

# January 25, 2026 | Third 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. 31-Feb. 1 2026

- 31** Sat. 4:00 pm Mn Lake +Marion Jones  
**1** Sun. 8:00 am Wells +George and Pat Sonnek  
**1** Sun. 10:00 am Easton +Delores Morrison

Every Saturday: 3:30 pm Confessions before Mass

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO MASS-ES: 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:

Triston Father	Dace Smith	Dave Sonnek
Steve Sonnek	Craig Sonnek	Jan Stenzel
Sue Sonnek	Zach Fendrich	Colette Caeli Drees
Teresa Berry	Charlie Kalis	Richard Stenzel
Chuck Evan	Don Yokiel	Mary Stevermer
Rosemary Larson	Koltun Kunz	Tiffany Sonnek
Ann Ehrich	Ken Tibodeau	Darrin Hueper
Steve Warmka	Colton Smith	Katie Ascherman
Quentin Staloch	Tyler Doyle	Norbert Yokiel
Grace Drager	Jane Swehla	Carol Gregor
Sharon Obermeyer	Frank Diaz	Mark Woitas
Donnie Becker	Cathy Pluym	Gregory Woitas
Vincent Schultz	Jan Elmer	MaryAnn Woitas
Grant Supalla	Mike Redig	Geri Peyton
Betty Ziegler	Randy Hodge	Rick Girard
Steven Nowak	Tom Warmka	John Paul Herman
Scott Bull	Jennifer Pinkelman	Dorothy Hochstein
Kay Beyer		

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday, January 25, 2026-A Cycle.**  
**Readings: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23**

This Sunday's Liturgy places us at the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry. After the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus withdraws to Galilee and begins to proclaim a simple yet demanding message: *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

Jesus' move into Galilee fulfills the prophecy of Prophet Isaiah that light would shine upon a people who had long walked in darkness. God's saving action begins not in places of power or privilege, but among ordinary people longing for hope.

The call to repentance that Jesus proclaims is not merely about turning away from sin; it is an invitation to change direction, to see life differently.

Repentance means allowing God to reshape our priorities, our relationships, and our sense of what truly matters. The Kingdom of Heaven is not a distant future reality. It is already near, already breaking into the world wherever hearts are open to God's reign of love, justice, and mercy.

Proclaiming the message, Jesus calls His first disciples, fishermen busy with their daily work. Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John are not scholars or religious elites. Yet when Jesus says, *"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men,"* they leave their nets at once and follow Him.

Their response highlights the urgency of discipleship. Following Christ requires trust, courage, and a willingness to let go of what is familiar in order to receive something greater.

Jesus challenges us to examine our own readiness to follow. What are the "nets" we cling to: habits, fears, comforts, or distractions that prevent us from fully responding to Christ's call? Jesus continues to walk along the shores of our lives, inviting us into deeper discipleship. He does not promise an easy path, but He does promise meaning, purpose, and transformation.

We are reminded that every baptized person is called to be both a disciple and a missionary. The readings of today's liturgy challenge us in three ways:

- To welcome Christ's light into our own darkness whether it be fear, doubt, or sin and allow Him to bring healing and joy.
- To work for unity in our parish and community, remembering that Christ is the center of our faith, not personal preferences or divisions.

To respond to His call with generosity. Like the first disciples, we may be asked to leave behind comfort zones, habits, or attachments, in order to follow Him more closely. ~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, February 1, 2026**

<b>Minnesota Lake</b>	<b>Wells</b>	<b>Easton</b>
<b>Sat.   4:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday   8:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday   10:00 am</b>
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<b>SERVERS</b>	Abby Chirpich Gavin Chirpich Clara Bushlack	Claire Schimek Sophia Schimek Josette Schimek
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<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Lea Nowak	Jonah Lippert
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<b>LECTOR</b>	Mark Nowak Kyle Koziok	Nancy Linder
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<b>ORGANIST</b>	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
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<b>EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Jerry Dulas Scott Bute Kerry Haugh	Chelsea Sonnek Dean Warmka Doug Ascheman Jon Rath C
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<b>USHERS</b>	Kyle & Wendy Chirpich John Tiboeau Matt Zebro	Todd Sonnek Mark Braunshausen Dan Haugh
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<b>ROSARY</b>	Scott Bute	Dianne Rauenhorst
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<b>Shepherd's Inn</b>	JoAnne Tibodeau	
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<b>MONEY COUNTERS</b>	Brian Bias Mark Herman Connie Allis	Ruth Sonnek Dale Stevermer



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Can you spend an hour with Jesus? Adoration is held at St. Casimir Church, Wells, Wednesdays at 9:00 pm through Thursday 10:00 pm. You are invited to sign up for a weekly hour or just come and pray anytime.



