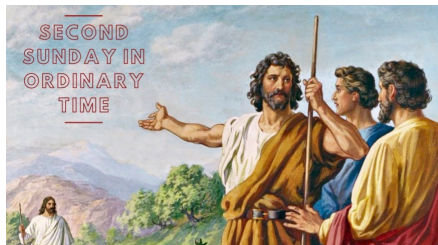


January 18, 2026 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 24-25, 2026

24 Sat. 4:00 pm Mn Lake +Dominic and Gladys Sonnek

25 Sun. 8:00 am Wells +Herman and Leola Wach

25 Sun. 10:00 am Easton +Louie and Marvel Staloch

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

Steve Sonnek

Sue Sonnek

Teresa Berry

Chuck Evan

Rosemary Larson

Ann Ehrich

Steve Warmka

Quentin Staloch

Grace Drager

Sharon Obermeyer

Donnie Becker

Vincent Schultz

Grant Supalla

Betty Ziegler

Steven Nowak

Scott Bull

Kay Beyer

Dace Smith

Craig Sonnek

Zach Fendrich

Charlie Kalis

Don Yokiel

Koltun Kunz

Ken Tibodeau

Colton Smith

Tyler Doyle

Jane Swehla

Frank Diaz

Cathy Pluym

Jan Elmer

Mike Redig

Randy Hodge

Tom Warmka

Jennifer Pinkelman

Dave Sonnek

Jan Stenzel

Colette Caeli Drees

Richard Stenzel

Mary Stevermer

Tiffany Sonnek

Darrin Hueper

Katie Ascherman

Norbert Yokiel

Carol Gregor

Mark Woitas

Gregory Woitas

MaryAnn Woitas

Geri Peyton

Rick Girard

John Paul Herman

Dorothy Hochstein

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

2nd Ordinary Sunday, January 18, 2026-A Cycle

Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

This week, we begin with the Ordinary Time of the Church Liturgical Calendar. Ordinary Time is a vital part of the liturgical year that encourages Christians to deepen their faith and recognize the extraordinary within the ordinary. It serves as a reminder that holiness is not confined to special seasons but is a continuous pursuit throughout the year.

The term "Ordinary" refers to numbers in a series. This means that the weeks of Ordinary Time are counted, reflecting an ordered life of faith rather than a lack of significance. Ordinary Time invites the faithful to recognize the presence of Christ in their daily lives and to live out their faith in ordinary moments.

Ordinary Time is the longest season in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, divided into two parts. The first part begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and continues until Ash Wednesday, while the second part starts after Pentecost and lasts until the Saturday before Advent begins.

During Ordinary Time, the Church focuses on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Gospel readings often include parables, miracles, and lessons that guide the faithful on how to embody the Gospel in their daily lives. Notably, the readings during this time are structured in a three-year cycle, with each year focusing on a different Gospel: Matthew, Mark, or Luke.

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing life, hope, and growth. This color is used in the vestments and church decorations, reflecting the season's focus on spiritual maturation and the ongoing journey of faith. Symbols such as the loaves and fishes, representing Jesus' miracles, are also significant during this time, emphasizing the transformative power of Christ in everyday life.

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on John the Baptist's powerful witness to Jesus. John does not point to himself, but directs everyone to Christ, the true Lamb of God who brings salvation. His humility and clarity remind us of our own mission: to lead others to encounter Jesus through our words, actions, and way of life.

Let us pray for the grace to be faithful witnesses, pointing always to Christ, so that others may come to know His mercy and love.

