

December 1, 2024 | The First 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. 3-9, 2024

<u>3</u>	Tues.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Lloyd Siepp
<u>4</u>	Wed.	8:30 am	Easton	+ Ray & + Margaret Stevermer
<u>5</u>	Thurs.	8:30 am	MN Lake	+ Burton & + Donna Schroeder
<u>6</u>	Fri.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Ralph Drees
<u>7</u>	Sat.	5:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+ Gladys Walser
<u>8</u>	Sun.	8:00 am	Wells	+ Carmen & + Robert Jewett
<u>8</u>	Sun.	10:00 am	Easton	+ Ray Kalis
<u>9</u>	Mon.	8:30 am	Wells	+ Lowell Schuster
<u>9</u>	Mon.	6:00 pm	Minnesota Lake	+ Frank Wingen

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
• Kroy Kalis	• Craig Sonnek	• Mike Redig
• Triston Father	• Zach Fendrich	• Dave Sonnek
• Steve Sonnek	• Charlie Kalis	• Jerome Leesch
• Sue Sonnek	• Don Yokiel	• Jan Stenzel
• Sheila Runquist	• Koltun Kunz	• Dale and Marg Sonnek
• Dennis Thisius	• Ken Tibodeau	• Colette Caeli
• Teresa Berry	• Colton Smith	• Drees
• Chuck Evan	• Tyler Doyle	• Richard Stenzel
	• 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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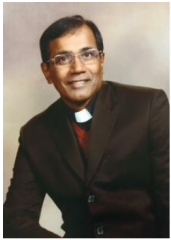
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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Advent-1st Sunday, December 01, 2024 – C Cycle

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

What is Advent? When is Advent? How can Advent make a difference in my relationship with God & others?

The word “**Advent**” comes from the Latin word “*adventus*” meaning “**arrival**” or “**coming**,” particularly of something having great importance. In the season with this name, we keep in mind both “advents” of Christ, the first in Bethlehem and the second yet to come.

The time before Christmas is Advent, a season of preparation for Christmas. Advent is a season in the Christian year that lasts for about four weeks. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve, thus there is some variation in its length.

Christians prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus by remembering the longing of the Jews for a Messiah. In Advent, we’re reminded of how much we ourselves also need a Savior, and we look forward to our Savior’s second coming even as we prepare to celebrate his first coming at Christmas.

The **Advent Wreath** and the **Colors of Advent** are the most popular symbols of the season. **The Advent Wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches where four candles are arranged.** During Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each week representing the coming of the Lord. **The 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays’ candles are purple, the primary color of Advent, symbolizing seriousness, repentance and royalty. The rose or pink colored candle used during the third week represents joy and reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration.** The white colored candle in the center, if used, represents the purity of Christ.

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which believers make themselves ready for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting and repentance, followed by anticipation of hope and joy.

Advent is celebrated not only by thanking God for Christ’s first coming as a baby, but also for His presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in anticipation of His final coming at the end of time.

Be Calm in your waiting; Let your hearts be strong; because the coming of the Lord is near-James 5:8.

“Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my mind. Give me a right faith, a firm hope and perfect love so that I may always and in all things act according to your perfect will” St. Francis of Assisi. ~ 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give the best gift possible this Christmas, an awesome marriage! Make plans today to attend the December 14-15 Marriage encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Information and register at www.marriages.org If you have any questions, please call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238 or email Mary@marriages.org. We encourage couples to renew and restore their commitment to Catholic Christian marriage.

LITURGICAL LIFE

Adoration

Liturgical Roles -Sunday Dec. 8, 2024

Minnesota Lake Saturday 5:00 pm	WELLS Sunday 8:00 am	EASTON Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Brynley Yokiell Sadie Yokiell Gemma Woodring	Austin Rath Riley Stevermer
SACRISTAN	Lea Nowak	Dianne Raurenhorst
LECTOR	Steve Bushlack	Nancy Linder
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Scott Bute Ike Dulas Bev Klein	Joyce Eastvold Teresa Schimek Jeff Rath Brian Rath
USHERS	Mark Ignaszewski Mark Herman Kerry Haugh Orland Yokiell	Dave O'Rourke Troy Petersen Bernie Schultz
GIFT BEARERS	Erik Woodring Family	
ROSARY	Tim Klein	Dawn Doyle
SHEPHERD'S INN	Joanne Tibodeau	
MONEY COUNTERS	5	Jeff Rath Dean Schimek

This week's readings: **Jeremiah 33:14-16;**
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
 Next week's readings: **Baruch 5:1-9;**
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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



Our Tri-parish welcomes *Ellie Rae Kloos* infant daughter of *Riley and Devyn Kloos* was baptized in Easton, November 24, and *Ahnika Mary-Kate Nasinec*, daughter of *Brandon and Danielle* baptized on Sunday, November 24 at St. Casimir in Wells. May God lead them along life's journey of faith.

