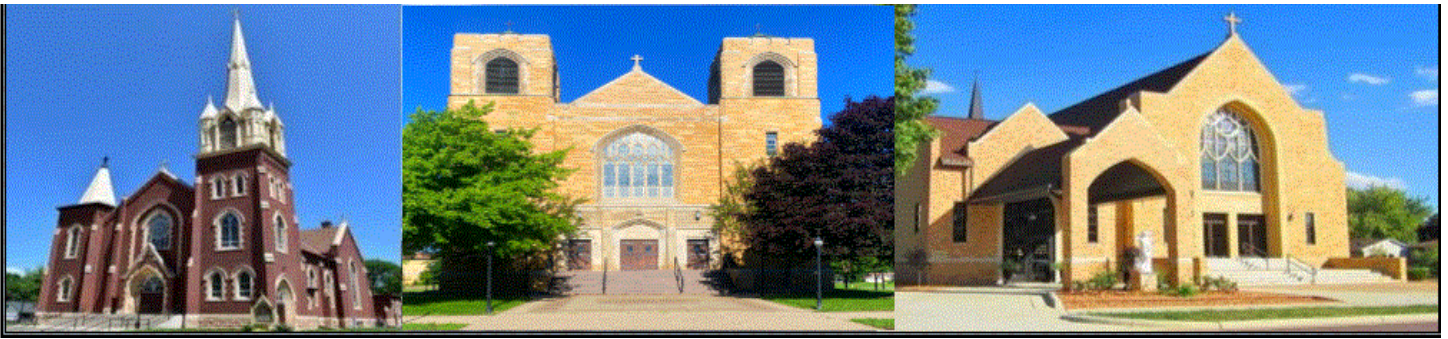


May 11, 2025 | 4th Sunday of Easter



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 May 17-18.2025

- 17 Sat.** 5:00 pm Minnesota Lake +Fr. Eugene Stenzel
18 Sun. 8:00 am Wells +Norbert P Sonnek
18 Sun 10:00 am Easton +Louie and +Marvel Staloch

Every Saturday: 4:30 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. 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 |
| • Teresa Berry | • Don Yokiel | • Richard Stenzel |
| • Chuck Evan | • Koltun Kunz | • Don Leesch |
| • Rosemary Larson | • Ken Tibodeau | • Mary Stevermer |
| • Ann Ehrich | • Colton Smith | • Jackie Guibert |
| • Steve Warmka | • Tyler Doyle | • Frank Diaz |
| • Quentin Staloch | • Jane Swehla | • Cathy Pluym |
| • Grace Drager | • Tiffany Sonnek | • Jan Elmer |
| • Sharon Obermeyer | • Katie Ascherman | |
| | • Vincent Schultz | |

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:00 am—3:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am-4:30pm

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Easter – 4th Sunday, May 11, 2025-C Cycle

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7: 9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.” We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us.

There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true.

Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that He is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through Him. There is no other way.

The Church, the gate around God’s pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. Amid all the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we must be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

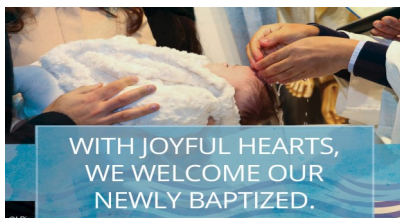
We must trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. ~Fr. Pratap

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, John Orly Drager was baptized at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday, May 3, 2025. He is the infant son of Jordan and Lindsay Drager May God lead him along life's journey of faith.*

LITURGICAL LIFE

SUNDAY May 18, 2025

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	EASTON
Sat 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Juliana Dulas Lennox Feist Abby Chirpich	Makayla Ankeny Marissa Obermeyer Kendra Obermeyer
SACRISTAN	Tom Schindler	Sue Rath
LECTOR	Tom Schindler Kristen Dulas	Cheryl Warmka
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jerry Dulas Ike Dulas Deacon	Doug Ascheman Ryan Strom Jon Rath
USHERS	Mark Ignaszewski Mark Herman Orland Yokiell Kyle Chirpich	Tegan Sonnek Todd Sonnek Tyler Sonnek
ROSARY	Larry Brand	Carolyn Willette
Shepherd's Inn	Lea Nowak	
MONEY COUNTERS	Team 5	Don Linder Julie Stevermer

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

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27;
Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35



Congratulations to Eveyln Rose Fuchs and Nicholas David Schindler who received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday May 3, 2025, St. Casimir Church in Wells. Your wedding is the beginning of many joyous moments in your life together, the moment two lives become one; where love between a man and a woman is joined, by the Holy Church, in Sacrament.

