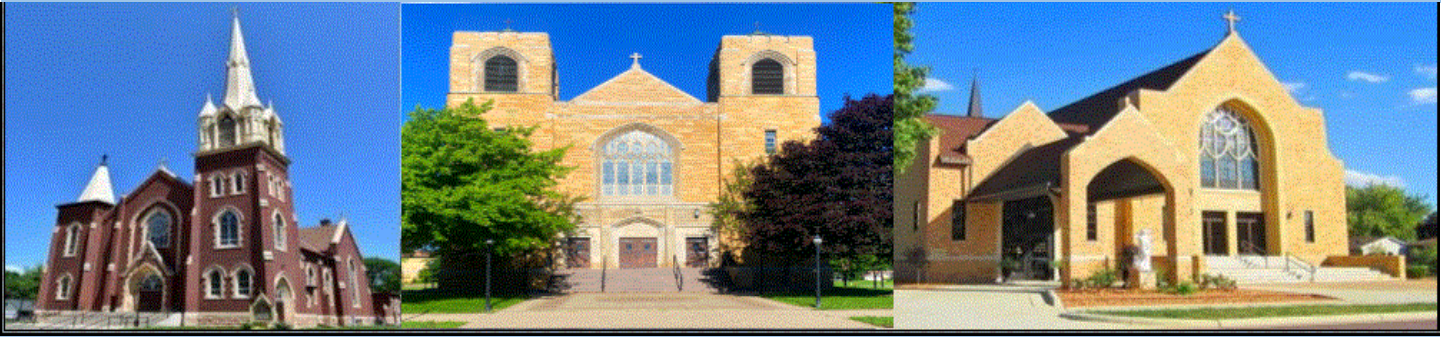


January 26, 2025 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 Jan. 28-Feb. 2., 2025

<u>28</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+Bob Schultz
<u>29</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Jerry Paul & +Karel Paul
<u>30</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	Minnesota Lake	+ Marion Jones
<u>31</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Karl Kimpton
<u>1</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+Harlan & +Robert Leesch
<u>2</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Fr. Greg Havel
<u>2</u>	Sun	10:00 am	Easton	+Donald Stevermer

Parkview Care Center Mass, Every 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 am
55 10th Street SE Wells, MN
Everyone is welcome to attend!

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO MASSES: 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:

Submit Intentions to Parish Administrator	• Todd Schuster	• Tiffany Sonnek
• Triston Father	• Dace Smith	• Mike Redig
• Steve Sonnek	• Craig Sonnek	• Dave Sonnek
• Sue Sonnek	• Zach Fendrich	• Jan Stenzel
• Sheila Runquist	• Charlie Kalis	• Dale and Marg Sonnek
• Dennis Thisius	• Don Yokiel	• Colette Caeli Drees
• Teresa Berry	• Koltun Kunz	• Richard Stenzel
• Chuck Evan	• Ken Tibodeau	• Don Leesch
• Rosemary Larson	• Colton Smith	• Mary Stevermer
• Ann Ehrich	• Tyler Doyle	
• Sally Remington	• Jane Swehla	

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:00 am—3:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am-4:30pm

Daily Lunch 11:30 am—Noon

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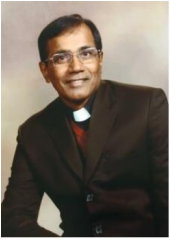
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

3rd Ordinary Sunday, January 26, 2025-C Cycle

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Human history reveals many periods, where people lost a sense of God's transcendence (to exist above and independent from). It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused.

Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is, the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of **human constructs** (framework created by human interaction or cognition).

Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to Jesus Christ upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy.

Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us, it really has the power to turn sadness to joy.

The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise, permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ~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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are [Feb 14-16, 2025](#) in WINDOM, MN and [Feb 14-16, 2025](#) in Buffalo, MN. For more information, call Miki Schultz at [507-227-8229](tel:507-227-8229) or visit them at southmnwwme.org.

