

May 18, 2025 | 5th 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 24-25, 2025

24 Sat. 5:00 pm Minnesota Lake +Arnie Sonnek
25 Sun. 8:00 am Wells +Ron Neubauer
25 Sun 10:00 am Easton +Mark Sonnek

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:

Submit Intentions to Parish Administrator

• Triston Father	• Todd Schuster	• Mike Redig
• Steve Sonnek	• Dace Smith	• Dave Sonnek
• Sue Sonnek	• Craig Sonnek	• Jan Stenzel
• Sheila Runquist	• Zach Fendrich	• Dale and Marg Sonnek
• Teresa Berry	• Charlie Kalis	• Colette Caeli Drees
• Chuck Evan	• Don Yokiel	• Richard Stenzel
• Rosemary Larson	• Koltun Kunz	• Don Leesch
• Ann Ehrich	• Ken Tibodeau	• Mary Stevermer
• Steve Warmka	• Colton Smith	• Jackie Guibert
• Quentin Staloch	• Tyler Doyle	• Frank Diaz
• Grace Drager	• Jane Swehla	• Cathy Pluym
• Sharon Obermeyer	• Tiffany Sonnek	• Jan Elmer
	• Katie Ascherman	• Darrin Hueper
	• Vincent Schultz	

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:00 am—3:30 pm

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

Daily Lunch 11:30 am—Noon

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter, May 18, 2025 – Cycle C

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

What is love? The concept of true love has intrigued poets, philosophers, and everyday individuals for centuries. It’s a term that evokes deep emotion and brings images of fairy tales, romantic movies, and eternal commitment.

But what does it really mean? How do we know if we’ve found one? True love is often more complex and multifaceted than romanticized portrayals in pop culture.

True love goes beyond the grand gestures and poetic words found in literature. It’s about genuine connection, respect, trust, and understanding.

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” are the words of Jesus.

This is a “new” commandment, a new standard, for all human relationships. It is the unconditional, sacrificial love that distinguishes us as true disciples of the Risen Lord.

These words are not simply a gentle reminder of kindness, they are a call to action. Jesus’ love is sacrificial, humble, and unconditional.

As a Church, we come together at this “command of love” to accompany one another through our lives’ journeys to the reign of God, to support one another in life’s joys and sorrows, to “be Christ” to one another in love and compassion.

Jesus leaves His Church a “new” standard of love that transcends legalisms and measurements, a standard that renews and re-creates all human relationships, a standard that transforms the most Godless and secular world view into the compassion and justice of God.

As Easter people, we are invited to live this same love in our daily lives. **Let us ask ourselves:** how can we better reflect Jesus' love in our homes, tri-parish communities and neighborhood! ~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 May 25, 2025

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	EASTON
Sat 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Carson Mullery Gavin Chirpich Gus Schlechte	Ellie Rath Maria Sonnek Mckenna Stellpflug
SACRISTAN	Brian Bias	Sue Rath
LECTOR	Brian Bias Blaine Bias	Jon Rath
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Scott Bute Lea Nowak Mark Nowak	Andrea Schultz Chelsea Sonnek Dean Warmka
USHERS	Jon Feist Randy Feist Rick Herman Harold Goeden	Logan Strom Dan Haugh Troy Petersen
ROSARY	Scott Bute	Dawn Doyle
Shepherd's Inn	JoAnne Tibodeau	
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

St. Casimir's families or persons who would like to bring up gifts please let me know, and I can sign you up. Call 507-553-5391 or let Arnie Stenzel or Lea Nowak know.

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$1,145.00	\$80,349.34	\$110,981.00
Wells	\$3,790.00	\$310,911.73	
Easton	\$2,529	\$130,264.46	\$131,500.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025

Minnesota Lake	\$1,900.00	Goal \$8119
Wells	\$9,881.00	Goal \$20,793
Easton	\$12,568.75	Goal \$10,683 over goal!

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

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.

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.

THE STONE HOUSE

A book by Father Eugene Stenzel "The Stone House" is now available at the Wells Depot Museum. Depot hours are Friday and Saturday 12-4 pm. Books are \$15.00.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

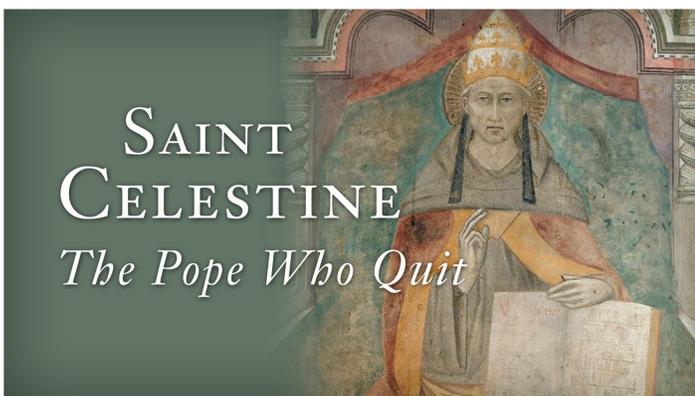
Midge Schultz will be celebrating her 90th birthday on June 2nd. Birthday greetings may be sent to her at: 4880 Otteson Lane, Apt. 110, Eau Claire, WI 54701-8276. Midge is a former OLMC parish member, Church musician and choir director.

