

# January 4, 2026 | The Epiphany of the Lord



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** | 27 Main Street, Easton, MN 56025 | Sunday Mass 10:00 am  
**St. Casimir Church** | 320 2nd Ave SW, Wells MN. 56097 | Sunday Mass: 8:00 am  
**St. John the Baptist Church** | P.O. Box 158, Minnesota Lake, MN 56068 | Mass: 5:00 pm



## Mass Schedule and Intentions: January 5, 10-11, 2026

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| <u>5</u>  | Mon. | 8:30 am  | Wells   | +Bruce and Lorriane Roberts |
| <u>10</u> | Sat. | 4:00 pm  | Mn Lake | +Duane & Ursula Behnke      |
| <u>11</u> | Sun. | 8:00 am  | Wells   | +Verona Staloch             |
| <u>11</u> | Sun. | 10:00 am | Easton  | +Delores Morrison           |

Every Saturday: 3:30 pm Confessions before Mass

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO MASS-ES: Minnesota Lake— Thurs. and Sat.; Easton —Wed. and Sun.; Wells— Tues. Fri. and Sun. Rosary is always prayed every night of the year at 7:30 pm, at St. Casimir.

Know that Fr. Pratap includes all of us in his daily prayers and private Mass intentions. If a Mass is cancelled, Fr. Pratap will include that scheduled Mass Intention at his private daily Mass. If you prefer it be rescheduled, please let Father or your respective parish office know.

### Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

Triston Father	Dace Smith	Dave Sonnek
Steve Sonnek	Craig Sonnek	Jan Stenzel
Sue Sonnek	Zach Fendrich	Colette Caeli Drees
Teresa Berry	Charlie Kalis	Richard Stenzel
Chuck Evan	Don Yokiel	Mary Stevermer
Rosemary Larson	Koltun Kunz	Tiffany Sonnek
Ann Ehrich	Ken Tibodeau	Darrin Hueper
Steve Warmka	Colton Smith	Katie Ascherman
Quentin Staloch	Tyler Doyle	Norbert Yokiel
Grace Drager	Jane Swehla	Carol Gregor
Sharon Obermeyer	Frank Diaz	Mark Woitas
Donnie Becker	Cathy Pluym	Gregory Woitas
Vincent Schultz	Jan Elmer	MaryAnn Woitas
Grant Supalla	Mike Redig	Geri Peyton
Betty Ziegler	Randy Hodge	Rick Girard
Steven Nowak	Tom Warmka	John Paul Herman
Scott Bull	Jennifer Pinkelman	Dorothy Hochstein
Kay Beyer		

### PARISH PRIEST

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8:00 am—4:30 pm  
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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 11, 2026-A Cycle**

**Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Psalm 29:1-4,9-10; Acts: 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17**

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates His mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

Today we celebrate the **Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, a moment that reveals His mission and identity.** As John baptizes Him, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice proclaims: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

**The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan is more than a historical event.** It is a revelation of God's love and a turning point in salvation history. As Jesus steps into the waters, He identifies Himself with humanity's need for cleansing and renewal. Though sinless, He chooses to stand among sinners, showing us that He came not to remain distant, but to walk with us in our weakness and to lift us into new life.

**In that moment, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice resounds: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."** This proclamation is not only about Jesus, it echoes into our own lives. Through baptism, we too are claimed as beloved children of God, sealed with the Spirit, and called to live as witnesses of Christ's light in the world.

**This feast reminds us that baptism is not only a cleansing, but a calling.** Just as Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His public ministry, our baptism marks the beginning of our life in Christ. We are claimed as beloved children of God, filled with the Spirit, and sent forth to bring light and hope into the world.

**As we celebrate this feast, let us pause to renew our baptismal promises in our hearts.** Let us reject sin and selfishness and recommit ourselves to Christ's way of love. May we hear the Father's voice speaking to us today: "You are my beloved child." And may we allow that truth to shape our identity, strengthen our faith, and inspire our daily witness. ~Fr. Pratap

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE



**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Contact the priest 6 to 12 months in advance of the date of marriage to fill out the forms, to do FOCCUS Test and to attend Marriage Prep Mentoring Sessions. Fr. Pratap is seeking married couples who are practicing Catholics, and have children, who would be willing to volunteer to help prepare our engaged couples for marriage. Please contact Fr. Pratap at 507-226-4536, or your parish office, if interested.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact the parish office a month in advance to fill out the form and to attend Baptism Mentoring Sessions.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## Sunday, January 11, 2026

