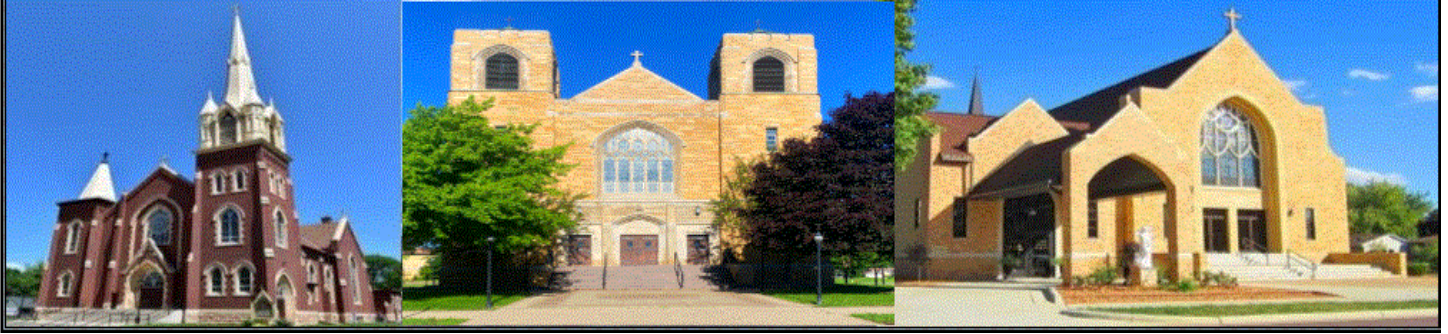


September 6, 2026 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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: Sept. 8-13, 2026

<u>8</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Elaine Wach
<u>9</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+ Butch Becker
<u>10</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+ Norbert Yokiel
<u>11</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Tony Bias
<u>12</u>	Sat.	4:00 pm	Mn Lake	+ Barney & + Bebs Neubauer
<u>13</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+ Todd Schuster
<u>13</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	Rick & Anne Becker 50th anniversary
<u>14</u>	Mon.	6:00 pm	Easton	+ Louie and + Marvel Staloch

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Tri-Parish Reconciliations: available 30 minutes prior to each weekend 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

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:

Recently departed; Gregory Sonnek, Paul Mosser, and Lisa (Schultz) Schild

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	Jerry Sime
Sharon Obermeyer	Jane Swehla	Mark Woitas	Gerard Bach	Darlene Holte
Jan Elmer	Cathy Pluym	Donnie Becker	Bill Kalis	
Mike Redig	Frank Diaz	Gregory Woitas		

PRAYER & WORSHIP

On Care...

The first reading and the gospel passage are replete with messages of caring for nature. We call that stewardship. Admittedly, stewardship of the environment is not the central point of these readings. The central point is God's mercy. Matthew the evangelist shows us how upset and angry Jesus is with those who just want their own convenient way, rather than being obedient to the faith. They are a nest of vipers. With that being said, one cannot escape the use of nature and care for a vineyard as an example of how to live the faith. Bear with me as I depart somewhat from the central message of our Lord.

Autumn was always an exciting time around our family farm. The hay mow was full, the silos were filling and we could see the corn and beans ripening day after day. It didn't take long to get into those fields. Fall was a time of year to see all the spring and summer work come to fruition. Even the dairy cows contributed to the abundance. Although we had some spring calving, the majority of the herd, and especially the first calf heifers, were on a fall calving cycle. Almost every day we would have one or two and possibly three or more new-born calves. This meant that we had an extra animal on the farm, and that another cow had begun her 305 day lactation cycle. More milk in the tank! A good and bountiful product was the final goal.

We loved life on the farm. We loved caring for the land, the cattle, the horses and sheep. We were sickened when we saw a heavy wash in one of our fields after a torrential rain. We were saddened whenever one of our animals wasn't well. We knew that the land and the livestock were ours to care for. We knew that we had to take care of them, if they were going to provide a living for us. A farm family cannot live very well on land that is not cared for or livestock that are not properly tended to.

I guess my take on stewardship here is not as far from the original point our Lord was making when he told this parable to his disciples. If we do not tend to our faith – attend Mass on Sunday, fulfill Holy Days of Obligation, defend life and love, feed the poor – we will not have healthy lives. If we do not live our faith, the whole world suffers. More importantly, we would not be able to reach the final goal of glorification promised by our Lord.

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.

Pre-Cana, Saturday, October 10, 2026, 9:00 am– 6:00 am. 1817 County RD 6, La Crescent, MN

On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs, his first sign-at his mother's request-during a wedding feast (John 2, 1-11). The Church attaches great importance to Jesus's presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence. Pre-Cana is an opportunity for engaged couples to prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. They will learn about the beauty of Marriage as a sacrament and about how they can be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence to each other, to their future children and to those around them.

LITURGICAL LIFE



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.

