

December 14, 2025 | 3rd 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,

Mass Schedule and Intentions: December 16-21, 2025

<u>16</u>	Tues.	5:30 pm	Wells	+Todd Schuster
<u>17</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Irv and Cleone Meyer
<u>18</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+Marian Weckwerth
<u>19</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Fr. Eugene Stenzel
<u>20</u>	Sat.	4:00 pm	Mn Lake	+ Tony Staloch
<u>21</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	Living and +Deceased members of Gary and MaryBeth Bushlack
<u>21</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Butch Becker

Every Saturday: 3:30 pm Confessions before Mass

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:

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 Ascheman
Quentin Staloch	Tyler Doyle	Norbert Yokiel
Grace Drager	Jane Swehla	Carol Gregor
Sharon Obermeyer	Frank Diaz	Mark Waitas
Donnie Becker	Cathy Pluym	Gregory Waitas
Vincent Schultz	Jan Elmer	MaryAnn Waitas
Grant Supalla	Mike Redig	Geri Peyton
Betty Ziegler	Randy Hodge	Rick Girard
Steven Nowak	Tom Warmka	

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*Parkview Care Center Mass,
Every 3rd Friday of the month
at 10:00 am*

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Advent- 3rd Sunday, December 14, 2025-Bulletin Message-A Cycle
Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6,10; Psalm 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the Church celebrates *Gaudete Sunday*, a joyful pause in the midst of Advent's waiting. The rose candle on the Advent wreath and the rose vestments remind us that our preparation for Christ's coming is not only marked by penance, but also by joy. We rejoice because the Lord is near, and His presence already transforms our lives.

Advent is a season of waiting, but not of despair. Prophet Isaiah's vision of deserts blossoming and the lame leaping for joy reminds us that God's promises bring life where there was barrenness. St. James encourages us to be patient, like farmers waiting for the harvest, trusting that God's timing is perfect. In the Gospel, Jesus reassures John the Baptist by pointing to the signs of God's reign already breaking into the world.

We are called to recognize those signs today: moments of healing, reconciliation, generosity, and peace. Even in the midst of challenges, Christ is at work. Gaudete Sunday reminds us that joy is not dependent on circumstances, but on the nearness of Emmanuel, *God with us*.

Rejoice in hope: Joy is the fruit of knowing Christ is near.

Be patient: Like farmers waiting for the harvest, trust in God's timing.

Look for signs of the Kingdom: Healing, justice, and peace are already present in Christ's work.

As we journey through this week of Advent, we are invited to:

Rejoice in what God has already done, recognizing the quiet miracles present in our daily lives.

Stand firm in patience, as St. James urges, trusting that God's timing is perfect.

Prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew at Christmas, in the sacraments, and in each encounter with our brothers and sisters.

During this 3rd week of Advent before Christmas, let us take some intentional time for silence and prayer to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to reach out to someone who may be feeling alone, or simply to pause and give thanks for God's blessings. These small acts open our hearts to the joy that Gaudete Sunday celebrates. ~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, December 21, 2025

Minnesota Lake	WELLS	EASTON
Sat. 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
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SERVERS	Gus Schlechte Clara Bushlack Leona Bushlack	Mckayla Ankeny Riley Stevermer Cameron Linder
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SACRISTAN	Tom Schindler	Jonah Lippert
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LECTOR	Gabi Bushlack Chloe Voigt	Julie Stevermer
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ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
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EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Scott Bute Don Chirpich Lea Nowak	Teresa Schimek Ryan Strom Jeff Rath Chelsea Sonnek C
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USHERS	Mark Ignaszewski Marilyn Staloch Matt Zebro Orland Yokiel	Troy Petersen Bernie Schultz Todd Sonnek
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ROSARY	Scott Bute	Dawn Doyle
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Shepherd's Inn	Linda Esner	
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MONEY COUNTERS	Rick Herman Lynn Fendrich Jan Nowak	Jeff Rath Dean Schimek

Next week's readings:
Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$8,253.87	\$41,146.41	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$4,972.26	\$117,211.45	\$350,598.00
Easton	\$16,290.00	\$62,903.13	\$137,700.00
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025			
	Amount received	CMA amounts needed	
Minnesota Lake	\$8,200	\$8,119	
Wells	\$23,259.19	\$20,793	
Easton	\$12,768.75	\$10,683.00	

Adoration



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.



