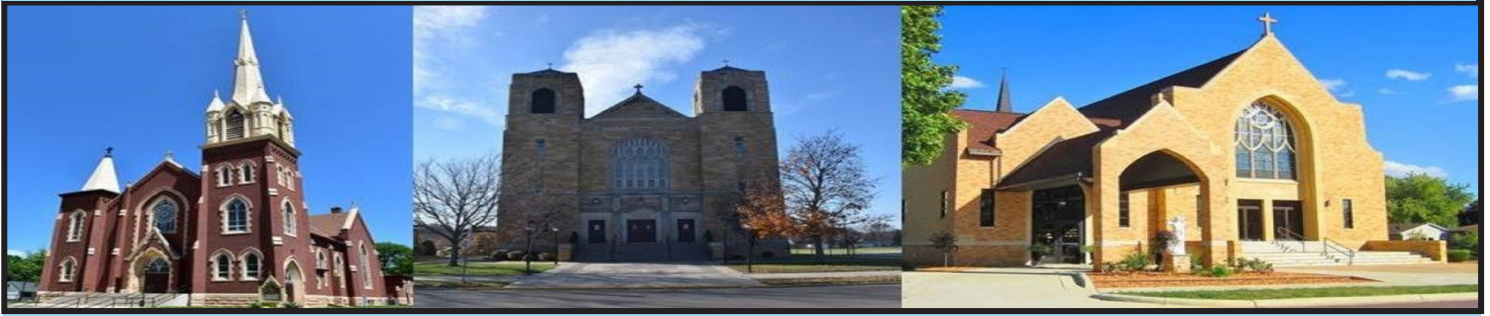


# MAY 5, 2024 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**St. John the Baptist Church** | P.O. Box 158, Minnesota Lake, MN 56068 | Mass: 5:00 pm

**St. Casimir Church** | 320 2nd Ave SW, Wells MN. 56097 | Sunday Mass: 8:00 am

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church** | 27 Main Street, Easton, MN 56025 | Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

7 <u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Wells	+Charlie Neubauer
8 <u>Wed</u>	8:30am	Easton	+Marie Miller
9 <u>Thurs</u>	8:30am	Minnesota Lake	+Marion Jones
10 <u>Friday</u>	8:30am	Wells	+Bob & Marge Thomas Family
11 <u>Sat.</u>	5:00pm	Minnesota Lake	+Arnie Sonnek
12 <u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Wells	+Marlene Staloch
12 <u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Easton	+Mary Helen O'Rourke

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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:

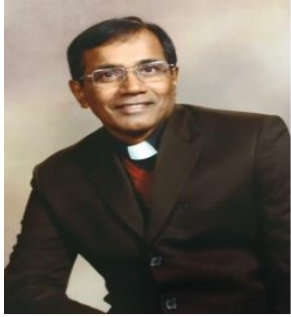
#### Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator

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| • Kroy Kalis    | Triston Father       | Steve Sonnek   |
| • Sue Sonnek    | Sheila Runquist      | Dennis Thisius |
| • Teresa Berry  | Chuck Evan           | Dace Smith     |
| • Craig Sonnek  | Zach Fendrich        | Charlie Kalis  |
| • John Volz     | Steve Stenzel        | Betty Thisius  |
| • Jeanne Miller | Dale and Marg Sonnek | Colton Smith   |
| • Jeremy Kolars | Don Yokiel           | Dennis Thisius |
| • Koltun Kunz   | Ken Tibodeau         | Gary Bock      |
| • Jan Stenzel   | Tiffany Sonnek       | Mike Redig     |
| • Nancy Dylla   | Dave Sonnek          |                |
| • Jerome Leesch | Jan Willette         |                |



# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## | Weekly Gospel Meditation



**Readings: Acts of the Apostles 10: 25 -26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17**

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning.

The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening, and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love”. In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, success, and failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human.

God is love. God is the author and the origin of love. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus can call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open avenues for true justice. ~ Fr. Pratap



## SACRAMENTAL

**VOCATION VIEW:** *Peace be with you.* The Lord gives us his Easter peace. Share that peace with someone who needs it. (Luke 24:35-48)

**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.

## PRE CANA

May 18, 2024 – St. Thomas More Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES - May 12, 2024

Minnesota Lake Saturday   5:00pm	Wells Sunday   8:00 am	Easton Sunday   10:00 am
<b>SERVERS</b>	Juliana Dulas Loxee Feist Lucy Woodring	Makayla Ankeny Logan Strom
<b>LECTOR</b>	Brian Bias	Teresa Schimek
<b>Organist</b>	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Arnie Stenzel Bev Klein Lea Nowak	Yvonne Cory Ryan Strom
<b>USHERS</b>	John Tibodeau Chris Bushlack Rick Mueller	Dan Haugh Dave O'Rourke Troy Petersen
<b>SACRISTANS</b>	Brian Bias	Dianne Rauenhorst
<b>ROSARY</b>	Tim Klein	



This week's readings: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17  
Next week's readings: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, (60B) 1 John 4:11-16, John 17:11b-19

Funeral Mass for Raymond John Rauenhorst was celebrated on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 11:00 am in Easton.

