

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

Longville, MN

December 4, 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

second Sunday of
ADVENT



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Weekend Masses

Monday, December 5

Saint Edward's - Pro Populo

Saint Paul's - Molly Jean Clarke +

Saturday, December 10

Saint Edward's - William & Henry Buhl +

Sunday December 11

Saint Edward's - Pro Populo

Saint Paul's - Deacon Virgil Kearney +



GOSPEL MEDITATION

- ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.

Readings - Week of December 4, 2022

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,
11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

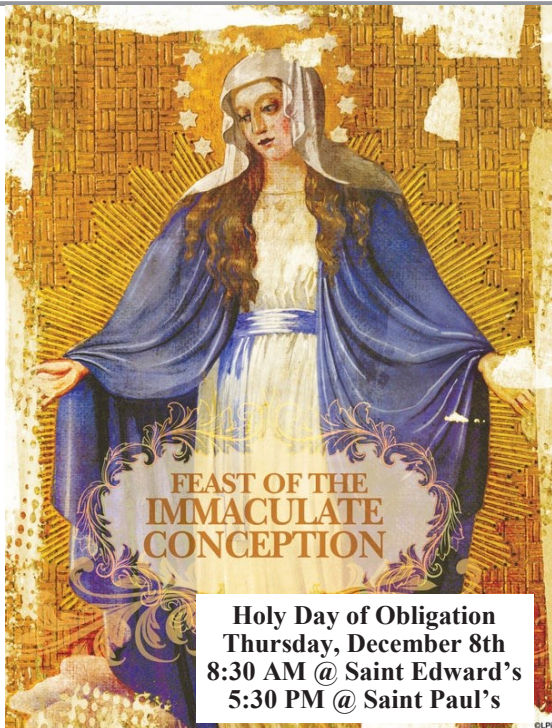
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8
and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9,
9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The God in whom we believe is "the God of endurance and encouragement." Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid." It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
 RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How Much Is Enough?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.

I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.

I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.
 — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Spiritual Direction

Appointments can be made, no cost, free donation to the parish if chosen. **Contact Ellen @ 763-913-1485**



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

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In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

**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.
 Thank you.



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