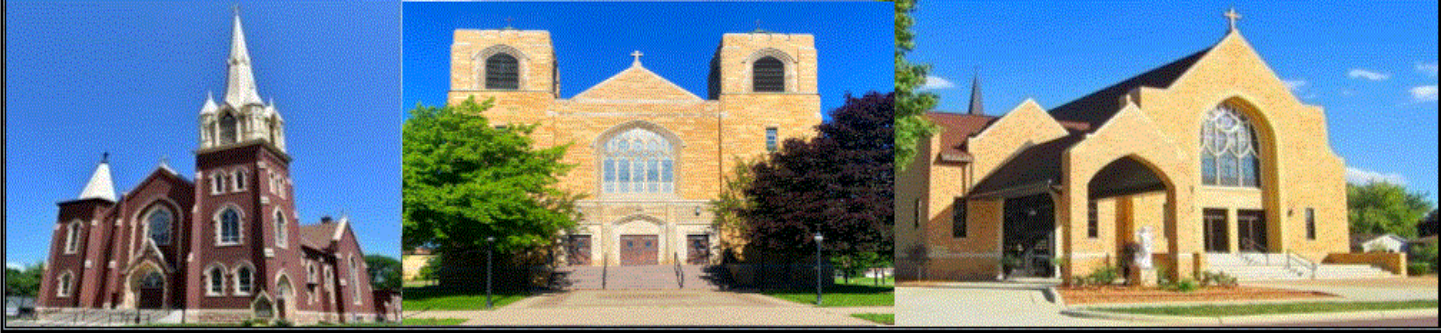


August 2, 2026 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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. 4-9, 2026

<u>4</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Betty Stenzel
<u>5</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+ Jim Willette
<u>6</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+ Marion Jones
<u>7</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Lois Stenzel
<u>8</u>	Sat.	4:00 pm	Mn Lake	+ Bill & Lyda Osdoba

<u>9</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+ Christine Sauer
<u>9</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+ Cletus Rath

Every Saturday: 3:30 pm Confessions before Mass

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.

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Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Virtues and Vices ...

Identification of virtues dates from even before Christianity. In Greek philosophy we find that Plato and Aristotle regarded *temperance, wisdom, justice and courage* as the most desirable of character traits. And we see in the Old Testament there are seven *wisdoms books*. One of which is aptly named, The Book of Wisdom. In Wisdom 8:7, we read that wisdom teaches the virtues of *moderation and prudence, justice and fortitude*.

We are all familiar with the Seven Heavenly Virtues. They are the three Theological Virtues of *Faith, Hope and Love* combined with the four Cardinal Virtues of *Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Courage*. These virtues were adopted by a group of saints from the early centuries of the Church who are known as the Church Fathers.

Toward the end of the era of the early Church Fathers, there came a tendency to match a virtue with a corresponding vice. In the year 410AD the poet Aurelius Clemens Prudentius wrote: *The Battle of the Soul*. It entails the battle of good and evil; virtues and vices. The poem was immensely popular in its time and promoted a life of holy virtue. In response to this, Pope St. Gregory the Great composed a list of *seven deadly sins* in the year 590AD. He also composed a list of remedial virtues to stand in direct opposition to the seven deadly sins, he listed those virtues as: *chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, patience, kindness and humility*. We are on the front lines of the battle between good and evil. So, we cling to virtue and avoid vice.

<u>Virtue:</u>	<u>Vice: (Deadly Sins)</u>
Chastity	Lust
Temperance	Gluttony
Charity	Greed
Diligence	Sloth
Patience (<i>meekness</i>)	Wrath
Kindness	Envy
Humility	Pride

Happy Sunday!

Fr. Timothy J. Hall, priest

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.

Marriage Anniversary Mass

Saturday, August 15, 10:00 am Holy Family Catholic Church-Lake Crystal, MN

All couples, regardless of their anniversary milestone, and their family and friends are invited to attend! A light reception will follow the Mass. We ask that all couples please register to attend.

Presided by Bishop Robert Barron

LITURGICAL LIFE



Sunday, August 9, 2026

Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Sat. 4:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 10:00 am
SERVERS	Clara Bushlack Loxlee Fiest Leona Bushlack	Cameron Linder Austin Rath Ellie Rath
SACRISTAN	Arnie Stenzel	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Tim Klein Scott Bute	Dianne Rauenhorst
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Bev Klein Arnie Stenzel Jerry Dulas	Don Linder Nancy Linder Lindsay Linder Jon Rath C
USHERS	Jon Feist Hannah & Nathan Goette Randy Feist	Dan Haugh Troy Petersen Dean Schimek
ROSARY	Tim Klein	Jack Schimek
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.



