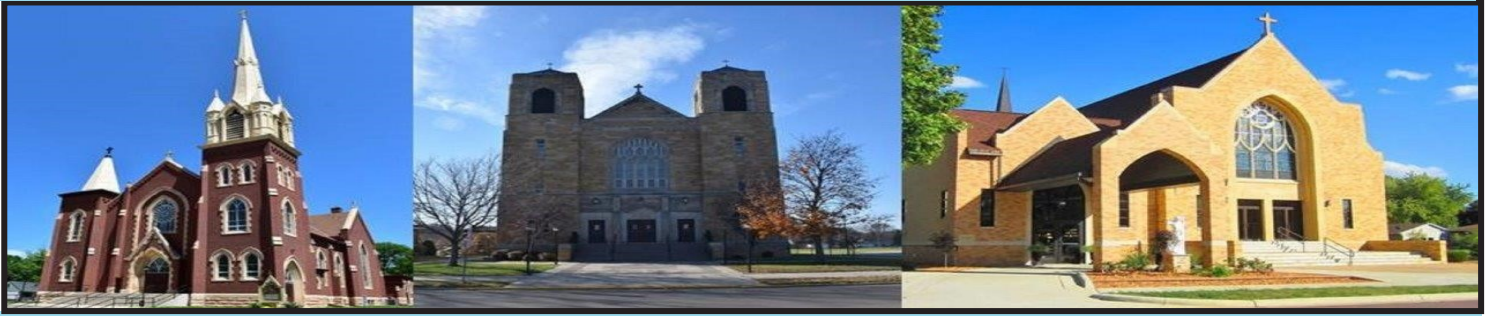


APRIL 28, 2024 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



St. John the Baptist Church | P.O. Box 158, Minnesota Lake, MN 56068 | Mass: 5:00 pm

St. Casimir Church | 320 2nd Ave SW, Wells MN. 56097 | Sunday Mass: 8:00 am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church | 27 Main Street, Easton, MN 56025 | Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

30	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Wells	+Carol & +Madeline Buesing
1	<u>Wed</u>	8:30am	Easton	+Joe Stenzel
2	<u>Thurs</u>	8:30am	Minnesota Lake	+Mary Stenzel-Volz
3	<u>Fri</u>	8:30am	Wells	+Elmira & Merle Yocum
4	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Minnesota Lake	+Clem & Jean Stenzel
5	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Wells	+Jean Stenzel
5	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Easton	+Bob Doyle

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.

Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Jody Carey
 - Kroy Kalis
 - Sue Sonnek
 - Teresa Berry
 - Craig Sonnek
 - Charlie Kalis
 - Dace Smith
 - Jeremy Kolars
 - Koltun Kunz
 - Jan Stenzel
 - Nancy Dylla
 - Jerome Leesch
 - Gary Bach
 - Dawn "Russ" Cory
 - Dale and Marg Sonnek
- Triston Father
 - Sheila Runquist
 - Chuck Evan
 - Zach Fendrich
 - John Volz
 - Jeanne Miller
 - Don Yokiell
 - Ken Tibodeau
 - Tiffany Sonnek
 - Dave Sonnek
 - Jan Willette
 - Mike Redig
 - Dennis Thisius
 - Steve Stenzel



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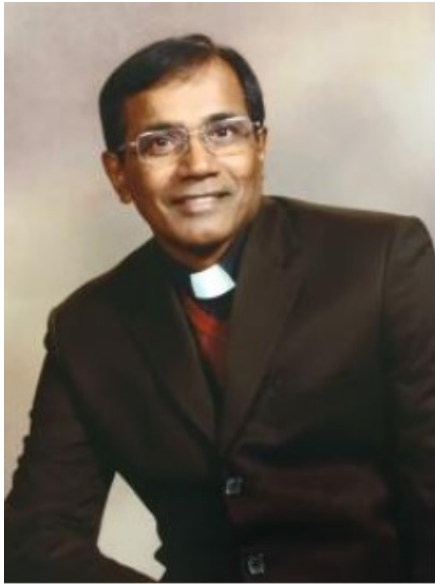
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This week's readings: Acts of the Apostles 9::26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8
Next week's readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17

PRAYER & WORSHIP

| Weekly Gospel Meditation



Easter-5th Sunday, April 28, 2024-B Cycle.

Readings: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness, and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong, and many are determined to finally set things right. The truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master-Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we can find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine, upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life. Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace. ~ Fr. Pratap



SACRAMENTAL

VOCATION VIEW: *Peace be with you.* The Lord gives us his Easter peace. Share that peace with someone who needs it. (Luke 24:35-48)

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.

PRE CANA

May 18, 2024 – St. Thomas More Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact the parish office a month in advance to fill out the form and to attend Baptism Mentoring Sessions.