In our Prayers:
 Soldiers Overseas:
Bernard D. Steinhauer
 Recently Departed

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 553-3805

CHURCH SUPPORT

	Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Needed	\$ 2,173	\$6,654	\$ 2,529
Given	\$33,024.95	\$79,473.61	\$45,546.05
Budget	\$45,633.00	\$133,180	\$53,109.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$148.00	\$621.00	\$387.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

	Parish Goal	\$ Received
Minnesota Lake	\$7,965	\$8,373 (\$408.00 over Goal)
Wells	\$21,089	\$18,518
Easton	\$10,683	\$10,683

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

CONFESSIONS

December 11, 2024, St. Casimir's Parish there will be confessions at 6:30 pm for Faith Formation students and our Tri-Parish. Also, confessions for our Tri-parish will start December 7 in Easton, December 15, in Minnesota Lake and December 15 in Wells. Everyone is welcome to come to any parish for confessions on these dates.

OLMC MASS SERVER TRAINING

On Sunday, December 1, 2024, Our Lady Of Mount Carmel will have server training after Mass. All current as well as any new Mass Servers are encouraged to attend this brief session.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

OLMC MCCW holiday Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024 in Madonna Hall from 11 am to 1 pm. MCCW members are asked to donate holiday baked items for this most successful fundraiser. Baked items may be dropped off on Saturday, December 7 between 1-3 pm at the Church, or Sunday December 8 before 10 am. There will also be a Soup Luncheon served from 11 am to 1 pm along with the Holiday Bake sale on December 8. All are welcome to attend!

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

2024 Ben Bushlack Scholarship Recipients Announced

On Sunday, November 24th, two St. Casimir's Catholic School students of Wells earned the honor of joining the ranks of past Ben Bushlack Scholarship recipients when they were presented with the honor being chosen as this year's winners. Following the morning Mass, Ben's mother, Mary Beth addressed those in attendance by sharing memories of Ben's remarkable life and how he still impacts other's lives even today. Mrs. Bushlack then announced that this year's recipients of the Ben Bushlack Scholarship were Colton Mullery and Gemma Woodring--two very deserving students.

This memorial scholarship is provided by Ben's family and friends to students who exhibit the qualities that represented Ben's infectious personality including his strong faith-filled life, giving of self to others and his love of the educational environment. Ben was the perfect example of how we must face adversities in life in an enthusiastic, optimistic and unselfish manner. Congratulations to Colton and Gemma, and our thanks to Ben's family for their ongoing generosity!



In the photos Ben's parents, Gary and Mary Beth Bushlack are shown with tri-parish priest, Fr. Pratap Salibindla, and SCCS school administrator, Jinger Woodring and scholarship recipients Colton Mullery and Gemma Woodring. The second photo shows Mary Beth and Gary Bushlack with Colton Mullery and Gemma Woodring.





Advent in the Footprints of Jesus With St. Francis of Assisi

We had a wonderful response to our Advent Retreat with 68 people in attendance. Those attending the event enjoyed a day of peaceful reflection, and a reminder of our need for silence. The retreat included a presentation by Father

Pratap. He had pictures showing the effects of leprosy in India and compared it to the sin of leprosy in our own lives. The fruit of the Holy Spirit was the joy of being together as a tri-parish community. Overall, a beautiful day with birds singing (really!) and St. Francis in our midst! Look for the next tri-parish opportunity during the Lenten Season.



Youth/Children's Mass

What a delight! We had our first Youth/Children's Mass this past weekend. The young people took the roles as lectors in proclaiming God's Word, leading us in the Prayers of the Faithful, and ushering. All children were invited up front during the homily where Father Pratap reminded the children that the mass was the Solemnity of Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. He spoke of the meaning of King and that Jesus is different than earthly kings. Jesus is Servant-King.

The young people who had a role in the mass are as follows:

St. Casimir: Welcome/Announcements: Nicholi Schroeder. Lectors: Nicholi Schroeder, and Kylee Koziolk. Prayers of the Faithful: Trent Ignaszewski, and Jace Ignaszewski. Ushers: Ayla Schott, and Jace Ignaszewski. Gift Bearers: Gabrielle Bushlack family. Altar Servers: Clara Bushlack, Gavin Chirpich, Carson Mullery, and Nathan Mullery



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Greeters (*kindergarten and first grade*): Sawyer Schroeder, Scarlet Linder, Micah Sonnek, Kipp Linder, Connor Sonnek, and Beau Stevermer. Lectors: Tori Stevermer, and Sophia Schimek. Prayers of the Faithful: (*third and fourth grade*) Maria Sonnek, Josie Slama, Spencer Schultz, Cameron Linder, and Will Linder. Offertory Gifts (*second grade*): Avery Schroeder, Mason Sonnek, and Grace Linder. Also, Spencer Schultz, Cameron Linder, and Will Linder assisted the ushers.



**Advent in the Footprints of Jesus
With St. Francis of Assisi**

**Retreat photos:
November 23, 2024**



Presented by:
The Little Portion Secular Franciscan
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