
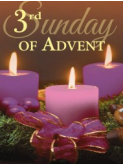




# Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

Saturday Mass 4 PM @ S.Ed  
 Sunday Masses 8.30 AM @ S.Ed  
 10:30 AM @ S.P

## December 2025

St. Edward's = S.Ed  
 St. Paul's = S.P

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
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| <b>7</b><br><b>Confirmation Class</b><br>9 AM @ S.P<br><b>Ladies Council Mtg</b><br>following Mass @ S.P<br> | <b>8</b><br><b>Holy Day</b><br>8:30 AM @ S.Ed<br>10:30 AM @ S.P<br><b>NO ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament</b><br><b>SAIL</b><br>10 AM @ S. Ed<br><b>Finance Mtgs</b><br>After Mass @ S.P<br>2 PM @ S.Ed | <b>9</b><br><b>LAWOT</b><br><b>6:30 PM</b>   | <b>10</b><br><b>Women's Council Mtg</b><br>9 AM @ S.Ed | <b>11</b><br><b>SAILS</b><br>10 AM @ S.Ed<br><b>Men's Group</b><br>5 PM @ S.P                                     | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br><b>LAWOT</b><br><b>Cookie Walk</b><br>@ S.Ed |
| <b>14</b><br><b>Gaudete Sunday</b><br> <b>Advent Potluck</b><br>following Mass @ S.P                         | <b>15</b><br><b>Communion Service</b><br>8:30 AM @ S.Ed<br>10 AM @ S.P<br><b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b><br>9 AM - 1PM @ S.Ed<br><b>SAIL</b><br>10 AM @ S. Ed                                  | <b>16</b><br><br><b>MOVED SVdP</b><br>1 PM @ S.Ed | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br><b>SAILS</b><br>10 AM @ S.Ed<br><b>Men's Group</b><br>5 PM @ S.P                                     | <b>19</b><br><b>SVdP</b><br><b>Noon Lunch</b><br>1 PM @ S.P | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>21</b><br><b>Confirmation Class</b><br>9 AM @ S.P<br>  | <b>22</b><br><b>Daily Mass</b><br>8:30 AM @ S.Ed<br>10 AM @ S.P<br><b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b><br>9 A-1 PM @ S.Ed<br><b>SAILS</b><br>10 AM @ S.Ed   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br><b>Christmas Eve</b><br>4 PM @ S.Ed       | <b>25</b><br><b>Christmas Day Mass</b><br>8:30 AM @ S. Ed<br><br>10:30 AM @ S.P<br><b>NO SAILS or Men's Group</b> | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>   |

### Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ

We extend our hearts and hands in Christian hospitality to you. To begin communications with the Parish Office, complete this form You may send it by mail or drop it in the collection basket.

Choose One: **Saint Edward's**      **Saint Paul's**

☐ New Member Registration      ☐ Update Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

### Communal Penance

Sacred Heart Church in Hackensack will be offering three priests for Confession, this weekend. Sunday, December 7th starting at 2 PM.



Father Joe's Email: [jpink@me.com](mailto:jpink@me.com)

## DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

### CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

#### St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas was a fourth-century Christian bishop who lived in modern-day Turkey. There is minimal historical scholarship dating to the period of his life, but stories and traditions that developed after his death emphasize his profound spirit of generosity, especially towards the poor.

One particularly famous oral tradition tells that St. Nicholas saves three young women from a life of destitution and ruin by secretly giving them a dowry so they could marry. His popularity increased in the centuries following his death, and by the medieval period he was a beloved model of Christian charity invoked in a particular way during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

On his feast day, Dec. 6, children often wake up to find small gifts or treats in their shoes or Christmas stockings, a tradition which has variations across different ethnic groups. In the United States, St. Nicholas gift-giving practices are especially popular in places where large numbers of German and Dutch immigrants settled.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE

### Immaculate Conception

**Question:** I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

**Answer:** While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

### Seven Sisters Apostolate

**We are in need of a person for Saturday!**

A person that is homebound, also qualifies as a perfect person to complete this mission.

**Contact Paula Justen**

**@ 218-831-2476**

*Please leave a message*

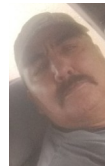
### Flower Memorials for Christmas

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one for the Christmas Flowers, please fill out an envelope and drop in the collection plate. Memorials will be listed at Christmas.



### Funeral for Ronald Johnson

A two-day wake for Ronald will be held at the Onigum Community Center, Onigum, MN. Beginning on December 7, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. continuing until December 9, 2025, with a Catholic Mass to be held on December 9, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. at St. Edwards Catholic Church.



### Following in the Footsteps of Francis and Clare

You are Invited to join the Spiritus Sanctus Franciscan Fraternity Sunday, December 7, 2025, beginning @1:30p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 203 2<sup>nd</sup> St N, Pine River

For more information contact:  
Esther Reagan ofs @ 218-820-9220 or  
Rose Clack ofs @ 612-840-4469



Wire Advent Wreaths and candles are available at St. Edward's Church Store.



Decorate as you like.

### St. Edward's Collection November 24 - 30, 2025

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|-------------------|----|----------|
| Envelopes         | \$ | 1,230.00 |
| Plate             | \$ | 312.00   |
| Ministries Appeal | \$ | 405.00   |

### Saint Paul's Collection November 24 - 30, 2025

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|-------------------|----|----------|
| Envelopes         | \$ | 8,043.00 |
| Plate             | \$ | 82.00    |
| Building Fund     | \$ | 1,030.00 |
| Ministries Appeal | \$ | 125.00   |

### Propane Benefit for St. Edward's Parishioners



St. Edward's Church switched to Ferrell Gas Company this fall for its propane use. All parishioners may also receive the same rate as the church. Please contact Deb in the parish office if you are interested in this savings.

If you have a milestone Birthday or Anniversary date you would like announced in the bulletin, please let us know at the Parish office.

**SAIL - -Stay Active and Independent for Life**  
Meets every Monday and Thursday from 10-11 AM at Saint Edward's

### Ministries Appeal 12/3/25

Saint Edward's Goal = \$30,308.00

Received = \$29,546 = 97.48%

Saint Paul's Goal = 100%

