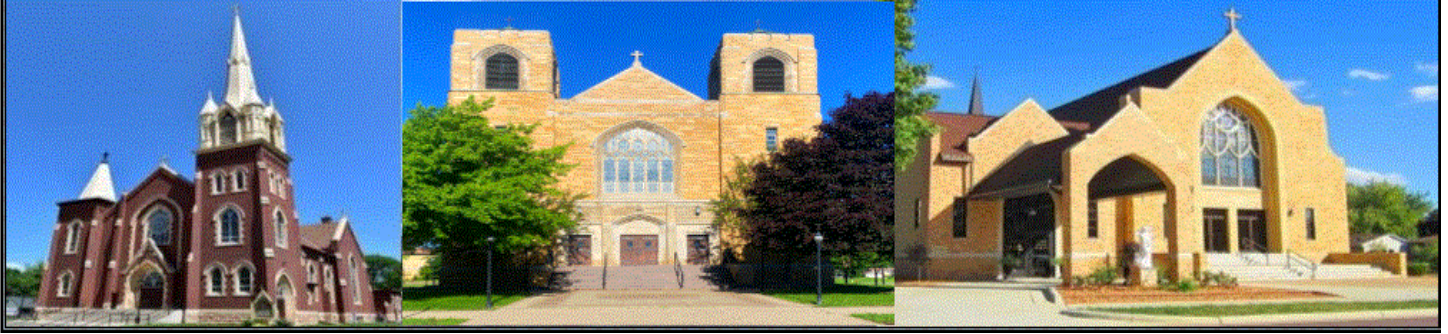


August 16, 2026 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



Mass Schedule and Intentions: Aug. 22-23, 2026

22 Sat. 4:00 pm Mn Lake + George & + Mildred Stencil

23 Sun. 8:00 am Wells + Jerry Ignaszewski

23 Sun. 10:00 am Easton + Troy Kalis

Every Saturday: 3:30 pm Confessions before Mass

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Tri-Parish Funerals: When a funeral will be held in the Tri-Parish during the week, please remember that there will not be the regular weekday 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

† 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 anytime.

In our Prayers:

Soldiers Overseas: Andrea Schultz
 Families in need of special prayers, please call OLMC-Sue Cory 507-787-2598, STJB- Rhonda Drager 507-462-3627, and Barb Stenzel 507-553-3805

Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

Triston Father	Dace Smith	Dave Sonnek	Vincent Schultz	Rick Girard
Steve Sonnek	Craig Sonnek	Jan Stenzel	Geri Peyton	Bryan Linder
Sue Sonnek	Zach Fendrich	Colette Caeli Drees	Grant Supalla	Donnie Bruckhoff
Chuck Evan	Charlie Kalis	Mary Stevermer	Betty Ziegler	Ben Stevermer
Rosemary Larson	Koltun Kunz	Tiffany Sonnek	Steven Nowak	Eileen Flohrs
Ann Ehrich	Ken Tibodeau	Darrin Hueper	Scott Bull	Sandy Anderson
Grace Drager	Colton Smith	Katie Ascherman	Jennifer Pinkelman	
Bill Neubauer	Tyler Doyle	Carol Gregor	Katie Woitas	
Sharon Obermeyer	Jane Swehla	Mark Woitas	Gerard Bach	
Jan Elmer	Cathy Pluym	Donnie Becker	Bill Kalis	
Mike Redig	Frank Diaz	Gregory Woitas		

PRAYER & WORSHIP

The Assumption of Mary...

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the bodily assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, before her death – a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. It is the most important of all Marian feasts. It was not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it fell on a Saturday. Nevertheless, I celebrated two masses for this important day.

The Feast of the Assumption was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.



Tradition places Mary's assumption at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living. Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, continue to refer to the Feast of the Assumption as the Dormition of the Mother of God.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics; anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

While the Eastern Orthodox believe in the Dormition, they object to the papal definition of the dogma, seeing it as unnecessary, since belief in Mary's bodily assumption, tradition holds, goes back to apostolic times. Pope Pius XII, in the text explaining his definition of the dogma of the Assumption, refers repeatedly to the Blessed Virgin's death before her Assumption, and the consistent tradition in both the East and the West holds that Mary did die before she was assumed into Heaven. However, since the definition of the Assumption is silent on this question, Catholics can legitimately believe that Mary did not die before the Assumption.

May Mary Keep You,
Fr. Timothy J. Hall

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 Tri-parish office a month in advance to fill out the form and to attend Baptism Mentoring Sessions. For OLMC, STC and STJB call the Tri-parish office 507-553-5391.

