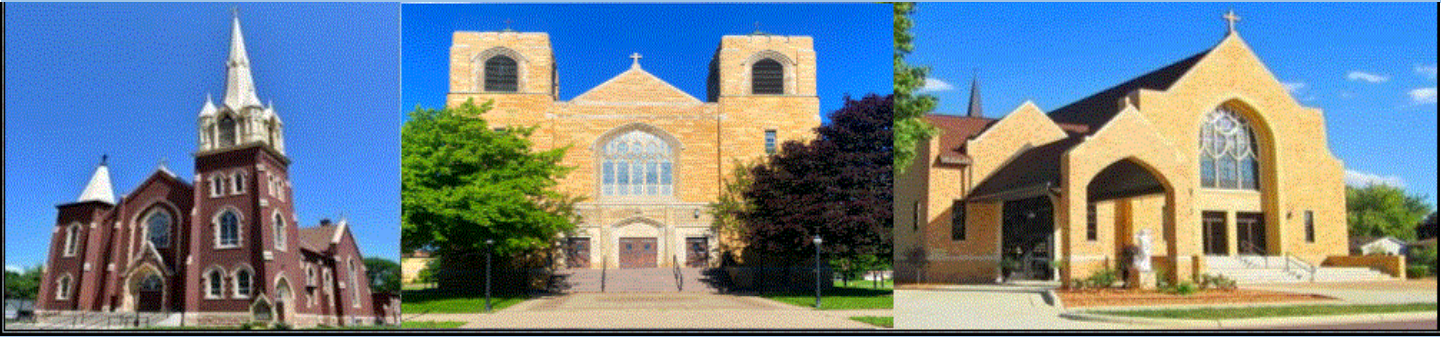


January 19, 2025 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 Jan. 21-26, 2025

<u>21</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+Glen Sauer
<u>22</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+John Braunshausen
<u>23</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	Minnesota Lake	+Watzef & +Regina Woitas
<u>24</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Lois Stenzel
<u>25</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+Paul McCue
<u>26</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Herman & Leola Wach
<u>26</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Delores Morrison

Parkview Care Center Mass, Every 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 am
55 10th Street SE Wells, MN
Everyone is welcome to attend!

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.

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8:00 am—3:30 pm

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

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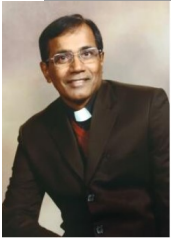
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Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator	• Todd Schuster	• Tiffany Sonnek
• Triston Father	• Dace Smith	• Mike Redig
• Steve Sonnek	• Craig Sonnek	• Dave Sonnek
• Sue Sonnek	• Zach Fendrich	• Jan Stenzel
• Sheila Runquist	• Charlie Kalis	• Dale and Marg Sonnek
• Dennis Thisius	• Don Yokiell	• Colette Caeli Drees
• Teresa Berry	• Koltun Kunz	• Richard Stenzel
• Chuck Evan	• Ken Tibodeau	• Don Leesch
• Rosemary Larson	• Colton Smith	
• Ann Ehrich	• Tyler Doyle	
	• Jane Swehla	

PRAYER & WORSHIP



2nd Ordinary Sunday, January 19, 2025-C Cycle
Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

At a wedding feast in Cana, Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water . . . Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” John 2: 1-11

This is the’ first great “sign” of Jesus: the transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. ***Cana evokes two important Scriptural symbols that point to the Messiahship of Jesus:***

First, wine in abundance was considered a sign for Israel of the Messianic age to come (one example is Isaiah 54: 5-14, Reading 4 for the Easter Vigil). The water in the six large stone jars used for the ritual washings mandated by the first covenant law is transformed by Jesus into Messianic wine, prefiguring the new covenant to be sealed in Jesus' blood (which we celebrate in the wine of the Eucharist).

Second, the limitless love of God for His people is described throughout Scripture in terms of marriage. Today's first reading from Isaiah is a beautiful example of this tradition. It is the strongest image we must understand the depth of God's love for His holy people.

The Lord Jesus brought great blessing and joy to a newlywed couple and their wedding party. First by His presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness.

In the Old Testament, wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God (Deuteronomy 7:13; Proverbs 3:10, Psalm 105). That Jesus would miraculously produce the best wine shows the superabundance of the blessings which He came to offer.

Jesus began His Public Ministry at a wedding feast where they had “no more wine.” Likewise, we begin to let Jesus work in our lives when we realize we are out of wine, love, strength, energy, ideas, or hope. In the weakness of our emptiness, God’s power in us can reach perfection (2 Cor. 12:9).

Do I thirst for God and for the abundant life and blessings He offers to me? ~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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are [Feb 14-16, 2025](#) in WINDOM, MN and [Feb 14-16, 2025](#) in Buffalo, MN. For more information, call Miki Schultz at [507-227-8229](tel:507-227-8229) or visit them at southmnwwme.org.

