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# Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

Longville, MN      December 15, 2024      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

Mondays 9 AM –1 PM

## 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

9 AM –7 PM

## Prayer List

If you, or someone you know or love,  
have a prayer need, please contact:  
Dianne Hipsher at 218-363-2969



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

- Lk 3:16

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

**SVdP Saint Rose of Lima Conference**  
Longville/Remer



Monday, December 16  
 Saint Edward's - *Communion Service*  
 Saint Paul's - *Communion Service*

Saturday, December 21  
 Saint Edward's - *Phyllis Rouse +*

Sunday, December 22  
 Saint Edward's - *Don and Carol Walmsley +*  
 Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*



### Spiritual Direction

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

Contact Ellen @ 763-913-1485



### Prayer for the third week of Advent Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the  
 Baptist, help us to remember the least  
 fortunate, and how caring for them shares  
 in the caring of the beloved Christ-child.  
 Bring Your generosity into our  
 community. Amen.

**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 to church.**

### Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/  
 Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab,  
 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,  
 17/Mt 1:1-17

**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13,  
 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a,  
 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Friday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
 Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/  
 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

**Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-4

### GOSPEL MEDITATION-

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### December 15, 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of  
 Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be  
 doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly  
 life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans."  
 Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by  
 Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the  
 present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild  
 and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come  
 who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16).  
 Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his  
 listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of  
 justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their  
 clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices,  
 being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many  
 actually did it? We don't know.

How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble  
 and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be  
 doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum  
 towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing  
 because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray:  
 "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this  
 week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the  
 appropriate changes.  
 — Father John Muir



### Sunday Coffee

We would love to see new faces in the kitchen for Sunday Coffee at both  
 Saint Edward's and Saint Paul's. This ministry is an important part of  
 our church! Current coffee hosts are willing to help you learn the ropes!

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.

### Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor a loved one  
 with flowers you can now order flowers  
 as a Christmas Memorial.  
*Envelopes are available by the doors.*



### St. Edward's Collection December 2 - 8 2024

Envelopes	\$ 3,065.00
Plate	\$ 208.10
Ministries Appeal	\$ 160.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 615.00
Christmas	\$ 10.00

### Saint Paul's Collection December 2 - 8, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 1,398.00
Plate	\$ 198.00
Ministries Appeal	\$ 145.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 90.00
Building Fund	\$ 2.00



## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

### *Asking the Question*

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” that his reply was not going to be: “Keep doing exactly what you’re doing.”

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That’s a hard thing to do, and I don’t do it enough. Too often, I’m afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

## Christmas

**Question:** With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it’s easy to stray.

**Answer:** Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

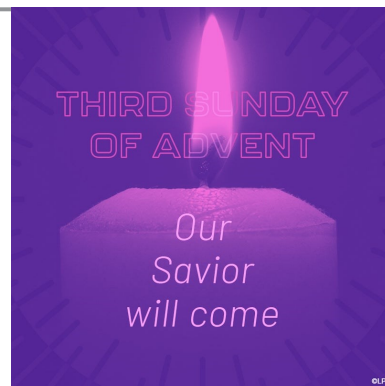
We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord’s coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

## Saint Vincent de Paul / Saint Rose of Lima Conference December 17, 2024 @ 1PM at Saint Edward’s

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist says, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise...”



**Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.**



### 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*