Memorial Mass for Ardean Schultz was celebrated on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 11:00 am in Wells

St. Casimir Church, Wells  
First Communicants  
Sunday April 21st. 2024

Allessia Hernandez  
Bently Seedorf  
Calvin Guanella  
Chael Yokiel  
Gemma Woodring  
Georgia Guanella  
Gryer Goette  
Grayson Dulas  
Jordy Ignaszewski  
Josie Stenzel  
Leona Bushlack  
Rylan Haugh  
Marissa Obermeyer  
Congratulations!

### CHURCH SUPPORT

	Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
<b>Needed</b>	\$ 1,925	\$ 5,519	\$ 2500
<b>Given</b>	\$ 88,185.73	\$ 212,063	\$ 132,216.84
<b>Budget</b>	\$ 86,625.00	\$ 231,452	\$ 110,000

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

Parish Goal    \$ Received

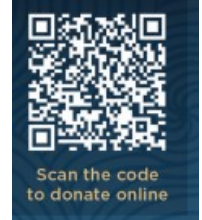
Minnesota Lake	\$7,965	\$ 8,073 (\$108.00 over Goal )
Wells	\$21,089	\$11,393
Easton	\$10,683	\$7,255

Baccalaureate Mass will be the weekend of  
May 18-19 for our Tri-Parish.



Please pledge your gift by 12.31.2024

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## MINNESOTA LAKE

**FR.PRATAP HOURS FOR MINNESOTA LAKE** Effective [May 1, 2024](#), Fr Pratap will be making himself available for our parishioners of St. John the Baptist at the rectory on [Thursdays](#) from 8:15 am to 5:00 pm.

### PARISH GATHERING

There will be a parish gathering after Mass on [Saturday, May 11](#) after 5:00 pm Mass. Serving refreshments. Father Pratap would like to hear any concerns from those who have any input to share.

### ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

All the adults, children, families, etc., of our Tri-parish are encouraged to be with the Lord, to converse with the Lord, to listen to the Lord and to experience the power of the Lord during Holy Hour. These quiet moments with the Lord can transform us in ways that you and I are unaware of. Take advantage of this opportunity. Come to the Lord. See the Lord on the Altar gazing at you. Speak to the Lord and listen to Him alone. Adoration will be held on [Saturday, May 11](#) from 11am to 12 noon. Please come and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This will reoccur every 2nd Saturday of the month for Minnesota Lake.

**THE DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER COURIER** is now available. Please pick up a copy on the back tables in Church.

**LITURGY ROLES:** Looking to become more involved in church? Please contact Rhonda Drager or Father Pratap if you would be interested in helping out with the rosary readings, serving, ushering, Eucharist minister, lector, or contribution steward.

### FR.PRATAP HOURS FOR WELLS

Effective [May 1, 2024](#), Fr Pratap will be making himself available for our parishioners of St. Casimir at the rectory on [Tuesdays](#) from Noon to 7:00 pm. And [Fridays](#) from 8:15 am to 5:00 pm.

### ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

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### ADORATION

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 away for a while and pray at any time. All are invited. For more information, please call the Tri-parish office at 507 553 5391 from 8:00-2:00 or leave a message.

### WELLS RECTORY-ILDA REYERSON

The office in Wells will be closed from [May 9th](#) to [19th](#) as Ilda will be on vacation.

### ROSARY

Will be prayed every night of the year at 7:30 pm.

### PARISH GATHERING

There will be a parish gathering after adoration and confessions from 11:00 am to noon at on [Saturday, May 26](#) in the Church basement. Father Pratap would like to hear any concerns from those who have any input to share.

### FR.PRATAP HOURS FOR EASTON

Effective [May 1, 2024](#), Fr Pratap will be making himself available for our parishioners of OLMC at the rectory on [Wednesday's](#) from 8:15 am to 5:00 pm.

### MOTHER'S DAY ROSE BOUQUETS

Mother's Day Rose Bouquets-Rose bouquets will be available on Mother's Day, [May 13](#) at OLMC before and after Mass. A donation of \$7 for a single rose, or three roses for \$20. Proceeds go to MCCL. This is the only fundraiser in Faribault County for MCCL. Any questions, call Monica Linder at 787-2258

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### PARISH GATHERING

There will be a parish gathering after Mass on [Sunday, May 5](#) in Madonna Hall. Father Pratap would like to hear any concerns from those who have any input to share.

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# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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## THE PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS AND ROME

Consider visiting the cities of Paris, Lourdes, Rome, and Assisi. This is an opportunity to explore the rich Catholic tradition of these places and experience the miracles of our Faith. If you are planning to take part in the tour, please sign up as soon as possible. The tour is scheduled for May 6—17, 2025. Sign up forms are in the brochures at entrances of your church.

