



Monday, January 13  
 Saint Edward's - *Communion Service*  
 Saint Paul's - *Communion Service*

Saturday, January 18  
 Saint Edward's - *Bob Kubista +*

Sunday, January 19  
 Saint Edward's - *Deacon Barry Olson +*  
 Saint Paul's - *James Redmond +*



### Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4,  
 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14;  
 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6  
 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7,  
 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,  
 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9,  
 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc,  
 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/  
 Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8,  
 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-1

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

#### Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,  
 You desire each of us to be a part of Your  
 sacred family, called and invited into  
 relationship with You. May the grace of our  
 Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved  
 and chosen by You.

Amen.



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 The Baptism of the Lord Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words '**You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased**' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

#### St. Edward's Collection Dec. 30 – Jan. 5, 2025

Envelopes	\$	2,658.00
Plate	\$	1,032.00
Ministries Appeal	\$	570.00
Building Fund	\$	281.00
New Year's	\$	754.00

#### Saint Paul's Collection Dec. 30 – Jan. 5, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,654.00
Plate	\$	357.00
Ministries Appeal	\$	185.00
New Year's	\$	274.00

A PRAYERFUL  
 NEW YEAR'S  
 RESOLUTION  
 IDEA:

**COMMIT TO  
 SAYING THE  
 ROSARY  
 EVERY DAY.**





## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

**Mini Reflection:** It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

### Beneath the Surface

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

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

**NO meeting in January.**

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

### 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!



### 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*

### Here to Serve You

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

**Administrator**.....Deacon Jim Clack

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Mike Baltus

Alan Rajdl

Tony Collins

### Deanery Vocation Ministry

Larry and Diane Holter

Bob Bechtel

### Saint Vincent de Paul /

### Saint Rose of Lima Conference

**January 21, 2025 @ 1PM at Saint Edward's**

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

**As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased".**



**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**

