

Welcome to the Catholic Churches of Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

Longville, MN

December 31, 2023

Remer, MN

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Office Hours

Mon. Tue. & Fri. 9:00am-1:00pm

St. Edward's, Longville

Mass Schedule

Rosary — One half hour before Masses

Confessions - Saturday..... 3:00pm
or by appointment

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday.....8:30am

Daily Mass

Monday

Mass.....8:30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Paul's, Remer

Mass Schedule

Rosary — One half hour before Masses

Confessions before/after Sunday Mass
or by appointment.

Sunday.....10:30am

Daily Mass-

Monday

Mass.....10 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Thursday of the Month

9AM—8 PM

Prayer List

If you, or someone you know or love,
have a prayer need, please contact:

Dianne Hipsher at 218-363-2969



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to
wait years for the answer to our prayer.

Never despair.

Remember that God keeps His word.

SVdP Saint Rose of Lima Conference
Longville/Remer





Monday, January 1
 Saint Edward's - *Agnes Hassler* +
 Saint Paul's - *Dorothy Stock* +

Saturday, January 6
 Saint Edward's - *Scott Franta* +

Sunday, January 7
 Saint Edward's - *David Kurz* +
 Saint Paul's - *Health of Bonnie Renn*

Readings for the week of

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;
 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or
 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21
 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/
 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
 Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4,
 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/
 Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
 Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or
 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,
 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
 Mt 2:1-1

Hosts with .01% Gluten are available for Holy Communion. Please see an **Usher or the Priest** before Mass if you wish to receive one of these.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Mission - The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop.

Please contact *Melissa Umerski*,
 @ 612-719-3601.

Spiritual Direction

Appointments can be made,
 no cost, free donation to
 the parish if chosen.

Contact Ellen @ 763-913-1485



GOSPEL MEDITATION-

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too. — *Father John Muir*

Did you know... that when you say a prayer for the holy souls in purgatory that it also blesses you. Litany for the Poor Souls in Purgatory Cards are available at the entrances.

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ

We extend our hearts and hands in Christian hospitality to you. To begin communications with the Parish Office, complete this form. You may send it by mail or drop it in the collection basket.

Choose One: **Saint Edward's**

Saint Paul's

___ New Member Registration

___ Update Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone & Email _____

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..." — Colossians 3:12



UCA Collection

2023	Saint Edward's	Saint Paul's
Due 2023	\$26,172.72	\$10,822.76
Collected	Completed	Completed

**Women's Council of
St. Edward's
Wednesday**

February 14, 2023 @ 9 AM

St. Paul's Ladies Council

*****NEXT MEETING*****

Tuesday

January 16, 2024 @ 3 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If someone you know is ill, depressed, dying, is in counseling, lonely, is going into a nursing home; anyone who is in need of our prayers, love and care.

Contact the parish office at
218-363-2799



First Friday Mass

St. Edward's

Adoration 7:30 am

Benediction & Mass 8:30am

First Saturday Mass

St. Edward's

Rosary 8:00 am

Mass 8:30 am

Home Visitors Ministry

are privileged to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound or for any reason unable to attend Mass on Sundays. If you know someone in need of this Ministry, please contact Sharon Thole at 218-363-3811

Here to Serve You

Saint Edward's and Saint Paul's Parishes

Administrator.....Deacon Jim Clack

Sacramental Minister.....Fr. Joseph Fink

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Deanery Vocation Ministry

Rod Schloesser

Larry and Diane Holter

Bob Bechtel

Saint Vincent de Paul / Saint Rose of Lima Conference

Longville/Remer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2024

@ 1 PM Saint Paul's Church in Remer

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month (December), through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting 6 families, providing gifts for Children, and money for utility and rent bills. Thanks!

Our help to our neighbors is only done through your generous donations. **Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes** are available in both churches.

