

## February 15, 2026 | Sixth 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: February 17-22, 2026

<u>17</u>	Tues.	5:30 pm	Wells	+ Tom A Schultz
<u>18</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+ Joyce Schneeberger
<u>18</u>	Wed.	5:00 pm	Easton	+Joe and Clara Madzo
<u>18</u>	Wed.	6:30 pm	Wells	+Tom Staloch
<u>19</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+ Burton and Donna Schroeder
<u>20</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+ George Klein
<u>21</u>	Sat.	4:00 pm	Mn Lake	+ Joseph and Kathryn Mauzurkiewicz
<u>22</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+George Yokiel
<u>22</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Marlene Aloisio

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.

### PARISH PRIEST

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### Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

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

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

6th Ordinary Sunday, February 15, 2026-A Cycle and Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Today's readings remind us of the profound gift of freedom and responsibility in following God's law.

**The Commandments of the Lord are not a burden, but pathways to life.** Choosing God means choosing love, mercy, and truth. Jesus invites us to move beyond minimal compliance and embrace the fullness of the law written on our hearts. In doing so, we discover the wisdom of God and the joy of living in His Spirit.

**Sirach teaches that God places before us life and death, good and evil, and invites us to choose freely.** Our choices matter, and they shape the path of our lives.

**St. Paul tells the Corinthians** that true wisdom is not of this world but comes from God, revealed through the Spirit. What God has prepared for those who love Him goes beyond human imagination.

**In the Gospel, Jesus clarifies that He has not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. He calls His disciples to a deeper righteousness than external observance.** Anger, lust, dishonesty, and broken promises are not just outward sins but wounds to the soul. Christ challenges us to live with integrity, purity, and reconciliation.

- Anger is condemned as seriously as murder.
- Lust is treated with the same gravity as adultery.
- Honesty is demanded without the need for oaths.

Reconciliation is prioritized over ritual sacrifice.

Jesus challenges us to live the law not just outwardly but inwardly, with hearts transformed by love.



**"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19**

On this holy day, the Church enters the sacred season of Lent: forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, in preparation for the Paschal Mystery of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

The imposition of ashes is a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us of our need for God's mercy and forgiveness. As the prophet Joel exhorts: *"Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."* (Joel 2:12-13)

Let us enter this season with contrite hearts, seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, and renewing our commitment to walk in the way of the Cross. ~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, February 18 and 22, 2026

<b>Minnesota Lake</b>	<b>Easton –Feb. 18</b>	<b>Wells-Feb. 18</b>	<b>Wells-Feb 22</b>	<b>Easton-Feb 22</b>
<b>Sat.   4:00 pm</b>	<b>Wed.   5:00 pm</b>	<b>Wed.   6:30 pm</b>	<b>Sun.   8:00 am</b>	<b>Sun.   10:00 am</b>
<b>SERVERS</b>	Makayla Ankeny Maria Sonnek Mckenna Stelpflug	Grayson Dulas Juliana Dulas Lennox Feist Loxee Feist	Leona Bushlack Gavin Bushlack Abby Chirpich	Ava Petersen Gabriel Petersen Cameron Linder
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Dianne Rauenhorst	Tom Schindler	Lea Nowak	Sue Rath
<b>LECTOR</b>	Teresa Schimek	Kristen Dulas Tim Klein	Brian Bias Blaine Bias	Dianne Rauenhorst
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Mary Kayser	Connie Stenzel	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kasyer
<b>EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Min-</b> Jeff Rath Joyce Eastvold Chelsea Sonnek Yvonne Cory C	Bev Klein Mark and Lea Nowak	Jackie Mullery Larry Brand Jerry Dulas	Don Linder Nancy Linder Teresa Schimek Dean Warmka C
<b>USHERS</b>	Dean Warmka Bernie Schultz Tegan Sonnek	Randy Feist Jon Feist Hannah and Nathan Goette	Kyle and Wendy Chirpich Randy Feist Matt Zebro	Chuck Stevermer Sheldon Stevermer Tony Stevermer
<b>ROSARY</b>	Sue Rath	Tim Klein	Larry Brand	Maury Schimek
<b>Shepherd's Inn</b>			Linda Enser	
<b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>			<b>Brian Bias</b> <b>Mark Herman</b> <b>Connie Allis</b>	<b>Ruth Sonnek</b> <b>Dale Stevermer</b>



