

# December 22, 2024 | The Third 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. 24-29, 2024

<u>24</u>	Tues.	3:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	Pro Populo
<u>24</u>	Tues.	5:00 pm	Wells	Pro Populo
<u>24</u>	Tues.	9:00 pm	Easton	Pro Populo
<u>25</u>	Wed.	9:00 am	Wells	Pro Populo
<u>26</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	Minnesota Lake	+Reta Stencel
<u>27</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Lloyd Siepp
<u>28</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+Jim & +Agnes Stencel
<u>29</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Norbert & +Matt J Sonnek
<u>29</u>	Sun	10:00 am	Easton	+Veronica Niehaus

**YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO MASS:** 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	• Dace Smith	• Tiffany Sonnek
• Triston Father	• Craig Sonnek	• Mike Redig
• Steve Sonnek	• Zach Fendrich	• Dave Sonnek
• Sue Sonnek	• Charlie Kalis	• Jan Stenzel
• Sheila Runquist	• Don Yokiell	• Dale and Marg Sonnek
• Dennis Thisius	• Koltun Kunz	• Colette Caeli Drees
• Teresa Berry	• Ken Tibodeau	• Richard Stenzel
• Chuck Evan	• Colton Smith	• Don Leesch
• Rosemary Larson	• Tyler Doyle	
• Ann Ehrich	• Jon Rath	

### PARISH PRIEST

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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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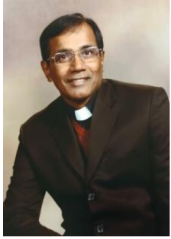
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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

**Advent-4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 22, 2024-C Cycle**  
**Readings: Micah 5: 1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45**

Today is the last Sunday of Advent prior to the Feast of Christmas Day. We can reflect the story of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the recognition of the baby Mary was carrying in her womb as the long-awaited Savior. Elizabeth takes this opportunity to call Mary as the blessed one.

**Do we recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus in our lives?** Blessed are we if we see and recognize the Lord with the "eyes of faith". The word "blessed" means "happiness" or "beatitude". It describes a kind of joy which is serene and untouchable, self-contained, and independent from chance and changing circumstances of life.

**To be chosen by God is an awesome privilege and responsibility.** Mary received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. Her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises.

**Jesus promised His disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22).** The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do we know the joy of a life given over to God in faith and trust?

**What is the significance of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth before the birth of Jesus?** When Elizabeth greeted Mary and recognized the Messiah in Mary's womb they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior.

**The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of His kingdom. ~ Fr. Pratap**



*Our Tri-parish welcomes into the Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism, Avery Schroeder and Sawyer Schroeder. Avery and Sawyer were baptized at Easton on Sunday, December 15. They are the daughters of Andy and Rachel Schroeder. May God lead them along life's journey of faith.*

**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](http://southmnwwme.org).

## Liturgical Roles -Sunday Dec. 24th and December 29, 2024

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	WELLS	EASTON	WELLS	EASTON
Saturday   5:00 pm	Tuesday   5:00 pm	Wednesday   5:00 pm	Tuesday   9:00 pm	Sunday   8:00 am	Sunday   10:00 am
<b>SERVERS</b>	Juliana Dulas		Austin Rath Riley Stevermer	Lucy Woodring Colton Mullery Tilea Goette	Makayla Ankeny Ellie Rath
<b>SACRISTAN</b>			Dianne Rauenhorst	Lea Nowak	Dianne Rauenhorst
<b>LECTOR</b>	Kristen Dulas		Dale Stevermer	Blaine Bias	Andrea Schultz
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Connie Stenzel		Mary Kayser	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Ike Dulas Larry Brand	Larry Brand	Jeff Rath Joyce Eastvold Teresa Schimek C	Larry Brand Lea Nowak Mark Nowak	Don Linder Nancy Linder Chelsea Sonnek C
<b>USHERS</b>	John Tibodeau	John Tibodeau	Mark Braunshausen Dan Haugh Dean Schimek	Chris Bushlack John Tibodeau Mark Schmitz Rick Mueller	Doug Ascheman Chuck Stevermer Sheldon Stevermer
<b>ROSARY</b>			Christmas Carols	Tim Klein	Sue Rath
<b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>				5	Jeff Rath Dean Schimek

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be **no adoration** the week of Christmas, it will resume the week of December 29, 2024.