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - MAY 4-5, 2024

Minnesota Lake Saturday 5:00pm	Wells Sunday 8:00 am	Easton Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Juliana Dulas Loxlee Feist Lucy Woodring	Aidan Rath Austin Rath
LECTOR	Erik Woodring	Jon Rath
Organist	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Ike Dulas Don Chirpich Larry Brand	Doug Ascheman Jeff Rath
USHERS	Jon Feist Randy Fiest Matt Zebro	Dean Warmka Tom Warmka Dale Yokiel
SACRISTANS	Brian Bias	
ROSARY	Mike & Elaine Hernandez	Maury Schimek

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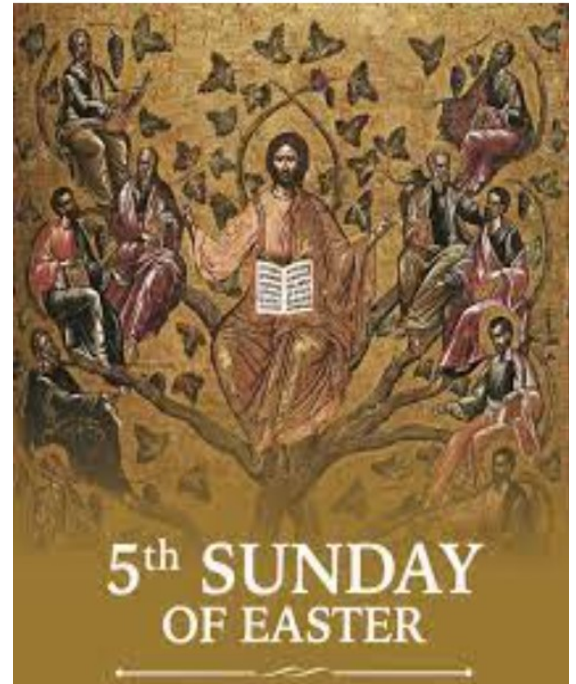


CHURCH SUPPORT

	Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Week 42	\$ 1,925	\$ 5,519	\$ 2,500
YTD	\$ 83,913.29	\$ 210,777	\$ 129,981.84
Budget	\$ 84,700	\$ 225,993	\$ 107,500

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

	Parish Goal	\$ Received
STJB	\$7,965	\$ 8,073
STC	\$21,089	\$10,843
OLMC	\$10,683	\$5,885



Angels

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.



Please pledge your gift by 12.31.2024

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MINNESOTA LAKE

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

To St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society-A big Thank You from the Maple River Serteens for the wonderful donation to our cause. Thank you for thinking of us to help at your Annual Lenten Fish Fry.

FR.PRATAP HOURS FOR MINNESOTA LAKE Effective [May 1](#), 2024, Fr Pratap will be making himself available for our parishioners of St. John the Baptist at the rectory on [Thursdays](#) from 8:15 am to 5:00 pm.

ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

All the adults, children, families, etc., of our Tri-parish are encouraged to be with the Lord, to converse with the Lord, to listen to the Lord and to experience the power of the Lord during Holy Hour. These quiet moments with the Lord can transform us in ways that you and I are unaware of. Take advantage of this opportunity. Come to the Lord. See the Lord on the Alter gazing at you. Speak to the Lord and listen to Him alone. Adoration will be on [Saturday, May 12](#) from 11am to 12 noon. Please come and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This will reoccur every 2nd Saturday of the month for Wells.

PREGNANCY LOSS

Evening of Remembrance;
All who have been affected by pregnancy loss are invited to attend the ecumenical Evening of Remembrance at the Wings of Hope memorial site in Calvary Cemetery on Thursday, May 9, at 6:00 pm. Please see wingsof-hopemankato.com for details

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Renew the promises you made to each other on your wedding day. Experience an enrichment for your marriage that will make your good marriage great! The next available Weekends are Aug 17-18, 2024 in Oakdale, MN and Oct. 4-6, 2024 in Buffalo, MN. early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website: southmnwwme.org or contact Mikki at applications@southmnwwme.org visit our website at: southmnwwme.org

FR.PRATAP HOURS FOR WELLS

Effective [May 1](#), 2024, Fr Pratap will be making himself available for our parishioners of St. Casimir at the rectory on [Tuesdays](#) from Noon to 7:00 pm. And [Fridays](#) from 8:15 am to 5:00 pm.

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ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration for the Tri-parish will resume weekly 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 away for a while and pray at any time. All are invited. For more information, please call the Tri-parish office at 507 553 5391 from 8:00-2:00 or leave a message.

[April 27th & 28th](#)

How Well Do You Know Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota?

For over 75 years, we have been the social services arm of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, answering God's call to serve others. We offer programs that help build families through adoption, and shelters that welcome the people of our communities that struggle with homelessness, but we are so much more! We invite you to learn more about us at www.ccsomn.org. Please help us put our faith into action and consider supporting our mission on [May 11th and May 12th](#) for the *Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Mother's Day Weekend*. Your support makes all the difference in our local communities! *All donations stay in our diocese

FIRST COMMUNION

We pray for the First Communion Class of OLMC who will receive the Body of Christ for the first time on [Sunday, April 28](#). They include: Will Linder, Spencer Schultz, Josie Slama and Maria Sonnek. May God bless them on their journey of faith. Congratulations!

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PARISH GATHERING

There will be a parish gathering after Mass on [Sunday, May 5](#) in Madonna Hall. Father Pratap would like to hear any concerns from those who have any input to share.

FR.PRATAP HOURS FOR EASTON

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LITURGY ROLES: Looking to become more involved in church? Please contact Sue Cory or Father Pratap if you would be interested in helping out with the rosary readings, serving, ushering, Eucharist minister, lector, or contribution steward.