Reflection Questions for the Week:

- In what ways do I recognize Jesus as the Lamb of God in my life?
- How can I, like John the Baptist, humbly direct others toward Christ?
- Where in my ordinary daily routine can I witness to God's extraordinary love? ~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 25, 2026

Minnesota Lake	Wells—Jan. 25	Easton—Jan. 25
Sat. 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
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SERVERS	Loxlee Feist Lennox Feist Titlea Goette	McKayla Ankeny Marissa Obermeyer Kendra Obermeyer
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SACRISTAN	Lea Nowak	Dianne Rauenhorst
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LECTOR	Brian Bias Blaine Bias	Faith Formation
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ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
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EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Don Chirpich Jerry Dulas Jackie Mullery	Joyce Eastvold Jeff Rath Yvonne Cory C
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USHERS	Randy Feist Jon Feist Hannah and Nathan Goette	Faith Formation
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ROSARY	Larry Brand	Maury Schimek
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Shepherd's Inn	Lea Nowak	
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MONEY COUNTERS	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.



"The work of health care persons is a very valuable service to life. It expresses a profoundly human and Christian commitment, undertaken and carried out not only as a technical activity but also as one of dedication to and love of neighbor. It is "a form of Christian witness." Their profession calls for them to be guardians and servants of human life."

(Evangelium Vitae 89. Charter of Healthcare Workers 1994 First Edition by The Pontifical Council of Healthcare Workers)



How does your Faith influence your work in Healthcare? Does your work in Healthcare pose challenges to your Faith? Do you feel isolated in talking about the work/Faith connection? Join members of Curatio at St. James Coffee on January 29th at 6:30 pm to connect with some like minded professionals. Lets build our networks! St. James Coffee- 4158 18th Avenue NW, Rochester MN

Next week's readings:

First Reading -Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel- Matthew 4:12-23

A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who learn to celebrate their differences! A perfect Valentine gift is making time for each other! Plan to attend the **February 14-15 Marriage Encounter** to deepen your love. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org
 If you have any questions, please call Mary



Mary C. Jackson
 Executive Director at Marriage/Engaged Encounter
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FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$4,656.47	\$54,615.88	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$6,041.86	\$184,497.90	\$350,598.00
Easton	\$2,113.00	\$92,433.89	\$137,700.00

IN OUR PRAYERS: Chuck Cory

Soldiers Overseas : Andrea Schultz

Whenever any of our parish members of 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

GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive, January 19, 2026, 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. Wells Community Center, West Room, 189 2nd St. SE Wells. Come January 1-25 for chance to win trip for 2 to Super Bowl LX in Cali! Knights of Columbus please help unload at 8:45 am. Thank You! Visit; RedCrossBlood.org and enter WELSMN for an appointment or Call 1-800-REDCROSS.

KC MEETING

The Holy Family Knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be held at St. Casimir on [Tuesday, January 20th](#), beginning with the Family Rosary at 7:30pm and business meeting to follow. Details will be emailed to members. If you do not currently receive emails, please contact Harold Goeden or email him at hgkofc@yahoo.com.

STC CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The remainder of the envelopes are in the Rectory Office, you can pick up during normal business hours.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night this year will be on [Saturday, February 7th](#), at 7 p.m. Form a team of up to 8, or join one when you arrive. Cash prizes for top two teams. Many other prizes throughout the night. Play Wheel of Fortune between rounds. For tickets, contact Tom Schindler at 553-3062 or the parish office. We also welcome walk-ins. Not enough for a team? No problem, we'll match you with other brilliant people to make a team.

Here are a couple of questions to get you warmed up (*answers in next week's bulletin*):

Q: What was the original purpose of the tiny pocket in jeans?

Q: What is the name of Princess Leia's home planet in Star Wars?

THANK YOU AGAIN

Options Mankato would like to thank everyone for the generous donations made through our Ad Tree. The delivery has been made to their new location in North Mankato off of Lor Ray Drive. They were so appreciative and couldn't believe how full the back of the vehicle was. It really took everyone to make this happen. Special thanks to the leader of the giving tree, Faith Formation Students, and especially everyone that purchased items to be donated.



DOW-R SPIRIT WEAR

If anyone is interested in ordering please let me know, the more we order the cheaper it is, you must pay before I send in the order. Scan the code with your phone to see the online store. Any questions call the Wells rectory 507-553-5391