is offering an Omelet-to-Go breakfast on Sunday, December 6, from 7:30 a.m. to 12 Noon, with all proceeds going to the Wells Depot Museum. Cost is \$9. Please call 553-5411 to arrange a time for pick up. Thank you for your support!

**Scrip is Gearing up for Christmas! \$5 gift cards** • Barnes & Noble • Panera Bread • Taco Bell • Starbucks **\$10 gift cards** • Amazon.com • Applebee's • Buffalo Wild Wings • Bath & Body Works • Domino's • Chipotle • CVS • The Home Depot® • Outback Steakhouse • Red Lobster • Target • Walmart. To get enrolled, contact program coordinator, Kristi Koziolk at 507-383-3431 or contact St. Casimir's parish office at 553-5391 to order.

**Options | Mankato Pregnancy Center Collection Each Sunday of Advent** Because we're unable to have our Giving Trees in the churches this year like in years past, we're doing a monetary collection each Sunday of Advent. Please include your donation clearly marked "Options", made payable to your parish, and include it in the regular collection basket. They are always so grateful for our gifts, thank you for blessing them again this year!