LITURGICAL LIFE

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	EASTON
Sat 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Gemma Woodring Tilea Goette Lucy Woodring	Ava Petersen Gabriel Petersen Spencer Schultz
SACRISTAN	Tom Schindler	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Youth Mass	Faith Formation
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Arnie Stenzel Ike Dulas Adam Henning	Doug Ascheman Jeff Rath Yvonne Cory C
USHERS	Youth Mass	Ryan Strom Dean Warmka Mark Braunshausen
Gift Bearers	Youth Mass	
ROSARY	Mike and Elaine Hernandez	Sue Rath
Shepherd's Inn	Lea Nowak	
MONEY COUNTERS	1	Yvonne Cory Dale Yokiel

Adoration



Confessions and Adoration 11:00 am to Noon

1st Sat.-Easton - 11:00 am -Noon
2nd Sat.-MN Lake-11:00 am -Noon
3rd Sat. - Wells; 11:00 am - Noon

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

This week's readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Next weeks reading:

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



***OLMC Baptism:** We welcome into the Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism, Matthias Daniel Lippert. Matthias was baptized at OLMC on Sunday, January 12, 2025. He is the infant son of Elijah and Anne Lippert. May God lead him along life's journey of faith.*

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently departed: Bob Schultz

Whenever any of our parish members or 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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

	Parish Goal	\$ Received
Minnesota Lake	\$7,965	\$8,373 (\$408.00 over Goal)
Wells	\$21,089	\$20,793 (short \$296.00)
Easton	\$10,683	\$10,683

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$730.00	\$60,310.02	\$110,981.00
Wells	\$3,654.00	\$163,652.00	\$346,304.00
Easton	\$2,529.00	\$70,812.00	\$131,500.00

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers, cards gifts and food which were given to us during the Christmas holidays. They were much appreciated, Deacon Gene and Jane Paul.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

In honor of Larry and Rosemary Brand's 50th Wedding Anniversary. All are welcome to join them for coffee and rolls after mass on January 26th, 2025.

TRI-PARISH CCW, Easton, Minnesota Lake, and Wells

St. Casimir CCW will be hosting the quarterly Blue Earth/Mankato Area CCW meeting Tuesday, January 28th, 6-8 pm, St. Casimir Church Hall. (This is a meeting hosted in a rotational pattern for this area.) Mass at 6:00 pm, light supper, short meeting and speaker Kelsey Staloch, from FairCARES (Promoting positive behavior at home, school and community). Father Pratap has been appointed our area CCW Spiritual advisor. Please attend meeting and show your support for our Tri-Parish Priest. Questions? Please contact Joanne Haugh 507-380-5386.

EGG BAKE BRUNCH

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a delicious Egg Bake Brunch on January 19th after mass in Wells! We'll be serving up a hearty Egg Bake with hash browns patties, sweet blueberry muffins, and your choice of coffee or orange juice. It's the perfect way to start your day and connect with fellow parishioners. See you there!

EASTON FRIENDSHIP DAY

OLMC, Friendship day meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 after Mass in Madonna Hall. We will be discussing/planning the Re-dedication of the Steeple for this summer. All are invited to attend.

THE HOLY FAMILY RETREATS AND PILGRIMAGE

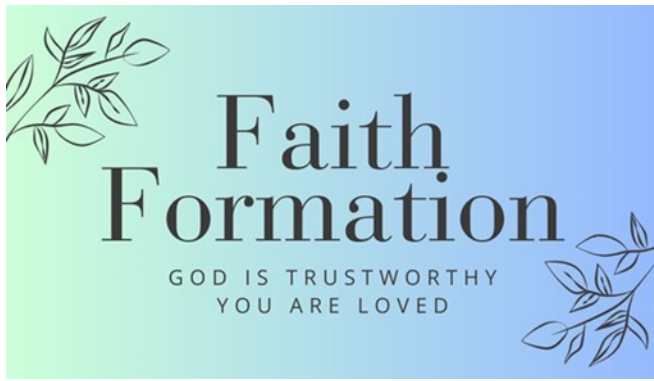
The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is proud to offer a series of three retreats and a pilgrimage for its Catholic adult population. The theme for this diocesan event is *The Holy Family*. Each retreat has a particular focus, on the Holy Family as a whole or on one of its members. The retreats will offer Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, important faith formation, and time for retreatants to engage in small group discussion and reflection. Lunch and snacks will also be provided along with daycare assistance for those with young children. The first retreat will occur on Saturday, February 8th from 9 am to 3 pm with additional retreats in March and April. The culmination of this diocesan event will be a pilgrimage in May to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin. For more information about these retreats and pilgrimage or to register for any of them, please go to the diocese's website or scan the QR code found on the promotional flyers. For questions, please contact Brian Hansen, the diocese's Coordinator for Adult Faith and Lay Formation. We hope you will attend these retreats and journey with us!

