



Saturday, March 14

Saint Edward's – Brian Plunkett +

Sunday, March 15

Saint Edward's – Susan Sonstegard +

Saint Paul's – Fernando Morales +

Monday, March 16

Saint Edward's – Communion Service

Saint Paul's – Communion Service

Saturday, March 21

Saint Edward's – Dick Vernon +

Sunday, March 22

Saint Edward's – Rosie and Scott Franta +

Saint Paul's – Tom Seviola +

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:
1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/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/Jn 5:1-16

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

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:
2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18,
22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

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: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,
5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 15, 2026 4th Sunday of Lent John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— *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.

NEW: ST. EDWARDS NOW HAS ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE:

ONLINE: <https://engage.suran.com/stedwardsduluth>

See our website for more information or contact

Babs Debes at babs.debes@duluthcatholic.org

Or call her at 218-252-0308 to set up a time for assistance.

Longville Lions Area Blood Drive

The first of Longville's 4 Blood Drives, sponsored by the Longville Lions, will be held at St. Edward's Catholic Church on Friday, March 20 from 12:30 to 5:30. We invite everyone to join us as a donor. Vitalant, the organization that we work with and that serves over 70 hospitals in our region, advises us that many people who have not been able to donate in the past because of travel issues, medication and illnesses are now eligible. The rules have changed ! The cadre of loyal donors that we have, can testify to the professionalism of the technicians that Vitalant sends us for the drive. They are well trained, efficient and enjoyable. We see the experience as a community social event and we believe our donors feel very good about being able to donate. Give a call or text if you have questions and/or want to donate. We have a spot for you there !! Pat Boen 218-838-4202.



CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini-reflection: I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? In his touch? We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

Sent

I don't know about you. But if I was a blind person sitting by the side of the road, minding my own business, and a stranger came along and rubbed spit-mud in my eye, I'm just salty enough that I would ignore his words out of spite.

Even though he was, admittedly, super-nice about the whole thing.

Obviously I would wash the mud out, because ... spit. But I wouldn't go to the Pool of Siloam. I would go to a pool on the whole other side of town, just to be contrary. I would make frustrated, grossed-out noises while I splashed water on my eyes: "Ugh! I can't believe this! People are the worst!" I would feel satisfied that I wasn't tricked or conned or taken advantage of.

And I would stay blind the rest of my life.

When Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, we sometimes think of it like a fireworks show. Something people point at — "Ooh! Aah!" — and move on from. But a miracle of Jesus is not a party trick. It is a commissioning.

And each of us, in our own way, has the choice of accepting it or not.

Nowhere in the Gospel story does it say that Jesus promised the man sight if he washed in the pool. I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? Was it something in his touch? Was it the humanity with which he spoke of the blind man to his disciples — a gentleness missing from most other interactions of his life?

We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

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

Longville/Remer

Regular Meeting :

March 17, 2026

1 PM @ Saint Edward's



In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

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 churches. Current coffee hosts are willing to help you learn the ropes!



Stations of the Cross w/Soup Supper



Fridays during Lent

4 PM @ Saint Edward's

5:30 PM @ Saint Paul's

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see. Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show. That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness. That Your Light can break like the dawn.

Amen.

Spiritual Direction

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

Contact Ellen @ 763-913-1485



Rosary Apps:

www.schooloffaith.com

<https://kristinsscroses.com/daily-reading/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:
218-363-2799

First Friday Mass

St. Edward's

Adoration 7:30 AM Rosary 8 AM

Benediction & Mass 8:30 AM

First Saturday Mass

St. Edward's

Rosary 8 AM - Mass 8:30 AM

Home Visitors Ministry

We 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 @ 763-258-6281