KC MEETING

The Holy Family Knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be held at St. Casimir on Tuesday, May 20th, beginning with Family Rosary at 7:30 pm and business meeting to follow. Details will be emailed to members. If you do not currently receiving emails, please contact Harold Goeden or email him at hgkofc@yahoo.com

GIVE BLOOD

Save the date.. June 2nd, 2025. from 10:30 to 6:30 pm. The Red Cross is having there Blood Drive, at the American Legion Wells. Legion Hall, 145 W Franklin. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter WELLSMN to schedule an appointment. Come to give June 1-30 for a \$15 Gift Card by email. Knights of Columbus please help unload at 8:45 am Thank You!



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Saint Celestine: The Pope Who Quit

This docu-drama investigates the secrecy of this dramatic time in history and reveals a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue. It uncovers the riveting and mysterious story of Pope St. Celestine V, the pope who retired from the papacy after a very short reign. At the close of the tumultuous Middle Ages, this future monk and pope seemed destined from birth to save the world.

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OLMC Cemetery Guidelines

OLMC Cemetery follows the same guidelines as most other (Catholic) cemeteries.

PLEASE NOTE – I have in the past not strictly enforced the standard guidelines of placement and removal of flowers and memorials. I do welcome these items, as it brightens and brings color to the cemetery. I ask that all items be secured, as to not tip over or blow freely around. I will eventually pick up any items that do not stay secure or become damaged by time and weather elements. I do take the beauty of our cemetery very seriously and do my best to maintain its beauty. Please feel free to contact me anytime. Thank you, Don Linder 507-525-1961

STJB Cemetery Decorating Rules

The STJB Cemetery Board reserves the right to regulate the way the cemetery looks, therefore, has developed the following grave decorating guidelines. Please abide by these guidelines to show respect of others' final resting place.

Please keep the decorations fresh and clean. Decorations should be a simple reflection of nature. The Cemetery Board reserves the right to remove any decoration that it deems to be inappropriate.

Plants and fresh flowers are allowed at gravesites until first frost then must be removed. Plants must be in an urn and in an urn stand. Fresh flowers must be in vases that are permanently attached to the grave marker. Glass jars and other breakable containers are not suitable as they can be easily broken and cause injury.

***Special decorating of gravesites are permitted until **two weeks after Memorial Day**. After this time, if decorations are not removed, the Maintenance Crew/Cemetery Board will disposed of decorations. No notice will be given and the Cemetery Board will not be responsible for your reimbursement. – Example of special decorating includes, religious markers, ornamental objects, shepherd hooks, flags, solar powered lights, eternal lights and artificial flowers or plants. Decorations must not infringe on others gravesites and must not blow away.

No planting or digging-in of plants, shrubs, evergreens or trees.

Many people visit the cemetery each year. Because the cemetery is open to the public, it is very difficult to control the activity of every visitor. We regret that we cannot guarantee decorations will be free from damage or disappearance and we caution you against leaving anything of great value on any grave in the cemetery.

We wish to thank you for your understanding and cooperation in adhering to these Rules and Regulations.

St. Casimir Catholic Cemetery Decorating Rules

A Catholic cemetery is a sacred place. This Catholic Cemetery must be maintained in honor and dignity. Decorating a grave is a privilege not a right. To protect the sacredness of its grounds, as well as the obligation of safety, and to reduce the burden of maintenance, we respectfully request your cooperation in following these Rules and Regulations, which apply for the mutual protection and benefit of all grave owners.

The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove and discard any decorations which violate these Rules and Regulations as well as those decorations or objects it deems unsightly, offensive, or not in keeping with the spirit of these Rules and Regulations:

- Cemetery decorations should be a simple reflection of nature.
- Fresh flowers and plants must be in urn stands or in invertible vases that are permanently attached to the grave marker.
- Breakable containers are not suitable as they can be easily broken and cause injury.
- Absolutely no planting or digging-in of plants.
- No steel hearts, shepherd hooks, stands, bird feeders, pinwheels, or other ornamental objects are allowed.
- No electronic or solar powered decorations.

***Special decorating of gravesites is permitted for:

Easter	Palm Sunday until Divine Mercy Sunday
Memorial Day	May 15 until June 15
Independence Day	June 27 until July 11
All Souls Day	October 26 until November 9
Christmas	1 st Sunday of Advent until February 1 st

- The Maintenance crew will dispose of any decorations that are not removed by the deadline.

~ St. Casimir Cemetery Committee