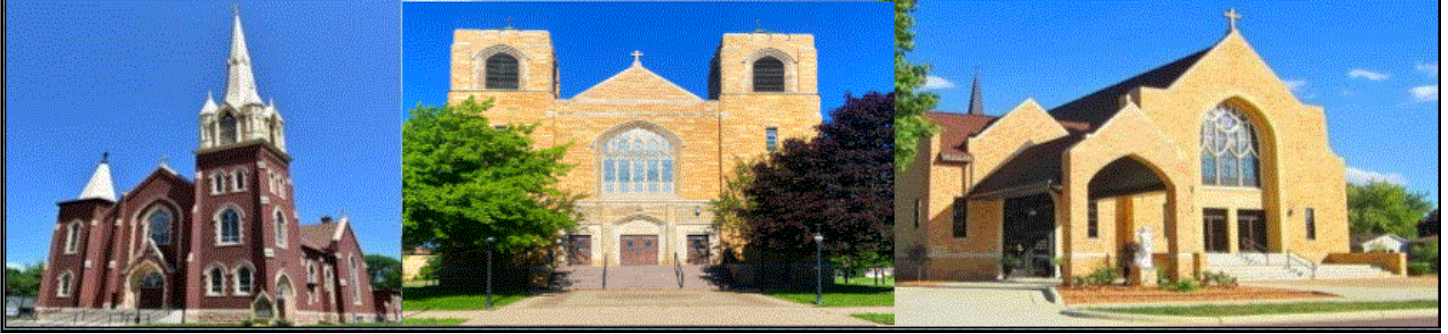


## September 20, 2026 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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. 22-27, 2026

|           |        |          |         |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------|--------|----------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>22</u> | Tues.  | 8:30 am  | Wells   | +Lorraine & +Bruce Roberts                               | <b>PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR</b><br>Fr. Timothy Hall<br>320 2nd Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097<br>Office phone 507-553-5391                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <u>23</u> | Wed.   | 8:30 am  | Easton  | +Matt & +Dorothy Neubauer                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <u>24</u> | Thurs. | 8:30 am  | MN Lake | +Marian Weckwerth                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <u>25</u> | Fri.   | 8:30 am  | Wells   | +Richard Stenzel                                         | <b>FB: TRI-PARISH OLMC, STC, STJB</b><br>Website: <a href="http://www.olmcstcstjb.org">www.olmcstcstjb.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <u>26</u> | Sat.   | 4:00 pm  | Mn Lake | +Marion Jones                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <u>27</u> | Sun.   | 8:00 am  | Wells   | +Living and Deceased members of Bushlack & Weir families | <b>WELLS OFFICE:</b><br>Ilda Reyerson: Administrative Asst.<br>Phone: 507-553-5391<br><b>Monday-Thursday</b><br>8:00 am—4:30 pm<br>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:scasimir@bevcomm.net">scasimir@bevcomm.net</a><br>Kristen Dulas: FF Coordinator<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:25faithformationstc@gmail.com">25faithformationstc@gmail.com</a> |
| <u>27</u> | Sun.   | 10:00 am | Easton  | +Ray, +Joan & +Bill Becker                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**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; 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

#### 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;** Rita (Rath) Supalla Price, James Utzka, and Peter Erdner

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      | Blake Bennett      |                  |

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### Envious of the Generous ...

Or should the heading of this column be the better known phrase of 'Misery Loves Company'? I spent hours trying to make a decision about that before I finally sat down to write this. I am referring, of course, to the parable told by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Jesus' parables challenge the logic and normative thinking of the world. He brings Christians, who are in the world but not of the world, to another category; that of a higher logic. The world says that every person must be treated in a manner that is fair. There is no room for that in Christianity.

I know people who are fair. They are good people, mostly. But they lack something. They appear to be on the right track. They are careful not to cheat others, and that is a worthy quality to have. But in their process of splitting hairs over who gets what, they run the risk of acquiring a demeanor which is cold and calculating. They forget that they are dealing with people and start to believe that everything can be reduced to columns of numbers. Those numbers are then added up to determine a person's worth. People who are fair run the risk of standing on the precipice of the great abyss that yawns between seeing each person as a gift on one side and seeing the person as a mere functionary on the other.

Sometimes, in fairness, people fall into the abyss. They forget that there is much more in life than being fair; that life is not always fair. That is where desperation sets in; followed by bitterness and emptiness. But Jesus gives us this story of a man who is not fair. The owner of the vineyard is more than fair. He is generous. He does not stand near any kind of abyss. He stands on the precipice of joy and endless possibility. He does not limit others to columns of numbers to be added up. The landowner in this parable gives because he is joyful. He shares his joy with others. He sees each person as a gift and responds by realizing the gift he is for others by giving to them. All those people who want fairness seem bitter because the landowner is generous. They probably live cold, calculating, miserable lives in which everything is accounted for. In contrast, the landowner does not treat anybody fairly. He treats others in a manner that is more than fair. One that is better than fair. He is generous with what he has.

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.

