

March 15, 2026 | Fourth Sunday of Lent



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



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Mass Schedule and Intentions: March 17-22, 2026

<u>17</u>	Tues.	5:30 pm	Wells	+Robert Neubauer
<u>18</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Ray Rauenhorst
<u>19</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+ Marian Weckwerth
	Solemnity of St. Joseph			
<u>20</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Dennis Thisius
<u>21</u>	Sat.	4:00 pm	Mn Lake	+ Marion Jones
<u>22</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Donald and Vicky Sonnek
<u>22</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Jerry Paul and Karel Paul

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.

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Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

Triston Father	Dace Smith	Dave Sonnek	Vincent Schultz	Jan Elmer
Steve Sonnek	Craig Sonnek	Jan Stenzel	Geri Peyton	Mike Redig
Sue Sonnek	Zach Fendrich	Colette Caeli Drees	Grant Supalla	Randy Hodge
Teresa Berry	Charlie Kalis	Mary Stevermer	Betty Ziegler	Tom Warmka
Chuck Evan	Koltun Kunz	Tiffany Sonnek	Steven Nowak	Rick Girard
Rosemary Larson	Ken Tibodeau	Darrin Hueper	Scott Bull	Gregory Woitas
Ann Ehrich	Colton Smith	Katie Ascheman	Dale Stevermer	Frank Diaz
Quentin Staloch	Tyler Doyle	Norbert Yokiell	MaryAnn Woitas	Donnie Becker
Grace Drager	Jane Swehla	Carol Gregor	John Paul Herman	
Sharon Obermeyer	Cathy Pluyum	Mark Woitas	Bill Neubauer	

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Lent-4th Sunday, March 15, 2026-A Cycle

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

“Do we believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, remain blind.

Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to the truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value.

With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of His sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children.

What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

Like the man in the Gospel, we are invited to encounter Jesus personally and allow Him to transform us. When we let Christ open our eyes, we begin to see God at work in our lives, in the people around us, and especially in those whom the world might overlook.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we ask the Lord to give us clear sight: to see as God sees, to recognize Christ as our light, and to live each day as true children of that light.

~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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Spring is a sign of new growth, begin tremendous new growth in your marriage by attending the April 18-19, 2026 marriage encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at www.marriages.org. A “perfect marriage” is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other! If you have questions call Mary Jackson 641-454-3238

LITURGICAL LIFE

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Sat. 4:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 10:00 am
SERVERS	Clara Bushlack Titlea Goette Lennox Feist	Austin Rath Marissa Obermeyer Kendra Obermeyer
SACRISTAN	Brian Bias	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Scott Bute Jackie Mullery	Faith Formation
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kasyer
EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Ike Dulas Jerry Dulas	Don Linder Nancy Linder Teresa Schimek Dean Warmka
USHERS	Jon Feist Hannah and Nathan Goette Randy Feist	Austin Rath Marissa Obermeyer Kendra Obermeyer
ROSARY	Mike and Elaine Hernandez	Dianne Rauenhorst
Shepherd's Inn	Larry Brand	
MONEY COUNTERS	Kay Herman Rosemary Brand Pat Greff	Cheryl Warmka Mark Braunshausen



EASTER MEMORIALS

Memorial donations for Easter environment are now being accepted. Forms can be filled out and placed in the offertory baskets or sent to the respective parish office. Also Memorial donation envelopes may be found in with you contribution envelopes.

TRI-PARISH ADORATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, March 21st at Wells from 9:00 am until done. Our Tri-Parish First Communicants must attend.

2nd Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday) Tri-Parish First Communion Weekend

Saturday, March 28th at Minnesota Lake from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

OLMC– Stations of the Cross will be held Wednesday's during Lent starting at 6 pm in Easton.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



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

Next week's readings:
First Reading— Ezekiel 37:12-14
Second Reading — Romans 8:8-11
Gospel—John 11:1-45

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$805.00	\$64,843.98	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$3,528.15	\$222,585.75	\$350,598.00
Easton	\$1,129.00	\$108,209.89	\$137,700.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2026

	Amount received	CMA amounts needed
Minnesota Lake		\$7,082
Wells		\$17,660
Easton		\$9,700

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

MARCH 19, 2026 SOLEMNITY

Mass 8:30 am in Minnesota Lake. Thursday, March 19, 2026 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

TRIPARISH LIBRARY

St. Casimir Church library is open to check out books. Located in the St. Casimir Church basement. Thanks to everyone that donated books!

MINNESOTA LAKE

During the weeks of Lent, St. John the Baptist Church doors will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm. Come and spend time with the Lord, praying, reading or just having quiet time. There will be books available for you including the Stations of the Cross booklets,

KC MEETING

The knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be held at St. Casimir on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 beginning with the Family Rosary at 7:30 pm 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

Save the Date! FISH FRY

STJB Holy Name Society will be having their annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 20, 2026, from 5-7. At St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minnesota Lake. Serving all you can eat Fish, Rosemary's Salmon Loaf, baked potato, creamed peas, cole slaw and beverage. Adults- \$15, under 10 -\$8.00. Take out is available.

St. John the Baptist will be having Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 20th at 4 pm (before the Fish Fry starts.)

GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive, March 23, 2026, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. Wells Community Center, West Room, 189 2nd St. SE Wells. Knights of Columbus please help unload at 10:45 am. Thank You! Visit; Red-CrossBlood.org and enter WELSMN for an appointment or Call 1-800-REDCROSS.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday of Holy Week, March 30, 2026-Christm Mass, is at 2 pm St. Peters and Paul, Mankato

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31st- No Mass in Wells.

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1st -Mass in Easton at 8:30 am

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026- Tri-Parish evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration at Wells at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3, 2026- The Passion of the Lord-schedules

Minnesota Lake 3:00 pm

Wells 5:00 pm

Easton 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026-Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm in Wells

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026-The Resurrection of the Lord;

Minnesota Lake at 8:00 am

Easton at 10:00 am