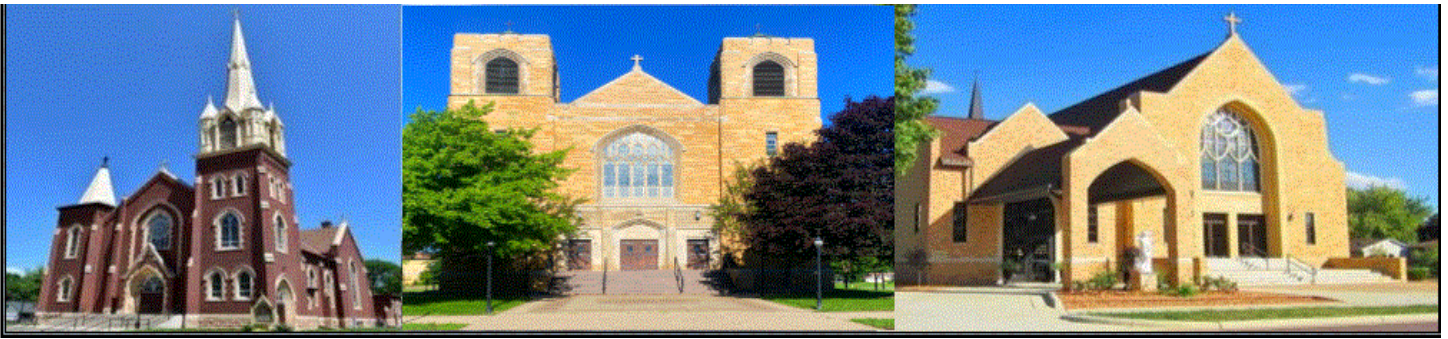


March 30, 2025 | 4th Sunday of Lent



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 April 1-6, 2025

1	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+Joyce Evan
2	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Lou Becker
3	Thurs.	8:30 am	Minnesota Lake	+Marion Jones
4	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Toni Gimberline
5	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+Willard & +Violet McCue
6	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Leo & +Elaine Wach
6	Sun	10:00 am	Easton	+Vincent Landsteiner

***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:

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| Submit Intentions to Parish Administrator | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Todd Schuster • Dace Smith • Craig Sonnek • Zach Fendrich • Charlie Kalis • Don Yokiell • Koltun Kunz • Ken Tibodeau • Colton Smith • Tyler Doyle • Jane Swehla • Tiffany Sonnek | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Redig • Dave Sonnek • Jan Stenzel • Dale and Marg Sonnek • Colette Caeli Drees • Richard Stenzel • Don Leesch • Mary Stevermer • Jackie Guibert • Frank Diaz • Cathy Pluym |
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Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am-4:30pm

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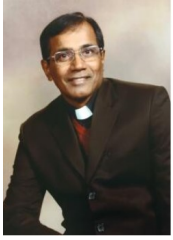
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PRAYER & WORSHIP



Lent-4th Sunday, March 30, 2025-C Cycle

Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

“My son, we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found.” Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

What's worse than being separated from our homes, loved ones, and friends? The pain of separation can only be surpassed by the joy of the homecoming and reunion. When God commanded His people to celebrate the Passover annually, He wanted them to never forget what He did for them when He freed them from oppression and slavery in the land of Egypt and brought them back to their promised homeland which He gave as a sign of His immense love and favor.

At the end of their wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, Joshua, the successor to Moses, led the people in celebrating the Passover meal after they had safely passed over the River Jordan to their promised homeland. (Joshua 5:9-12)

This crossing over from a land of slavery and oppression to a land of promise and freedom is a sign that foreshadows the true freedom and homecoming which the Lord Jesus has won for us in His kingdom. Jesus illustrates this *Passover* from slavery to sin and condemnation to freedom and new life in Christ.

Jesus calls us not to condemn or gloat or belittle the prodigals among us but to enable their return, to keep picking them up no matter how many times they fall, to open our arms and welcome them back again and again.

Forgiveness demands that we walk the parts of the Parable of the prodigal son: to be the prodigal son, facing up to our own culpability and selfishness that causes division and hurt; to be the forgiving father, being openhearted enough to make the first step to welcome back into our lives those who have hurt us.

