

December 8, 2024 | The Second Sunday of Advent



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 Dec. 9 –15, 2024

<u>9</u>	Mon.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Lowell Schuster
<u>9</u>	Mon.	6:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+ Frank Wingen
<u>10</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+ James Bute
<u>11</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+ Bob Doyle
<u>12</u>	Thurs	8:30 am	Minnesota Lake	+ Mildred Stencel
<u>13</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Art Stenzel
<u>14</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+ Arnold & + Marian Redig
<u>15</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+ Ben Bushlack
<u>15</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+ Bernard Stevermer

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:

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| Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator | • Dace Smith | • Tiffany Sonnek |
| • Kroy Kalis | • Craig Sonnek | • Mike Redig |
| • Triston Father | • Zach Fendrich | • Dave Sonnek |
| • Steve Sonnek | • Charlie Kalis | • Jan Stenzel |
| • Sue Sonnek | • Don Yokiel | • Dale and Marg Sonnek |
| • Sheila Runquist | • Koltun Kunz | • Colette Caeli Drees |
| • Dennis Thisius | • Ken Tibodeau | • Richard Stenzel |
| • Teresa Berry | • Colton Smith | • Don Leesch |
| • Chuck Evan | • Tyler Doyle | |
| | • Jon Rath | |

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:00 am—3:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am-4:30pm

Daily Lunch 11:30 am—Noon

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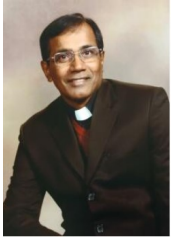
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

2nd Advent Sunday, December 8, 2024 – C Cycle

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

John's baptism at the Jordan was a rite of repentance and *metanoia*: a conversion of heart and mind. The Baptizer's ministry fulfilled the promise of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36: 25-26) that at the dawn of a new age, the God of Israel would purify His people from their sins with clean water and instill in them a new heart and spirit.

Ronald Rolheiser, a theologian, in his book "Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Community", writes about the two baptisms John speaks of in today's Gospel: "John's baptism is only a preparation for Jesus' baptism.

What's John's baptism? It is a baptism of repentance, a realization of what we are doing wrong and a clear resolution to correct our bad behavior.

What is Jesus' baptism? It is an entry into grace and community in such a way that empowers us internally to do what is impossible for us to do by our willpower alone."

Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing His Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging.

Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin (wrong-doing) and turning to God to receive His pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong.

Each one of us is called to be a prophet of Christ. The same Word that came to John in the desert comes to each of us in the deserts of our own hearts, enabling us to transform the wastelands and straighten the winding roads of our lives in the compassion and justice of God.

John comes to fulfill Isaiah's vision of the prophet: to "make straight" a highway for God, to create a level road for all of us to travel to the kingdom of God.

In baptism, we take on that same prophetic role of "road building" to create passageways and entries of hope, healing and support for all of us to complete our journey to God's dwelling place. ~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

Liturgical Roles -Sunday Dec. 15 2024

Minnesota Lake Saturday 5:00 pm	WELLS Sunday 8:00 am	EASTON Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Abby Chirpich Gavin Chirpich Carson Mullery	Claire Schimek Sophia Schimek
SACRISTAN	Arnie Stenzel	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Tim Klein	Don Linder
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jerry Dulas Mark & Lea Nowak	Doug Ascheman Yvonne Cory Dean Warmka (C)
USHERS	Jon Feist Randy Feist Matt Zebro Rick Herman	Dale Yokiell Todd Sonnek Tyler Sonnek
GIFT BEARERS	John & Nikki Feist Family	
ROSARY	Mike & Elaine Hernandez	Carolyn Willette
SHEPHERD'S INN	Larry Brand	
MONEY COUNTERS	5	Jeff Rath Dean Schimek

This week's readings: **Baruch 5:1-9;**
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6
Next week's readings: **Zephaniah 3:14-18a;**
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

CHURCH SUPPORT

	Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Needed	\$ 2,173	\$6,654	\$ 2,529
Given	\$34,347.95	\$86,933.61	\$55,638.00
Budget	\$47,806.00	\$139,839.00	\$55,311.05
Thanksgiving	\$300.00	\$205.00	\$8,662.00

Adoration

Confessions and Adoration 11:00 am to Noon

Starting December 7th, 2024

1st Sat.-Easton - 11:00 am -Noon

2nd Sat.-MN Lake-11:00 am -Noon

3rd Sat. - Wells; 11:00 am -12:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration for the Tri-parish will resume weekly 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

Come join us

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

December 8th, 9:00 a.m.
St. Casimir Church Hall

Hosted by St. Casimir Church Hall
Home and School Association

Please join us for Coffee, rolls and Fellowship
Free will donation

All proceeds will benefit the students of SCCS.

