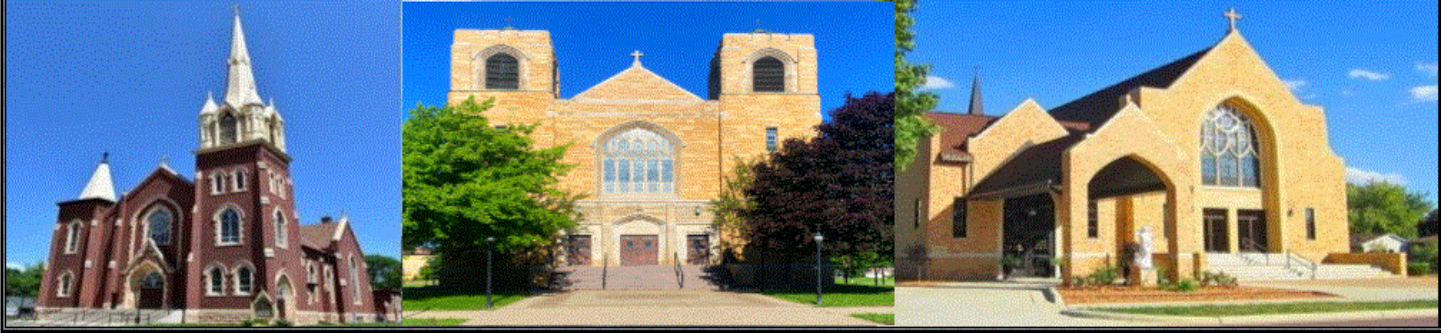


# April 12, 2026 | Divine Mercy Sunday



**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: 4:00 pm



***DIVINE MERCY  
 SUNDAY  
 APRIL 12, 2026***

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**Mass Schedule and Intentions: April 18 & 19, 2026**

- 11 Sat. 4:00 pm Mn Lake +Orland & Virginia Drager
- 12 Sun. 8:00 am Wells +Clem & Jean Stenzel
- 12 Sun. 10:00 am Easton +Ray Rauenhorst

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. Kurt Farrell, includes all of us in his daily prayers and private Mass intentions. If a Mass is cancelled, Fr. Kurt Farrell 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 Ascherman     | Dale Stevermer     | Frank Diaz     |
| John Paul Herman | Tyler Doyle   | Norbert Yokiel      | MaryAnn Woitas     | Donnie Becker  |
| Bill Neubauer    | Jane Swehla   | Carol Gregor        | Jennifer Pinkelman |                |
| Sharon Obermeyer | Cathy Pluym   | Mark Woitas         |                    |                |

## PRAYER & WORSHIP



Traditionally the second Sunday of Easter is known as “Divine Mercy Sunday”. The reason for this is because it concludes the octave of Easter, in which we have celebrated for eight days the victory the Lord has won for us over sin, by his suffering, death and resurrection.

In the Gospel this Sunday, when Jesus appears to the apostles for the first time, the apostle Thomas is not there. When the other Apostles tell Thomas that they have seen the Lord, he does not believe them. It is not until Jesus appears to Thomas and allows Thomas to put his hand in his wounds, does Thomas finally gets on his knees and says my Lord and my God.

For some people it takes more than others to come to believe, and place their life in the hands of Jesus. The story of Thomas helps us realize that it does not matter so much, how long it takes us to get there, but that we get there. Jesus is very patient with us, but sooner or later, if we want to receive the mercy of God, we are going to have to get down on our knees and say my Lord and my God.

*Fr. Kurt Farrell*



The book of Acts today gives us a model of apostolic life that the early Christians experienced after the resurrection of Christ. The apostles healed the sick, shared what they had with those in need, praised God together and everyone respected them for who they were. In the second reading, Saint Peter describes the joy that surfaced out of his new life, filled with a joy that would overcome all the suffering that the world would bring upon them. With the story of Doubting Thomas, the Church invites us to believe, and lead our lives in hope until God calls us to be at his side. While on earth, our mission is to make present his risen life present through charity and loving service. Also know as Divine Mercy Sunday, today we are reminded to reflect upon the true meaning of God’s mercy in our communities that, according to the psalms today, is eternal. This week, parish volunteers and prayer groups can start a dialogue about the true meaning of mercy in the pastoral life of the community. Before whom and under which circumstances is the Lord calling us to be merciful?

