

## August 3, 2025 | 18th 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. 5-10, 2025

<u>5</u>	Tues.	5:30 pm	Wells	+Lloyd Seipp
<u>6</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Louis & +Veronica Sonnek deceased family members
<u>7</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+Burton & +Donna Schroeder
<u>8</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Dominic Ceccoli
<u>9</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Mn Lake	+Virginia Drager
<u>10</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Fr. Eugene Stenzel
<u>10</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Dana Murry

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:

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 Ascherman
Sharon Obermeyer	Frank Diaz	Norbert Yokiel
Donnie Becker	Cathy Pluym	Carol Gregor
Vincent Schultz	Jan Elmer	Cletus Rath
Grant Supalla	Mark Voitias	

### PARISH PRIEST

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

18<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday, August 3, 2025-C Cycle

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

The parable of the foolish rich man: 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Luke 12: 13-21

**Greed wants to divide, just as love desires to gather.** Jesus has been approached to settle such an argument over an inheritance. Jesus responds not by taking sides but by addressing the greed that has brought both sides to near blows.

Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who, in the midst of his good fortune, loses his sense of what is really important.

**Possessions create an illusion that we can control our lives.** The "foolish" rich man in today's Gospel sadly discovers that wealth in the reign of God has nothing to do with stock portfolios, bank accounts or the social register.

**Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool?** Jesus does not fault the rich man for his industriousness and skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness: *it's mine, all mine and no one else's.*

**The rich fool had lost the capacity to express his concern for others.** His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul!

**What is Jesus' lesson on using material possessions?** It is in giving that we receive. Those who are rich towards God receive ample rewards, not only in this life but in eternity as well.

**Faith is the constant awareness that life is not a destination in itself but a journey to God and that death is the final passageway.**

**Let us reflect about greed in life that does not consist in the abundance of possessions.** The rich man's possessions give him false security and evidence to feel he has the total enjoyment of life. Yet fear and insecurity plague his soul. Life itself is futile.

**Every human person should have a purpose in life to identify what is essential in life and separate it from what is not.** We are called upon to seek what is above, namely, the values of God. We are measured by not what we own but what we share in love of God & neighbor.

~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 10, 2025

Minnesota Lake      WELLS      EASTON  
 Sat | 5:00 pm      Sunday | 8:00 am      Sunday | 10:00 am

**SERVERS**  
 Loxlee Feist      Ava Petersen  
 Lennox Feist      Gabriel Petersen  
 Tillia Goette      Nicholas Scheid

**SACRISTAN**  
 Brian Bias      Dianne Rauenhorst

**LECTOR**  
 Brian Bias      Cheryl Warmka  
 Blaine Bias

**ORGANIST**  
 Connie Stenzel      Mary Kayser

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
 Scott Bute      Joyce Eastvold  
 Mark Schmitz      Jeff Rath  
                          Yvonne Cory  
                          Ryan Strom

**USHERS**  
 Mark Ignaszewski      Dan Haugh  
 Mark Herman      Dave O'Rourke  
 Kyle Chirpich      Sheldon Stevermer  
 Orland Yokiel

**ROSARY**  
 Scott Bute      Dianne Rauenhorst

**Shepherd's Inn**  
 Lea Nowak

**MONEY COUNTERS**  
                          **Team**      Ruth Sonnek  
                          3      Dale Stevermer

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

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$713.00	\$6,930.00	\$
Wells	\$2,914.15	\$16,392.24	\$
Easton	\$2,158.00	\$9,374.60	\$137,700.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025		
Minnesota Lake	\$1,900.00	Goal \$8119
Wells	\$10,706.00	Goal \$20,793
Easton	\$12,768.75	\$2,085.75 over goal!

### 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



This summer, by exploring the lives of the saints from the past, we will understand that God generously gives us the grace to become saints today.

[watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed](http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed).

Next week's readings:  
**Wisdom 18:6-9;**  
**Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**  
**Recently departed; Janice Rucker**  
 Whenever any of our parish members of 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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## **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.

## **SHARE YOUR TALENTS**

St. Casimir's is looking for persons who have maintenance talents, such as electrical, plumbing, carpenters, lawn mowing and painters willing to sign up and volunteer your time helping with projects at St. Casimir. There will be a sign up sheet in the handicap entrance.

### **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.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

The Russ and Ruth Sonnek Family will be participating in the Faribault County American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event on August 8th 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 donations go to the American Cancer Society for research and cancer patient and family support. Prayers for a successful event are welcome.

## **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 4 Gap \$25, 1-Hallmark \$25, 1- LL Bean \$25, 2-Ulta Beauty \$25.

## **Faith Formation News**

It has been a joy and an honor to have led St. Casimir's Faith Formation program for the past 10 years. After much prayer, I have decided to step down from my position as coordinator. Several factors have influenced my decision, including personal and family reasons. I wish to sincerely thank our parishioners for their support, the families we have served through the years, and our many dedicated catechists and helpers for their generous contributions to our program. I will still be present as an available mentor to new leadership as needed.

Please prayerfully consider if God may be calling you! St. Casimir seeks a part-time faithful, practicing Catholic to coordinate our Grade 1-11 program. This is a joyful and rewarding position and much of the groundwork has already been laid out for the 2025-2026 school year. If you feel called to share the gift of our Catholic faith with our families and young people, please contact Lisa Bute via phone or text, or by email at [faithstc33@gmail.com](mailto:faithstc33@gmail.com) or Fr. Pratap for more information.