# Welcome to the Catholic Churches of

# Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

Longville, MN

March 30, 2025

Remer, MN

### **Stay Connected**

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### **Phone Numbers**

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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 - Saturday ......3:00pm or by appointment

Saturday.....4:00pm **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

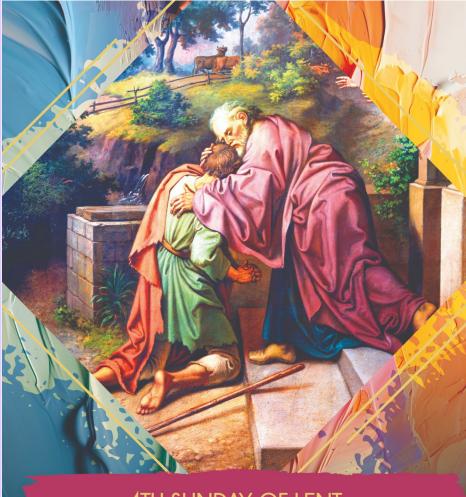
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# **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

1st Thursday of the Month  $9\,\mathrm{AM} - 7\,\mathrm{PM}$ 

### **Prayer List**

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



# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again." - Lk 15:24a

### LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.

SVdP Saint Rose of Lima Conference Longville/Remer



Monday, March 31 INTENTIONS
Saint Edward's ~ Pro Populo
Saint Paul's ~ Health of Dan Schultz

First Friday ~ April 4 Saint Edwards ~ Holy Souls in Purgatory

First Saturday ~April 5 Saint Edward's ~ Health of the Unborn

Saturday, April 5 Saint Edward's—Sara Boedigheimer +

Sunday, April 6 Saint Edward's ~ Health of Bill Hasser Saint Paul's ~ Pro Populo

# Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 **Scrutiny:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/In 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10,

11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,

33b-45

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### Prayer of a Father's Blessing

God who wills good things for your children, Help me to trust that You will be faithful. God who will not leave me,

Help me to seek You, too. God who is ever-waiting for me,

Help me to run straight towards You.

Amen

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION-

# ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE March 30, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent John 9:1-41

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

**Lenten challenge:** Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

- 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.

### TRYING NEW FOOD IN TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and



future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive.

Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

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.

 St. Edward's Collection

 March 18 - 23, 2025

 Envelopes
 \$ 2,943.00

 Plate
 \$ 137.75

 Ministries Appeal
 \$ 1,065.00

 Building Fund
 \$ 70.00

 B& I Mission
 \$ 50.00

St. Paul's Collection March 18 - 23, 2025		
Envelopes	\$	666.00
Plate	\$	45.00
Building Fund	\$	50.00
B&I Mission	\$	75.00

#### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance.

### The Apology

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion — not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. *Why are you doing this?* some people would ask. *God doesn't need this.* 

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance.

# Rosary Apps: www.schooloffaith.com

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



# 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

#### Here to Serve You

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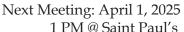
#### **Finance Council**

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**Deanery Vocation Ministry** 

Larry and Diane Holter Bob Bechtel

## Saint Vincent de Paul / Saint Rose of Lima Conference





In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

In the month of March, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 6 families, providing \$1,321.93 for gas, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

### Spiritual Direction

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





### 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!

### **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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