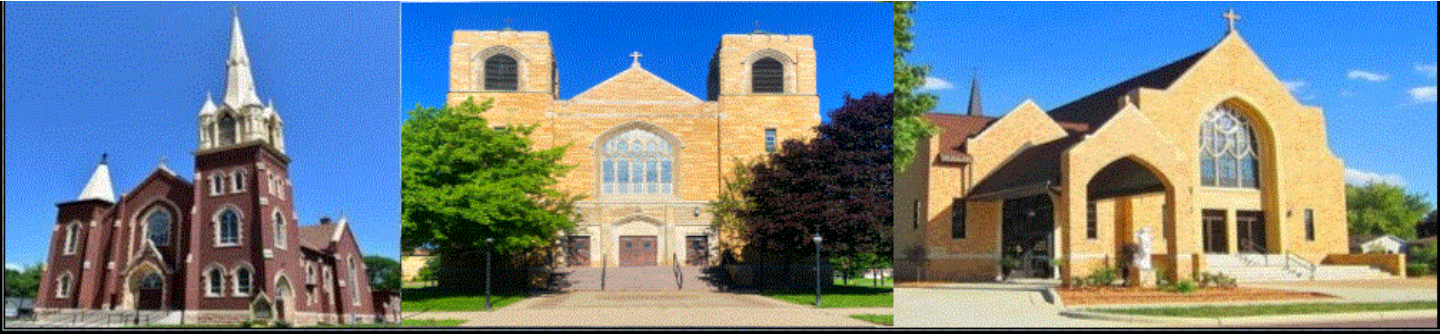


December 15, 2024 | The Third Sunday of Advent



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. 17-22, 2024

<u>17</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+Don Sauer
<u>18</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Thelma Dunagan
<u>19</u>	Thurs	8:30 am	Minnesota Lake	+Marian Weckwerth
<u>20</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Betty Olson
<u>21</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+Barney & +Bebs Neubauer
<u>22</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Jerry Ignaszewski
<u>22</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Eileen Trio

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	• 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 Yokiel	• 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	
	• 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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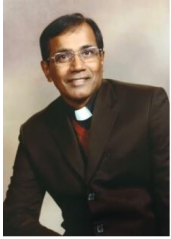
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Advent-3rd Sunday, December 15, 2024 – C Cycle

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Why did thousands come out to hear John the Baptist preach? And what was so unusual about his message? When John the Baptist appeared on the public scene and began to prophesy the whole nation of Israel took notice. **It had been many hundreds of years since a prophet had spoken out and performed signs in the land of Israel. John broke the long silence with the sudden announcement that the Messiah (God's Anointed One) was about to appear.**

The people recognized that John was an extraordinary man of God and a true prophet who spoke in God's name. They came out to hear the "good news" (Luke 3:18) which he preached to them. And they willingly submitted to his baptism of repentance at the River Jordan where he preached.

John's task was to wake people up from spiritual sleep and indifference, and to turn them back to hear God's voice and obey His commandments. John wanted the people to be in a good place to receive the Messiah and follow him.

John's message of renewal and repentance was very practical. He told the people three things: First, every follower of God must share what they possess (their personal goods and resources) with their neighbors, especially with those who lacked the basic necessities of life.

Second, John pointed out the sacred duty to give each and every person what is their due and to not take from them what rightfully belongs to them.

John told the tax collectors that they must not coerce people to pay more tax money than what was rightfully due. **John instructed soldiers** to not abuse their authority or power to compel people to give or do things for them beyond what was rightful and their due.