The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Mass times

Friday, August 14, Vigil Mass 7:00 pm Easton/OLMC
(No Mass Friday Morning August 14 in Wells)
Saturday, August 15, Mass 8:30 am Wells/St. Casimir
Saturday, August 15, Mass 4:00 pm MN Lake/STJB

Next week's readings:

First Reading— 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Second Reading — Romans 9:1-5
Gospel—Matthew 14:22-33

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$1,297	\$6,917.00	
Wells	\$3,865.85	\$17,242.85	
Easton	\$3,258.00	\$13,438.00	\$137,700.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2026

	Amount received	CMA amounts needed
Minnesota Lake	\$6,250.00	\$7,082
Wells	\$6,520.00	\$17,660
Easton	\$11,220.00	\$9,700

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently departed; *LaVonne Marie Thisius, MaryAnn Waitas and Christopher Hollund*
Soldiers Overseas : Andrea Schultz

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

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

WELLS RECTORY CLOSED

The rectory will be closed at noon on August 3, 2026. Sorry for any inconvenience.

GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive, Monday, August 3, 2026, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. Wells Community Center, West Room, 189 2nd St. SE Wells. Knights of Columbus please help unload at 10:45 am. Thank You! Visit; RedCrossBlood.org and enter WELSMN for an appointment or Call 1-800-REDCROSS. Next blood drive, October 5th, 2026. Come to give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift card by email. Terms: rcblood.org/August.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Russ and Ruth Sonnek Family will be participating in the Faribault County American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event for our 28th year on August 14th in Blue Earth. Anyone interested in making a cash donation or donating \$10 for a luminary in honor of or in memory of someone may mail your donation to 19406 460th Ave, Easton, MN 56025 or contact our family at 787-2220. All donation go to the American Cancer Society for research and cancer patient and family support. Prayers for a successful event are appreciated. Thank you.

FRANCIS & CLARE a Musical-Winona, MN

Their path challenged the love of power with power of love, and changed the world.

August 13-15 @ 7pm

August 15 @ 2pm

Page Theatre, St. Mary's University

Tickets: bit.ly/francisandclare or mumn.edu/events or scan:



ORGAN RECITAL AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

All are invited for an organ recital by Scott Turkington at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Mr. Turkington is the Director of Sacred Music at the Shrine. Admission is free and donations are accepted. Sunday, August 16, 2026, at 3:00 pm, Shrine Church, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

(For more information, visit <https://pilgrims.guadalupeshrine.org/e/1058233/vents-turkington-recital-2026-/yfqz2/1676549086/h/jwZYrGxvHH98oBcoAKjYzwxnMH5IFisFRdez0QAxdVQ>)



Francis & Clare: A Musical

August 13th & 14th @ 7PM | August 15th @ 2PM & 7PM
St. Mary's University's Page Theatre (700 Terrace Heights, Winona)
Tickets: bit.ly/francisandclare

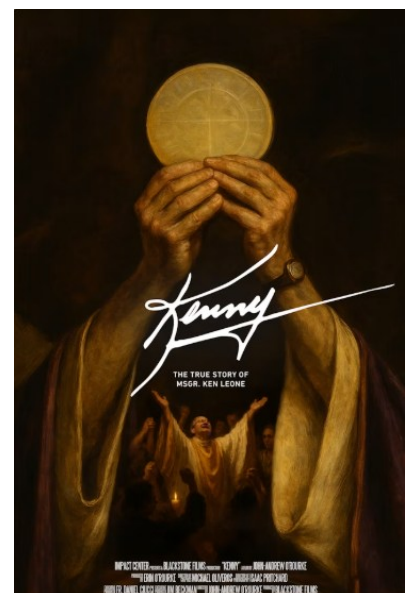
Come show your support for Catholic Charities and local arts at the same time! The show follows St. Francis and Clare of Assisi, as they each began questioning the values of their society and struggled to find meaning. Out of this struggle grew a movement that valued community, relationships and a respect for all creatures that came to be the Franciscan religious order. **Net proceeds go to support Catholic Charities and Home & Community Options.**

Learn more at
ccsomn.org



This Week on Formed

Discover the inspiring true story of Msgr. Ken Leone, a beloved Catholic priest from the Archdiocese of Denver, whose deep faith and joyful witness transformed countless lives.



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