

Welcome to the Catholic Churches of  
**Saint Edward's & Saint Paul's**

Longville, MN

November 27, 2022

Remer, MN

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**St. Edward's, Longville**

**Mass Schedule**

Rosary – One half hour before Masses  
Confessions - Saturday..... 3:00pm  
or by appointment

Saturday ..... 4:00pm

Sunday.....8:30am

**Daily Mass**

Monday

Mass ..... 8:30am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**St. Paul's, Remer**

**Mass Schedule**

Rosary – One half hour before Masses  
Confessions before/after Sunday Mass  
or by appointment.

Sunday.....10:30am

**Daily Mass-**

Monday

Mass ..... 11 am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

1st Thursday of the Month  
9AM – 8 PM

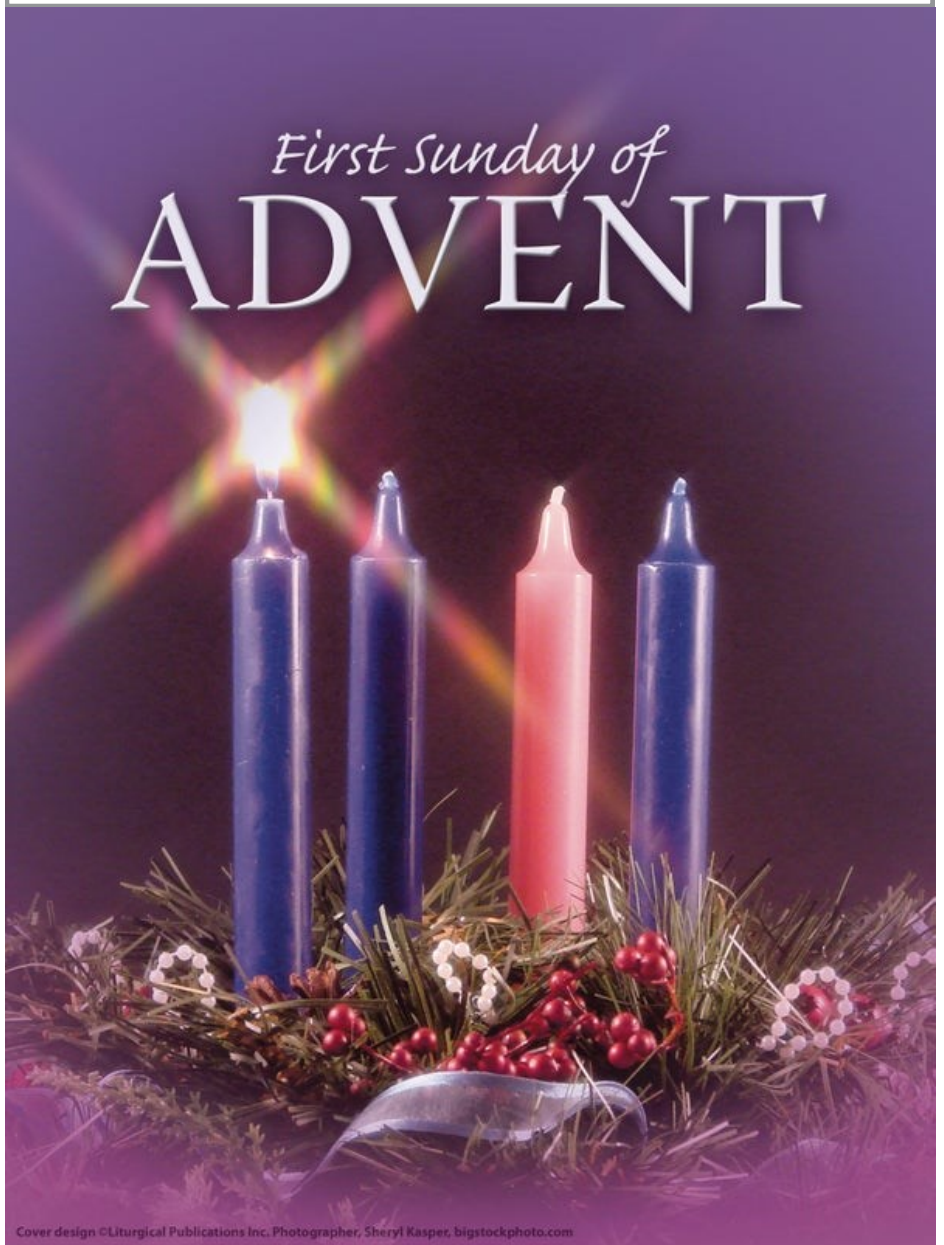
**Prayer List**

If you, or someone you know or love,  
have a prayer need, please contact:  
Dianne Hipsher at 218-363-2969

**Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things. Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and stay with me forever. Amen*

*First Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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**Saint Vincent de Paul**  
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## Weekend Masses

Monday, November 28

Saint Edward's - Carol Walmsley +

Saint Paul's - Pro Populo

First Friday, December 2

Saint Edward's - Ron & Sue Townsend +

First Saturday, December 2

Saint Edward's - Beverly Hoffman +

Saturday, December 3

Saint Edward's - Marian Buchanan +

Sunday December 4

Saint Edward's - Pro Populo

Saint Paul's - William & Helen Cabak +



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

- ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come.

Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Whether it is the surgeon performing an operation or the pilot directing a flight, one expects them to be alert. When we entrust our lives to someone, we presume that they will attend to them with the utmost care and vigilance. If we have this expectation of others, why would we not have it of ourselves? Our lives are precious vessels on an eternal journey. We can only stay afloat and on the course because of God's love and mercy. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. God's word transforms all that it touches, even a lukewarm heart. Let us seek God's grace this Advent season so that we can walk more fully in His light. Then, finding ourselves more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful, we will be eager and well prepared to meet our Lord when He comes. Why would we not want to be ready, awake, and watchful for the One we have waited for so long?

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.

## 1st Sunday of Advent Blessed first Sunday in Advent to each of you!

Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the church year. However, Advent is a season in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by "the birth of Christ in time"? Our four Sundays of Advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God. In today's Gospel, for some this reading might strike fear into their hearts: "...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright." Even today, we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to him.

In the final lines of today's Gospel we are told to "be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent."

This first Sunday in the season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.

**Readings - Week of November 27, 2022**

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/  
Mt 24:37-44

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
Being Surprised by Christ**

Some people hate surprise parties. There are those who are uncomfortable with a last-minute vacation or even an unexpected travel upgrade. If it wasn't part of the plan, it's a cause for consternation.

There is a temptation to view these folks as curmudgeonly — sticks in the mud, obsessed with predictability. But I think if we're being honest, there's a little bit of the surprise-averse in all of us.

Deep within the very heart of the element of surprise is a kernel of shock. And shock, in the moment, can feel similar to trauma. If we reflect on the most traumatic occurrences of our lives — a loss, an accident, a calamity — it is likely that we will say this: "It was the shock more than anything that got to me." Grief or fear, those feelings were overwhelming as well, but they came later. In the first moment, all we knew was we were going about our lives on one path until we were thrust on a different one and then the whole future changed.

This is the natural rhythm of our life here on earth. We never know what is coming — which is to say, in a beautiful way, we always know what is coming. More importantly, we know Who is coming.

Like the early riser who sets the "pre-alarm" (the one on which he knows he's going to hit snooze just to take the edge off the disappointment of waking up), we are always being given a heads-up in Scripture. From the earliest prophecies of the Messiah to Jesus' reminders in the Gospel to the very last words of Revelations, God has communicated to His stewards: You know the time. The time is now. We are called to constant vigilance, perpetual renewal, steadfast accountability.

In the end, the coming of Christ may be the only event in history that was a surprise, but not a shock — and so it will only be beautiful, even for those who hate surprise parties. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

**As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.**

**Next meeting:  
You are welcome to join us!  
December 7, 2022  
1 PM @ Saint Paul's**

*Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes* are available in both churches. Please consider a donation of change or use an envelope for a recorded donation.

**Spiritual Direction**

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

**Contact Ellen @ 763-913-1485**



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| Rod Schloesser | Larry and Diane Holter |
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**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 218-363-3811*