Lent calls us to embrace God's grace: grace that enables us to lift ourselves out of the mud of our sins to reconnect again with family and friends, grace that empowers us to jettison our selfishness and deceptions and re-create our broken lives in the healing peace of the Risen Christ.

The heart of forgiveness is **“letting go”**. Letting go of our desperate grasp of the past, helps us turn toward the future with hope. Jesus calls us to embrace the example of the prodigal's father: to let go of our anger and embrace, is for our own peace to the possibilities of reconciliation with our “prodigal” sons and daughters. ~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, April 6, 2025

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	EASTON
Sat 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Juliana Dulas Lennox Feist Abby Chirpich	Claire Schimek Sophia Schimek Josette Schimek
SACRISTAN	Tom Schindler	Sue Rath
LECTOR	Tim Klein Tom Schindler	Julie Stevermer
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kasyer
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Bev Klein Mark Nowak Lea Nowak	Doug Ascheman Andrea Schultz Jon Rath C
USHERS	Jon Feist Randy Feist Rick Herman	Tony Stevermer Ryan Strom Dean Warmka
ROSARY	Tim Klein	Sue Rath
Shepherd's Inn	Larry Brand	
MONEY COUNTERS	4	Doug Ascheman and Rachel Peterson

ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration for the Tri-parish 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

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

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.

TRIPARISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MN Lake

STJB STATION OF THE CROSS—Wednesdays during Lent, at 9:00 am. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Easton

OLMC STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Wednesdays during Lent, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Wells

ST. CASIMIR'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Fridays, at 7:00 pm.

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

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$853.00	\$72,043.34	\$110,981.00
Wells	\$4,724.75	\$254,167.46	
Easton	\$2,529	\$111,237.37	\$131,500.00

This week's readings:

Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next weeks reading:

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14;
John 8:1-11

IN OUR PRAYERS: Recently departed; JoAnne M Beck

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

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Consider a monetary donation to our Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your gift supports ministries and services that carry forth the Bishop's mission and vision including adult and youth catechesis, support for clergy, sacramental marriage, life at all stages, robust Catholic Schools, televised Mass, and much more.

EASTER MEMORIALS

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

APRIL 12 THE LAST WEEKEND OF CONFESSION AND ADORATION

Easton will have Confessions and Adoration on first Saturday of the month, April 5, 11:00 am –Noon. The second Saturday April 12, 2025 Adoration and Confessions will be in Wells, 11:00 am to Noon. Minnesota Lake will not have adoration and confessions for the month of April. All parish weekend Adoration and Confessions will resume in the Advent season.

TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTORY

Our Church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new Church Family Album. Photos will be taken from [May 27-31st](#) in Wells; and [June 3-4](#) for Easton; [June 10-11](#) for Minnesota Lake. Anyone can choose another location no matter which parish you belong to. Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign up table at your Church or simply go online and follow the instructions. Go to the Universal Church Directory website (www.ucdir.com) click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login", enter your Church code mn549; enter your Church password - photos; click on the Enter button, click on the desired photography date. Click to Reserve Time button beside the desired appointment time. Enter appropriate information in all required fields, click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name. If you have more than 6 family members being photographed, please reserve 2 appointments. (such as 6:00 and 6:10) Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's appointment. Sign-ups are through 4.13.2025.

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.

EASTON FIREMAN'S RELIEF PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Easton Fire Hall. Serving made to order omelets, pancakes, French toast, sausages, hash browns and beverage. Cost is \$12. Kindergarten and under eat for free.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The Knight of Columbus will be selling Foundation raffle tickets on April 5-6 after all 3 Masses in our Tri-parish.

FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY

Faribault County American Legion Official 2025 Flag Disposal Ceremony. Will be held at the Bricelyn American Legion on [Saturday, April 12th](#) starting at 10:00 am. We are asking anyone who has Flags that are no longer in use, to please leave them at your Local American Legion Post before that date.

April 26-27 FIRST COMMUNION

Save the Date. Tri-parish First Communion weekend.

