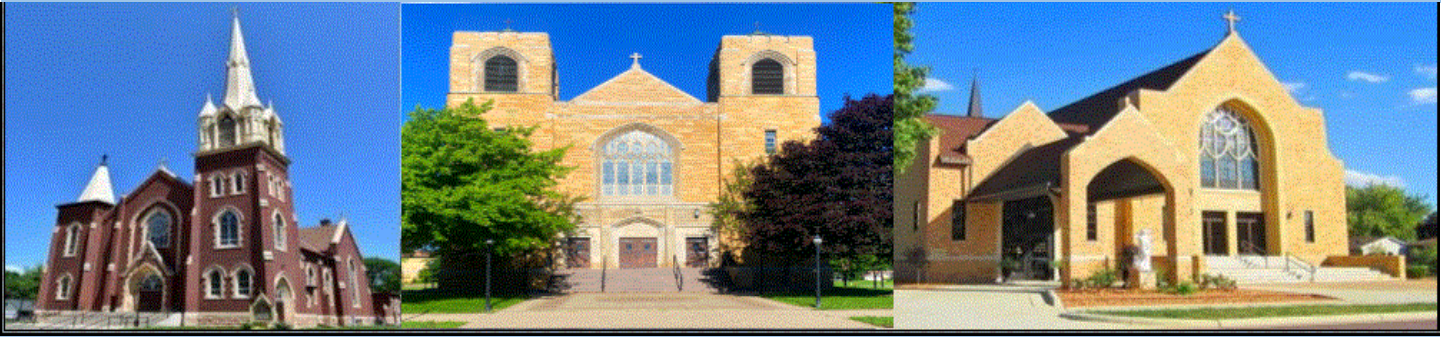


February 2, 2025 | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 4-9, 2025

<u>4</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+Bob Schultz
<u>5</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Fr. Greg Havel
<u>6</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	Minnesota Lake	+ Mildred Stencel
<u>7</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Richard Stenzel
<u>8</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+John McCue
<u>9</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Harold & +Jean Germann
<u>9</u>	Sun	10:00 am	Easton	+Eileen Trio

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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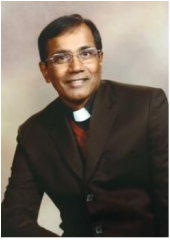
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Presentation of the Lord (4th Ord. Sunday), February 2, 2025-C cycle
Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

The Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord is observed on February 2, forty days after Christmas. This ancient feast celebrates the faithful, devout parents of Jesus fulfilling two requirements of the Law:

The Book of Exodus required a first-born son to be formally “presented” to God because the first-born sons “belong” to the Lord who saved them when the Egyptian first-born perished at the Passover (Exodus 13: 15).

Under Mosaic Law (Leviticus 12: 2-8), a woman was ritually “unclean” for forty days after childbirth, unable to touch anything sacred or enter the temple area. At the end of this period, she was to present herself to the priests and offer a sacrifice of thanks – for a poor couple like Mary and Joseph, the offering was two pigeons or doves.

Luke’s Gospel emphasizes Jesus’ first appearance in the Temple rather than Mary’s purification. Jesus was welcomed into the Temple by two venerable elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna.

For St. Luke, Simeon and Anna are the two icons of the faithful Jew, the “remnant” (Zephaniah 3:12) who awaits the coming of the Messiah and the restoration of Israel’s covenant of justice and compassion with God. Simeon recognizes Jesus as the Anointed of the Lord and his canticle prophesies that this Child will be a “light for revelation to the Gentiles.”

In blessing the parents, Simeon warns that this child will be a sign opposed and that Mary will be pierced with a sword. It is the first indication of the cross Christ will take up to realize the salvation of humankind.

Anna, as an elderly widow, is considered among the most vulnerable and poor of society. Her encounter with the child typifies the theme woven throughout Luke’s Gospel: the exaltation of society’s poorest and most humble by God.