LITURGICAL LIFE

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Minnesota Lake WELLS EASTON
 Sat | 5:00 pm Sunday | 8:00 am Sunday | 10:00 am

SERVERS
 Tilia Goette Claire Schimek
 Carson Mullery Sophia Schimek
 Colton Mullery Josette Schimek

SACRISTAN
 Brian Bias Dianne Rauenhorst

LECTOR
 Erik Woodring Don Linder

ORGANIST
 Substitute Mary Kayser

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Don Chirpich Joyce Eastvold
 Jerry Dulas Teresa Schimek
 Arnie Stenzel Jon Rath C

USHERS
 Chris Bushlack Todd Sonnek
 John Tibodeau Tyler Sonnek
 Mark Schmitz Logan Strom
 Rick Mueller

Gift Bearers
 Jeff Bushlack
 Family

ROSARY
 Scott Bute Maury Schimek

Shepherd's Inn
 Joanne Tibodeau

MONEY COUNTERS
 2 Ruth Sonnek
 Dale Stevermer

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024		
	Parish Goal	\$ Received
Minnesota Lake	\$7,965	\$8,373 (\$408.00 over Goal)
Wells	\$21,089	\$20,793 (short \$296.00)
Easton	\$10,683	\$10,683

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$984.00	\$61,294.02	\$110,981.00
Wells	\$2,234.00	\$163,876.00	\$346,304.00
Easton	\$2,529.00	\$73,341.00	\$131,500.00

Adoration



Confessions and Adoration 11:00 am to Noon

1st Sat.-Easton - 11:00 am -Noon
 2nd Sat.-MN Lake-11:00 am -Noon
 3rd Sat. - Wells; 11:00 am - Noon

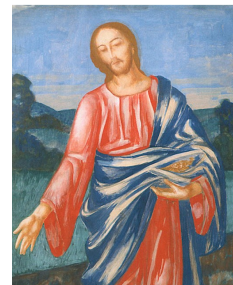
Eucharistic Adoration for the Tri-parish will resume weekly at St. Casimir, Wednesday at 9:00 pm through Thursday 10:00 pm. You are invited to sign up for a weekly hour or just come for a while and pray anytime. All are invited. For more information, please call the Tri-parish office at 507-553-5391

This week's readings:

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10;
1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Next weeks reading:

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently departed: Darlene Bias

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

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

In honor of Larry and Rosemary Brand's 50th Wedding Anniversary. All are welcome to join them for coffee and rolls after mass on January 26th, 2025. They request no gifts please.

TRI-PARISH CCW, Easton, Minnesota Lake, and Wells

St. Casimir CCW will be hosting the quarterly Blue Earth/Mankato Area CCW meeting Tuesday, January 28th, 6-8 pm, St. Casimir Church Hall. (This is a meeting hosted in a rotational pattern for this area.) Mass at 6:00 pm, light supper, short meeting and speaker Kelsey Staloch, from FairCARES (Promoting positive behavior at home, school and community). Father Pratap has been appointed our area CCW Spiritual advisor. Please attend meeting and show your support for our Tri-Parish Priest. Questions? Please contact Joanne Haugh 507-380-5386.

EASTON FRIENDSHIP DAY

OLMC, Friendship day meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 after Mass in Madonna Hall. We will be discussing/planning the Re-dedication of the Steeple for this summer. All are invited to attend.

LECTOR TRAINING

Calling all Lectors: New, old and wannabe's. There will be a brief training on Tuesday, February 11, at 7:00 pm upstairs in St. Casimir's Church. If you are interested in becoming a lector or if you have lectured for years, come and have questions answered and some new information shared. Any questions about the training can be directed to Leah Nowak 507-391-0093

THE HOLY FAMILY RETREATS AND PILGRIMAGE

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is proud to offer a series of three retreats and a pilgrimage for its Catholic adult population. The theme for this diocesan event is *The Holy Family*. Each retreat has a particular focus, on the Holy Family as a whole or on one of its members. The retreats will offer Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, important faith formation, and time for retreatants to engage in small group discussion and reflection. Lunch and snacks will also be provided along with daycare assistance for those with young children. The first retreat will occur on Saturday, February 8th from 9 am to 3 pm with additional retreats in March and April. The culmination of this diocesan event will be a pilgrimage in May to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin. For more information about these retreats and pilgrimage or to register for any of them, please go to the diocese's website or scan the QR code found on the promotional flyers. For questions, please contact Brian Hansen, the diocese's Coordinator for Adult Faith and Lay Formation. We hope you will attend these retreats and journey with us!