### 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**.

**This week's readings: Micah 5: 1-4;**

**Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45**

**Christmas Eve reading; Isaiah 62:1-5, Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25**

**Christmas Day reading: Isaiah 52:7-10;**

**Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18**

**Next weeks reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28;**

**1 John 3:1, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52**

*In our Prayers:*

*Recently Departed*

**Harold Thisius, Robert J Stencel and Kathryn McDonnell**

*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*

### CHURCH SUPPORT

	Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
<b>Needed</b>	\$ 2,173	\$6,654	\$ 2,529
<b>Given</b>	\$40,356.95	\$124,105.46	\$64,988.71
<b>Budget</b>	\$52,152.00	\$153,147.00	\$60,969.00

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

	Parish Goal	\$ Received
<b>Minnesota Lake</b>	\$7,965	\$8,373 (\$408.00 over Goal)
<b>Wells</b>	\$21,089	\$19,043 ( \$2,046 under goal )
<b>Easton</b>	\$10,683	\$10,683

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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## COFFEE AND ROLLS

Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass on December 22, following the Youth Mass. This is provided by the St. Casimir children and youth of our parish. Everyone is invited to attend.

## 2024 SHOEMAKER APPEAL UPDATE

During this season of giving, we are so very grateful to the generous individuals who have already donated to this annual school fundraiser including Mark and Brenda Herman, Kathryn Mellen, Craig Mueller, John and Diane Schimek, Barb Stenzel, Dale and Connie Stenzel, Larry and Marsha Stenzel and 30 anonymous donors. At this point, \$13,340.00 has been raised towards our goal of \$35,000.00. If you would still like to donate, please do so. This fundraiser is our main event in raising funds to help offset the expense of a Catholic, quality education for our school families. Thank you!!!

## ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL

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I recently asked our St. Casimir's Catholic School fourth-sixth grade students what they enjoy most about Christmas. Here are some of their responses: Loxlee: Celebrating Jesus' birthday, Gavin: Eating Christmas bread, Gemma: Food and presents, Lennox: Seeing family, Tillea: Giving presents, Juliana: Opening presents together after we eat lunch at Grandma Dulas', and Abby: Celebrating with family in the Cities

A recurring theme on why Christmas is so important to so many seems to be family. When we reflect on past Christmases as adults, we are likely not thinking of the presents we did or did not receive. More likely, we're revisiting time spent with family. For me, it's past Christmas Eves where we would gather around our family matriarch, Grandma Mary, and listen as she read from the Bible the story of the birth of Jesus. This Christmas, I hope you have time to be with the ones you love the most and together celebrate the birth of Christ.

As for what we are learning...

**Math:** The sixth graders are fresh into learning everything about coordinate planes. The sixth graders are gifted when it comes to Math, and they catch on quickly. They also have a united goal to start learning seventh grade Math before the end of the school year, and they are well on their way! The fourth and fifth grade Math students are focused on long division. This is the point where many students begin to feel discouraged by the difficulties in Math, but they are applying their grit and are well on their way to mastering the skill.

**Language Arts:** The fourth and sixth grade both have units focusing on animals. In fourth grade, the focus is on stories on how animals adapt to their environment, while the sixth-grade students are reading about tame versus wild animals. The fifth grade is reading an excerpt from "The Hatchet," which was a newer release when I was a child but has now turned into a beloved classic read by many in my classroom.

**Writing:** The fourth graders created brochures that publicized why their landmark of interest should be made into a historical landmark. The fifth graders created an essay about a country of interest. Sixth grade students wrote an explanatory essay on why people are interested in animal behavior.

**Science:** The fourth graders are learning about the anatomy of plant, while fifth grade is learning about the circulatory system, and sixth grade is learning about solids, liquids, and gases. Students also applied how potential energy works with kinetic energy by building their very own roller coasters. While building their STEM rides, they needed to consider how energy would play a role in every twist, turn, and curve they crafted for their coaster.

**Social Studies:** The fourth through sixth graders presented excellent slideshow presentations that focused on a specific state in detail. Sixth grade is learning about Minnesota becoming a territory, and land changing power from Indigenous tribes to European settlers.

I wish you all a warm and eventful Christmas. God bless! Julia Gray, Classroom Teacher

***God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it's because we all have the ability to understand and receive it. —Pope Francis***