

Welcome to the Catholic Churches of

# Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

Longville, MN      March 9, 2025      Remer, MN

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Office.....218-363-2799

## 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-

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

# INTO THE DESERT.

LUKE 4:1



## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength.

**SVdP Saint Rose of Lima Conference**  
Longville/Remer



Monday, March 10

Saint Edward's - *Health of Father Tom Taylor*

Saint Paul's - *Health of Bob Bechtel*

Saturday, March 15

Saint Edward's - *Harry & Janell O'Barski +*

Sunday, March 16

Saint Edward's - *Pro Populo*

Saint Paul's - *Jeremy Gindele +*



## Readings for the week of

**March 9, 2025**

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11,  
12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/  
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,  
15/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7,  
16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,  
18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/  
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,  
5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,  
7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/  
Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/  
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/  
Lk 9:28b-36

## Prayer of Identity

Dear God,

Claim me as Your own.

When I lose my way, remind me  
that I am Yours.

When I'm plagued with doubt, fill  
me with Your love.

Amen.



Evangelization and Outreach fosters personal and spiritual growth through charitable initiatives, support services and outreach ministries.

Liturgical resources also help us in celebrating the sacred rites in the Diocese of Duluth. Communications and Support Services are provided to the parishes to keep the diocese connected. If you haven't made your gift yet, please prayerfully consider doing so.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION-

## ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**March 9, 2025**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

**Luke 4:1-13**

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

**Lenten challenge:** This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— *Father John Muir*

## St. Edward's Collection

**Feb. 24 - March 2, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 2,662.00
Plate	\$ 77.00
Ministries Appeal	\$ 325.00

## St. Paul's Collection

**Feb. 24 - March 2, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 883.00
Plate	\$ 168.00
Ministries Appeal	\$ 540.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Grotto	\$ 2,000.00
B&I Mission	\$ 15.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 35.00

**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.**

## 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!



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.



## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

**Mini Reflection:** The devil knows that Jesus is human, so he uses all the best tricks he has for getting humans to break. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. But how can we resist? We're only human. What do we have that the devil doesn't have?

### What the Devil Doesn't Have

The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than you do (certainly better than I do).

He knows them so well that here, in today's Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue him.

See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master's degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master's student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn't have a particular passion for what they're studying? I sure have.

The devil didn't rebel against God because he didn't understand God's will. He rebelled because he understood God's will perfectly — and he didn't like it.

The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today's Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise.

The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives.

It doesn't work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not *just* human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We're not divine. We're just human.

Well, here's the thing. We may be only human, but as Christians, we have a secret weapon. (No, it's not a master's degree in theology. Some of you may have that, but it probably doesn't make you holier.)

We have a love of what the devil has renounced — those things belonging solely to God. Truth. Joy. Humility. Sanctifying sacrifice.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.

### 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  
**Website Advisor**.....Pat Bettenberg

#### Finance Council

Saint Edward's	Saint Paul's
Phyllis Eck -Trustee	Ted Frick -Trustee
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Roseanne Gregory	Tony Collins

#### Deanery Vocation Ministry

Larry and Diane Holter      Bob Bechtel

### Saint Vincent de Paul /

### Saint Rose of Lima Conference

Next Meeting: March 18, 2025

1 PM @ Saint Edward's

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul  
Poor Box will help the poor to  
celebrate the grace of God's love this  
Easter.**



### HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of the least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—It is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world?



### Spiritual Direction

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

**Contact Ellen @ 763-913-1485**



### 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*