Inspired by the words of the Simeon’s canticle, by the 11th century, the custom developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation (which is popularly known as **Candlemas**). The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. ~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 9, 2025

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	EASTON
Sat 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Lucy Woodring Nathan Mullery Gavin Chirpich	Riley Stevermer Austin Rath Ellie Rath
SACRISTAN	Lea Nowak	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Steve Bushlack	Nancy Linder
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Bev Klein Larry Brand Mark Nowak	Andrea Schultz Chelsea Sonnek Ryan Strom C
USHERS	Mark Ignaszewski Mark Herman Orland Yokiel Kyle Chirpich	Chuck Stevermer Sheldon Stevermer Doug Ascheman
Gift Bearers	Jon and Nikki Feist	
ROSARY	Tim Klein	Dawn Doyle
Shepherd's Inn	Larry Brand	
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	\$21,389 (\$300.00 over goal)
Easton	\$10,683	\$10,683

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$3,274.36	\$64,568.38	\$110,981.00
Wells	\$2,115.00	\$171,512.24	
Easton	\$2,529.00	\$95,657.00	\$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:

**Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24;
 Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40**

Next weeks reading:

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

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently departed: Robert Neubauer

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

OPEN HOUSE

To all parents, of St. Casimir School. Mark your calendars! St. Theodore's School, Albert Lea, MN will be hosting an Open house on Tuesday, Feb. 4th from 5-6:30 pm. Principal Sue Amundson will be talking to the congregation in Wells this Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025 to talk more about the School and it's community.

FUNERALS AND APPOINTMENTS

Please refrain from making funeral arrangements and meeting appointments on Mondays as Fr. Pratap is not available.

LECTOR TRAINING FOR ST. CASIMIR ONLY

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 lectored for years, come and have questions answered and some new information shared. Any questions about the training can be directed to Lea Nowak 507-391-0093

THANK YOU

We would like to thank you, our parish family, with much love, peace, and joy in our hearts for helping us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. You truly made our day special in every way with your kind words, smiles, hugs, and gifts. A heartfelt thank you to those who helped with serving and clean up. Larry and Rosemary Brand.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Knights of Columbus is hosting Trivia Night, Saturday, February 8th, 2025. 7:00– 9:00 pm. St. Casimir Parish Hall, Wells. Cash Prizes. \$10/person or \$80/Table. Snacks, Drinks, Door prizes. Call or text Tom Schindler 515-371-3948, Harold Goeden 507-461-0964 or tom.sandyfam@gmail.com.

THE PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS AND ROME

Consider visiting the cities of Paris, Lourdes, Rome, and Assisi. This is an opportunity to explore the rich Catholic tradition of these places and experience the miracles of our Faith. If you are planning to take part in the tour, please sign up as soon as possible. The tour is scheduled for May 6—17, 2025. Sign up forms are in the brochures at entrances of your church.

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

ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL

Hello! This is Ms. Calo, your second and third grade teacher. Our second quarter has ended, and I am so excited about the progress my students have made! I can't wait to see what next quarter brings.

January, named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, marks the start of a new year. As we begin 2025, I believe my students have so much to show in terms of academic growth, creativity, and kindness.

Over the past few weeks, I've been inspired by the amazing work my students have done. In Science, they created 3D projects based on our lessons, such as water cycles, storms, and weather tools. They also kept Science journals for each lesson.

In Math, we've completed our lessons on multiplication, including repeated addition, arrays, and problem solving. We've also wrapped up division, covering equal sharing, related division and subtraction, and inverse operations.

In Language Arts, my students have been motivated and engaged in their Voyages activities. They've learned to identify and create different kinds of sentences (statements, questions, commands, and exclamations), as well as subjects and predicates. We've also practiced reading, spelling, and handwriting.

In Art, the students love creating crafts and painting, showing off their creativity.

It's been a joy to watch my students grow and develop, and I look forward to the rest of the school year!

Thank you!

Ms. Calo

SCCS Classroom Teacher





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