

DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Examination of Conscience - January 26, 2025

Examination of Conscience, Explained In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the apostle writes that it is imperative for a Christian to reflect on his conscience before he partakes of Holy Eucharist: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). The practice of examining one's conscience before seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation thus dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith and was encouraged as a regular practice by many saints and founders of religious orders as a means of growing in virtue.

An examination of conscience, when it relates to the sacrament, simply means reflecting on one's actions (and particularly the intentions behind those actions) since the penitent's last

absolution, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed. A good basis for this reflection can be the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the seven deadly sins.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED **Love as a Theological Virtue**

Question: I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer: Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.



SAVE THE DATE - March 21, 2025
Longville Lions First Blood Drive for the Season
at Saint Edward's

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



Hello,

My name is Kathleen Seiler, I am a member of the Women's Council of Saint Edward's. I started attend the meeting on the second Wednesday of every month, and at one of those meetings I asked "Do we have a florist in Longville?" I used to order flowers to be placed on the altar in memory of my Mom and Dad on the anniversary of their birthdays, on their wedding anniversary, etc., at my previous church.

And that is how I became the flower lady here at Saint Edwards. If you have wondered about ordering flowers like I did, give me a call. Kathleen 651-239-2030.



Men's Conference

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts
602 S. 5th St.
Brainerd, MN 56401

Registration 7:30 AM
Conference Start 9 AM
Mass 5 PM—Bishop Felton

Guest Speaker Father Phillip Scott
"You must become a Son first"

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Cost: Lay Persons - \$50.00
Lay Students - \$25.00

Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided

Sign up online - NOW
[KOCMensConference.eventbrite.com](https://www.kocmensconference.com)

Real Presence Radio invites you to attend the fundraising banquet in Duluth on Tuesday, March 4th in the Harborside Ballroom at the Duluth Entertainment & Event Center (DECC). This year's keynote speaker is Cy Kellett.

Cy Kellett is the host of Catholic Answers Live. He formerly hosted "The Bright Side with Cy Kellett" on the Immaculate Heart Radio network. For more than a decade, Kellett was editor of San Diego's diocesan newspaper, The Southern Cross.


Before that, he taught at Xaverian Brothers High School outside of Boston and spent several years living in Boston's Catholic Worker house working with the homeless & mentally ill. Kellett and his wife, Missy, have three children.

For more information about the event or to register as a guest, visit our website, **[realpresenceradio.com](https://www.realpresenceradio.com)**. To become a table host or event sponsor call Margaret Ricci at 701-960-0229 or email at **margaret@realpresenceradio.com**.

Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

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

January/February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 	27 Daily Mass 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10 AM @ S.P Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 A-1 PM @ S.Ed SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed	28 SVdP 1 PM @ S.Ed	29 Religious ED 1-3 PM @ S.P	30 SAIL 10 AM @ S.Ed Men's Group 5 PM @ S.P	31 Adoration and Friday Mass Adoration 7:30 AM Mass 8:30 AM @ S.Ed	February 1 First Saturday Mass 8:30 AM @ S.Ed
2 Confirmation Class 9 AM @ S.P	3 St. Blaise Blessing Daily Mass 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10 AM @ S.P Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 A-1 PM @ S.Ed SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed	4	5 Religious ED 1-3 PM @ S.P	6 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 AM-7 PM @ S.P SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed Men's Group 5 PM @ S.P	7 NO First Friday Mass Mary Group Bible Study 9AM @S.Ed	8 <i>Father Jerry Weiss</i>
9 <i>Father Jerry Weiss</i>	10 Communion Service 8:30 AM @ S.Ed 10 AM @ S.P Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9 A-1 PM @ S.Ed SAILS 10 AM @ S.Ed	11 Women of Today MTG	12 Women's Council MTG 9 AM @ S.Ed	13 SAIL 10 AM @ S.Ed Men's Group 5 PM @ S.P	14 Remer Lions Senior Valentine's Dinner Noon @ S.P 	15

Rosary Apps:

www.schooloffaith.com

<https://kristinscrosses.com/daily-readings/the-rosary/>

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 _____/_____

Messages from the Parish office:

Parishioners

2024 Contribution Statements for Saint Edward's and Saint Paul's were mailed out on 1/23/2025. If you do not receive yours please contact the parish office.

Liturgical Ministers

Liturgy schedules for Saint Edward's and Saint Paul's will no longer be mailed out. They will be available for you to pick up in the Sacristy the last weekend of the existing month for the next month, or in the office during the week.

NO First Friday Mass 2/7/25

Father Joe and Father Jerry are not available for First Friday Mass for the month of February. Instead we will be having a special Mass on Friday, January 31 at 8:30 AM .