

# Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's

## December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13 <b>Special Collection</b> - Our Lady of Assumption—Kenya	14	15 <b>SVdP</b> - 3:30 PM @ Saint Paul's	16	17 <b>Men's Group</b> 5 PM @ Saint Paul's	18	19
20 <b>Decorate</b> church after Mass - both churches	21	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve Mass</b> 4 PM @ Saint Edward's	25 <b>Christmas Day Masses</b> 8:30 AM @ Saint Edward's 10:30 AM @ Saint Paul's	26
27	28	29	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve Mass</b> 4 PM @ Saint Edward's	1 <b>New Year's Day Masses</b> 8:30 AM @ Saint Edward's 10:30 AM @ Saint Paul's	2 <b>First Saturday Mass</b> 8:30 AM @ Saint Edward's

### *AMEN Generosity—Update*

*Amen Generosity is one part of a multi-pronged strategy to engage parishioners and develop a thriving parish that loves, welcomes, worships, serves and evangelizes. There is no one magic bullet to meeting the challenges we face as a Church today. It will take time, sacrifice, perseverance and trust. We are imperfect instruments, but it has been well demonstrated through history that our God is more than able.*

Parishioners from both parishes got together on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and brainstormed ways to create a more welcoming culture in our parishes. Please check out the website: [stedwardandstpaul.org](http://stedwardandstpaul.org) for the minutes of this wonderful meeting.

One of our first initiatives is to update the bulletin and website with meaningful information to help you stay connected with all that is happening in your parish. We are working toward "a strategy to engage parishioners and develop a thriving parish that loves, welcomes, worships, serves and evangelizes."

This is all part of Amen Generosity.

#### **Bishop Baraga Vocations Apostolate / Brainerd Deanery**



#### **Adopt a Seminarian** *Trevor Peterson:*

If you want to make a donation to our Seminarian, there is a basket to drop your items in, by the church store at Saint Edward's and in the entryway at Saint Paul's, contact the Parish office if you have any questions. Items to send: **cards of encouragement, granola bars, beverages, or gift cards.**

*We would like to send a gift to Trevor by December 15th.*

#### **Maintaining your Church**

In an effort to use our money wisely these things have occurred over the last 6-9 months. We are fortunate to have a parishioner at each church that is skilled in facilities management, that help us stay on top of caring for our churches wisely.

##### **Saint Edwards -**

LED lights installed. A \$700.00 decrease in the electric bill.  
Door seals repaired  
Non-functional furnaces replaced. Energy rebates received.

##### **Saint Paul's -**

Dishwasher was sold.  
Furnace maintenance - up to date

## Saint Edward's Collection

November 23 - 29, 2020

Envelopes	\$	1,195.00
Plate	\$	25.00
UCA	\$	65.00

November 30 - December 6, 2020

Envelopes	\$	2,075.00
Plate	\$	.00
UCA	\$	545.01
CCHD	\$	10.00
Christmas	\$	50.00
Retired Religious	\$	35.00

## Saint Paul's Collection

November 23 - 29, 2020

Envelopes	\$	1,205.00
Plate	\$	155.00
UCA	\$	200.00
Retired Religious	\$	15.00
Our Lady of Assumption—Kenya	\$	1,000.00

November 30 - December 6, 2020

Envelope	\$	1,285.00
Plate	\$	120.00
UCA	\$	1,325.00
Building Fund	\$	470.00
Christmas	\$	100.00
Our Lady of Assumption—Kenya	\$	100.00

## Cleaning out the Shed at Saint Edward's!

### Items to go:

*Toro Snowblower  
Fussball table  
Information sign  
4' x 6 1/2' Trailer  
8 foot tables (old style)  
Various pieces of lumber*

Please contact Dale @ 1-612-916-7826 for further information. Some prices are set, otherwise a freewill offering is suggested.

### Never Miss a Bulletin

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## PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

God our Father,

In Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule.

We thank You for the previous bishops who have cared for the people of the Diocese of Duluth. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the man they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Gift Cards for Jesus

At the Christmas Eve service, the pastor, quizzing some children about the nativity, asked, "What gifts did the three wise men give the Christ child?"

"Gold!" one child yelled.

"Frankincense!" shouted another.

After a pause, a third asked, "Gift cards?"

### Live the Liturgy - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

