

November 30, 2025 | 1st Sunday of Advent



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: December 2-7, 2025

<u>2</u>	Tues.	5:30 pm	Wells	+Duane Bias
<u>3</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Jim Hassing
<u>4</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+John and +Chris Volz
<u>5</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Joyce Evan
<u>6</u>	Sat.	4:00 pm	Mn Lake	+Cletus Rath
<u>7</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Robert Carmenstica Jewett
<u>7</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Cletus Rath

Every Saturday: 3:30 pm Confessions before Mass

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:

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 Ascheman
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	Lisa (Schultz) Schild	Rick Girard
Steven Nowak		

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*Parkview Care Center Mass,
Every 3rd Friday of the month
at 10:00 am*

PRAYER & WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025-A Cycle

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

What is Advent? When is Advent? How can Advent make a difference in my relationship with God & others?

The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word “*adventus*” meaning “arrival” or “coming,” particularly of something having great importance. It reminds us of both “advents” of Christ, the first in Bethlehem and the second yet to come.

The time before Christmas is Advent, *a season of preparation for Christmas*. Advent is a season in the Christian year that lasts for about four weeks. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve, thus there is some variation in its length.

Christians prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus by remembering the longing of the Jews for a Messiah. In Advent, we’re reminded of how much we ourselves also need a Savior, and we look forward to our Savior’s second coming even as we prepare to celebrate his first coming at Christmas.

The Advent Wreath and the Colors of Advent are the most popular symbols of the season. The Advent Wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches where four candles are arranged. During Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each week representing the coming of the Lord.

The first, second, and fourth weeks’ candles are purple, the primary color of Advent, symbolizing seriousness, repentance and royalty.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. It reflects the theme of joy. It is a time to celebrate the anticipation of Christ’s coming, and the liturgical color for this Sunday is often rose, symbolizing joy and hope in the midst of waiting.

The rose or pink colored candle used during the third week represents joy and reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration. The white colored candle in the center, if used, represents the purity of Christ.

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which believers make themselves ready for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting and repentance, followed by anticipation of hope and joy.

Advent is celebrated not only by thanking God for Christ’s first coming as a baby, but also for His presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in anticipation of His final coming at the end of time.

Be Calm in your waiting; Let your hearts be strong; because the coming of the Lord is near-James 5:8.

“Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my mind. Give me a right faith, a firm hope and perfect love so that I may always and in all things act according to your perfect will” St. Francis of Assisi. ~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 December 7, 2025

Minnesota Lake WELLS EASTON
 Sat. | 4:00 pm Sunday | 8:00 am Sunday | 10:00 am

SERVERS Lennox Goette Ellie Rath
 Loxlee Goette Maria Sonnek
 Titlea Goette Mckenna Stelpflug

SACRISTAN Brian Bias Dianne Rauenhorst

LECTOR Brian Bias Don Linder
 Kylee Koziolk Don Linder

ORGANIST Connie Stenzel Mary Kayser

EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion Jon Feist Teresa Schimek
 Lea Nowak Ryan Strom
 Mark Nowak Jeff Rath
 Jon Rath C

USHERS Hannah Goette Dean Warmka
 Nathan Goette Doug Ascheman
 Randy Feist Mark Braunshausen
 Eric Neubauer

ROSARY Scott Bute Sue Rath

Shepherd's Inn Joanne Tibodeau

MONEY COUNTERS Team Jeff Rath
 2 Dean Schimek

† 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.



Advent begins this Sunday,
 Let's wear purple!



Next week's readings:
 Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9;
 Matthew 3:1-12

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$838.00	\$32,414.54	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$11,751.15	\$111,989.19	\$350,598.00
Easton	\$1,986.00	\$48,599.13	\$137,700.00

STC-Wells-Contribution envelopes are ready for pick up, in the front entrance of the Church. With less parishioner envelopes some numbers have changed.

Thank you for your Church support!

Starting December 1st,
 Mass intentions can be scheduled for 2026.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently departed: Dr. Allan Mendenhal

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025		
	Amount received	Amount Needed
Minnesota Lake	\$8,200	\$8,119
Wells	\$21,856.19	\$20,793
Easton	\$12,768.75	\$10,683.00

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY-Catholic Charities

"Tis the Season of Mercy." and all are welcome to join via Microsoft Teams. You can stay in your cozy home with hot chocolate, and your pet curled up at your feet to discuss the readings of the season, and how we are called to live out our faith. 'Tis the Season of Mercy Advent Study will examine each of the Sunday Advent readings, how this can relate to Works of Mercy, to our Catholic Social Doctrine and Saints that lived the theme for the week. Each week we will begin with prayer and the reading of the week and how does this connect to themes of hope, peace, joy, love, and solidarity. We will contemplate who is our neighbor, who are we called to love; responding with charity and justice to our neighbor; who and how to be a peacemaker; and lastly what are we called to do. The study will be on Monday nights beginning December 1st at 7pm Via Teams. Contact Maria at 507-905-8602 or email mahmed@ccsomn.org if you have questions, or to register!

Upcoming dates to remember

Advent begins this Sunday, Let's wear purple!

November 30th, 2025, the First Sunday of Advent in Wells -First day of the Advent Raffle drawing for \$100 dollars . A Quilt top preview for a Silent Auction. Picture above. Knights of Columbus breakfast in Wells, after 8:00 am Mass.