Third, John exhorted his listeners to be content with what they had and to avoid coveting what belonged to others. John basically called the people to turn back to God and to walk in His way of love and righteousness. ~ 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

Liturgical Roles -Sunday Dec. 22 2024

Minnesota Lake Saturday 5:00 pm	WELLS Sunday 8:00 am	EASTON Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	7th & 8th graders	Ava Petersen Gabriel Petersen
SACRISTAN	Brian Bias	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Youth Mass	Teresa Schimek
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Adam Henning Larry Brand Mark Nowak	Don Linder Andrea Schultz Chelsea Sonnek C
USHERS	7th and 8th graders	Alex Warmka Dean Warmka Tony Stevermer
GIFT BEARERS	Youth Mass	
ROSARY	Scott Bute	Dianne Rauenhorst
SHEPHERD'S INN	Linda Esner	
MONEY COUNTERS	5	Jeff Rath Dean Schimek

This week's readings: **Zephaniah 3:14-18;**
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18
 Next week's readings: **Micah 5:1-4a;**
Hebrews 10:15-10; Luke 1:39-45

CHURCH SUPPORT

	Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Needed	\$ 2,173	\$6,654	\$ 2,529
Given	\$37,385.95	\$112,907.66	\$63,600.39
Budget	\$49,979.00	\$146,493.00	\$58,167.00
Thanksgiving	\$350.00	\$1485.00	\$15,062.34
Retirement Fund	\$200.00	\$139.00	

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

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve

Dec. 24 3:00 pm MN Lake
 Dec. 24 5:00 pm Wells
 Dec. 24 9:00 pm Easton

Christmas Day

Dec. 25 9:00 am Wells

New Years Eve

Dec. 31st 8:30 am Wells
 5:30 pm MN Lake

New Years Day

January 1st 8:00 am Wells
 10:00 am Easton

In our Prayers:

Soldiers Overseas:

Bernard D. Steinhauer

Recently Departed

Harold Thisius 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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

	Parish Goal	\$ Received
Minnesota Lake	\$7,965	\$8,373 (\$408.00 over Goal)
Wells	\$21,089	\$19,018
Easton	\$10,683	\$10,683

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

OLMC MCCW BAKE SALE AND LUNCHEON

Thank you to all who donated such wonderful holiday baked goodies for our bake sale! Many thanks to all who supported the bake sale and the soup luncheon. Without you, we couldn't have such a successful event. The bake sale brought in **\$1,656.25!** God bless one and all for your generosity.

KC MEETING

The Holy Family Knights of Columbus monthly meeting will be held at St. Casimir on **Tuesday, December 17**, beginning with the Family Rosary at 7:30pm and business meeting to follow. Details will be emailed to members. If you do not currently receive emails, please contact Harold Goeden or email him at hgkofc@yahoo.com.

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**

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.

ST. CASIMIR'S SCHOOL

HELLO FROM THE SCCS SECOND AND THIRD GRADE CLASSROOM!

December has marked the end of the year and the coming of winter since the ancient Romans established their first calendar. As its etymology indicates. December is formed from the Latin root decem— which means “ten” ... but December is our twelfth month. There are Christmas lights day, build joy day and make a gift, as well as days to celebrate peppermint bark, pears and gingerbread houses. December 25 is Christmas day, a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

I'm so thrilled with my students showing in class about their learning skills in each lesson we had every day in every subject. In math, they are so eager to learn and do the task given to them. They learned to subtract and estimate differences, subtract with regrouping, three digits, across zeros and word problems, they also learn to do multiplication through model, as repeated addition, multiply with arrays, and word and word problems too. In Science, they learned about the different ecosystems, the interaction of plants and animals, and the importance of water to living things. In Language Arts, they learned to read a sentence, paragraph and stories with the following words that have diphthongs ou, oi, vowel digraphs ew, oo, consonant e, long a: ai, ay, long e: ee, ae, long i: i, igh. They use it for antonyms, idioms, through context clues, and connect it with writing and apply to content area. In Art, the kids are so skillful and creative. They also made turkey hats for Thanksgiving and paper trees, wreaths and reindeers for Christmas.

I believe that every day is a chance to learn, so let's motivate these kids to continue to exhibit their passion for learning. Thank You so much!

Melissa Calo

Classroom Teacher

