

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

Longville, MN

December 8, 2024

Remer, MN

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St. Edward's, Longville

Mass Schedule

Rosary — One half hour before Masses

Confessions - Saturday3:00pm
or by appointment

Saturday4:00pm

Sunday8:30am

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.

Sunday10:30am

Daily Mass-

Monday

Mass.....10 am

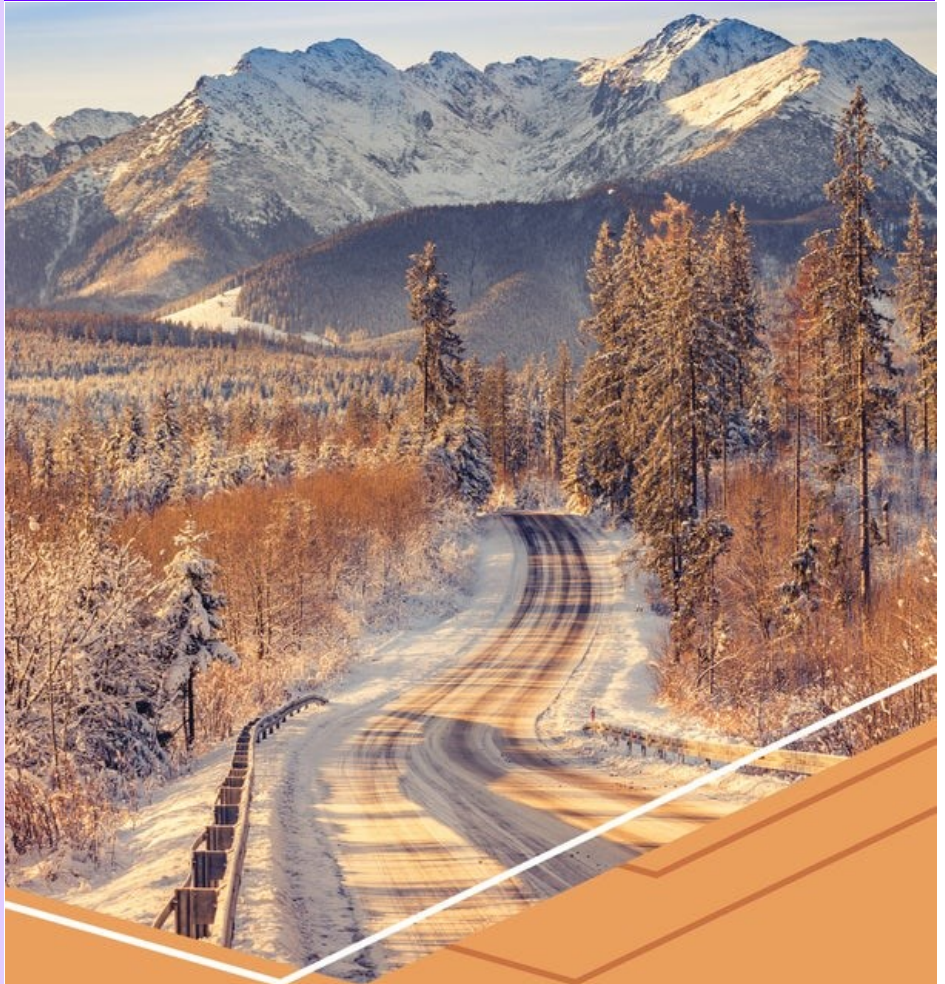
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Thursday of the Month

9 AM—7 PM

Prayer List

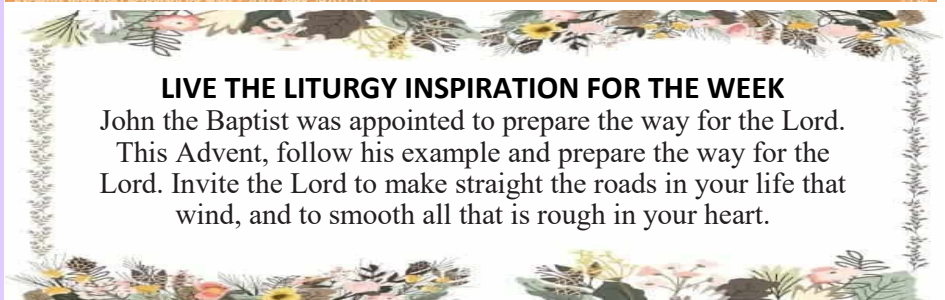
If you, or someone you know or love,
have a prayer need, please contact:
Dianne Hipsher at 218-363-2969



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

- Lk 3:5-6



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord.

This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

SVdP Saint Rose of Lima Conference
Longville/Remer



Monday, December 9

Saint Edward's - *Health of Jim Kelley*

Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

Saturday, December 14

Saint Edward's - *Bob Kubista +*

Sunday, December 15

Saint Edward's - *Pro Populo*

Saint Paul's - *Virgil Kearney +*



Spiritual Direction

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

Contact Ellen @ 763-913-1485



Prayer for the second week of Advent Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look forward to
Jesus' arrival —

Make straight the paths, Lord!

Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.
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 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,
11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or
Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION-

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **"the word of God came to John the Baptist:"** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks -in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."
— 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!



**Women's Council of
St. Edward's Meeting
Wednesday
December 11, 2024
@ 9 AM**

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 Nov.25 – Dec. 1 2024

Envelopes	\$ 2,323.00
Plate	\$ 170.00
Ministries Appeal	\$ 183.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00

Saint Paul's Collection Nov. 25 – Dec. 1, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 1,490.00
Plate	\$ 54.00
Ministries Appeal	\$ 345.00
Grotto	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,020.00

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Straight Path

Ten to fifteen years ago the Department of Transportation decided that it would be fun to give everyone in my zip code something to complain about and replaced most of our major intersections with roundabouts.

This wouldn't be so irksome, I suppose, if I understood how to navigate a roundabout. In theory I do, I've read all the rules and I've watched those cute little YouTube videos where they show you which car is supposed to go at what time. But theory and practice are rather different. And the bottom line is, I never approach a roundabout without taking a deep, anxious breath and tightening my grip on the steering wheel, not entirely sure what my next move should be.

I think of roundabouts every time I hear today's Gospel reading, where John the Baptist echoes Isaiah in beseeching us to make straight the paths of the Lord. See, I always think I've made a straight path between me and God. I go to Mass. I go to Confession. I say my prayers.

He can get to me if He wants, I tell myself.

But without realizing it, I put up roundabouts. I make rules. You go here, God, and then I go here. I'll do this, God, but first You do this. You stay in your lane, and I stay in mine. Eventually I find myself taking a different route altogether; the road that stretches between me and Him is too daunting. I start avoiding it.

Sometimes I think God wants the path to be straight not for Himself but for us. He can handle a roundabout. But He knows that when we must run to Him, we have to do it without thinking. In the dark. In fear, in anxiety.

So, this Advent, beware the roundabouts. Make straight the path.

Las Posadas

Question: What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Answer: "Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

Saint Vincent de Paul / Saint Rose of Lima Con-

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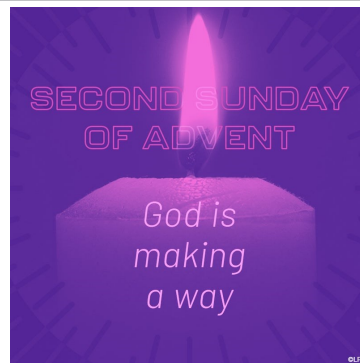
December 17, 2024 @ 1PM at

Saint Edward's



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate 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