

March 16, 2025 | 2nd 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

Mass Schedule and Intentions March 18-23, 2025

<u>18</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+Clem & Jean Stenzel
<u>19</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+ Jim Hassing
<u>20</u>	Thurs.	8:30 pm	Minnesota Lake	+Quentin Staloch
<u>21</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+James Bute
<u>21</u>	Fri.	10:00 am	Parkview Care Center	Pro Populo
<u>22</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+Marvel Nowak
<u>23</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Mark & Tony Bias
<u>23</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Louie & Marvel Staloch

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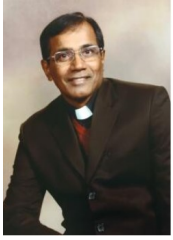
YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO MASSES: Minnesota Lake— Thurs. and Sat.; Easton —Wed. and Sun.; Wells—Tues. Fri. and Sun. Rosary is always prayed every night of the year at 7:30 pm, at St. Casimir.

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:

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| Submit Intentions to Parish Administrator | • Todd Schuster | • Mike Redig |
| • Triston Father | • Dace Smith | • Dave Sonnek |
| • Steve Sonnek | • Craig Sonnek | • Jan Stenzel |
| • Sue Sonnek | • Zach Fendrich | • Dale and Marg Sonnek |
| • Sheila Runquist | • Charlie Kalis | • Colette Caeli Drees |
| • Dennis Thisius | • Don Yokiell | • Richard Stenzel |
| • Teresa Berry | • Koltun Kunz | • Don Leesch |
| • Chuck Evan | • Ken Tibodeau | • Mary Stevermer |
| • Rosemary Larson | • Colton Smith | • Jackie Guibert |
| • Ann Ehrich | • Tyler Doyle | • Frank Diaz |
| • Steve Warmka | • Jane Swehla | • Cathy Pluym |
| • Brian Stenzel | • Tiffany Sonnek | |

PRAYER & WORSHIP



2nd Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2025-C Cycle

Readings: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 9: 28-36

As we continue our Lenten journey, the Church invites us this Sunday to reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. This moment offers us a glimpse of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

In our own lives, Lent is a time of transformation. Like the apostles, we are called to climb the mountain of faith, to listen to the voice of God calling us to greater holiness, and to be changed by the experience of God's love.

Let us embrace this season of Lent as an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May we be open to the grace of transformation, trusting that, just as Jesus revealed His glory to the apostles, He is also transforming us into His image.

As we move closer to Easter, let us reflect on the ways God is calling us to grow in faith and love, so that we can more fully live as disciples of Jesus.

In the Gospel of Luke 9:28-36, we witness the Transfiguration of Jesus, where He reveals His Divine glory to Peter, James & John. This moment serves as a powerful reminder that in the midst of our struggles and trials, we can encounter the radiance of God's presence. The voice from the cloud calls us to listen to His Son, encouraging us to follow Jesus as He journeys toward His ultimate sacrifice.

The Gospel of Luke emphasizes Jesus' prayer life more than any other. He prays before making important decisions and frequently retreats to be alone with God. Jesus was transfigured "while he was praying." His openness to God and His mission was nurtured in prayer. We, therefore, must remain awake to discern God's presence and purpose in our lives.

As we reflect on this theme, let us ask ourselves: How can we be transformed by God's light? What sacrifices are we called to make in our daily lives to follow Jesus more closely?

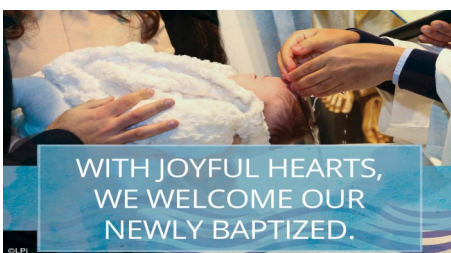
Let us pray for one another, that we may persevere in our Lenten practices and continue our journey toward the joy of the Resurrection. ~Fr. Pratap



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.



