

February 8, 2026 | Fifth 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: February 14-15, 2026

12 Thurs. 8:30 am MN Lake +John and Chris Volz
13 Fri. 8:30 am Wells +Tom A. Schultz
14 Sat. 4:00 pm Mn Lake +Bob and Reta Stencel
15 Sun. 8:00 am Wells +Matthew John Sonnek
15 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 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
Steve Sonnek
Sue Sonnek
Teresa Berry
Chuck Evan
Rosemary Larson
Ann Ehrich
Quentin Staloch
Grace Drager
Sharon Obermeyer
Donnie Becker
Vincent Schultz
Grant Supalla
Betty Ziegler
Steven Nowak
Scott Bull
Kay Beyer
Steven Claeys Family
Dale Stevermer

Dace Smith
Craig Sonnek
Zach Fendrich
Charlie Kalis
Don Yokiel
Koltun Kunz
Ken Tibodeau
Colton Smith
Tyler Doyle
Jane Swehla
Frank Diaz
Cathy Pluym
Jan Elmer
Mike Redig
Randy Hodge
Tom Warmka
Jennifer Pinkelman
Patrica Rilly

Dave Sonnek
Jan Stenzel
Colette Caeli Drees
Richard Stenzel
Mary Stevermer
Tiffany Sonnek
Darrin Hueper
Katie Ascherman
Norbert Yokiel
Carol Gregor
Mark Woitas
Gregory Woitas
MaryAnn Woitas
Geri Peyton
Rick Girard
John Paul Herman
Dorothy Hochstein
Johnny Webb

PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Pratap Reddy Salibindla, OFM
320 2nd Ave SW, Wells, MN 56097
Cell: 507-226-4536
Email:
TriparishPriestApril2024@gmail.com

FB: TRI-PARISH CATHOLIC FAITH
COMMUNITY OF OLMC,STC, & STJB
Website: www.olmcstcstjb.org

WELLS OFFICE:

Ilda Reyerson: Administrative Asst.
Phone: 507-553-5391
Monday-Thursday
8:00 am—4:30 pm
E-Mail: scasimir@bevcomm.net
Kristen Dulas: FF Coordinator
E-mail: 25FAITHFORMATIONSTC@GMAIL.COM

EASTON OFFICE:

Sue Cory: Administrative Asst.
Phone: 507-787-2303
E-mail: olmc@bevcomm.net
Chris Schultz: FF Coordinator

MINNESOTA LAKE OFFICE:

Rhonda Drager: Administrative Asst.
Phone: 507-462-3636
E-mail: stjb@bevcomm.net

PRAYER & WORSHIP

5th Ordinary Sunday, February 8, 2026- A Cycle

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

Brothers and sisters, today's readings remind us that discipleship is about belief & action. What does it mean to be salt and light? Let's listen carefully to Jesus' words to gain a direction.

To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course.

To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others. Our acts of piety & prayer are never about self-benefit. It must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning to be effective stewards. **The Master gives us the wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light He desires.** Listen carefully to the Beatitudes.

Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ.

We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

- **Isaiah 58:7-10** – True worship is shown in acts of mercy: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked. When we care for others, God's light shines through us.
- **1 Corinthians 2:1-5** – St. Paul reminds us that faith does not rest on human wisdom but on the power of God. Our strength comes not from eloquence, but from Christ crucified.

Matthew 5:13-16 – Jesus calls us to be *salt of the earth* and *light of the world*. Our lives should give flavor and brightness, leading others to glorify God.

As we, the Faith Community, gather worshipping the Lord this Sunday, let us ask ourselves:

- **Where can I bring light into someone's darkness?**

How can I add the "flavor" of kindness and mercy to the lives around me?

May our worship today inspire us to live as true witnesses, so that through our words and deeds, others may glorify our Father in heaven. ~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 15, 2026

Minnesota Lake	Wells	Easton
Sat. 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Colton Mullery Nathan Mullery Carson Mullery	Makayla Ankeny Maria Sonnek Mckenna Stelpflug
SACRISTAN	Brian Bias	Dianne Rauenhorst
LECTOR	Jackie Mullery Scott Bute	Teresa Schimek
ORGANIST	Connie Stenzel	Mary Kayser
EXTRAORDINARY Ministers of Holy Communion	Joanne Haugh Kerry Haugh Adam Henning	Jeff Rath Joyce Eastvold Chelsea Sonnek Yvonne Cory C
USHERS	Orland Yokiell John Tibodeau Erik Neubauer Mark Ignaszewski	Dean Warmka Bernie Schultz Tegan Sonnek
ROSARY	Scott Bute	Sue Rath
Shepherd's Inn	Linda Enser	
MONEY COUNTERS	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.



STC YOUTH MASS AND COFFEE AND ROLLS

This Sunday, February 8, 2026 Youth Mass and Coffee and Rolls. Faith Formation students will be serving immediately following Mass, join us downstairs for conversation and fellowship with fresh rolls and coffee.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

February 18, 2026

Minnesota Lake	8:30 am
Easton	5:00 pm
Wells	6:30 pm

STC - All Faith Formation Students
and Catechists are to attend

Next week's readings:

First Reading—Sirach 15:15-20
Second Reading—1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel—Matthew 5:17-37

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
If you have any questions, please call Mary



Mary C. Jackson
Executive Director at Marriage/Engaged Encounter
Phone 651.454.3238 Email mary@marriages.org
Website marriages.org



FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$1,511.00	\$60,544.88	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$2,335.75	\$193,350.65	\$350,598.00
Easton	\$2,244.00	\$97,955.89	\$137,700.00

IN OUR PRAYERS:

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 Stenzel 507-553-3805.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

OLMC SOUP LUNCHEON

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a soup Luncheon at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Sunday, February 22, 2026 after Mass in Madonna Hall. Serving will run from 11 am to 12 noon. A free will offering is much appreciated! A bake sale sponsored by MCCW will also be held as a fundraiser for OLMC Faith Formation at the Soup Luncheon. MCCW members are asked to please donate baked goods for this important event. Proceeds will go toward students attending summer camp.

CDA

The Catholic Daughters of Blue Earth Court Joan of Arc will meet on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 8:30 am. We will say the Rosary with meeting to follow at 9 am. No Mass that day. Please join us for light refreshments before the meeting starts. Everyone is welcome to attend to see what CDA is about.

OLMC MCCW will hold their meeting on [Sunday, February 15](#) after Mass in Madonna Hall. All are welcome and invited to attend!

LENT RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Please save the date of Saturday, March 7th for a one-day Lenten retreat. This retreat is put on and hosted by the Tri-Parish Faith Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Casimir, and St. John the Baptist. Msgr. Thomas Cook, currently pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Owatonna; and former pastor of St. John the Baptist and our Lady of Carmel will be the main speaker for this Lenten retreat. More details will follow!

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.

DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

"Becoming one" Friday, February 27– Sunday, March 1, \$275/ couple (commuter rate), \$475 with two-night stay at the Alverna Center (limited availability!) Includes Friday evening refreshments, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch. Sign up on the Winona-Rochester Diocese website.

2026 MAN OF GOD MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 21, Church of Ss. Peter & Paul. Come join your brother of the Diocese to learn how to become an even better Man of God. The Man of God's Men's Conference will be in Mankato this year! Begins at 9:00 am and includes two talks by Keith Nester, the opportunity for confession, Mass with Bishop Barron and lunch! The day closes at 3:00 pm. You're not going to want to miss this conference! Sign up on the Winona-Rochester Diocese website. \$60 per person.