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# Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

Longville, MN      August 24, 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 - 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 Line

If you, or someone you know or love,  
have a prayer need, please contact:

Linn Laak 763-233-1692

Email: [linnlaak@gmail.com](mailto:linnlaak@gmail.com)



## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y   T I M E

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help.



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



Monday, August 25  
Saint Edward's - *Amy Richards* +  
Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

Saturday, August 30  
Saint Edward's - *Roger Scherer* +

Sunday, August 31  
Saint Edward's - *Luann Adelmann* +  
Saint Paul's - *Crystal Miller* +

### Readings for the week of

**August 24, 2025**

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2  
(Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/  
Lk 13:22-30

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2,  
3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/  
Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8,  
9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/  
Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b,  
5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/  
Mt 25:14-30

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/  
Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:  
18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

## GOSPEL MEDITATION- ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE August 24, 2025 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!  
— 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.



### Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,  
Guide me through the narrow gate.  
Remove from me anything that distracts me  
from You, Your love, Your invitation,  
Your mission.  
Keep me close to You, familiar at every step.  
Amen.

**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.**

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises are prayers and meditations developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (commonly referred to as the Jesuits).

St. Ignatius of Loyola (1492-1556) was born to a noble Basque family. In his youth, he spent time at the Royal Court of Castile and fought in the Spanish army. He experienced a profound religious conversion during a long period of convalescence following a battle injury. Living in a cave outside of Manresa, he began to keep the journal that became the basis of the famous Spiritual Exercises.

The Spiritual Exercises are meant to accompany souls on a journey toward deeper contemplation of God's love and a more meaningful understanding of his call to discipleship in the life of each person. Divided into four stages, or "weeks," the exercises focus on the interior movements of the heart to unveil the will of God.



## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

**Mini reflection:** Jesus' whole thing was that you can sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like."

### Heaven and Regina George

There are certain phrases that serve as a kind of shibboleth for millennials, a dog whistle that only ears formed between 1981 and 1996 can discern. "You can't sit with us!" is one of those phrases.

It's from the movie Mean Girls, (which, I hear from my younger family members, has now become cool with the kids again, so maybe my point about it being niche is incorrect). The character Regina George, merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the ultra-exclusive lunch table she herself formed when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teenager can hear in public: "You can't sit with us."

So passes earthly glory, as they say.

At first blush, this Gospel gives "Mean Girls" vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into the kingdom of heaven as God locks the door against them, saying, "I do not know where you are from."

Very "you-can't-sit-with-us."

But we need to remember that the people pounding on the door of heaven in today's Gospel aren't people who wanted a seat at God's lunch table — at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina George'd their way out of all the other ones.

Jesus' whole thing was that you can sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like." It's not always an easy table to sit at, especially when there are so many other options.

We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.



### 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 763-258-6281*

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

#### Finance Council

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#### Deanery Vocation Ministry

Larry and Diane Holter      Bob Bechtel

### Spiritual Direction

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

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



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

Next Meeting: September 2, 2025

1 PM @ St. Paul's



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others.

**In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 6 families, providing \$877.39 for utility and rent bills, gas for Doctor appointments, etc. Thank You!**

### 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!

