

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

Longville, MN

April 28, 2024

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.....10 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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

SVdP Saint Rose of Lima Conference
Longville/Remer





Monday, April 29

Saint Edward's - *Life for the Unborn*

Saint Paul's - *Walt & Carol Scollard +*

First Friday, May 3

Saint Edward's - *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

First Saturday, May 4

Saint Edward's - *Health of Lisa Lynch*

Saturday, May 4

Saint Edward's - *Henry & William Buhl +*

Sunday, May 5

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

Saint Paul's - *Health of Rod Schloesser*

Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-1

GOSPEL MEDITATION- ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— *Father John Muir*

Women's Council of St. Edward's Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2023 @ 9 AM

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.

Did you know... that when you say a prayer for the holy souls in purgatory that it also blesses you. Litany for the Poor Souls in Purgatory Cards are available at the entrances.

Sunday Coffee

We would love to see new faces in the kitchen for Sunday Coffee at both Saint Edward's and Saint Paul's. This ministry is an important part of our church! Current coffee hosts are willing to help get you started.



Saint Vincent de Paul / Saint Rose of Lima Conference

Longville/Remer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 @ 1PM

Saint Paul's Church in Remer



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Thank You!

Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes are available in both churches.

Flowers at Saint Edwards ...

If you would like to honor a loved one with flowers you can now order flowers through the Women's Council of Saint Edward's. Look for information on the bulletin board in the hallway entry to church.

PS. You are welcome to take your memorial gift of flowers home with you. after an appropriate amount of time on the altar.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth."
1 John 3:18*

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

Here to Serve You

Saint Edward's and Saint Paul's Parishes
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Rod Schloesser	Larry and Diane Holter
	Bob Bechtel

Ministries Appeal

You should have received an Invitation to Give to The Ministries Appeal from Bishop Daniel Felton. The Ministries Appeal focuses on the shared ministries of the Diocese of Duluth that bring our mission and vision of life. Through Education & Family, Evangelization & Outreach, and Vocation & Clergy Support, these ministries embody the Holy Spirit on our communities, bringing people closer to Jesus Christ for healing, hope and joy. If you did not receive an Invitation please contact the parish office.



Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,
Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!
Amen.