STJB Baptism: We welcome into the Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism, Jenna Lyn. Jenna was baptized at St. John the Baptist on Saturday, March 8, 2025. She is the infant Daughter of David and Chelsea Braun. May God lead him along life's journey of faith.

LITURGICAL LIFE

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	EASTON
Sat 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Youth	Ellie Rath Mckenna Stelpflug Riley Stevermer
SACRISTAN	Arnie Stenzel	Sue Rath
LECTOR	Student Lector	Faith Formation
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kasyer
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Arnie Stenzel Mark Nowak Jerry Dulas	Joyce Eastvold Don Linder Nancy Linder C
USHERS	Youth	Dean Schimek Bernie Schultz Troy Peterson
Gift Bearers	Youth	
ROSARY	Tim Klein	Dianne Rauenhorst
Shepherd's Inn	Joanne Tibodeau	
MONEY COUNTERS	3	Mark Braunshausen and Cheryl Warmka.

ADORATION

Confessions and Adoration; Weekend schedule for Lent season and will resume in Advent

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



Holy Week

Holy Thursday

April 17, 2025

7:00 pm Wells

Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 18, 2025

3:00 pm Minnesota Lake

5:00 pm Wells

7:00 pm Easton

Saturday, Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025

8:00 pm Wells

Easter Sunday,

April 20, 2025

8:00 am Minnesota Lake

10:00 am Easton

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$715.00	\$70,578.34	\$110,981.00
Wells	\$3,129.25	\$216,524.52	
Easton	\$2,529	\$107,014.37	\$131,500.00

This week's readings:

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;

Philippians 3: 17-4:1; Luke 9: 28-36

Next weeks reading:

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15;

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

When you attend Mass at St. Casimir's on Sunday mornings, your child (Ages 4-10 years) can participate in Breaking Open the Word— A Children's Liturgy. Through music, drama, and age appropriate prayer, your child will gain a deeper understanding of the Mass.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently departed:

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

MANY THANKS

The family of Fr. Eugene Stenzel would like to express its sincere gratitude to all the people of St. Casimir's Church, surrounding Churches, and volunteers who made his Celebrations of Life and funeral a most memorable experience. In particular, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Lea Nowak, Fr. Pratap, Mary Beth, George and Joanne, members of Church choir, Barb and all the people that prepared and served the lunches, all of the staff at Parkview Care Center, and the wonderful people at Nasinec Funeral Home for their caring and thoughtful coordination of all the events. To many, many more that have expressed their kind thoughts and prayers to the family, we say, Thank You!

MAN OF GOD

Diocese of Winona-Rochester Men's Conference, Men of the Diocese: come and see how you can become the man God created you to be! Saturday, April 5, 2025. Church of the Resurrection, Rochester. 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

OLMC STEEPLE RE-DEDICATION

On Friday, July 18, 2025. Father Will Thompson, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, will be present to celebrate Holy Mass at 5:00 pm. A meal will follow after Mass. Plan now to attend this important event! More details will be forthcoming. This event will be held in lieu of Friendship Day this year.

April 26-27 FIRST COMMUNION

Save the Date. Tri-parish First Communion weekend.

BLOOD DRIVE

Wells, Legion Hall 145 W. Franklin, Wells, Monday, March 24, 2025. 10:30 am to 6:30 pm Knight of Columbus please help unload at 8:45 am. Thank You! Visit; RedCrossBlood.org and enter WELLSMN for an appointment or call 1-800-REDCROSS

TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTORY- Photos will be taken at the end of May and the beginning of June. More information will be provided in next week's bulletin.

LENT IN THE TRI-PARISH



MN Lake

STJB STATION OF THE CROSS—Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesdays during Lent, at 9:00 am, March 19th. All are welcome and invited to attend.

LENTEN FISH FRY— St. John the Baptist, Minnesota Lake. Holy Name Society, Lenten Fish Fry, Friday, March 28, 2025, 5:00-7:00 pm. 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 Outs Available. All are welcome!

