


# Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

St. Edward's = S.Ed  
St. Paul's = S.P

## December 24/January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>15</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b> 9 AM @ <b>S.P</b>  <b>Advent Potluck</b> Following Mass @ <b>S.P</b>  <b>Gaudete</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Communion Service</b> 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10 AM @ <b>S.P</b>  <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 9 A-1 PM @ S.Ed  <b>SAILS</b>	<b>17</b> <b>SVdP</b> 1 PM @ S.Ed	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>SAILS</b> 10 AM @ S.Ed <b>Men's Group</b> 5 PM @ <b>S.P</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>  	<b>23</b> <b>Daily Mass</b> 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10 AM @ <b>S.P</b>  <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 9 A-1 PM @ S.Ed  <b>SAILS</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 4 PM @ S.Ed	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day Masses</b> 8:30 AM @ S. Ed  10:30 AM @ <b>S.P</b>	<b>26</b> <b>SAILS</b> 10 AM @ S.Ed <b>Men's Group</b> 5 PM @ <b>S.P</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Daily Mass</b> 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10 AM @ <b>S.P</b>  <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 9 A-1 PM @ S.Ed  <b>SAILS</b> 10 AM @ S.Ed	<b>31</b> <b>New Years Eve</b> 4 PM @ S.Ed	<b>January 1</b> <b>New Years Day Masses</b> 8:30 AM @ S. Ed  10:30 AM @ <b>S.P</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 9 AM-7 PM @ <b>S.P</b>  <b>SAILS</b> 10 AM @ S.Ed <b>Men's Group</b> 5 PM @ <b>S.P</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Adoration and First Friday Mass</b> Adoration 7:30 AM <b>Mass</b> 8:30 AM @ S.Ed	<b>4</b> <b>First Saturday Mass</b> 8:30 AM @ S.Ed



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

#### CELEBRATE ADVENT IDEA 3:

Bake cookies to secretly drop off to your neighbors. Include a Christmas card with an Advent prayer or an invitation to Christmas Mass at your parish!

Wire Advent Wreaths and candles are available to purchase at St. Edward's in the Church Store. Decorate as you like.



**SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**  
***Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa***

Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa (1904-1955) was born in Balasar, Portugal. Her father died when she was very young. She and her older sister Deolinda were sent to Póvoa de Varzim to attend primary school. There they were taught literacy skills and catechism, but they were only able to stay for 18 months.



Alexandrina worked in the fields as a farmhand until she was 12 when a bout of typhoid weakened her. After she recovered, she took up sewing like her sister. When she was 14, several men broke into the house intent on doing harm to the girls. Alexandrina jumped from a window to save herself, falling 13 feet to the ground. The fall severely damaged her spine.

By 1924 she was entirely paralyzed. Although she prayed fervently for a cure, she was instead granted the ability to embrace her suffering with love. She experienced frequent ecstasies during which she saw and spoke with Mary and Jesus. Despite the extreme pain she lived with, outwardly she gave smiles and joy. In October 1938 she began to relive the three-hour passion of Jesus every Friday. Witnesses recorded some 182 occurrences of the passion when Alexandrina's paralysis was overcome, and she moved about the room in the steps of Jesus.

When the passion ecstasies ended in 1942, Alexandrina's broken body was confined again to bed. For the 13 years and seven months until her death, daily Holy Communion was her only food and drink. In 1944, Alexandrina became a member of the "Union of Salesian Cooperators" and offered her suffering for the salvation of souls and for the sanctification of youth. St. John Paul II beatified her on April 25, 2004. Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa, pray for us!

***What is a Grotto?***

A grotto holds significant importance within the Catholic church due to its deep religious symbolism and historical roots. A grotto is a natural or artificial cave-like structure often associated with the Virgin Mary or a specific saint. These sacred spaces play a crucial role in the spiritual life of Catholics and hold great significance for various reasons.

Furthermore, grottos serve as a place of solace and healing for many. They are seen as a source of comfort, strength, and hope during times of personal struggle or illness. The peaceful and serene environment of a grotto offers believers a sanctuary where they can reflect, seek guidance, and find inner peace. It is believed that the Virgin Mary's presence or the intercession of a particular saint within the grotto can provide spiritual nourishment, emotional healing, and even physical miracles.

St. Paul's Church in Remer has a vision of having a Grotto in amongst the beautiful pine trees. If you would like to help plan, build or donate to this project, please contact the parish office.

If you have a milestone Birthday or Anniversary date you would like announced in the bulletin, please let us know at the Parish office.

**Communal Penance**

Sunday, December 15th @ 2 PM  
St. Agnes—Walker

Sunday December 15th  
Holy Family—McGregor

Tuesday December 17th @ 7 PM  
St. Andrew—Brainerd

Wednesday, December 18th  
Holy Family, McGregor

Sunday, December 22nd @ 3 PM  
St. Francis—Brainerd

Sunday, December 22nd  
St. Joseph—Crosby

**"How does a sheep say Merry Christmas?"**



**"Fleece Navidad!"**



There are many ways to say "Merry Christmas," but each one is a wonderful blessing of the good news of Jesus come to earth as our savior.

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