JRLC's 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Interested in joining people from faith communities around the state to share their values with our elected officials? Join us for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Day on the Hill! It will be held on [February 27](#) at Central Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. We'll gather for fellowship, hear from speakers, learn about JRLC's policy priorities and get advocacy tips before heading up the hill to the Capitol for more programming in the Rotunda and visits with your lawmakers. Don't miss this incredible day of interfaith advocacy for social justice! More info at jrlc.org/day_on_the_hill_2025

HAM LAKE, MN

Family Formation Workshop, Saturday, March 1, 2025. No cost. Includes lunch and a look at Family Formation in action. RSVP required. For more info. and to register, visit; familyformation.net Church of Saint Paul 1740 Bunker Lake Blvd NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304. Forming disciples through family catechesis for 35 years.

ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL



Hi from the SCCS kindergarten and first grade classroom! We have had such an exciting month when we spent a lot of time rollerskating through the Skatetime program which brings skates for our kids to enjoy for a few weeks. It was fun, and the kids picked it up really quickly! After learning how to put on the skates and safety gear, they practiced the basics of just standing up and making a V with their feet. Finally, they were ready to take baby steps out and were soon rolling along! They learned to push off from one foot to the other and glide on the wheels with some of the kids learning how to use the stoppers which is hard! Everyone tried their best, and tears were kept to a minimum as falling just came with learning to skate. The kids were resilient which is so impressive! It was a great exercise in balance, motion, gross motor skills and patience!

In the classroom:

Reading: The kids learned about syllables with the first grade tackling the ing, ed and es suffixes while the kindergarteners continued to work on counting syllables, and is spelling CVC words.

Math: Kindergarten is working hard on recognizing teen numbers as well as composing and decomposing them. Using ten frames, the students are able to put together objects to make the teen numbers. Soon, we will learn to count to 100 by ones, start some basic addition and subtraction, and continue to develop good number sense and critical thinking. First grade is learning some cool addition strategies. They may seem complicated, but they're actually pretty cool once you learn them. For example, once you learn all your doubles facts, it's pretty easy to remember your near doubles. If you know that $4+4=8$, you can see that $4+5=9$, and $4+6=10$.

Writing: The kids are writing their personal stories in their daily journals during which they are encouraged to write about anything that comes to mind, as long as it is appropriate for school. It has been shown that a daily journal is good for student mental health, as well as reading and writing confidence. Over time, they will become more at ease with sounding out words and putting their thoughts on paper. Right now, the kindergarten students are using a lot of drawing to express their thoughts, but they are starting to use their words, too. For first grade, they are required to write at least one sentence and then are given the option of sharing their story into the class microphone.

Science: The kids have learned about the states of matter and conducted a fun experiment with vinegar, baking soda, and balloons. The students learned how liquids, solids, and gases worked and watched as the vinegar and baking soda combined to create a gas that filled the balloon. Now, they are learning about sound and how it travels in waves through matter using vibrations.

Social Studies: They are learning about different types of communities and types of community helpers. We learned the differences between urban, suburban, and rural communities. We will learn about community helpers and careers within a community. It's important for students to understand the world around them as they grow. They are part of the world, the economy and their community. They are already making contributions, and helping make our world a better place to be! I am excited to know that these wonderful human beings are future doctors, teachers, lawyers, fire fighters, police officers, business owners, engineers, designers, parents, and some will hold jobs that haven't been invented yet!

I thank you for the joy of teaching these children. Each day is a blessing, as each child is a uniquely wonderful human being. They are polite, respectful, and Godly people who want to do what is right. It is an unusual opportunity to be able to be a part of their education.

Submitted by Heather Tipton, Classroom Teacher

2025 ADULT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT



Holy Family

RETREATS & PILGRIMAGE

DATES & LOCATIONS

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT

Date: Saturday, February 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: St. Edward Parish in Austin, MN

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT

Date: Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, MN

ST. MARY RETREAT

Date: Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth, MN

WALK TO MARY PILGRIMAGE

Date: Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th

Location: Champion, WI

Learn more and register here!

