



Monday, February 17  
Saint Edward's - *Gar Palmer +*  
Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

Saturday, February 22  
Saint Edward's - *Nicholas and Eva Wenzel +*

Sunday, February 23  
Saint Edward's - *June & Carl Sonstegard +*  
Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

## Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

**Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6,  
(40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8,  
16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and  
2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:  
12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,  
29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13,  
14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/  
Mt 16:13-19

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,  
22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

## Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in imitation of  
Yours. Bless me, Lord, help me to see people  
as You do, and to hear their needs.

Bless me, Lord, replace my understanding  
with Yours. Amen.



Next weekend is The Ministries  
Appeal Weekend in your parishes.  
You will be asked to join other  
Catholics in the Diocese of Duluth  
with a gift in support of the collective  
ministries. Please continue to pray for the  
success of The Ministries Appeal and if you  
haven't already given your gift, please  
prayerfully consider donation in support of  
the ministries.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION- ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE February 16, 2025 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 6:17, 20-26

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **"Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now... who laugh now...who are well-spoken of"** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— Father John Muir

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.

### St. Edward's Collection February 3 - 9, 2025

Envelopes	\$	2,109.00
Plate	\$	164.00
Ministries Appeal	\$	5.00
Building Fund	\$	40.00

### St. Paul's Collection February 3 - 9, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,158.00
Plate	\$	49.00
Building Fund	\$	20.00
Grotto	\$	40.00
Ministries Appeal	\$	200.00

"How is a priest required to freshen his  
breath before Mass?"



**"With a vestMINT."**



When celebrating the Sacrifice of the Mass, priests wear special garments known as vestments. They wear the Amice, the Alb, the Cincture, the Stole, and finally the Chasuble, the colorful outer garment.



## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

**Mini Reflection:** Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

### In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

### 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

**Sacramental Minister**..... Fr. Joseph Fink

**Spiritual Director**.....Ellen Leger

**Secretary/Bookkeeper**.....Deb Stock

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### Deanery Vocation Ministry

Larry and Diane Holter

Bob Bechtel

### Saint Vincent de Paul /

### Saint Rose of Lima Conference

**February 18 @ 1PM at Saint Edward’s**

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

**Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.**



**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**

