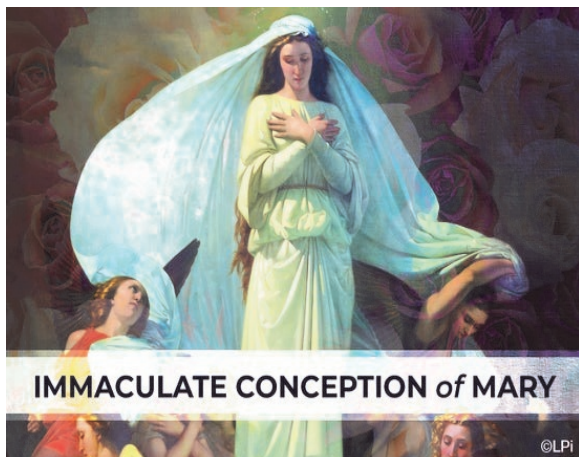


Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's



Up Coming Events

Wednesday, December 9th - **9 AM @ Saint Edward's**
St. Edward's Women's Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 8th— **Holy Day of Obligation**
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM Mass - 1/2 hour Adoration following
@ Saint Edward's
10:30 AM Mass - 1/2/ hour Adoration following
@ Saint Paul's

Thursday, December 10th - **5 PM @ Saint Paul's - Men's Group**
Saturday-Sunday 12-13th - **Special Collection**
Father Daniel Nganga,
Our Lady of Assumption Church, Kenya

Tuesday, December 15th - **3:30 PM at Saint Paul's**
SVdP - Saint Rose of Lima Conference meeting

Thursday, December 17th - **5 PM @ Saint Paul's - Men's Group**

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.



Missals and giving envelopes for 2021 are available to be picked up during the week also, M-W-F 9- Noon, for Saint Edward's parishioners. Please help us save postage .

The Nativity of our Lord

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - Thursday, December 24th
4 PM @ Saint Edward's

Christmas Day Mass - Friday December 25th
8:30 AM @ Saint Edward's
10:30 AM @ Saint Paul's



Mary Mother of God

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass - Thursday, December 31st
4 PM @ Saint Edward's

New Year's Day Mass - Friday January 1 st
8:30 AM @ Saint Edward's
10:30 AM @ Saint Paul's

AMEN Generosity

All parishioners and seasonal parishioners will be receiving a letter about Amen Generosity with their giving envelopes. If they are not picked up by Dec 8th they will then be mailed.

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.

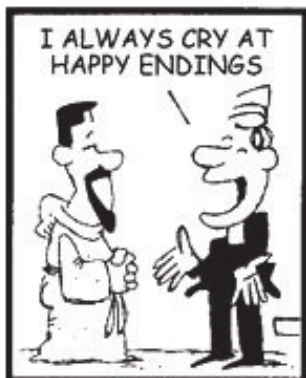
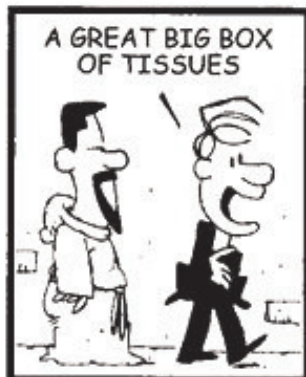
If you have not already picked up your envelopes, missal and letter, the letter will be mailed on Wednesday, December 9th. As you might expect ,church attendance/giving has been down, understandably so with the Covid crisis. Your sharing/caring commitment to your church is appreciated with your timely return of the pledge card. If you have questions please call the parish office, 218-363-2799.

Live the Liturgy

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Prepare the way of the Lord! The message of John the Baptist becomes the calling of every baptized disciple of Jesus Christ. Each one of us is asked to prepare the way of the Lord. Given the humble means of our lives, how can we do this? It certainly does not require that we stand on street corners announcing God's future coming! We can more readily take up the task of our lifework by clearing our lives of unnecessary, distracting clutter. By creating solid and deep spiritual lives, we can heighten our awareness of God's presence and help people point to and discover God's presence around them. By conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, we can speak volumes to those we meet. Not by preaching actual words, but by living lives that communicate the comfort God wants His people to know. As the world sometimes frantically unfolds around us, we can be people of patience who show others that it's okay to wait for God's gift to come. Conducting our lives in this manner, we will know the peace that comes from doing what we have been asked to do.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

Father Daniel from Kenya was not able to visit us this past August as scheduled. Several have asked, and made donations for Father Daniel. We will be doing a special collection for His church on the weekend of December 12-13th. **Checks should be made out to Saint Edward's or Saint Paul's and a note in the MEMO section for Our Lady of Assumption Church.**

*A message from Father Daniel Nganga,
Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, Kenya*

Dear Father Keith

I hope my words find you well and in a life-affirming space that we all try to navigate during this global pandemic times.

As we had discussed over the phone on our last communication, we are doing well back here in our parish. However most of our programs came to a stand-still. The finishing and furnishing of our parish office stalled due to Covid-19. We need to raise funds for this, unfortunately with high rise in Covid-19 cases very few people are coming to the Church. We pray and hope that a vaccine will be found so as to get back to the new normal.

I want to thank your parishioners for their continued support to our new parish and for being there for us both in prayer and material support. Each day i get inside the church for mass i read the names of your parishioners who made it possible for my Christians to have beautiful pews. I remember them in my prayers and for sure God will meet all their needs and bless them. What a privilege to have them as our friends!

Pass my regards to them and assure them of my prayers

Fr Dan

"Only one moment exists for you in all its beauty and that is the present moment. Live it completely in the love of God" Cardinal Van Thuan

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.