JRLC's 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Interested in joining people from faith communities around the state to share their values with our elected officials? Join us for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Day on the Hill! It will be held on [February 27](#) at Central Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. We'll gather for fellowship, hear from speakers, learn about JRLC's policy priorities and get advocacy tips before heading up the hill to the Capitol for more programming in the Rotunda and visits with your lawmakers. Don't miss this incredible day of interfaith advocacy for social justice! More info at jrlc.org/day_on_the_hill_2025

HAM LAKE, MN

Family Formation Workshop, Saturday, March 1, 2025. No cost. Includes lunch and a look at Family Formation in action. RSVP required. For more info. and to register, visit; familyformation.net Church of Saint Paul 1740 Bunker Lake Blvd NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304. Forming disciples through family catechesis for 35 years.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class began this past fall with eleven students attending. With your prayers and support, these students will be confirmed in the Spring of 2026. If you're thinking that Confirmation

has usually been in the Fall, you would be correct. Bishop Barron has implemented a schedule of Easter-Time or Spring Confirmation going forward.

In the Confirmation Class, we started with **The Search** which is a seven-session series. It answers the questions on the Who, What and Why of God and examines our place in the larger story of existence. This series is also available to you on FORMED.



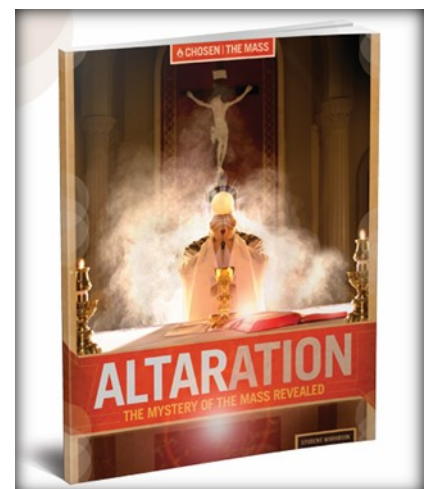
The class then touched on the **Last Four Things**. Do you know what they are?*

Currently we are studying through five sessions on **Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed**. Altaration uses humor, stories, and small groups to capture our attention and instill in us a deep and lasting love for the Mass. It includes great presenters such as Mark Hart, Father

Mike Schmitz, and Father Josh Johnson. We are learning that by understanding what is happening at Mass, we will recognize why the Mass is so important.

Service Projects: Part of the Confirmation experience includes Service Projects. If you have an event or need help in areas of service, we have four young men and seven young women willing to help with parish/community events, assisting others, and offering their time and talents. Let Scott Bute or Dianne Rauenhorst know of a need and we can get you in contact with them.

**Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell – The Last Four Things (did you get all four correct?)*



Exploring the World of Polar Animals

This month, we are learning about polar animals in the SCS preschool classroom as we read books to gain knowledge about the animals' habits and habitats. As music and movement are fantastic ways to enhance learning and retention, making the experience more enjoyable and memorable for the students, we also sing songs and dance to polar-themed tunes. Through songs, we are learning about the behaviors and sounds of different polar animals, and we express the unique movements of creatures like seals and walruses through dance. These activities not only foster a fun and lively atmosphere but also encourage creativity and self-expression.

Some of our favorite books have been "Five Little Mermaids", "Lost and Found", "Where Bear Where." Our weekly focus will be the letter P which is featured prominently in polar words like "penguin" and "polar bear". Through activities such as writing exercises, phonics games, and vocabulary building, students will become familiar with this letter and its sound.

our polar theme, the students learned that the hexagon is the shape of snowflakes that cover the polar landscape. They engaged in hands-on activities to explore this shape, such as creating hexagon patterns and identifying hexagonal shapes in their surroundings.

Our number of the week is 11 and the kids have been counting polar animals in illustrations and books to reinforce their numerical skills. Engaging in counting games and activities will help them master this number while enjoying the theme of the week.

By establishing and encouraging a supportive and fun learning environment, we can help students develop confidence, curiosity, and a love for learning that will last a lifetime. I am thrilled to be part of this journey and look forward to contributing to the growth and success of our students.

Submitted by Candace Blume, Preschool Teacher

2024 Shoemaker's Appeal: A Heartfelt Thank You!

What an amazing appeal this year! The students and staff of St. Casimir's School wish to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to our goal of raising \$35,000 for the 2024 Shoemaker's Appeal. I am thrilled to announce that a total of **\$33,863.00** has been raised so far. Since our last report, I would like to recognize the following recent donors: Gary and Mary Beth Bushlack, Jamie Klein-Packard, Cletus and Eleanor Rath and Francis and Angie Schultz. There were also seventeen additional anonymous donors contributing to the new total.

While words cannot fully express how grateful we are for your generosity, please know that your donation will be used wisely and effectively to continue fostering Catholic education within our community.

Thank you again for your incredible support!
Jinger Woodring, School Administrator