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

**Next week's readings:**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
 First Reading— Joel 2:12-18  
 Second Reading— 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
 Gospel— Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
**February 22-First Sunday of Lent**  
 First Reading—Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
 Second Reading—Roman 5:12-19  
 Gospel—Matthew 4:1-11

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
<b>Minnesota Lake</b>	\$658.00	\$61,202.88	\$109,876.00
<b>Wells</b>	\$6,752.94	\$200,103.59	\$350,598.00
<b>Easton</b>	\$1,890.00	\$99,845.89	\$137,700.00

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**  
*Gloria Harris and Ernesto Guerra*  
*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

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

OLMC MCCW will hold their meeting this **Sunday, February 15** after Mass in Madonna Hall. All are welcome and invited to attend!

## **SOUP AND PIE SUPPER Minnesota Lake**

February 15, 4:00—7:00 pm. Sponsored by Minnesota Lake Volunteer Ambulance Relief Association. They will be serving at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church basement, in Minnesota Lake. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Age 12+ \$12, Age 6-11 \$10, Age 3-5 \$2, and Under 3 are Free. Monetary & Food donations gladly accepted! Please contact Dusty Ross 641-440-0724 or Erin Schnoor 507-380-7188.

## **OLMC SOUP LUNCHEON**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a soup Luncheon at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Sunday, February 22, 2026 after Mass in Madonna Hall. Serving will run from 11 am to 12 noon. A free will offering is much appreciated! A bake sale sponsored by MCCW will also be held as a fundraiser for OLMC Faith Formation at the Soup Luncheon. MCCW members are asked to please donate baked goods for this important event. Proceeds will go toward students attending summer camp.

## **KC MEETING**

The Knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be held at St. Casimir on **Tuesday, February 17th**, 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](mailto:hgkofc@yahoo.com).

## **2026 TRIVIA NIGHT**

The Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 1596 would like to express their gratitude to each and every table sponsor for our 2026 Trivia Night. Monies raised this year will benefit the Tri-Parish Faith Formation and also go towards a new ultrasound machine for Options for Women in Mankato. We are appreciative of your ongoing support and depend on the kindness of these donors. We also want to express our gratitude to everyone who came and took part in an enjoyable evening filled with games, prizes, and good times.

## **CATHOLIC LENTEN RETREAT**

### ***Return to the Father***

*-A Day of Reflection on the Prodigal Son and the Lord's Mercy in the Sacrament of Penance*

All are warmly invited to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a meaningful day of prayer, reflection, and renewal during Lent. Join us on Saturday, March 7, 2026, for a Catholic Lenten Retreat, beginning with Mass at 9 AM.

The day will be facilitated by Monsignor Thomas Cook, current pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Owatonna and former pastor of OLMC and STJB. The retreat is hosted by the OLMC, STC & STJB Tri-Parish Faith Community.

**Come, rest in the Lord, and allow this Lenten season to deepen your relationship with Christ.**

**\*A Free Will Offering will be accepted**

**Where: St. Casimir Catholic Church, 320 2nd Ave. SW, Wells, MN**

**When: Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM,**

**Please RSVP by March 2, 2026, to [25faithformationstc@gmail.com](mailto:25faithformationstc@gmail.com) or 507-553-5391.**

## **ABOUT MONSIGNOR COOK**

Monsignor Thomas Cook is a priest of the Roman Catholic Church in the Winona-Rochester Diocese of Minnesota. He is currently the pastor at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Owatonna, Minnesota. Ordained in 1997, Monsignor Cook seeks to provide authentic Catholic teaching on all matters of faith and morals. A gifted public speaker with the ability to reach young and old alike, Monsignor Cook's mission is to preach the Truth with love and to encourage frequent reception of the Sacraments.