### Marriage Encounter

Fall in love all over again by attending the October 17-18 Marriages Encounter. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org). A "perfect marriage" is simply two impacted people who refuse to give up on each other! Marriage encounter offers couples practical tools to communicate more deeply, grow closer, and renew their relationship with each other and God. Register today at [marriages.org](http://marriages.org) Questions? Call Mary at 651-454-3238

# LITURGICAL LIFE



| Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026                           |                                                            |                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Minnesota Lake                                   | Wells                                                      | Easton                                                      |
| Sat.   4:00 pm                                   | Sun.   8:00 am                                             | Sun.   10:00 am                                             |
| <b>SERVERS</b>                                   | Tilles Goette<br>Juliana Dulas<br>Alessia Hernandez        | Cameron Linder<br>Austin Rath<br>Ellie Rath                 |
| <b>SACRISTAN</b>                                 | Brian Bias                                                 | Sue Rath                                                    |
| <b>LECTOR</b>                                    | Tom Schindler<br>Mark Nowak                                | Tim Lippert                                                 |
| <b>EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Ike Dulas<br>Jackie Mullery<br>Jerry Dulas                 | Doug Ascherman<br>Jeff Rath<br>Joyce Eastvold<br>Don Linder |
| <b>USHERS</b>                                    | Marilyn Staloch<br>Dave Meyer<br>Rick Herman<br>Ryan Feist | Tyler Sonnek<br>Chuck Stvermer<br>Sheldon Stevermer         |
| <b>ROSARY</b>                                    | Mike and Elaine Hernandez                                  | Dianne Rauenhorst                                           |
| <b>Shepherd's Inn</b>                            | Linda Enser                                                |                                                             |
| <b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>                            | Joyce Ehrich<br>Joanne Haugh<br>Amanda Sonnek              | Mark Braunshausen<br>Cheryl Warmka                          |

## 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.



Meet our Team:  
Adam Jarvis



Adam has been with Catholic Charities for three years and serves as our Director of Refugee Services. In addition to providing direct services to clients, he spends much of his day answering emails, attending meetings, and leading staff in problem-solving sessions to address unique issues that come up.

Adam finds his work at Catholic Charities meaningful because "every person we interact with bears the image of God, and I believe that there is meaning in all work, regardless of how small, that is done for others in the name of Christ."

Learn more at  
[ccsomn.org](https://ccsomn.org)



2026 Baby Bottle Campaign starts the weekend of

Respect Life Sunday, October 4th. 2026

| FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING |            |              |               |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                 | Weekly     | Year to Date | Annual Budget |
| Minnesota Lake                  | \$326.00   | \$15,947.00  | \$120,416.00  |
| Wells                           | \$2,794.50 | \$45,959.05  | \$349,085.00  |
| Easton                          | \$1,926.00 | \$30,832.77  | \$137,700.00  |

| CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2026 |                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                                 | Amount received | CMA amounts needed |
| Minnesota Lake                  | \$6,250.00      | \$7,082            |
| Wells                           | \$7,720.00      | \$17,660           |
| Easton                          | \$12,170.00     | \$9,700            |

OLMC BAPTISM: We welcome into the Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism, BERNARD BENJAMIN VAN REESE, who was baptized at Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Church on **September 13, 2026**. He is the infant son of Benjamin and Amber Van Reese, from Minnesota Lake. May God lead him along life's journey of faith.

Next week's readings:

First Reading— Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second Reading — Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel— Matthew 21:28-32

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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## PILLOW CLEANING

Minnesota Lake American Legion Auxiliary, Wednesday, September 23, 2026. 7 am to Noon. Drop off Tuesday 6-8 pm. At Minnesota Lake American Legion.

## JUBILEE Family Shrine

The Schoenstatt Family of Minnesota will celebrate its 50th Anniversary of the Jubilee Family Shrine at Schoenstatt on the Lake in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, on September 18-20, 2026. The public is welcome to the historic celebration. The weekend will include carious family friendly activities, programs, and Holy Mass with Bishop Zielinske. For a schedule of events and to RSVP, visit [schoenstattmn.com](http://schoenstattmn.com)

**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 in entrance of OLMC 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.

## GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive, Monday, October 5, 2026, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm Wells community Center. West Room 189 2nd St. SE, Wells MN 56097. Knights of Columbus please help unload at 11:15 am. Thank You! Visit; [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter WELLSMN to schedule an appointment.

## BRISKET DINNER-Fundraiser for Interfaith Caregivers

October 16, 2026, 4:30 pm—6:00 pm. Drive-Thru or Dine-In. St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Blue Earth. \$18 per plate. Menu; Slow-Smoked Beef Brisket, baked beans with andouille sausage, garlic herb red potatoes, fresh dinner roll, triple chocolate brownie. Part it with a Brew! Enjoy your dinner with a craft beer! Meals will be available for purchase at Lost Saint Brewing in Blue Earth. Drinks sold separately



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 [sismst.faith@gmail.com](mailto:sismst.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](mailto:25faithformationstc@gmail.com) or Faith Formation Coordinator, Chris Schultz