*"The work of health care persons is a very valuable service to life. It expresses a profoundly human and Christian commitment, undertaken and carried out not only as a technical activity but also as one of dedication to and love of neighbor. It is "a form of Christian witness." Their profession calls for them to be guardians and servants of human life."*

(Evangelium Vitae 89. Charter of Healthcare Workers 1994 First Edition by The Pontifical Council of Healthcare Workers)



How does your Faith influence your work in Healthcare? Does your work in Healthcare pose challenges to your Faith? Do you feel isolated in talking about the work/Faith connection? Join members of Curatio at St. James Coffee on January 29th at 6:30 pm to connect with some like minded professionals. Lets build our networks! St. James Coffee- 4158 18th Avenue NW, Rochester MN

### Next week's readings:

First reading- Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13;  
Second reading-1 Corinthians 1:26-31;  
Gospel -Matthew 5:1-12a

A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who learn to celebrate their differences! A perfect Valentine gift is making time for each other! Plan to attend the **February 14-15 Marriage Encounter** to deepen your love. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org)  
If you have any questions, please call Mary



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FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$	\$54,615.88	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$2,410.85	\$186,908.75	\$350,598.00
Easton	\$1,563.00	\$93,996.89	\$137,700.00

**IN OUR PRAYERS: Vicky Sonnek and John E. Szymanski**

**Soldiers Overseas : Andrea 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

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

## Thank You!

I would like to thank all who graciously assisted in the setting up, maintenance, and take down of the Christmas decorations. This process could not have been done so timely and beautifully if it were not for all the helping hands. With deepest gratitude, Hannah Goette, Chair decorator.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night this year will be on [Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>](#), at 7 p.m. Form a team of up to 8, or join one when you arrive. Cash prizes for top two teams. Many other prizes throughout the night. Play Wheel of Fortune between rounds. For tickets, contact Tom Schindler at 553-3062 or the parish office. We also welcome walk-ins. Not enough for a team? No problem, we'll match you with other brilliant people to make a team.

Here are a couple of questions to get you warmed up (*answers in next week's bulletin*):

Q: What was the original purpose of the tiny pocket in jeans?

Q: What is the name of Princess Leia's home planet in Star Wars?

## WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Join us Saturday, March 21, 2026. St. Theodore's Church, 315 E Clark St. Albert Lea, MN "Made for More" Elizabeth Leon, the retreat leader at the Beloved Conference in November in Janesville, will go deeper with us. With 6 different workshops starting with registration, workshops 1-4, break for Mass including Mass with Bishop Barron, lunch, workshops 5-6, art activity and ending with Adoration and Reconciliation. Registration forms will be available in the handicap entrance and the main entrance of St. Casimir's Church. Cost is \$50 per person. Make your check out to Winona-Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (WDCCW). Registration deadline March 13, 2026.

## DOW-R SPIRIT WEAR

If anyone is interested in ordering please let me know, the more we order the cheaper it is, you must pay before I send in the order. Scan the code with your phone to see the online store. Any questions call the Wells rectory 507-553-5391



## Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org) under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or [mgerard@dowr.org](mailto:mgerard@dowr.org). Anyone working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school is a mandated reporter. Anyone who knows or has reason to believe that a minor (a person under the age of 18) or vulnerable adult is or has been abused or neglected, must report all suspected abuse or neglect to proper civil authorities/law enforcement within 24 hours of the abuse or neglect becoming known to him or her and must also follow up with a written report to civil authorities within 72 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays. Many people working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school, including clergy, are mandated reporters under state law.