

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

Longville, MN

February 2, 2025

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 - Saturday3:00pm
or by appointment

Saturday4:00pm

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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anna and Simeon saw greatness and glory in the face of a tiny babe. Jesus was insignificant in the eyes of others who looked for the Messiah in the gilded halls of kings. But Anna and Simeon recognized God when they saw him. Do we?

SVdP Saint Rose of Lima Conference
Longville/Remer





Monday, February 3
 Saint Edward's - *Health of Jackie Kepner*
 Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

Saturday, February 8
 Saint Edward's - Dewey & Marjorie
 Wenzel +

Sunday, February 9
 Saint Edward's - *Health of Don Charpentier*
 Saint Paul's - *Rod Schloesser +*

**Readings for the week of
 February 2, 2025**

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7,
 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22,
 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28
 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:
 1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:
 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/
 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:
 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2,
 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11
 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

**GOSPEL MEDITATION-
 ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
 February 2, 2025 Presentation of the Lord**

Luke 2:22-40

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear – somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.
 – Father John Muir

Women's Council of St. Edward's
Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 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.

Presentation of the Lord

Question: Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer: February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

The Thoughts of Many Hearts

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

St. Edward's Collection Jan. 20 - 26, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,947.00
Plate	\$	149.80
Ministries Appeal	\$	70.00
Latin America	\$	113.00
Building Fund	\$	5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	50.00

St. Paul's Collection Jan. 20 - 26, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,292.00
Plate	\$	45.00
Building Fund	\$	35.00
Latin America	\$	175.00
Ministries Appeal	\$	175.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	15.00
Holy Land	\$	25.00

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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Saint Vincent de Paul / Saint Rose of Lima Conference February 4 @ 1PM at Saint Paul's

In the Gospel today, Jesus show us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

**Is God is calling you to join the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**



**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 @

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