## 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. We are 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 the parish office 507-553-5391, 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 19, 2026

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Minnesota Lake</b>                                    | <b>Wells</b>  | <b>Easton</b>   |
| Sat.   4:00 pm   | Sun.   8:00 am  | Sun.   10:00 am   |
| <hr/>  | Clara Bushlack<br>Nate Mullery<br>Abby Chirpich         | Austin Rath<br>Cameron Linder<br>Mckenna Stelpflug            |
| <b>SERVERS</b>   |   |   |
| <hr/>  | Abe and Laura<br>Langager                               | Jonah Lippert   |
| <b>SACRISTAN</b>   |   |   |
| <hr/>  | Kristen Dulas<br>Kylee Koziolk                          | Bernard Steinhauer  |
| <b>LECTOR</b>  |   |   |
| <hr/>  | Connie Stenzel  | Mary Kasyer   |
| <b>ORGANIST</b>  |   |   |
| <hr/>  | Adam Henning<br>Larry Brand<br>Mark Schmitz             | Don Linder<br>Nancy Linder<br>Teresa Schimek<br>Dean Warmka C |
| <b>EXTRAORDINARY<br/>Ministers of<br/>Holy Communion</b> |   |   |
| <hr/>  | Kyle & Wendy<br>Chirpich<br>Matt Zebro<br>Eric Neubauer | Logan Strom<br>Tegan Sonnek<br>Todd Sonnek                    |
| <b>USHERS</b>  |   |   |
| <hr/>  | Scott Bute  | Dianne Rauenhorst   |
| <b>ROSARY</b>  |   |   |
| <hr/>  | Larry Brand   |   |
| <b>Shepherd's Inn</b>                                    |   |   |
| <hr/>  | Joanne Haugh<br>Joyce Ehrich                            | Rachel Peterson<br>Doug Ascheman                              |
| <b>MONEY<br/>COUNTERS</b>                                |   |   |

## 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 any-time.

## This Week on Formed



Growing in Prayer through Suffering | Heart of Prayer | Episode 8



Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

### Next week's readings:

First Reading— Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-23

Second Reading — 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel— Luke 24:13-35

### FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

|                       | Weekly      | Year to Date | Annual Budget |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Minnesota Lake</b> | \$4,653.00  | \$71,710.98  | \$109,876.00  |
| <b>Wells</b>          | \$6,338.55  | \$242,677.21 | \$350,598.00  |
| <b>Easton</b>         | \$11,359.00 | \$125,257.89 | \$137,700.00  |

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Soldiers Overseas : Andrea Schultz**

Whenever any of our parish members of 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

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### COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

St. Theodore's Church in Albert Lea is calling all Catholics to come celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 12, 2026. Adoration & Confessions 2:00-3:00 pm. Chaplet 3:00 pm (first in English followed in Spanish) Did you know that the Lord said this feast would one day be the "last hope of salvation"? What is so special about the Feast of Divine Mercy? It is a promise of complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment for any soul that would go to Confession and then receive Jesus in Holy Communion on the Feast Day Of Divine Mercy!

**Knights Foundation Raffle Tickets** are available to buy. If you would like tickets (\$5.00 each) contact Tom Schindler, Harold Goeden, Joel Rauenhorst, and Arnie Stenzel. Tickets are available thru the end of April.

**The Knights Annual Tootsie Roll** giveaway for Mentally Disadvantage people will be the week-end of April 25 and 26 at all three Parishes. All money raised is donated to local and MN Knights' programs that assist those who are mentally disadvantaged.

### Minnesota Lake Easter Memorials 2026

#### Given By:

*Bill and Lyda Osdoba*

*Connie Sonnek*

*Darrell and Denise Radtke*

*Carol Supalla*

*Dennis and Donna Weckwerth*

*RoseMary Leesch*

*Janice Evenson*

*Bob and Rhonda Drager*

*Beverly Stencel*

*Jerome and Sue Behnke*

*Mike and Jill Swehla*