<b>Minnesota Lake</b> Sat.   4:00 pm	<b>Wells—Jan. 11</b> Sunday   8:00 am	<b>Easton-Jan. 11</b> Sunday   10:00 am
<b>SERVERS</b>	Students	Ava Petersen Gabriel Petersen Nicholas Scheid
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Arnie Stenzel	Dianne Rauenhorst
<b>LECTOR</b>	Students	Dianne Rauenhorst
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
<b>EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Ike Dulas Arnie Stenzel Jolene Bute	Teresa Schimek Chelsea Sonnek Jon Rath C
<b>USHERS</b>	Students	Dale Yokiel Bernie Schimek Ryan Strom
<b>ROSARY</b>	Elaine and Mike Hernandez	Dawn Doyle
<b>Shepherd's Inn</b>	Larry Brand	
<b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>	Mark Ignaszewski Randy Feist Ann Marie Schuster	Yvonne Cory Dale Yokiel

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Can you spend an hour with Jesus? Adoration is held at St. Casimir Church, Wells, Wednesdays at 9:00 pm through Thursday 10:00 pm. You are invited to sign up for a weekly hour or just come and pray anytime.

### FORMED

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Sleigh Ride: Christmas in the Last Frontier



FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$6,319.53	\$55,379.94	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$21,745.25	\$174,595.79	\$350,598.00
Easton	\$19,066.47	\$68,848.00	\$137,700.00

Next week's readings:  
Isaiah 49:3,5-6; 1  
Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025		
	Amount received	CMA amounts needed
Minnesota Lake	\$8,200	\$8,119
Wells	\$23,259.19	\$20,793
Easton	\$12,768.75	\$10,683.00

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Father Steve Peterson  
Soldiers Overseas : Andrea Schultz  
Whenever any of our parish members or families in need of special prayers, please call and we will begin our prayer lines for any need-give only details you wish. OLMC- Sue Cory 507-787-2598, STJB- Rhonda Drager 507-462-3627, and Barb Stenzel 507-553-3805.

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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**Dear Parishioners of the Tri-parish,** Father Pratap will be away from January 6th, 2026 to February 11th visiting India. Kindly include him in your prayers for safe travels back and forth. He will be praying for all of us and celebrating the mass intentions of the tri-parish while in India.

## **Advent Christmas Countdown Raffle**

Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winner; Richard Mueller \$500

## **VATICAN EXHIBIT**

If you have visiting the Vatican on your bucket list, but in reality you don't think you'll make it, this is for you! The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is hosting an exhibit, **Vatican Unveiled**, at the Mall of America January 10- February 1. This is the largest collection of papal artifacts outside the Vatican. This unique historical collection is being shared to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese. You can order tickets online, visit [archspm.org/vaticanunveiled](http://archspm.org/vaticanunveiled) for more information, or if you are interested in possibly carpooling, call or email the rectory.

## **2025 OLMC CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

### **GIVEN BY:**

**Lonny & Shannon Schroeder Family  
Chuck & Yvonne Cory**

**Sue Cory  
Dawn Doyle**

**Harry & Mary Kayser  
Elijah & Anne Lippert  
Annette Schuster**

**Russ & Ruth Sonnek**

**Tyler & Cheryl Sonnek  
Ryan & Sally Strom  
Carolyn Willette  
Paul & Judy Warmka**

**Kay Becker**

**Rose Doyle  
David O'Rourke  
Gene & Jane Paul  
Eleanor Rath  
Jeff & Sue Rath  
Joel & Tara Rauenhorst  
Tom & Cheryl Warmka**

**Patricia Bias**

### **IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF:**

**Bob Doyle  
Albert & Clara Wolff  
Len & Fran Cory  
Adrian & Lorna Cory  
Frank Doyle  
Duane & Marvel Esser  
Deceased Family Members  
Dixie Lippert  
Bonnie Schuster  
Todd Schuster  
Louis & Veronica Sonnek Family  
Robert & Marie Miller**

**Kurt Pearson  
Jim Willette  
Samantha Buntjer  
Art & Peg Warmka  
Joe & Alyce Kotzenmacher  
Butch Becker and all departed family  
Members  
Bob Doyle  
Mary Helen O'Rourke  
Jerry Paul and Karel Paul  
Cletus Rath  
Cletus Rath and Vincent Landsteiner  
Ray Rauenhorst  
Louis & Kathryn Warmka  
Don & Marcie Moll  
Deceased siblings  
Anton & Sophia Hefner Family**