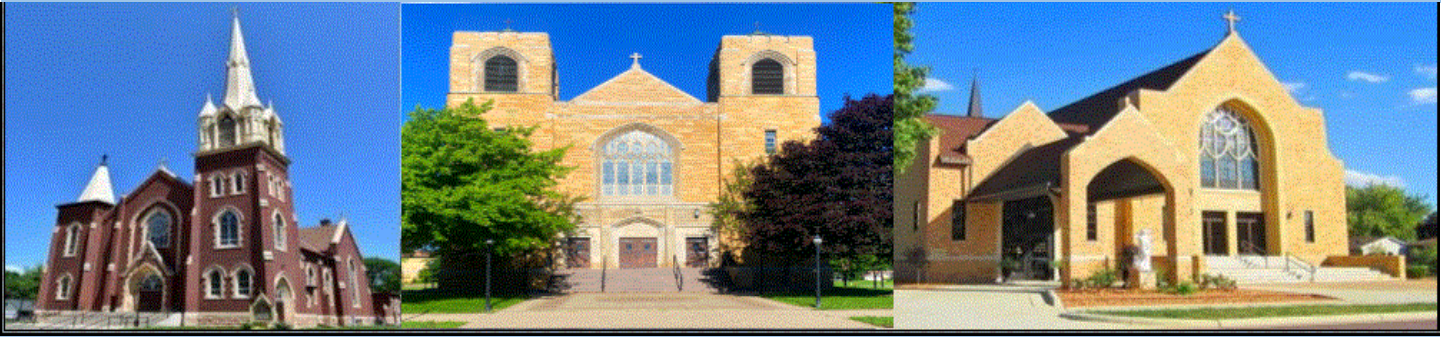


January 12, 2025 | The Baptism of The Lord, Sunday



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. 14-19, 2025

<u>14</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+Cleo Klein
<u>15</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+John Becker
<u>16</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	Minnesota Lake	+Mary Stenzel-Volz
<u>17</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Art Stenzel
<u>18</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+Fr. Greg Havel
<u>19</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Matt J Sonnek
<u>19</u>	Sun	10:00 am	Easton	+Butch Becker

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	• 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 Yokiel	• 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	

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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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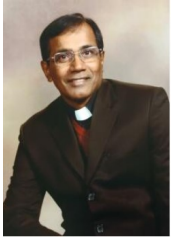
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12, 2024-C Cycle

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke. 3:15-6, 21-22

Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River by John the Baptist: The Christmas season "officially" (liturgically) comes to an end today at the banks of the Jordan. Jesus is no longer the child in a Bethlehem manger but the adult Redeemer making his way to Jerusalem.

Today, the same Spirit "anoints" the Messiah for His mission to seek out and find the lost, to heal the hurting, to feed the hungry, to free the imprisoned, to rebuild nations, to bring peace to all peoples everywhere.

St. Luke presents Jesus as the last person to be baptized by John, bringing John's ministry to completion. **St. Luke describes the scene with many images from the First Testament:**

- the sky opens ("Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down" – Isaiah 63: 19).
- the Spirit "descended upon him like a dove"
- the "voice from heaven" identifies and confirms Jesus ("Here is my servant . . . my chosen one with whom I am pleased" – Isaiah 42: 1, today's first reading; "The Lord said to me, 'You are my Son; this day I have begotten you'" – Psalm 2: 7).

Jesus' baptism at the Jordan becomes the moment of God's "anointing" of his Messiah (the word Messiah means "anointed") for the work he is about to do.

Baptism is more than just a "naming" ceremony but an ongoing process of becoming the people of faith that God calls us to be.

In baptism, we claim the name of "Christian" and embrace all that that holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ.

Our baptisms made each one of us the "servant" of today's readings: to bring forth in our world the justice, reconciliation and enlightenment of Christ, the "beloved Son" and "favor" of God.

In baptism, the same Spirit of compassion, justice and peace that "descends" upon Jesus at his baptism by John descends and rests upon us, compelling us to take on the work of the Gospel. ~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.

LITURGICAL LIFE

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	EASTON
Sat 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Abby Chirpich Gavin Chirpich Lennon Feist	Makayla Ankeny Marissa Obermeyer Kendra Obermeyer
SACRISTAN	Brian Bias	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Scott Bute	Julie Stevermer
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Joanne Haugh Don Chirpich Jerry Dulas	Chelsea Sonnek Ryan Strom Dean Warmka C
USHERS	Kyle Chirpich Kerry Haugh Jon Feist	Tony Stevermer Dale Yokiel Dan Haugh
Gift Bearers	John & Niki Feist	
ROSARY	Larry Brand	Dianne Rauenhorst
MONEY COUNTERS	1	Yvonne Cory Dale Yokiel

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024		
	Parish Goal	\$ Received
Minnesota Lake	\$7,965	\$8,373 (\$408.00 over Goal)
Wells	\$21,089	\$20,343 (short \$596.00)
Easton	\$10,683	\$10,683

CHURCH SUPPORT			
	Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Needed weekly	\$ 2,173	\$6,654	\$ 2,529
Given to date	\$59,580.02	\$163,652.00	\$90,659.30
Yearly Budget	\$60,844.00	\$186,452.00	\$68,283.00

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 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-6, 21-22

Next weeks reading:

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recently departed: Bob Schultz

Whenever any of our parish members of 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.



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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. 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! 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!

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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS HIRING!

Catholic charities of Southern Minnesota is seeking a full time bilingual (Spanish/English) case manager in our Mankato, MN office. The position will work with individuals identified by the Office of Refugee Resettlement to be sponsors of unaccompanied migrant children. The case manager will assess the suitability and safety of the proposed sponsor and provide education to prepare the individual for a successful sponsorship. Once home studies are approved, this position will provide culturally appropriate post-release case management, focusing on community referrals, school attendance, and safety and stability during immigration proceedings. The case manager will empower sponsors to provide long-term care, and utilize a strengths-based approach in all interactions. Make a difference in the lives of others! For more information and how to apply, go to www.ccsomn.org/employment.

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.



ST. CASIMIR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Given by:

Barb Stenzel
Linda Sonnek
Leona Yokiell

In Memory of:

Richard Stenzel
Norbert Sonnek
George Yokiell