LITURGICAL LIFE



Sunday, August 23, 2026

Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Sat. 4:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 10:00 am
SERVERS	Titles Goette Abby Chirpich Alessia Hernandez	Makayla Ankeny Gabriel Petersen McKenna Stelpflug
SACRISTAN	Brian Bias	Sue Rath
LECTOR	Tom Schindler Kerry Haugh	Bernard Steinhauer
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Scott Bute Jackie Mullery Joanne Haugh	Don Linder Nancy Linder Lindsay Linder Jon Rath C
USHERS	Randy Feist Kyle & Wendy Chirpich Mark Herman	Tyler Sonnek Chuck Stevermer Sheldon Stevermer
ROSARY	Mike & Elaine Hernandez	Dianne Rauenhorst
Shepherd's Inn	Larry Brand	
MONEY COUNTERS	Kay Herman Rosemary Brand Pat Greff	Ruth Sonnek Dale Stevermer

A Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Giver of all good things, your Son told us to beg You to send workers into Your rich harvest, and so we have the confidence to ask You to raise up an abundance of priests in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Send us good and holy men to respond to your call to lay down their lives in service to Your people. We know that the Church comes from priest to build up Your Church, through Jesus who is High Priest and Lord forever and ever. Amen

As a part of Winona-Rochester Diocese, the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations, we are to say this prayer every Sunday, praying for vocations. Please feel free to say on your own time. I will have it in the bulletin every week.

This Week on Formed



Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with him. The two leads are played by very appealing performers, Mary Petruolo and Ettore Bassi, who give genuinely inspiring and beautifully moving performances of the daughter of a patrician family and the son of a rich merchant who leave everything to follow Christ.

Francis renounces his inheritance of wealth to live the Gospel and serve the poor and outcasts. Clare reads deep into his heart and decides to follow him, leaving her home and family to give herself as a bride of Christ. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$467.00	\$8,451.00	
Wells	\$4,813.90	\$23,832.25	
Easton	\$1,267.00	\$16,826.00	\$137,700.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2026

	Amount received	CMA amounts needed
Minnesota Lake	\$6,250.00	\$7,082
Wells	\$7,545.00	\$17,660
Easton	\$12,170.00	\$9,700

Next week's readings:

First Reading— Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading — Romans 11:33-36

Gospel— Matthew 16:13-20

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES



HWY 22 RESURFACING PROJECT BEGIN AUGUST 17

MNDOT is expected to begin a resurfacing project on Hwy 22 from Wells south to the Iowa border on Monday, August 17, weather permitting. No detour will be required -Hwy 22 will remain open to traffic during construction. Slow down, stay alert allow extra travel time.

OLMC MEMORIAL

Carmel Becker Gingiss a former OLMC Member recently passed away. Her burial will be in September. A memorial in Carmel's memory was made by Ray Becker's Girls to OLMC Cemetery Permanent Care for \$200.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE:

Diocese of Winona-Rochester will be hosting A Day of Reflection: "the Father's Blessing" on Saturday, September 12th at St. Theodore's Parish in Albert Lea, MN The day begins with registration starting at 8:00 am; with 8:30 am Mass followed by breakfast, program, and light lunch; 1:30 pm closing.

Speakers will include Janette Howe, foundress of Seven Sisters Apostolate; Lola Baxter, Diocesan Coordinator; and Father Kurt Farrel, Pastor of St. Theodore's Parish. RSVP by August 30th to Lola Baxter: sevensisterswinonarochester@gmail.com or contact Dianne Rauenhorst at 507-525-0900.

WALK TOGETHER IN HOPE

Trauma Reboot Program, a 12-week in-person or online program of healing through Christ. As a retired registered nurse, Marilyn, along with Kathy Schumann, has helped coordinate this program in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester with hope to expand across the diocese. They assist other heal from traumas while in a Christian setting.

Fee-\$40 includes lunch. Students-\$10. Check payable to WRDCCW

Registration due October 1, 2026 to Shelly Holt, 11701 584th Ave, Mapleton MN 56065

Registration forms will be available in the entrances of your parish.



Let's Unite!! Novena For Our Nation: [Divine Mercy](#)[Divine Mercy – United States Grace Force](#)**-Website**

August 15-October 7

1. You can sign up to receive the 54 Day Novena prayers with daily reflection in your email each day.
2. You can join the United State Grace Force Facebook group, to receive the 54 Day Novena for Our Nation prayers with daily reflection each day.
3. If you would like a hard copy the 54 day Novena for Our Nation prayers with daily reflection to carry with you, it is available in book form entitles, 54 Day Basic Training in Holiness.