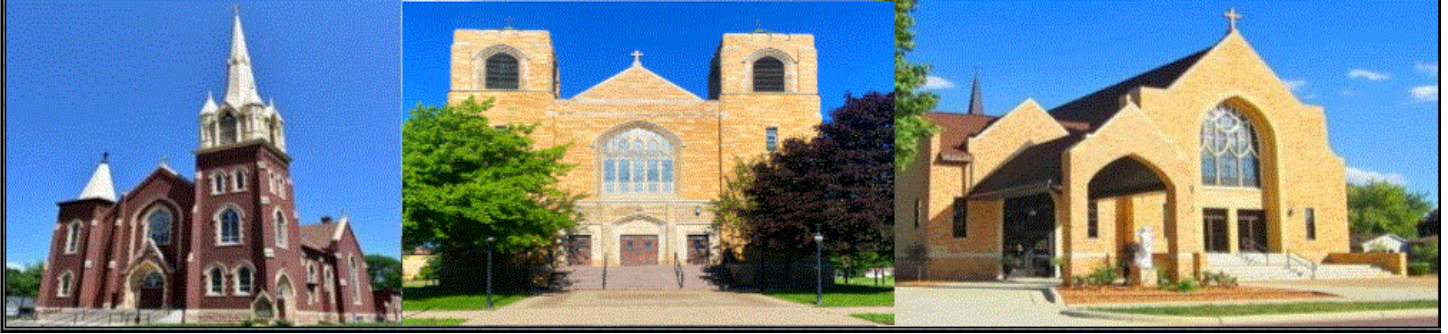


August 23, 2026 | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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. 25-30, 2026

<u>25</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+ James & + Marian Warmka
<u>26</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+ Chuck Cory
<u>27</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+ Marion Jones
<u>28</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Dominic Ceccoli
<u>29</u>	Sat.	4:00 pm	Mn Lake	+ Marian Weckwerth
<u>30</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+ Art Stenzel
<u>30</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+ Lou Becker

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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.

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	Harry Kayser
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	Lisa Schild	

PRAYER & WORSHIP

And I Will Raise You Up...

We all know that song. It is sung at practically every funeral mass. The title is “on Eagle’s Wings” and it is more commonly known by these words in the refrain: “and I will raise you up”. I refer to it as the “yoo-hoo” song, because it starts with the words: “you who dwell in the shelter of the Lord.” Whenever that song starts, I struggle to hide the smirk on my face as the musician calls out: ‘yoo-hoo’. Fr. Michael Joncas wrote that song based on psalm 91. It is rumored that he wished he never published it; too late now. It might not be his greatest work, but it certainly is his most popular song.

We have as a running theme in the readings for this Sunday that it is God who places us where he needs us to be. And if somebody is not getting the job done right, it is God who replaces him. You notice there is no mention of an election in the first reading. It is God who removes the Shebna from the palace and places Eliakim son of Hilkiah in the position of authority. The people didn’t chose Eliakim. It was God who raised him up to the position. He might have even been the last person the people would have chosen for that position. But it dose not matter, because God chose him. Just like God chose Peter and Paul and the other Apostles. They in turn chose their successors when the time came for them to hand their God given authority on to others.

God places us where we need to be in life because he needs us there. We might think that we are not worthy. We might think that we are too busy. We might think that we can’t work with others who are associated with the position God where God is asking us to be. We need to remember that God is not asking us for our opinion when he calls us. He is asking us to do something for him. It is a command, not a suggestion. We see in the gospel reading for this Sunday that God is telling Peter that he is the rock upon which the Church is built. And he is telling Peter that leading the Church is not entirely up to him. Christ is the head of the Church and all authority comes from him alone. And we see that Jesus Christ offers a broad latitude to those he exults. Say yes to God and receive more than you can imagine forever!

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.

LITURGICAL LIFE



Sunday, August 30, 2026

Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Sat. 4:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 10:00 am
SERVERS	Carson Mullery Gavin Chirpich Jordy Ingaszewski	Cameron Linder Austin Rath Ellie Rath
SACRISTAN	Arnie Stenzel	Jonah Lippert
LECTOR	Brian Bias Mark Nowak	Jon Rath
EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Adam Henning Larry Brand Arnie Stenzel	Chelsea Sonnek Ryan Strom Sally Strom Dean Warmka C
USHERS	Marilyn Staloch Eric Neubauer Matt Zebro Jon Feist	Tony Stevermer Todd Sonnek Logan Strom
ROSARY	Larry Brand	Sue Rath
Shepherd's Inn	Linda Enser	
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.



Seniors Connect by Staying Active

Catholic Charities offers twice weekly exercise classes for seniors in 45 communities throughout Southern MN. Here is what a recent Winona participant shared about her experience: "I am 83 years old and have never been one to attend an exercise class until now! I attend three times a week! Learning strength training, balance, aerobics, and more! We are all encouraged to work at our own pace. The instructor, Barb, is particularly fun and encouraging. Being in this church (St. Casimir's) holds a special memory as well. My grandfather was a contractor and built many Catholic Churches in the area. My job each summer was to drive him to all the sites. Thank you so very much for all you do."

Learn more at
ccsomn.org



FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

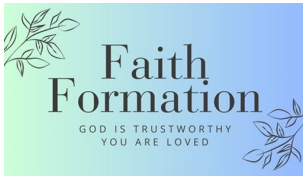
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$513.00	\$8,964.00	
Wells	\$2,917.00	\$26,749.25	\$349,085.00
Easton	\$6,765.00	\$23,591.00	\$137,700.00

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



Faith Formation is excited to get started this fall. CALLING all incoming first grade students. Please email, Faith Formation Coordinator, Kristen Dulas at 25stcfaitformation@gmail.com with your contact information. Also, any new Parish families with students, please reach out to Kristen to be added to the Faith Formation communications.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Russ and Ruth Sonnek family would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Thanks to you, the Miller Team was able to raise over \$11,800 this year for cancer research and patient and family support. Your thoughtfulness and prayer support were greatly appreciated. May God Bless you all for your selfless generosity.

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: sevensisterswinonarocheester@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.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS WORKSHOP

Interfaith Caregivers will be hosing a Dementia Friends workshop on Tuesday Sept. 29 at 10:00 at our offices at 301 N. Main St. Blue Earth. If you know someone with Dementia or are caring for someone with Dementia and you want to understand the disease better, or you want to get some helpful takeaway on handling situations, this workshop is for you. It is a 60 minute, interactive workshop. Please RSVP to 507-526-4684 by Mondy 9/28/26 to reserve your spot.

This Week on Formed



The Heart of Prayer

Presented in partnership with the National Eucharistic Congress, Heart of Prayer invites participants into an intimate and peaceful retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota. Bishop Cozzens leads viewers through eight sessions of teaching and reflection on prayer and its place in our spiritual life. Set in the beautiful Chateau on the Augustine Institute Campus, Heart of Prayer reveals the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth. Through their time with Bishop Cozzens, viewers will quiet their hearts and minds to hear the voice of God calling to them in their life of prayer.