In our Prayers:

Soldiers Overseas:

Bernard D. Steinhauer

Recently Departed

Whenever any of our parish members or families are in need of special prayers, please call and we will begin our prayer lines for any need—give only the details you wish. OLMC-Sue Cory 787-2598, STJB-Rhonda Drager 462-3627, STC-Barb Stenzel 553-3805

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

	Parish Goal	\$ Received
Minnesota Lake	\$7,965	\$8,373 (\$408.00 over Goal)
Wells	\$21,089	\$18,518
Easton	\$10,683	\$10,683

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. Casimir School is having a Christmas program, Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 pm. SCCS gymnasium, 330 2nd Ave SW, Wells. In the spirit of Christmas please bring a canned food item or warm clothing donation to bless families in need this season.

CONFESSIONS

December 11, 2024, St. Casimir's Parish there will be confessions at 6:30 pm for Faith Formation students and our Tri-Parish. Also, confessions for our Tri-parish will start December 7 in Easton, December 14, in Minnesota Lake and December 21 in Wells. Everyone is welcome to come to any parish for confessions on these dates.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

OLMC MCCW holiday Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024 in Madonna Hall from 11 am to 1 pm. MCCW members are asked to donate holiday baked items for this most successful fundraiser. Baked items may be dropped off on Saturday, December 7 between 1-3 pm at the Church, or Sunday December 8 before 10 am. There will also be a Soup Luncheon served from 11 am to 1 pm along with the Holiday Bake sale on December 8. All are welcome to attend!

TRIPARISH END OF YEAR GIFT GIVING

As we reach the end of the calendar year, please remember your parish in your gift-giving. Your financial support is appreciated as we work together for God's Kingdom here on earth. To be included in the 2024 giving, all donations need to be received by [December 31, 2024](#).

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Memorial donations for Christmas environment are now being accepted. Forms can be found at the Church entrances and can be filled out and placed in the offering basket or sent to the respective parish office. Memorial donation envelopes may also be found with your contribution envelopes. If you choose to designate in memory or in honor of someone, please include their name (s) on or in the envelope. Please have them turned in by December 22, 2024

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give the best gift possible this Christmas, an awesome marriage! Make plans today to attend the December 14-15 Marriage encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Information and register at www.marriages.org If you have any questions, please call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238 or email Mary@marriages.org. We encourage couples to renew and restore their commitment to Catholic Christian marriage.

2025 CALENDARS

Caleendars are now available in all three Churches. Thank you, again, to our very generous donors who supply these each year for all of us ~ what a blessing! Thank you to Mark Schmitz of State Farm, and Herman Manufacturing for the generous donation of the calendars. We are so blessed!

2024 SHOEMAKER'S APPEAL

In the up coming days, every household in our tri-parish as well as those of our St. Casimir's Catholic Scholl alumni will be receiving an invitation to help support the school's mission by donating to this cause. Our goal this year is to raise \$35,000.00, and we are very hopeful of receiving wide-spread support! In mailing out the invitations, it is understood that we do not have the most recent addresses for our school alumni and that many times, the letter addressed to adult members may still be sent to their parental home. If you are able to share this mailing with your child/ren, it would be much appreciated. It would also be wonderful if you are able to assist us by sending your children's current addresses to the school at casimir@bevcomm.net or to St. Casimir's Catholic School, 330 2nd Ave. SW, Wells, so that our records can be updated. Thank you so very much for your help!

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

Saturday, December 14th, Kremer House Museum and Library, Minnesota Lake. Sing along starts at 12:00 noon. Santa arrives at 1:00 p.m. Register for gift certificates Noon-1:00. Prizes drawn at 1:15 pm, must be present to win, one certificate per family. Sponsored by the MN Lake Area Historical Society, Garden Club and the MN Lake Lions Club.