

September 14, 2025 | 24th 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: Sept. 16-18, 20-21 2025

* No Mass in Wells on Friday, September 19, 2025*

<u>16</u>	Tues.	5:30 pm	Wells	+James & +Marian Warmka
<u>17</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Terry Hassing
<u>18</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+Ray & +Bernice Hemmingsen
<u>20</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Mn Lake	+Fr. Eugene Stenezel
<u>21</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Richard Stenzel
<u>21</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Jim Willette

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	Dace Smith	Dave Sonnek
Steve Sonnek	Craig Sonnek	Jan Stenzel
Sue Sonnek	Zach Fendrich	Colette Caeli Drees
Teresa Berry	Charlie Kalis	Richard Stenzel
Chuck Evan	Don Yokiel	Mary Stevermer
Rosemary Larson	Koltun Kunz	Tiffany Sonnek
Ann Ehrich	Ken Tibodeau	Jackie Guibert
Steve Warmka	Colton Smith	Darrin Hueper
Quentin Staloch	Tyler Doyle	Katie Ascherman
Grace Drager	Jane Swehla	Norbert Yokiel
Sharon Obermeyer	Frank Diaz	Carol Gregor
Donnie Becker	Cathy Pluym	Bonnie Schuster
Vincent Schultz	Jan Elmer	Mark Woitas
Grant Supalla	Mike Redig	Gregory Woitas
Chris Volz	Lisa (Schultz) Schild	MaryAnn Woitas
Betty Ziegler	Orland Drager	

PARISH PRIEST

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

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross-24th Ordinary Sunday, September 14, 2025-C Cycle
Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Today, we celebrate the triumph of love over death, as we honor the Holy Cross, the instrument of Christ's sacrifice and our salvation. The Cross, once a symbol of shame and suffering, has become for us the sign of victory, hope, and divine mercy.

Jesus' death on the Cross as well as His resurrection and return to the Father are one event. The Cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus' being lifted up on the Cross, bringing Salvation.

Why do we Christians insist on celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Non-believers looking at the cross, see nothing but a symbol of total defeat for Jesus. They see a life ignominiously cut short by torture and death and wonder why we Christians focus on this aspect. Why not focus, for example, on the perennial value of Jesus' teaching and example, rather than on this embarrassing end to His life?

But we Christians insist on exalting the cross of Christ. We even choose the Cross as the central symbol of our faith, more significant than any other symbol! Why?

Jesus' Cross becomes the occasion for His transformation: "He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a Cross. *Because of this*, God greatly exalted Him." For St. Paul, Jesus' embracing His Cross is the occasion for His restoration to His divine dignity and glory with the Father, not defeat but triumph!

The cross, without the Redeemer, is sheer cynicism; but with the Son of man the Cross is the new tree of Wisdom.

By "freely submitting Himself to the passion" of the Cross, Jesus Christ has opened the substance and purpose for our lives: to be lifted up with Him to the Holy Cross to fling open our arms and our hearts to God's heavenly gift, in an admirable exchange.

The Gospel reading of today, echoing the Old Testament story, assures us Christians that by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus raised up and mounted upon the Cross, we too will be saved from death: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life".

There is no Christianity without the Cross, and there is no Cross without Jesus Christ. Therefore, a Christian who is not able to glory in Christ Crucified has not understood what it means to be Christian. ~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 Sept 21st. 2025

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	EASTON
Sat 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Carson Mullery Colton Mullery Nathan Mullery	Ellie Rath Maria Sonnek McKenna Stelpflug
SACRISTAN	Brian Bias	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Brian Bias Kylee Koziolk	Nancy Linder
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Don Chirpich Mark Nowak Lea Nowak	Doug Ascheman Teresa Schimek Jon Rath C
USHERS	Jon Feist Randy Feist Rick Herman Harold Goeden	Mark Braunshausen Todd Sonnek Dale Yokiel
ROSARY	Tim Klein	Sue Rath
Shepherd's Inn	Larry Brand	
MONEY COUNTERS	Team 4	Cheryl Warmka Mark Braunshausen

Next week's readings:
Amos 8:4-7 (I35C) ;
1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$1,243.00	\$17,334.54	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$3,792.75	\$37,541.79	\$
Easton	\$1,516.00	\$25,593.10	\$137,700.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025		
Minnesota Lake	\$6,100	Goal \$8119, Needed \$2,019
Wells	\$11,131.00	Goal \$20,793, Needed \$9,662
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



Sunday, September 21st, 2025, St. Casimir's Church is having Coffee and Donuts after 8:00 am Mass. Free will donations. Proceeds go towards; altar linens and sacred vessels. All are welcome.



IN OUR PRAYERS:
Recently departed; Todd Schuster
 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

BLOOD DRIVE-new location

Monday September 15, 2025, 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. Wells Community Center, West Room 189 2nd St. SE. Knights of Columbus please help unload at 8:45 am. Thank You! Visit; RedCrossBlood.org and enter WELLSMN for an appointment or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

OLMC West Church Steps

The west Church steps are being replaced starting Monday, September 15, 2025. The project should be completed in one and a half weeks. The only Sunday affected will be Sunday, September 21st. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR PARKING AND CHURCH ACCESS USING ANOTHER DOOR ON THE SOUTH-WEST OR SOUTHEAST SIDE OF THE CHURCH. Thank you for your patience and consideration during the replacement of the steps!

THE RELICS OF ST. PADRE PIO

God still works miracles. Christ's healing mission and the powerful intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Sept. 14-16, 2025, St. John Vianney Church, 901 S. Prairie Ave. Fairmont, MN. Presentations of the Life of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Veneration of Relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Healing Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, Pray of Healing. There will be a movie night on Sept 7 a Docudrama about the Life of Padre Pio served up with popcorn and pop.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING

You are invited to attend the Confirmation Informational Meeting on Wednesday, September 17th, 6:30 pm, St. Casimir Church Hall. This is for parents and students in grades 8 through 11. We will review the new guidelines and confirmation requirements set by the Diocese of Winona. To meet these guidelines, confirmation preparation will begin with pre-confirmation in grade 8 and each succeeding year will be classes in preparation for confirmation. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call Dianne Rauenhurst at [507-525-0900](tel:507-525-0900).



Pier Giorgio Frassati: If I Didn't Have Love

A classic Italian movie re-mastered and re-released to celebrate the canonization in 2025 of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925). This is available now on Formed



Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org. Anyone working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school is a mandated reporter. Anyone who knows or has reason to believe that a minor (a person under the age of 18) or vulnerable adult is or has been abused or neglected, must report all suspected abuse or neglect to proper civil authorities/law enforcement within 24 hours of the abuse or neglect becoming known to him or her and must also follow up with a written report to civil authorities within 72 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays. Many people working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school, including clergy, are mandated reporters under state law.