Wednesday, December 3rd- On December 3, 6:30 pm, we will have a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sometimes people call it confession. That is only one part of the sacrament. The first part is **CONTRITION**, to be sorry for our sins. Another part is **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**, when we take time to think about our sins. The next step is **CONFESSION** of our sins to a priest. After confessing our sins we will receive **PENANCE**. This might be prayers we say, or an action. Each step is important. We need to take time to prepare for the sacrament. **All Parishioners are invited!**

Saturday December 6th-Adoration and Confessions in Minnesota Lake 10-11am.

Sunday, December 7th –Coffee and Christmas treats. Proceeds go to our local food shelf and Options for Women. A tables brimming with Christmas treats will be available to take home-Free will offering.

Monday, December 8th Scheduled Masses

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

8:00 am Minnesota Lake

5:30 pm Wells

7:00 pm Easton

Saturday, December 13th– Adoration and Confessions in Wells, 10-11 am.

Sunday, December 14–There will not be a Youth Mass or Second Sunday Social in Wells.

OLMC Holiday Bake Sale and Luncheon on Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 11:00am to 12:30pm in Madonna hall.

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

3:00 pm Minnesota Lake

5:00 pm Wells

9:00 pm Easton

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Day

9:00 am Wells

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

OLMC MCCW will be hosting their Holiday Bake Sale and Luncheon on Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Madonna hall. All MCCW members are requested to provide baked goods for the sale. If you are unable to provide baked items, please provide a cash donation, the suggested amount being \$25. The luncheon will be provided for a free will offering.

ADVENT GIVING TREE-STC

Our Faith Formation students are making a meaningful impact this Advent as they lead our parish in the spirit of generosity and hope. This year's Advent Giving Tree invites our community to provide unconditional support to those in need. Please consider choosing an ornament from the tree and returning the suggested gift to help brighten someone's Christmas season. Your kindness only supports individuals and families in our community and surrounding area, but also encourage our young disciples as they grow in faith, compassion and service.

No need to wrap the item. Please have items dropped off by December 17th.

OPTIONS PREGNANCY CENTER

Catholic Daughters of Blue Earth invite all Catholic women 18 and older to our December Potluck Meeting on Tuesday, December 9 after the 8:30 am morning Mass at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Please bring an item for the Options Pregnancy Center.

SHARE THE LOVE

A chance for the community to bless the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester and support **Audie Olsen** through her journey with B Cell Leukemia. Drop-off Location: Wells Public Library, USC High School Office, any Church in Wells. A list of items will be on the bulletin boards in St. Casimir. Cash donations can be brought in the Wells rectory office. During business hours. Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

TRIPARISH END OF YEAR GIFT 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 2025 giving, all donations need to be received by **December 31, 2025**.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Memorial donations for Christmas environment are now being accepted. Forms can be found at the Church entrances and can be filled out and placed in the offering basket or sent to the respective parish office. Memorial donation envelopes may also be found with your contribution envelopes. If you choose to designate in memory or in honor of someone, please include their name (s) on or in the envelope. Please have them turned in by December 21, 2025.

From Confirmation Student's Retreat

What is Adventageous?

Advent is the four-week season of prayer and preparation where the faithful anticipate and prepare for Christ's "coming" in a threefold way:

- The historical coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem.
- The Second Coming of Christ at the end of time to judge the living and the dead.
- The coming of Christ into our hearts through grace and the Sacraments.

Like Lent, Advent is considered a season of waiting, reflection, and conversion. It is a period for spiritual renewal, and a turning of our hearts and minds toward God.

With that in mind, St. Paul Street Evangelization invites you to journey with us through these four weeks by signing up for our Advent Evangelization Challenge where we'll do our best to perform a small act of love each day beginning on Sunday, November 30 and ending on Christmas Eve.

Do the daily items on your own or as a family or register at St. Paul Street Evangelization to join other Catholics across the country! Registration link: <https://streetevangelization.com/adventageous/>

****Saint Paul Street Evangelization– Advent Calendar on last page***



SAINT PAUL

STREET EVANGELIZATION

Advent Evangelization Calendar — 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 Pray for three people by name who are far from the Church.	1 Send a short encouraging text with a Scripture verse.	2 Share one thing you're grateful for and ask someone to do the same.	3 Invite someone to pray one Our Father with you.	4 Post a joyful Advent-themed Scripture online.	5 Offer a small sacrifice for someone's return to the sacraments.	6 Leave a small gift or note for a neighbor on the feast of St Nicholas.
7 Say hello intentionally to someone alone at Mass.	8 Give someone a miraculous medal on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.	9 Compliment someone's goodness as an image of God's love.	10 Pray a rosary with someone in honor of Our Lady of Loreto.	11 Give someone a Gospel message or leave one in a public space.	12 Give away an Our Lady of Guadalupe holy card and/or medal.	13 Invite someone over for a candlelight dinner in honor of St. Lucy's feast day.
14 Wear rose colored clothing in honor of Gaudete Sunday.	15 Invite someone to an Advent penance service or confession.	16 Visit or call an elderly person and end with a brief prayer.	17 Donate warm clothing to someone in need.	18 Text someone struggling with an encouraging scripture verse.	19 Fast for someone's conversion.	20 Mail a handwritten Christmas card.
21 Personally invite someone to Christmas Mass.	22 Share with someone what Jesus' coming means to you.	23 Give alms to the poor on St. John Kanty's feast day.	24 Offer a heartfelt grace at a Christmas gathering.	25 Merry Christmas!		