

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

Longville, MN

December 18, 2022

Remer, MN

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Office Hours

Mon. Tue. & Fri. 9:00am-1:00pm

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

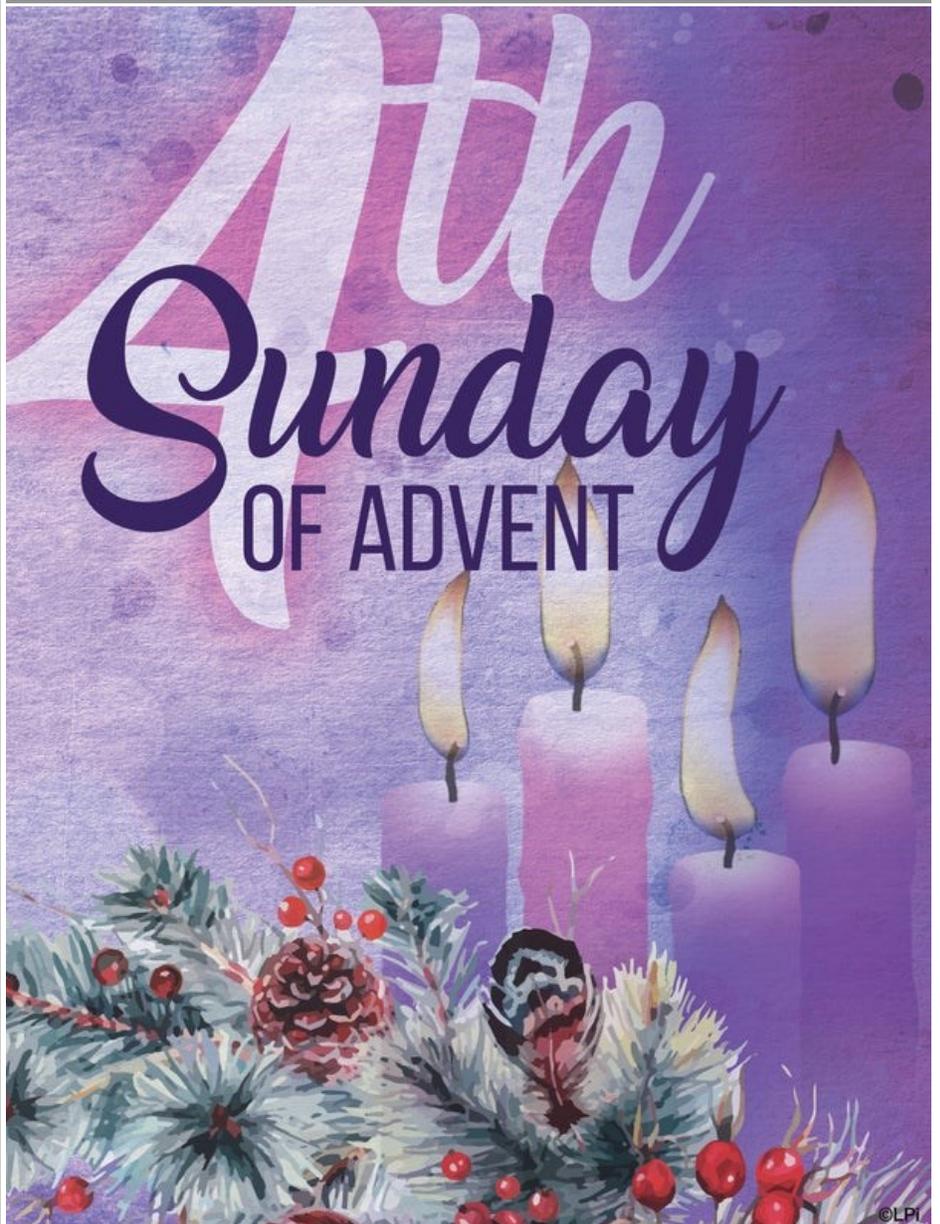
9AM – 8 PM

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



**Saint Vincent de Paul
Saint Rose of Lima Conference**
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Weekend Masses

Monday, 19

Saint Edward's - *Paul Hipsher +*

Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*

Saturday, December 24

Saint Edward's - *Carl Sonstegard +*

Sunday December 25

Saint Edward's - *Harold & Irene Miller +*

Saint Paul's - *Pro Populo*



GOSPEL MEDITATION

- ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

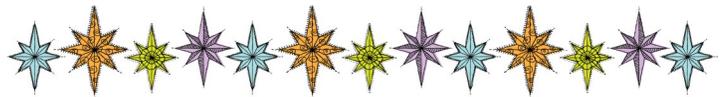
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4th Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.



Readings - Week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

[7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/

Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,

8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9,

10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,

16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/

Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/

Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/

Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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.

Spiritual Direction

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

Contact Ellen @ 763-913-1485



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK "God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

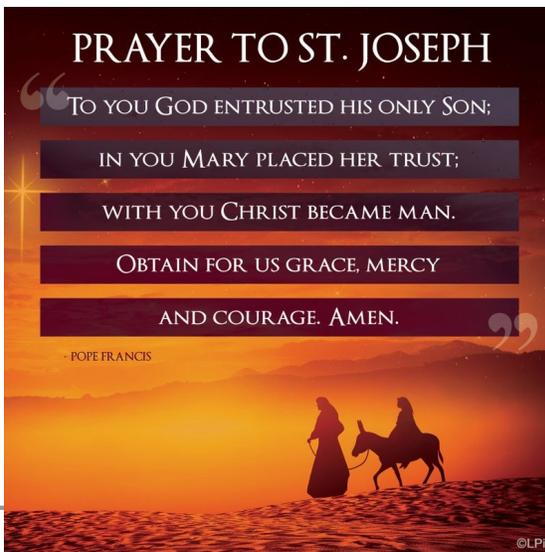
Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



Women's Council of St. Edward's
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 9 AM.
Next Meeting - February 8, 2023

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

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In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

**Next meeting:
You are welcome to join us!
December 20, 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.
Thank you.

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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