

August 24, 2025 | 21st 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: Aug. 26-31, 2025

Tuesday August 26-Mass is in Minnesota Lake

<u>26</u>	Tues.	6:00 pm	MN Lake	+Rita Neubauer
<u>27</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+Ron & +Jean Marsh
<u>28</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+Ervin & +Marion Jones
<u>29</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+Brad Stenzel
<u>30</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Mn Lake	+Duane & +Ursula Behnke
<u>31</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+Art Stenzel
<u>31</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+Troy Kalis

Every Saturday: 4:30 pm Confessions before Mass

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

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	Todd Schuster	Mike Redig
Steve Sonnek	Dace Smith	Dave Sonnek
Sue Sonnek	Craig Sonnek	Jan Stenzel
Sheila Runquist	Zach Fendrich	Colette Caeli
Teresa Berry	Charlie Kalis	Drees
Chuck Evan	Don Yokiel	Richard Stenzel
Rosemary Larson	Koltun Kunz	Mary Stevermer
Ann Ehrich	Ken Tibodeau	Tiffany Sonnek
Steve Warmka	Colton Smith	Jackie Guibert
Quentin Staloch	Tyler Doyle	Darrin Hueper
Grace Drager	Jane Swehla	Katie Ascherman
Sharon Obermeyer	Frank Diaz	Norbert Yokiel
Donnie Becker	Cathy Pluym	Carol Gregor
Vincent Schultz	Jan Elmer	Bonnie Schuster
Grant Supalla	Mark Voitias	

PARISH PRIEST

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

21st Ordinary Sunday, August 24, 2025-C Cycle.

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13; Luke 13:22-30

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

God invites us to understand the goal of life and to discover the true meaning of life as we go in search of our final destiny. For many people who are engaged in such a search, religion remains a self-discovery, and it leads to God.

Faith is a journey to the dwelling place of God. Like Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, our faith journey is difficult and painful. Doubt, despair and ridicule are among the obstacles we must encounter.

What does the image of a door say to us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' story about the door being shut to those who come too late suggests they had offended their host and deserved to be excluded.

It was customary for teachers in Jesus' time to close the door on tardy students and not allow them back for a whole week to teach them a lesson in discipline and faithfulness.

Jesus told this story in response to the question of who will make it to heaven, to God's kingdom of everlasting peace and eternal life. Jesus surprised His listeners by saying that one's membership as a people who have entered a covenant relationship with God does not automatically mean entry into the everlasting kingdom of God.

Jesus asserts that many from the Gentile (non-Jewish) nations would enter God's kingdom. God's invitation is open to Jew and Gentile alike.

The “narrow gate” of the Gospel is difficult to enter. Limitless love, unconditional forgiveness, sacrificial selflessness is the only entry into the reign of God. The “narrow gates” we encounter in life require of us an honesty and integrity that we cannot ignore or fake our way through or re-invent ourselves to ease our way through.

But Jesus warns that we can be excluded if we do not strive to enter by the narrow door. What did Jesus mean by this expression? The door which Jesus had in mind was Himself. *I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved* (John 10:9). ~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 August 31st, 2025

Minnesota Lake Sat 5:00 pm	WELLS Sunday 8:00 am	EASTON Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Loxlee Feist Lennox Feist Gus Schlechte	Claire Schimek Sophia Schimek Josette Schimek
SACRISTAN	Lea Nowak	Sue Rath
LECTOR	Jackie Mullery Kerry Haugh	Lynn Ascherman
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Joanne Haugh Lea Nowak	Joyce Eastvold Jeff Rath Yvonne Cory Ryan Strom C
USHERS	Mark Ignaszewski Kyle Chirpich Orland Yokiell Randy Feist	Dean Warmka Tyler Sonnek Troy Petersen
ROSARY	Tim Klein	Dawn Doyle
Shepherd's Inn	Linda Esner	
MONEY COUNTERS	Team 3	Ruth Sonnek Dale Stevermer

Next week's readings:
Sirach 3:17-18, 20,28-29;
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING			
	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$5,782.00	\$14,947.04	\$
Wells	\$3,051.75	\$29,058.39	\$
Easton	\$1,098.00	\$19,400.60	\$137,700.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025		
Minnesota Lake	\$1,900.00	Goal \$8119
Wells	\$11,131.00	Goal \$20,793
Easton	\$12,768.75	\$2,085.75 over goal!

Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration for the Tri-Parish 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



Congratulations to Paul and Judy Warmka who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, August 24 at OLMC! May God continue to bless your marriage and many more years to come!



***STJB Baptism:** We welcome into the Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism, Grace Virginia Drager was baptized at St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday, August 16, 2025. She is the infant daughter of Dusty and Devin Drager, Minnesota Lake. May God lead her along life's journey of faith.*

IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

CCW QUARTERLY AREA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Gathering will be held **Tuesday, August 26th**, 2025 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 100 Park Street N, Minnesota Lake. The evening begins with Mass at 6 pm, followed by a light meal, and speaker. The evening will conclude at 8 pm.

TRI-PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The tri-parish council meeting will be held on September 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the church Hall in Wells, all tri-parish council members from Wells, Easton and Minnesota Lake are to attend.

1700th ANNIVERSARY THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA

On the occasion of the 1700-year anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, Bishop Barron and the Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago will be speaking at a joint event on **August 27**. Held at Ss. Kosmas and Damianos Greek Orthodox Church in Rochester, Bishop Barron and Metropolitan Nathanael will both speak on the importance of the Council of Nicaea in the life of the Church, and there will be a time for questions and fellowship afterwards. Free and open to the public.

8th ANNUAL NEWMAN CENTER GALA, 10.5.2025

Keynote speaker Bishop Robert Barron founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. Sunday Oct. 5, 2025. Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center. 1 Civic Center Plaza Mankato, MN 56001. Anyone interest contact the Wells office at 507-553-5391.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Russ and Ruth Sonnek family would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Thanks to you, the Miller Farm Team was able to raise over \$7300 for cancer research and support despite the extreme heat and humidity experienced in Blue Earth that evening. Your thoughtfulness and prayer support are greatly appreciated.

THE RELICS OF ST. PADRE PIO

God still works miracles. Christ's healing mission and the powerful intercession of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Sept. 14-16, 2025, St. John Vianney Church, 901 S. Prairie Ave. Fairmont, MN. Presentations of the Life of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Veneration of Relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Healing Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, Pray of Healing. There will be a movie night on Sept 7 a Docudrama about the Life of Padre Pio served up with popcorn and pop.

OLMC MCCW

I am looking for someone to take over the position of President of MCCW as there is currently not a Vice President. If you are interested or have any questions about what is involved, please contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Andrea Schultz.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS: September 6

This year Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Barron at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 6 at St. Rose of Lima in Lewiston. Couples are asked to register here: <https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3779>.

SCRIP INVENTORY

Remaining scrip cards. Stop in the Wells rectory to purchase. We have, 1-Hallmark \$25, 1- LL Bean \$25.

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

Our Tri-Parish will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church. If you are not Catholic, we invite you to learn what the Church teaches. These sessions also are opportunities for you to ask any questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. Those who are already Catholic but would like to learn more about the Church are welcome to attend.

You are invited to either one of the following sessions: Sunday, August 24th at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held at St. Casimir Church Hall. For further information, contact the parish office at 553-5391.