

Welcome to the Catholic Churches of

Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

Longville, December 7, 2025 Remer, MN

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St. Edward's, Longville

Mass Schedule

Rosary — One half hour before Masses

Confessions - Saturday3:00pm
or by appointment

Saturday4:00pm

Sunday8:30am

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.

Sunday10:30am

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:

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second Sunday of
ADVENT



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?



SVdP Saint Rose of Lima Conference
Longville/Remer



Monday, December 7
Saint Edward's - *Father Paul Fruth* +
Saint Paul's - *Father Ben Hadrich* +

Saturday, December 13
Saint Edwards' - *Richard & Catherine Bye* +

Sunday, December 14
Saint Edward's - *Don & Carol Walmsley* +
Saint Paul's - *Virgil Kearney* +

Readings for the week of

December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and
10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9,
10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and
3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7,
8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-11



Prayer for Advent - Peace



Come, Lord Jesus!
Bring your peace to our world. Inspire
reconciliation, heal divisions, bind
wounds, rewrite scripts. You are the
Prince of Peace, bring that light into every
space.

Amen.

Spiritual Direction

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

Contact Ellen @

763-913-1485



GOSPEL MEDITATION-

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "**locusts and wild honey**" (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— 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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question: Isaiah foresaw God's future when the world will be ruled by a new and ideal 'King David' ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") and the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord. What do you hope for in your future?

2nd Reading Question: Paul encouraged the community of believers in Rome to be in harmony with each other in thought and mind. Are there relationships in your life you consider to be harmonious?

Gospel Question: John the Baptist taught the people to prepare for the kingdom of heaven by repenting of sins and producing "good fruit." What could you do this second week of Advent to make a positive impact?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

Culturally Catholic

Catholic culture is so thick, you could spread it on a scone. Or a baguette. Or a slice of ciabatta bread. Or naan (Wait, do you put butter on naan? I would, because I'm Midwestern, but I sense that this is, perhaps, incorrect).

Okay, maybe my comparison is imperfect, but what I'm saying is this: Catholic culture is delicious, it's versatile, and it's nourishing. It's the same everywhere, even though it also looks and feels totally unique in every place. The Day of the Dead in Mexico, Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Meskel in Ethiopia, Semana Santa processions in Spain: these are all touchstones of Catholic culture.

It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But today, when I hear John the Baptist's words to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, I am reminded that Catholicism is so much more than just cultural expression.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were loyal sons of Abraham and scrupulous observers of the law of Moses. Their culture, you could say, was strong. But John the Baptist is telling them — and he's telling us — that culture isn't enough.

Actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

It's something to remember especially as we approach Christmas, a time when culture and cultural rituals become so (beautifully) prominent. In the cultural practice of Christmas, we are like the Wise Men approaching the manger, bearing our gifts. But how terrible would it have been if the wise men had hurried away, their culture expressed, their ritual complete, and gone back to the world unchanged by the gaze of the Infant?

So be culturally Catholic. Bring these gifts to the Christ Child — but linger there. Reflect. And then when you return to the world, you will bring Catholic culture with 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!



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

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Regular Meeting:

December 16, 2025

****1 PM @ St. Paul's ****



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Thank you!

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.

Rosary Apps:

www.schooloffaith.com

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