

May 17, 2026 | The Ascension of The Lord- Seventh Sunday of Easter



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: 4:00 pm



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass Schedule and Intentions: May 16-17, 2026

- 23 Sat. 4:00 pm Mn Lake + Arnie Sonnek**
- 24 Sun. 8:00 am Wells + Ron Neubauer**
- 24 Sun. 10:00 am Easton + Restituto Dumpa**

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

† Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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Rosemary Larson	Koltun Kunz	Tiffany Sonnek	Steven Nowak	Gregory Woitas
Ann Ehrich	Ken Tibodeau	Darrin Hueper	Scott Bull	Frank Diaz
Grace Drager	Colton Smith	Katie Ascherman	Dale Stevermer	Bryan Linder
John Paul Herman	Tyler Doyle	Carol Gregor	MaryAnn Woitas	Lea Nowak
Bill Neubauer	Jane Swehla	Mark Woitas	Jennifer Pinkelman	Steven Claeys Family
Sharon Obermeyer	Cathy Pluym	Donnie Becker	Katie Woitas	

PRAYER & WORSHIP



Today we come together as the people of God to celebrate the feast of The Ascension of Our Lord. In the preface for today's Mass it is said, that Jesus ascended into heaven to make us sharers of his divinity. The feast of Christ's Ascension is a celebration of God's unconditional love for us, because he loved us so much that he wanted to share His divine life with us. By ascending into heaven, Jesus takes our human nature with him. Therefore, we who are willing to participate in his death through baptism also can hope to share in the new life that awaits us in heaven.

When the priest prepares the cup for the consecration of the wine into Christ's blood he prays this prayer; "Through the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity. The water, which is mixed into the wine, symbolizes our being united to the divinity of Christ. As the water disappears into the wine, our human nature is consumed into the divine nature of God, and this really takes place in us when we receive the Eucharist. In the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus fulfills his promise and takes our human finite nature into eternal paradise. The feast of the Ascension gives us much hope during our difficult journey to live out our Christian faith. When we see Christ enter into heaven we are able to believe that the promise Jesus has made to us will be fulfilled.



This solemnity appears in our liturgical books with both a Vigil Mass and a Mass of the Day. While the antiphons differ, the readings are the same. In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, they ask the Lord if he is going to restore the kingdom of Israel. Jesus answers by reminding them that their mission is to become witnesses in Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The Ascension of the Lord, therefore, is connected with the promise of the Holy Spirit and the apostolic mission to proclaim the Gospel of hope—wherever people need to hear it. The power of God is manifested in the communion of the Church, reflected by the unity in love and objectives the apostles achieved in the company of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The readings encourage shepherds of the Church to continue the work that Christ has confided to them, extending the kingdom of God throughout the world. Conscious that the Lord is always among us and that his Mother walks with us each day, let us reflect on what or who encourages (or discourages) us in the service of God's people. Let us pray for one another and seek Christ's peace.

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. We are 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 the parish office 507-553-5391, 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, May 24, 2026

Minnesota Lake Wells Easton
 Sat. | 4:00 pm Sun. | 8:00 am Sun. | 10:00 am

SERVERS
 Clara Bushlack Claire Schimek
 Titlea Goette Sophia Schimek
 Lennox Feist Josette Schimek

SACRISTAN
 Brian Bias Dianne Rauenhorst

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 Jon Rath

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 Jon Feist Todd Sonnek
 Hannah and Logan Strom
 Nathan Goette Chuck Stevermer
 Randy Feist

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Half Day Retreat for Sacred Heart
June 12, 2026
 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 St. Francis Catholic Church

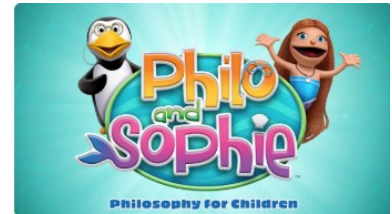
Mass • Breakfast • Reflections Adoration
 • Confession • Lunch
 Group Discussions



The 13th Day



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FAITH COMMUNITY GENEROUS GIVING

	Weekly	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Minnesota Lake	\$764.00	\$75,616.58	\$109,876.00
Wells	\$3,373.90	\$265,589.22	\$350,598.00
Easton	\$1,999.00	\$136,643.36	\$137,700.00

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2026

	Amount received	CMA amounts needed
Minnesota Lake	\$4,250	\$7,082
Wells	\$2,500	\$17,660
Easton	\$7,040.	\$9,700

Next week's readings:

First Reading— Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
 Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 12-3b-7, 12-13
 Gospel—John 20:19-23

IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

A BIG THANK YOU

"The Holy Family Knights of Columbus would like to thank the tri-parish's generosity for the "Tootsie Roll" campaign. This year your generosity raised \$776 for those with developmentally disabilities. All the money raised stayed local and in the state. Again, a big THANK YOU to all. "

OLMC Baccalaureate Mass will be on Sunday, May 31 at 10 am. We will recognize our high school graduating seniors and wish them well in their future plans.

GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive, June 1, 2026, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. Wells Community Center, West Room, 189 2nd St. SE Wells. Knights of Columbus please help unload at 10:45 am. Thank You! Visit; Red-CrossBlood.org and enter WELSMN for an appointment or Call 1-800-REDCROSS. Aug. 3rd 2026 is the next blood drive.

DIOCESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 23, 2026 10:00 am

Location: Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

The Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate will be celebrated at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Rochester, where seminarians preparing for the priesthood will be ordained as transitional deacons through the laying on of hands and prayers. All are invited to join in the joyful celebration for our diocese and to pray for these men as they continue their journey toward priesthood.

Friday, June 5, 2026, 2:00 pm

The Ordination to the Priesthood will be celebrated on June 5, at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of St. Stanislaus Kostka. During the sacred liturgy, men of the diocese will be ordained priest through the laying on of hands and the Prayer of Ordination. All are invited to attend and pray for these new priest as they begin their ministry in service to the Church,.

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 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. 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.