

## August 17, 2025 | 20th 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: 5:00 pm

### Mass Schedule and Intentions: Aug. 19-24, 2025

<u>19</u>	Tues.	5:30 pm	Wells	+Deceased Wanzek Family
<u>20</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Ray Kalis
<u>21</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+Marion Jones
<u>22</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+James & +Adeline Lorenz
<u>23</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Mn Lake	+Glenn Sonnek
<u>24</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Ron Neubauer
<u>24</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	Paul & Judy Warmka

Every Saturday: 4:30 pm Confessions before Mass

*Parkview Care Center Mass,  
Every 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 am*

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:

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

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

20<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday, August 17, 2025-C Cycle.

Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews. 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

**Do we want to be on fire for God?** Jesus shocked His disciples when He declared that He would cast fire and cause division rather than peace upon the earth. What kind of fire did Jesus have in mind here?

**The image of fire in biblical times was often associated with God and with His action in the world and in the lives of His people.** God sometimes manifested His presence by use of fire, such as God's revelation to Moses through the burning bush in the wilderness which was not consumed by the flames (Exodus 3:2).

*God assured the Hebrew people of His continual presence, guidance, and protection for them through the wilderness for forty years with the pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day (Exodus 13:21-22).* **The prophet Elijah called down fire from heaven to reveal God's presence and power and to purify the people of false idols (1 Kings 18:36-39).**

**The image of fire was also used as a sign of God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13) and holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), His protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), and His righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9) and holy wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16).**

**Fire is also a sign and symbol of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.** John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11-12 and Luke 3:16-17). When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples at Pentecost "tongues of fire" appeared above their heads (Acts 2:3).

*When Jesus spoke about division within families He likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: one's enemies are the people of his own household (Micah 7:6).* The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world; a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship.

**The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives.** To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry.

**Jesus challenges us His disciples to examine who we love first and foremost.** A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. The Spirit of Jesus is given to all freely who choose to follow Him through baptism. **This is the fire planted within us to guide us, to direct us, and to admonish us when we deviate from the path.** ~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 August 24, 2025

<b>Minnesota Lake</b>	<b>WELLS</b>	<b>EASTON</b>
Sat   5:00 pm	Sunday   8:00 am	Sunday   10:00 am
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<b>SERVERS</b>	Clara Bushlack Abby Chirpich Gavin Chirpich	Makayla Ankeny Marissa Obermeyer Kendra Obermeyer
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<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Lea Nowak	Dianne Rauenhorst
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<b>LECTOR</b>	Scott Bute Mark Nowak	Julie Stevermer
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<b>ORGANIST</b>	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
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<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Jerry Dulas Larry Brand	Doug Ascheman Teresa Schimek Chelsea Sonnek Dean Warmka C
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<b>USHERS</b>	Kerry Haugh Rick Mueller John Tibodeau Mark Schmitz	Tegan Sonnek Tony Stevermer Ryan Strom
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<b>ROSARY</b>	Larry Brand	Maury Schimek
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<b>Shepherd's Inn</b>	Larry Brand	
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<b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>	<b>Team</b> 3	Ruth Sonnek Dale 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



### OLMC Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Amber Stevermer and Benjamin Van Reese who were married at OLMC on Saturday, August 2nd. May the blessings of our God be yours all the days of your life, may the peace and love of God live always in your heart. Psalm 128.

### Next week's readings:

**Isaiah 66:18-21;**  
**Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30**

### FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$855.00	\$9,165.04	\$
Wells	\$6,412.15	\$26,006.64	\$
Easton	\$1,076.00	\$18,302.60	\$137,700.00

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025

Minnesota Lake	\$1,900.00	Goal \$8119
Wells	\$11,106.00	Goal \$20,793
Easton	\$12,768.75	\$2,085.75 over goal!

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

#### Recently departed; Cletus J. Rath

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

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## **54 DAY NOVENA FOR OUR NATION**

We invite you to pray along with us as we pray this novena at 7:30 pm rosary in Wells at St Casimir's or you may choose to pray it at home. It begins on [Friday August 15th, 2025](#) The Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, and will end on [Tuesday October 7th, 2025](#) the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The intention for which we are praying together is "May Our Nation Enshrine the Sanctity of Life at Conception! Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us!" The time is now to call upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness. If you would like to receive the daily prayer for the novena you can sign up by going to [rosarycoasttocoast.com](http://rosarycoasttocoast.com). Click on the medallion to join.

## **BLESSED ART**

Blest Art will be visiting on August 16 and 17th, 2025 after mass. Tables will be set up in the entrances of all the Churches. Blessed Art helps the struggling Christian families, in Bethlehem, Palestine. The mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. More information on the flyer insert.

## **INSTITUTE OF LAY FORMATION (IFL)**

Accepting applications for 2025-2028 lay cohort. IFL exists to bring lay people into personal relationship with Jesus Christ so they can become His missionary disciples who go forth to confidently proclaim the Gospel and drawing others into relationship with Jesus, and discipling them in the Christian life forming new disciples for the Church. Apply at <https://www.dowr.org> or access the website. The application deadline is on August 15.

## **Drivers Needed**

We are also in need of a drivers to help commute students who are going to transfer to St. Theodore's school, in Albert Lea, a few days a week. Call the office for more information.

## **OLMC MCCW**

I am looking for someone to take over the position of President of MCCW as there is currently not a Vice President. If you are interested or have any questions about what is involved, please contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Andrea Schultz.

## **MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS: September 6**

This year Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Barron at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 6 at St. Rose of Lima in Lewiston. Couples are asked to register here: <https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3779>.

## **SCRIP INVENTORY**

With the closing of the school, we need to sell the remaining scrip cards. Here are the cards we have available. Stop in the Wells rectory to purchase. We have, 1-Hallmark \$25, 1- LL Bean \$25,

## **OCIA (formerly RCIA)**



### ***Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?***

Our Tri-Parish will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church. If you are not Catholic, we invite you to learn what the Church teaches. These sessions also are opportunities for you to ask any questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. Those who are already Catholic but would like to learn more about the Church are welcome to attend.

You are invited to either one of the following sessions:

Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at St. Casimir Church Hall. For further information, contact the parish office at 553-5391.