This Sunday, December 14, in Wells . We will be serving Coffee and Donuts in the Church Hall after 8:00 am Mass

Hoilday Schedule

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve
 3:00 pm Minnesota Lake
 5:00 pm Wells
 9:00 pm Easton
Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day
 9:00 am Wells

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 2025 giving, all donations need to be received by December 31, 2025. **STC-Wells**-Contribution envelopes are ready for pick up, in the front entrance of the Church. With less parishioner envelopes some numbers have changed.
Thank you for your Church support!
 Starting December 1st,
 Mass intentions can be scheduled for 2026.

IN OUR PRAYERS:
Recently departed: Sharon Schultz and Levi Bruce Rutzen
Soldiers Overseas: Andrea 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.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

The Advent Giving Tree Is Up!

Our Giving Tree is set up in the Accessibility Entrance, and we invite you to stop by and pick up a few ornaments. Each ornament represents an item most needed by *Options for Women*, a nonprofit that provides compassionate support to women and families.

Your generosity makes a real difference—one simple gift can bring hope, dignity, and care to someone who needs it most. Thank you for sharing the joy of giving this Advent season!

Please drop off gift items (unwrapped) back to the tree and Kristen Dulas will collect them for delivery.

OLMC MCCW will be hosting their Holiday Bake Sale and Luncheon on Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Madonna hall. All MCCW members are requested to provide baked goods for the sale. If you are unable to provide baked items, please provide a cash donation, the suggested amount being \$25. The luncheon will be provided for a free will offering.

Thank you to all the volunteers that spent hours baking, preparing, serving and cleaning up our **Christmas** Coffee & Treats. The donations from the coffee and accompanying bake sale amounted to over \$800. This was divided between the Wells Area Food Shelf and Options for Women of Mankato. Our Nativity Display was well received. If you would like to be on the planning committee for next year, call the Rectory at [507-553-5391](tel:507-553-5391).

ADVENT IS MORE THAN A COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Our local programming offers prayerful conversations, teachings, and stories that help you enter the season with intention. Tune in on **970 AM in Austin/Rochester** or listen online at RealPresenceRadion.com.

SHARE THE LOVE

A chance for the community to bless the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester and support **Audie Olsen** through her journey with B Cell Leukemia. Drop-off Location: Wells Public Library, USC High School Office, any Church in Wells. A list of items will be on the bulletin boards in St. Casimir. Cash donations can be brought in the Wells rectory office. During business hours. Mon -Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Volunteers Needed at WELLS AREA FOOD SHELF

Starting immediately, we are needing Volunteers to help Carry-Out our Client's groceries, which could be up to 50#. This would be Weekly on Tuesday, From 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Address is : 10-1st Ave SW, Wells. Please contact: Julie Robran at #507-383-2596. If you Can Help Us!

Advent Christmas Countdown Raffle

Thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets and serve coffee and donuts to help promote the raffle. Mostly thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported our cause, no words can say how much we appreciate the Love you have shown us! All the tickets were sold!!!

Congratulations to our winners of this week's Advent Raffle;

Friday, Dec. 5—Mary Merrit \$50

Saturday, Dec. 6– Connie Sonnek \$100

Sunday, Dec. 7– Kay Sauke \$100

Monday, Dec. 8– Amanda Sonnek \$250

Tuesday, Dec. 9-Ralph Brand \$50

Wednesday, Dec. 10-Joel Sonnek \$50

Thursday, Dec. 11– Jessica Yonkovich \$50