

March 22, 2026 | Fifth 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 24-29, 2026

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25	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Louie & Marvel Staloch
				<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
26	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+George & Mildred Stencil
27	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Lois Stenzel
28	Sat.	4:00 pm	Mn Lake	+Robert & Reta Stencil
29	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Darlene & Mark Delgado
29	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 MASS-ES: 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	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
Chuck Evan	Charlie Kalis	Mary Stevermer	Betty Ziegler	Tom Warmka
Rosemary Larson	Koltun Kunz	Tiffany Sonnek	Steven Nowak	Rick Girard
Ann Ehrich	Ken Tibodeau	Darrin Hueper	Scott Bull	Gregory Woitas
Grace Drager	Colton Smith	Katie Ascheman	Dale Stevermer	Frank Diaz
John Paul Herman	Tyler Doyle	Norbert Yokiell	MaryAnn Woitas	Donnie Becker
Bill Neubauer	Jane Swehla	Carol Gregor		
Sharon Obermeyer	Cathy Pluym	Mark Woitas		

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Lent-5th Sunday Bulletin Message, March 22, 2026-A Cycle
Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

On the 5th Sunday of Lent, we hear the moving story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in the Gospel of John 11:1-45.

Standing before the tomb of His friend, Jesus proclaims one of the most powerful truths of our faith: *"I am the resurrection and the life."* In this moment, Jesus reveals that God's power is greater than death, despair, and every darkness that can touch our lives.

What is especially touching in this story is that Jesus does not remain distant from human suffering. He shares in it. He weeps with Martha and Mary. The Lord who brings life is also the Lord who walks with us in our grief, our struggles, doubts and questions.

Each of us carries experiences that can feel like a tomb, moments of discouragement, loss, sin, or fear that seem to trap us in darkness. Yet the voice of Christ still calls out, just as He called Lazarus: *"Come out!"* The Lord invites us to step into the light of His mercy and the new life He offers.

Jesus wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow.

We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow.

As we draw closer to Holy Week, the Gospel invites us to renew our trust in Jesus. The One who called Lazarus from the tomb will soon face the cross and rise again in glory. In Him we find the promise that death and darkness will never have the final word.

May these remaining days of Lent help us to open our hearts more fully to Christ, the source of our hope and the giver of new life. And may we walk toward Easter with deeper faith in the Lord who calls us from death into life.

"Where Christ enters, even the tomb becomes a place of hope."

Blessings
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

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Sat. 4:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 10:00 am

SERVERS	Colten Mullery Nathan Mullery Carson Mullery	Ava Petersen Gabriel Petersen Cameron Linder
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SACRISTAN	Arnie Stenzel	Sue Rath
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LECTOR	Tim Klein Mark Nowak	Cheryl Warmka
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ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kasyer
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EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Scott Bute Larry Brand Jackie Mullery	Ryan Strom Chelsea Sonnek Jeff Rath Yvonne Cory C
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USHERS	Scott Bute Larry Brand Jerry Dulas	Chuck Stevermer Sheldon Stevermer Tony Stevermer
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ROSARY	Mike and Elaine Hernandez	Dawn Doyle
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Shepherd's Inn	Linda Enser	
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MONEY COUNTERS	Kay Herman Rosemary Brand Pat Greff	Cheryl Warmka Mark Braunshausen
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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 28th at Minnesota Lake from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

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

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 just come and pray anytime.

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$627.00	\$65,275.98	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$975.50	\$223,561.25	\$350,598.00
Easton	No Mass Sunday 15.2026		\$137,700.00

Next week's readings:
First Reading— Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading — Philipians 2:6-11
Gospel Acclamation — Philipians 2:8-9
The Passion of the Lord—Matthew 26-14-27:66

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently departed, Theresa M Berry
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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2026		
	Amount received	CMA amounts needed
Minnesota Lake		\$7,082
Wells		\$17,660
Easton		\$9,700

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

NO MASS– Tuesday, March 24, 2026 in Wells at 5:30 pm.

OLMC MCCW will be hosting a Lenten soup Supper after Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Faith Formation will be leading the Stations of the Cross beginning at 6 pm. Group 2 will be serving chili. All are welcome to attend!

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!

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; RedCrossBlood.org and enter WELSMN for an appointment or Call 1-800-REDCROSS.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4th at 11:00 am. Old Mill Park. Hosted by the Minnesota Lake Historical Society.

WELLS FLAME THEATER

Now showing “I Can Only Imagine 2” March 20-23rd. The movie is a sequel to “I Can Only Imagine”. Show times are 7pm Friday-Monday and 2 pm matinee Sunday.

EASTON FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 13, 8:00 am– 1:00 pm. Easton Fire Hall. Omelets made to order! Plus ...Hashbrowns, sausages, pancakes, French toast. Take out available! Adults: \$12 –Pre-school & Under- Free. Hosted by the Easton Fire Relief Association.

ST. THEODORE'S CHURCH

Walking Stations of the Cross Procession through downtown Albert Lea during the Lenten Season. Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Families, Churches, individuals. This playful walk will follow the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on the Sacrifice of Jesus and His Love for the world.

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

THE SHRINES OF MARY

A sacred pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France. Starting Monday, August 24– Friday, Sept. 4th, 2026. 12 Days / 10 nights. If you or anyone is interested in joining this pilgrimage, kindly contact Ben Gadzinski, Director of Travel, Bayard USA. Contact phone 1-402-315-0321 and email address ben.gadzinski@bayard.com. Or contact ~Fr. Pratap, Wells