



**September 19, 2021**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Collection September 12, 2021**

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| Collection | \$895 |
| Attendance | 32    |

**September 26, 2021**

Lector: Ian Grube

Commentator: Case Grube

**Please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass  
as you enter the sanctuary.**

**Readings for September 26, 2021**

Reading 1: Numbers 11:25-29

Reading 2: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Information about St. Edward-** Daily readings, the bulletin, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <https://stedwardpulaski.org>

**Donations-** please mail your regular donations to St. Edward's Catholic Church, PO Box 1670, Pulaski, VA 24301, if you are not attending Mass.

**Prayer List-** Mike Malloy, Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lee, John Balconi, Joan Jennings, Lynn Canty, Carol Canty, Jody Riffey, Stacy Lewis, Barbara Pittman, Rohith Ashok, Christine Scarpinato, Jerry Stanley, Susan Bennett, Mary Beth McNair, John McNair, and Father Bernie.

*(Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)*

**Thank You-** Thank you so much to Bob and Cheri Strenz for hosting our church picnic last Sunday!

**Religious Education-** Sunday School classes for our youth will begin soon. The first in-person class for 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> graders will be on October 3, and the first class for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders will be on September 26. All classes begin at 10:00 and end at 10:50. Masks will be worn during class.

**New Schedules** for lectors, commentators, and ushers will be out next week.

**Masks-** At the recommendation of the CDC, the diocese is requesting that we all wear masks indoors while attending Mass or during church activities.

**September Birthdays**

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| Jean Jennings         | Sept 4         |
| Caleb Harriman        | Sept 8         |
| Rick Grube            | Sept 8         |
| Michael Vallo         | Sept 10        |
| Materina Carper       | Sept 12        |
| Fr Bernie Ramirez     | Sept 12        |
| Chloe Carr            | Sept 15        |
| <b>Debbie Grubb</b>   | <b>Sept 21</b> |
| <b>Patty Williams</b> | <b>Sept 24</b> |
| Marsha DuBose         | Sept 27        |

**September Anniversaries**

None

Getting vaccinated is an "act of love" - Pope Francis

"Taken from the Weekly *Guide for Daily Prayer* of Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: [www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html](http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html). Used with Permission."

## Daily Prayer This Week

This is a great week to be reminded that the call to be a Christian is not a simple path. We are called to serve boldly and without worrying about material needs. This week's readings have a clear call for us to examine how we share God's love for us with others.

How do we do such serious reflection when it seems we don't have time for it? We can be "contemplatives in action" by beginning our day with a desire, letting that desire come to our consciousness throughout the day in the "background" moments, and by giving thanks for what graces we received at the end of the day.

How do we come up with the desire? The first step to finding "intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives" is to develop the habit of naming a desire for the day, while we are still just getting started with the day, before our concentration becomes pre-occupied with the worries of the day. These guides can help by suggesting desires that flow from the readings of the week, but the best desires are in the very needs and anxieties that are deep in our hearts. That is where God is working in us, revealing things we can turn over to the Lord and form into a prayer. It can often be just 45 seconds, when we throw on a robe or slippers, or while in the shower or getting dressed. It is deep prayer if we can just say, "Help me, today, Lord. My day is so full. Give me courage, and let me know you are with me all day."

We can use the readings of the week in a variety of ways. We can take a day to imagine being part of Jesus' family, with a desire to hear his word and keep it. We can let Jesus address us one day this week, asking us who we say he is. The words don't need to be complicated - it's just starting conversation with God who loves you deeply, then listening.

*Gracious God, I ask you to heal me today as you healed so many others. Bless my eyes that I might appreciate all that I see around me; and my mouth that I may not judge others and speak harshly of them. And bless my feet as you send me on this journey of grace in my life each day.*