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$961.00	\$79,204.34	\$110,981.00
Wells	\$27,788.38	\$307,121.73	
Easton	\$2,529	\$128,179.46	\$131,500.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025

Minnesota Lake	\$1,100	Goal \$8119
Wells	\$8,856	Goal \$20,793
Easton	\$12,068.75	Goal \$10,683

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently departed; Shirley Schuster

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

LOCAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Please join us in putting your faith into action by supporting our Appeal on May 10th and May 11th-Mother's Day Weekend. Your support helps us continue answering the urgent call to assist those in need in southern Minnesota. All donations stay in our diocese.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE BOUQUETS

Mother's Day Rose Bouquets will be available on Mother's Day, May 11 at OLMC before and after Mass. A donation of \$8 for a single rose, or two roses for \$15. Proceeds go to MCCL. This is the only fundraiser in Faribault County for MCCL. Any questions, call Monica Linder at 787-2258.

ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL

The Holy Family Knight of Columbus council of the Tri-Parish will be giving out Tootsie rolls after Mass, May 11, 2025. If you would like to give a donation, the money raised will go to fund programs that improve the quality of life for people with Mental Disabilities. The Knights would like to thank you for your generous support.

OLMC MCCW

Many thanks to all who donated the delicious baked good for last Sunday's bake sale for the Faith Formation summer youth programs. The bake sale was most successful. We raised \$721.25. May God bless you all for your generosity!

JUNE 1, 2025 MASS TIME CHANGE

Due to St. Casimir School 110 Anniversary celebration on Sunday June 1st, 2025. St. Casimir's Church Mass will be at 10:30 am. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass time June 1st, 2025 will be 8:00 am.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr. Pratap will be leaving May 13, for his Pilgrimage, Please keep Fr. Pratap in your prayers as he visits Europe. No weekday Masses May 13-16, 20-23, in our Tri-Parish, until his return. Fr. Peter Klein will be covering weekend Masses.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Join us and celebrate Baccalaureate Mass, Sunday, May 18, 2025, St. Casimir's Church in Wells.

STC FLOWER GARDEN

Looking for a volunteer to head the Wells Church gardens. This entails cleaning the beds for spring, weeding and pruning the garden around the Church. Please call 507-553-5391 if you need more information.

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen. *June 19, 2010 by Jisha*



The month of April in the SCS preschool classroom has been a fun mix of learning about Easter traditions, exploring our solar system, and understanding how we can care for Earth. We started with the celebration of Easter. and we talked about how Easter is a special celebration when we remember that Jesus came back to life after dying for our sins. These Easter stories help us understand that love, hope, and kindness can help us change our world for the better. We also enjoyed a fun Easter egg scavenger hunt. In learning about the lives of our April saints, their stories of kindness, courage, and faith made us think about our own values. Discussing these saints reminded us of the importance of kindness and perseverance in our daily lives.

In science, our hands-on experiments made learning fun. We created colorful bouncy eggs by soaking eggs in vinegar to dissolve their shells. This taught us about chemical reactions and the properties of acids. Our Peeps experiment was another fun one. We observed what happens when these marshmallow treats face different conditions. This sparked discussions about what changes we thought the peeps would go through in water, vinegar and sprite. Our curiosity about science took us out beyond the Earth as we explored our solar system. We read about and explored the other seven planets, dwarf planets, meteoroids and asteroids. The wonders of space fueled our imagination and encouraged us to think about our place in the universe.

As Earth Day came, we focused on our planet and ways to care for it. We talked about recycling, reducing waste, and saving energy as key steps in protecting our environment. Looking to May, we'll be study plants and what they need to survive, like sunlight, water, and nutrients. We'll explore their vital role in our ecosystem, providing us with oxygen, food, and medicine. Our classroom has begun a mini-garden, with tomato plants, herbs, and flowers adding color. Each student will plant beans to take home at the year's end. This hands-on experience will teach us about the life cycle of plants and the patience needed to watch them grow. As it gets warmer, we're enjoying more time outdoors, soaking in nature's beauty and watching our plants grow. This connection to nature enriches our understanding and fosters a sense of responsibility toward the environment.

April was a month of fun and learning, filled with memorable experiences and lessons. From celebrating Easter and learning about saints to exploring our solar system and doing exciting science experiments, we've broadened our horizons and deepened our world understanding. As we look forward to May, we're eager to continue our journey of discovery, nurturing our plants and love for learning. Looking forward to an adventurous new month!

Candace Blume, Preschool Coordinator

