

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

Longville, MN

December 29, 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



## THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them  
and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

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## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before  
finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?"  
he says to them, in so many words.

We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let  
us never forget and never despair.

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





Monday, December 30

Saint Edward's - *David Kurz* +

Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

New Year's Eve, December 31

Saint Edward's - *Pro Populo*

New Year's Day, January 1

Saint Edward's - *Dorothy Stock* +

Saint Paul's - *Fernando Morales* +

First Friday, January 3

Saint Edwards - *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

First Saturday, January 4

Saint Edward's - *Protection of the Unborn*

Saturday, January 4

Saint Edward's - *Brian Plunkett* +

Sunday, January 5

Saint Edward's - *Lawrence & Marjorie*

*Schultes* +

Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

### Readings for the week of

**December 29, 2024**

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

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9,  
10/Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12,  
13/Jn 1:1-18

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

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

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

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

**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 2:1-12



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.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION-

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**December 29, 2024 The Holy Family**

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary "after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..." (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: "Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— *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.**

### Spiritual Direction

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

**Contact Ellen @**

**763-913-1485**



### 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!

### Women's Council of St. Edward's Meeting

**NO meeting in January.**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 @ 9 AM**



## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

### *Where is Jesus?*

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?"

It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it's okay to lose our way.

He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened?

But it's there, right in front of us. We can reach out and touch it. We may not see it. We may not understand it. But we can know it.

### *Here to Serve You*

#### **Saint Edward's and Saint Paul's Parishes**

**Administrator**.....Deacon Jim Clack  
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**Website Advisor**.....Pat Bettenberg

#### **Finance Council**

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#### **Deanery Vocation Ministry**

Larry and Diane Holter      Bob Bechtel

**Giving Envelopes for 2025 are now available in both churches.**

### **Prayer for Family**

Dear God,  
Help my family to be holy, too!  
Amen.

### **TRIVIA**

**Question:** What are the names of the three kings who visited baby Jesus.

**Answer:** According to tradition, they are Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?

## **Saint Vincent de Paul / Saint Rose of Lima Conference**

**January 7, 2025 @ 1PM at Saint Paul's**

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

**December of this this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting 5 families, \$1,573.69 in help with food, car repair, utility and rent bills. Thank you!**



### **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*