Carmelite Meeting , Saturday, September 12,2026

No Mass due to a funeral at STJB.



STJB BAPTISM: We welcome into the Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism, William John Bach, who was baptized at St. John the Baptist Church on **August 29th**. He is the infant son of Joe and Danielle Bach of Minnesota Lake. May God lead him along life's journey of faith.



National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month. We often think of preparedness in the context of natural disasters, such as tornadoes or floods, but there are many kinds of weather, community, or family emergencies that we all must be prepared for. Whether it is a power outage, winter storm, or a death in the family, make sure you have the necessary supplies, tools, and documents in place before an emergency strikes! Catholic Charities Disaster Services offers workshops to help your family, parish, and community prepare. To host a workshop in your parish or community, contact Isaac Landsteiner (ilandsteiner@ccsomn.org).

Learn more at
ccsomn.org



Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Sat. 4:00 pm	Sun. 8:00 am	Sun. 10:00 am
SERVERS	Clara Bushlack Loxlee Feist Lennox Feist	Claire Schimek Sophia Schimek Josette Schimek
SACRISTAN	Arnie Stenzel	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Mark Nowak Scott Bute	Cheryl Warmka
EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Bev Klein Arnie Stenzel Larry Brand	Don Linder Nancy Linder Lindsay Linder Jon Rath C
USHERS	Matt Zebro Mark Ignaszewski Linda Sonnek Diane Dulas	Mark Braunshausen Dan Haugh Troy Petersen
ROSARY	Scott Bute	Maury Schimek
Shepherd's Inn	Joanne Tibodeau	
MONEY COUNTERS	Joyce Enrich Joanne Haugh Amanda Sonnek	Mark Braunshausen Cheryl Warmka

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$649.00	\$13,625.00	\$120,416.00
Wells	\$8,382.50	\$40,386.65	\$349,085.00
Easton	\$1,743.00	\$26,704.77	\$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—Sirach 27:30-28:7

Second Reading — Romans 14:7-9

Gospel— Matthew 18:21-35

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

STJB FUNERAL

Greg Sonnek of Minnesota Lake passed away on August 28th, 2026. Funeral will be on Saturday, September 12 at STJB at 11:00 am. Visitation will be at Nasinec's Funeral Home on Friday, September 11 from 4-7.

OLMC MCCW will hold their Fall Meeting on Sunday, September 13 after Mass in Madonna Hall. All are welcome and invited to attend.

WELLS VFW BREAKFAST BUFFET

SUNDAY, Sept. 13th 8 am– noon. Scrambles eggs, sausage links & patties, ham, seasoned potatoes, biscuits & gravy, Made to order pancakes and French toast. Proceeds go to USC Backpack program.

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.

Rochester Medical Mission Items Needed: Our annual Rochester Medical Mission collection of baby items, school items, medical supplies, and sewing materials will be held during the month of September. A full listing of items being requested may be found attached to the collection tubs which are located at each entrance of the church. Please search your home for any extra or gently used items you may wish to donate. The Rochester Medical Mission will have a truck at the fall WRDCCW Convention to receive our donations. Thank you for sharing your wealth with those in need. Haiti is still suffering hardships and much unrest, so shipments are unable to get to them; they need all our prayers, so things get better for them.



OCIA (formerly RCIA)

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Our tri-parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share the truths of the Catholic faith. Join us in an open and welcoming environment as we discover what Catholics believe. These sessions will also give you the opportunity to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. Our first session will be **Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** This session will be introductory in nature as you begin to discern your next steps. For further information, please contact the tri-parish office at 507-553-5391 or Scott and Lisa Bute at 507-383-5895.

STC Faith Formation is excited to get started this fall. **CALLING** all incoming first grade students. Please email, Faith Formation Coordinator, Kristen Dulas at 25faithformationstc@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. **Classes start on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026.**

OLMC Faith Formation

As we begin this year, let us commit ourselves to being a parish that forms disciples—intentionally, joyfully, and faithfully. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide our conversations, our learning, and our hearts. And let us remember that Christ Himself walks with us, teaching us, encouraging us, and calling us ever deeper into His love. Classes begin Sunday, September 20, 2026. Contact Chris Schultz.

SJTB FAITH FORMATION

Registration is open for the Faith Formation Program K-12 through the St. Teresa's Parish in Mapleton. Please contact Abi Lang at sjsmst.faith@gmail.com or by calling [507-995-3193](tel:507-995-3193). To register your child through the St. Casimir or the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Faith Formation Program please contact Faith Formation Coordinator, Kristen Dulas at 25faithformationstc@gmail.com or Faith Formation Coordinator, Chris Schultz at olmc@bevcomm.net. If you have any questions or need help registering, please call Rhonda Drager, [507-462-3636](tel:507-462-3636) or [507-380-8591](tel:507-380-8591) or email at stjb@bevcomm.net