Easton

OLMC STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesdays during Lent, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Wells

ST. CASIMIR'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS-Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays, next date March 21, at 7:00 pm. A light Lenten supper will be served at 6:00 pm. Free will offering. All are welcome and invited to attend! Stations of the Cross will follow.

March 21 Wells

GOSPEL REFLECTION-Fr. Pratap will reflect and lead discussion on the upcoming Sunday Gospel. This will begin after Stations of the Cross upstairs in the Church.

Tri-Parish Reconciliations

Tri-Parish Reconciliations— Will be held at St. Casimir's Church, March 26, 2025. Starting at 6:30 pm. For all Tri-Parish parishioners and Faith Formation.

First Reconciliations Will held at St. Casimir's on April 12, 2025 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Rosary at Wells

Every night at St. Casimir's, you are invited to pray the Rosary at 7:30 pm. Lent is a time of penance, fasting, almsgiving, and above all, prayer. As the prayer part of your Lenten Journey, join us in praying the Rosary. Anyone can lead.

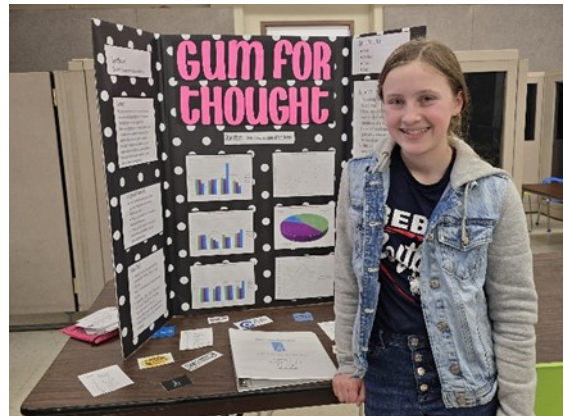
ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL

Greetings from St. Casimir's School! On February 28th, our sixth grade class attended the Southern Minnesota Regional Science Fair, which was held at Minnesota State University in Mankato. The sixth grade students spent the first two months of 2025 working hard and dedicating their time to executing stellar science experiments. To say that I am proud of them is an understatement. They went from hesitancy over their lack of experience to the epitome of grit and determination the day of the fair. As a result of their unwavering effort, four of the students' projects qualified for the State Science Fair! If you see Clara Bushlack, Abigail Chirpich, Juliana Dulas or Lennox Feist (shown below), I humbly ask that you give them a big "congratulations" on a job well done. They deserve it!

I want to send the sincerest of thanks to the parents who helped their children in any part of the process of making these projects a success. As a parent who has gone through the "trials and tribulations" that were my own children's science experiments, it can be a daunting task, and I appreciate your devotion to your child's success. A special thanks to Kristen Dulas, who made the students' day by giving us a personal tour of Mankato State. And thank you to the lovely sixth graders, who despite the nerves that come with such a big task, always demonstrated enthusiastic energy during the entirety of the experience.

In related awesome-students-of-St.-Casimir's-Catholic-School news, the fourth and fifth graders are also hard at work. They are currently reading the story "Wildwood," a fantasy novel about a girl named Prue who is off on an adventure to save her baby brother Mac, who was kidnapped by a murder of crows. Fourth graders are mastering all things fractions, including how to add, subtract, and multiply them. Our fifth grader is learning order of operations, which is a personal favorite of mine.

I wish you all the happiest of Sundays!
Julia Gray SCCS Classroom Teacher



Tri-Parish Lenten Retreat Pilgrims of Hope

Presented by:
Sister M. Deanne Niehaus
Schoenstatt Sister of Mary

Saturday, March 22, 2025
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
St. Casimir Catholic Church
Wells, MN

The day will include Mass, Adoration, and Confession.
Free-will donations will go towards retreat costs with remaining balance towards future retreats.



*Pope Francis encourages us
in this Holy Year 2025
"Be Pilgrims of Hope
and Builders of Peace!"*

*"And now Faith, Hope, and
Love remain, these three"*
1 Cor. 13:13

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generous support!

Please register by Monday, March 17th, 2025

Contact Dianne Rauenhorst at 507-525-0900 (call or text)