

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

Longville, MN

December 22, 2024

Remer, MN

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

St. Edward's, Longville

Mass Schedule

Rosary – One half hour before Masses

Confessions - Saturday3:00pm
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



"BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB." - LK 1:42

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Blessed are you who believed,” Elizabeth tells Mary.

Do we believe?

When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen — or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary's example, and believe.

SVdP Saint Rose of Lima Conference
Longville/Remer



Monday, December 23
Saint Edward's - *Health of Debbie Kurz*
Saint Paul's - *Walt & Carol Scollard +*

Christmas Eve, December 24
Saint Edward's - *Bob Kubista +*

Christmas Day, December 25
Saint Edward's - *Pro Populo*
Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

Saturday, December 28
Saint Edward's - *Pro Populo*

Sunday, December 29
Saint Edward's - *Paul Hipsher +*
Saint Paul's - *Rod Schloesser +*

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.

Readings for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
(4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab,
8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,
16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17,
22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,
11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6,
11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1,
2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd
-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/
Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5,
7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

GOSPEL MEDITATION- ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE December 22, 2024 4th Sunday of Advent

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that **"there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord"** (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."

— 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 to church.

Prayer for Advent Joy

Dear Jesus,
The news of your coming was met with boundless joy — fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

Spiritual Direction

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

**Contact Ellen @
763-913-1485**



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.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Hidden Truth

If you have ever been visibly pregnant, chances are that someone, somewhere, whom you do not know, has reached out to touch your stomach.

I've had this happen to me, and sure, it's a little strange. Generally, I prefer people to ask before they touch me. But it's also very sweet, this great mystical excitement inspired by a pregnant belly. We know that belly is special. We know enclosed within it is hope and potential — the very future of our world. Hidden, but real. How can we help but venerate it?

It's why the pregnant Madonna is my favorite devotional image. I even prefer it over the depictions of the Madonna and Child because I find in the sight of Mary's swollen belly more to meditate upon than I find in the unveiled face of the Christ Child. Salvation and redemption, enclosed in flesh, moving, and growing and breathing, but I cannot see it. It's real and it's true and it's there.

And it is hidden.

There is much about God that we know with certainty. But there is so much that remains beyond our sight, beyond our comprehension. Questions of evil and sorrow. Pain and tragedy. Life and death. Why don't we have all the answers? We grow very impatient about this. We're like teenagers who want to be trusted with all the family secrets. We hate feeling left out of the loop.

But truth, like life, does not come to us showing its face. Perhaps this is because we could not bear its terrible beauty. Perhaps it's because we would not recognize it if it was laid bare for us to see.

Saint Vincent de Paul / Saint Rose of Lima Conference **January 7, 2025 @ 1PM at Saint Paul's**

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.



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

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Christmas Gifts

Question: Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer: Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.