**Diocesan Mass at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester— June 2, 2024:** Bishop Barron is inviting the whole Diocese to come celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the close of Parish Year, and the beginning of the Year of Mission with Mass at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. There will be a Eucharistic procession from the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist to the Civic Center before Mass, and from the Civic Center to St. Francis of Assisi after Mass. All are invited and welcome to participate in the Mass on June. Mass is scheduled to begin at 2pm at the Mayo Civic Center.

## Ministry Days June 18-19, 2024 at Saint Mary's University in Winona:

You are the Salt of the Earth: Baptized for Mission

Register by May 20. This year's focus will be the third year of the Eucharistic Revival: The year of Mission. It will place our attention on the role each of us is called to play in sharing the Gospel. Our theme comes from the Gospel of Matthew 5:13. "You are the salt of the earth." Our keynote speaker on Tuesday morning will be Deacon Keith Strohm, Executive Director of M3Ministries. We will pray and hear from Bishop Barron as well as he will be celebrating Holy Mass both days. Finally, on Wed., we will be offering breakfast sessions that are ministry/apostolate-specific and will be led by diocesan staff and other great leaders. All clergy, parish staff, parish volunteers, and apostolate leaders are encouraged to attend. Learn more and register on Ministry Days webpage: [dowr.org/offices/lay-formation/ministry-days.html](http://dowr.org/offices/lay-formation/ministry-days.html)

## Decree on Mass Stipends

The most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass recalls the Paschal Mystery and makes it new in every celebration. Celebrating the Eucharist is the highest form of liturgy celebrated by the Church. As such, it is effective for those who take part in the offering as well as for others who are not present at the Mass.

In particular, it is the immemorial custom of the Church to ask that priest apply the celebration of each Mass for a particular intention. Intention may be persons who are living or deceased. Intentions may also be made for a particular cause, a group of people, or for commemoration, ( Wedding, anniversary) Specific details of private intentions should be made known to the priest. Pastors are also expected to offer on Mass every Sunday and holy days of obligation for the people of the parish (canon 534) The Christian faithful themselves are encouraged to make known to priest the intention for which they wish the priest to offer the Mass. In doing so, those who are able may contribute at stipend that would be attached to the particular intention. Priests are encouraged to review canons 945-958 to ensure Mass stipends are treated appropriately and fulfilled in a timely manner.

Jesus tell us in Matthew 10:10 that "the laborer deserves his keep." The church has interpreted this statement to refer to, among others, the priest of the Church. It is fitting, therefore that a priest receives a stipend from the Christian faithful who are able to give it, not as a payment for a sacrament, but as part of his wage for the most important work that priest do: Confect the Eucharist so that the people of God may benefit.

**A Mass stipend to which an intention is attached is ten (10) dollars.**

The decree is effective from July 1, 2024

The 2024-2025 Compensation Policy for Priest will reflect this decree. Any intentions made prior to July 1, 2024 will be honored according to the number of Masses intended with the original offering. All masses celebrated after July 1, 2024 will be afforded the stipend at the new rate, \$10.00 per Mass.

**The Most Reverend Robert Barron**  
**Bishop of Winona-Rochester**



## Europe Visits St. Casimir's School

Leading up to their much-anticipated Travel Expo, the third-fifth grade students of St. Casimir's School recently enjoyed an enriching event that brought international perspectives right into their classroom when they hosted two United South Central School District exchange students who are originally from Europe. Emma Van Bourgonje and Daniela Garcia Juarez graciously spent time with our young learners, providing them with a firsthand look at their native countries. During the presentation, Emma introduced the students to the rich history and vibrant culture of the Netherlands. Daniela, on the other hand, shared Spain's colorful traditions and culture.

The students actively participated, asking insightful questions that ranged from inquiries about typical school days in their countries to their personal experiences moving to the United States for their studies. Both Emma and Daniela answered each question with enthusiasm and depth, further encouraging our students to learn about different cultures and lifestyles. This event was not only educational but also a wonderful way to foster global awareness among the students. The visit served as a perfect precursor to the students' upcoming Travel Expo on May 16<sup>th</sup> where the themes of cultural exchange and global learning will continue to be explored.

Submitted by Ethel Aranda, Classroom Teacher

(In the photos above, Daniela and Emma are shown with the SC students; Emma during her presentation on the Netherlands; and Daniela with her Spain presentation. )

SECOND  
SUNDAY  
SOCIAL

HOSTED BY ST. CASIMIR'S  
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY : MAY 12TH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE, ROLLS, AND  
FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING  
THE 8 A.M. MASS  
IN THE ST. CASIMIR CHURCH HALL  
*\*FREE WILL DONATION*  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE  
STUDENTS OF ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL  
MAY 12

Hosted by St. Casimir  
Home and School  
Association

Please Join us for coffee, rolls, and fellowship  
following the 8 am Mass in the St. Casimir  
Church Hall. *\*Free will Donation*

All Proceeds will benefit the  
students of St. Casimir School.

This May will be the last month until school  
resumes in September