

December 21st, 2025 | 4th 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 23-28, 2025

<u>23</u>	Tues.	5:30 pm	Wells	+ Irv and Cleone Meyer
<u>24</u>	Wed.	3:00 pm	MN Lake	Pro Populo
<u>24</u>	Wed.	5:00 pm	Wells	Pro Populo
<u>24</u>	Wed.	9:00 pm	Easton	Pro Populo
<u>25</u>	Thurs.	9:00 am	Wells	Pro Populo
<u>26</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Fr. Eugene Stenzel
<u>27</u>	Sat.	4:00 pm	Mn Lake	+ George and Mildred Stencil
<u>28</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+ Adeline and Donald Schriber
<u>28</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+ Beatriz Romo Babanto

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 Yokiell	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 Yokiell
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	Gerri Peyton
Betty Ziegler	Randy Hodge	Rick Girard
Steven Nowak	Tom Warmka	John Paul Herman
Scott Bull		

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Advent-4th Sunday, December 21, 2025 – A Cycle
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24

Fourth week of Advent invites us to focus on one of the profoundly important figures in salvation history: **Saint Joseph**. It brings us into the intimate moment when Joseph discovers Mary's unexpected pregnancy and wrestles with how to respond. It is a moment filled with confusion, sorrow, and uncertainty, very real human emotions that make Joseph one of the most relatable figures in Scripture.

The world of Joseph has been shaken. He had made plans for his future, and now everything seems to be falling apart. Yet even in this moment of bewilderment, Joseph chooses compassion. Wanting to spare Mary from shame, he resolves to divorce her quietly. This simple detail reveals the depth of his character. **His righteousness is not rigid legalism but merciful love.**

Then comes the turning point: an angel appears to him in a dream, asking him to do something incredibly difficult: **to trust God in a situation he cannot fully understand.** Joseph is told not to be afraid, for the child in Mary's womb is from the Holy Spirit. His life will never be the same, but neither will the world's.

Joseph awakens from the dream and does exactly what God asks of him. No hesitation. No recorded words. Only obedience. In Joseph's silent "yes," God's saving plan moves forward. **Emmanuel: God with us, even when life is unclear**

In Joseph we are reminded that God is often at work in the quiet, hidden moments: in our doubts, our worries, and our attempts to do the right thing even when we are unsure.

Advent invites us to look beneath the surface of our own lives and discover the ways God is already present, already speaking, already guiding.

As Christmas approaches, we might feel overwhelmed by responsibilities, family stress, grief, or the pressure to "make everything perfect."

St. Joseph shows us that the deepest preparation for Christ's coming is not found in doing more, but in being more open: Open to God's voice. Open to unexpected change. Open to the Holy Spirit's quiet work within us. Open to loving in ways that are compassionate, patient, and courageous.

Walking with St. Joseph toward the Manger, let's reflect the following below:

- Where is God asking me to trust more deeply?
- What fears might God be gently telling me to release?
- How can I welcome Christ into my heart and home this week?

Just as St. Joseph created a home for Jesus and Mary, we are invited to create space in our own hearts for the Christ who comes often in ways we least expect. ~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 24, 25, and 28, 2025

Minnesota Lake Sat. 4:00 pm	Wells-Dec. 24 Wed. 5:00 pm	Easton- Dec. 24 Wed. 9:00 pm	Wells-Dec. 25 Thurs. 9:00 am	Wells—Dec. 28 Sunday 8:00 am	Easton-Dec. 28 Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Juliana Dulas Abby Chirpich Grayson Dulas	Claire Schimek Sophia Schimek Josette Schimek	Gus Schlechte Clara Bushlack Leona Bushlack	Clara Bushlack Juliana Dulas Loxlee Feist	Austin Rath Marissa Obermeyer Kendra Obermeyer
SACRISTAN	Lea Nowak	Dianne Rauenhorst	Brian Bias	Tom Schindler	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Scott Bute Kristen Dulas	Dale Stevermer	Brian Bias Tim Klein	Tom Schindler Blaine Bias	Faith Formation
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser	Connie Stenzel	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Ike Dulas Mark Nowak Jerry Dulas	Joyce Eastvold Don Linder Nancy Linder Yvonne Cory C	Lea Nowak Bev Klein Mark Schmitz	Adam Henning Kerry Haugh Joanne Haugh	Doug Ascheman Dean Warmka Teresa Schimek Jeff Rath C
USHERS	Jon Feist John Tibodeau Kyle Chirpich Wendy Chirpich	Mark Braunshausen Dan Haugh Dean Schimek	Mark Herman Rick Herman Randy Feist Volunteer	Mark Ignaszewski Marilyn Staloch Matt Zebro Orland Yokiel	Faith Formation
ROSARY	Larry Brand	Christmas Carols	Tim Klein	Mike & Elaine Hernandez Lea Nowak	Sue Rath
Shepherd's Inn					
MONEY COUNTERS	Rick Herman Lynn Fendrich Jan Nowak	Jeff Rath Dean Schimek		Rick Herman Lynn Fendrich Jan Nowak	Jeff Rath Dean Schimek

No Adoration December 24th-25th December 31st- January 1st

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$3,809.00	\$44,955.41	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$11,639.35	\$128,850.08	\$350,598.00
Easton	\$2,560.00	\$65,463.13	\$137,700.00

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

Next week's readings:

Christmas Eve
Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25,
Christmas Day
Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21

IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

OLMC MCCW BAKE SALE AND LUNCHEON Thank you to all who donated such wonderful holiday baked goodies for our bake sale! Many thanks to all who supported the bake sale and the luncheon. Without you, we couldn't have such a successful event. The bake sale brought in \$1,814.83! God bless one and all for your generosity.

ROSARY SOCIETY

If you are on the fifth mysteries, please advance to the next mystery.

WELLS HOILDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday December 22nd and 23rd hours are 8:00—4:30pm. Wednesday , Christmas Eve, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. December 25th, the office will be closed. January 1, office closed.

NO ADORATION

Due to the holidays there is no Adoration, Wednesday, December 24-25, 2025 and Wednesday, December 31, and January 1st. You are always welcome to come and pray as the Church will be open.

The Advent Giving Tree Is Up!

Our Giving Tree is set up in the Accessibility Entrance, and we invite you to stop by and pick up a few ornaments. Each ornament represents an item most needed by *Options for Women*, a nonprofit that provides compassionate support to women and families.

Your generosity makes a real difference—one simple gift can bring hope, dignity, and care to someone who needs it most. Thank you for sharing the joy of giving this Advent season!

Please drop off gift items (unwrapped) back to the tree and Kristen Dulas will collect them for delivery.

Advent Christmas Countdown Raffle

Congratulations to our winners of this week's Advent Raffle;

Friday, Dec. 12-Pat Bute \$50

Saturday, Dec. 13-John and Joanne Tibodeau \$50

Sunday, Dec. 14- Rick Herman \$100

Monday., Dec. 15-Pat Bute \$50

Tuesday, Dec. 16- Jan Ignaszewski \$50

Wednesday, Dec. 17-Robert Bute \$50

Thursday, Dec. 18-Rita Vondracek \$50

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY SCHEDULE

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is celebrated on January 1 each year. This feast honors Mary's role as the Mother of Jesus Christ and is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, meaning attendance at Mass is required. The day also marks the World Day of Peace, emphasizing its significance in the Christian calendar.

December 31, 2025

4:00 pm Mass in Minnesota Lake

January 1st, 2026

8:00 am Mass in Wells

10:00 am Mass in Easton