CAMP SUMMIT

Nurses/EMTs— Camp Summit needs nurses/ EMTs for camp. The nursing team ensures the safety and care of all the middle school youth, high school youth, and adult volunteers at camp. The nursing team will provide general first aid, help youth through illnesses, injuries, homesickness, and help chaperones with medications and medical emergencies as needed. Visit our website at campsummitwinona.org to learn more about Camp Summit. Week one runs [July 19-](#) 24th. If interested or would like more information, please email campsummitwinona@gmail.com

ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL

As we will soon be welcoming April, the changing seasons during March invite us to explore the wonders of weather. This month, we have been delving into the science of weather in the preschool classroom by examining how the transition from winter to spring brings warmer temperatures and longer days. Our students have been actively engaging in weather-related activities, such as tracking daily temperatures and identifying signs of spring in nature. These explorations not only enhance their understanding of weather and seasons but also encourages them to appreciate the beauty of seasonal changes.

We've read a variety of books that celebrate the wonders of weather and changing seasons. These stories help us understand how weather impacts our daily lives and environment. March also marks the celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, and what better way to honor his legacy than by diving into his beloved books? We spent a fun-filled week reading classics like *The Cat in the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham*. Alongside reading, we participated in fun activities inspired by Dr. Seuss's imaginative stories, including crafts and creating our own rhyming tales.

Our classroom has been bursting with creativity as the preschoolers engage in a variety of St. Patrick's Day crafts. From making shamrock garlands to creating colorful rainbows, to creating St. Patrick's Day cards for friends, these activities help us celebrate the holiday and provide a platform for artistic expression. Our March science curriculum has also been filled with magical experiments that capture the imagination. Our students really enjoyed the book "How to catch a leprechaun" and had some amazing ideas on how we could build the perfect leprechaun trap. Everyone worked very hard designing and engineering their clever and inventive traps. We did not catch a leprechaun, but we did find some leprechaun rocks and were led on a fun scavenger hunt. Our leaping rainbow experiment was a colorful way to explore the concept of color mixing and light refraction. Using paper towels, water and food coloring we watched as the colors crept and blended together, creating a vibrant rainbow. This experiment introduced scientific concepts and encouraged color mixing exploration and creativity.



In addition to our St. Patrick's Day celebrations, we have been exploring Lent by committing simple acts of kindness and sharing and reflecting on the themes of Lent. We are also learning about other notable saints whose feasts occur in March. Stories of St. Katherine Drexel, St. John, and St. Patrick have been shared, offering students insights into their lives and the values they represent. These stories serve as an inspiration for our students to embody virtues such as compassion, generosity, and courage in their daily lives.

As the weather warms, we are thrilled to spend more time outdoors, basking in the sunshine. Outdoor activities have become a daily highlight, providing students with opportunities to play, explore, and connect with nature. The fresh air and sunlight lift our spirits as we embrace the joys of spring. We have enjoyed a month filled with laughter, learning, and a touch of magic.



by Candace Blume, Preschool Teacher

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

TRI-PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

The Tri-Parish retreat was held Saturday, March 22nd at St. Casimir Church in Wells. The Guest Speaker for the day was Sister M. Deanne Niehaus, a Schoenstatt Sister of Mary from Sleepy Eye, MN.



We gathered for a group picture. Sister Deanne Niehaus wanted to send a picture to her brother, Father Tom Niehaus. His comment: "Happy to see so many familiar faces!"



We stepped away from our busy lives. Sister Deanne shared that HOPE helps us center on God in three ways: Mary's longing for God, Mary's trust in God, and Mary's Cooperation with God. We can look to Mary as our model of a Pilgrim of Hope.

Thank you to all of those who helped make this a successful retreat!



Picture of "Mother Thrice Admirable" with anchors of hope at the feet of Jesus. A few meanings from the picture: Mary is pointing to Jesus, the white headpiece is wrapped around both Mary and Jesus meaning their mission belongs together, Mary is holding Jesus over her heart.

-Renewal is Always Possible -Forgiveness is Always Available

-God's Mercy is Endless!