

**February 27, 2022**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Collection February 20, 2022**

Collection                 \$ 556.00  
Attendance                 52

**March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday**

Lector: Donna Hathaway  
Commentator: Gaby Stanley

**March 6, 2022**

Lector: Wesley Young  
Commentator: Charlotte Phillips  
Ushers: Owens Family

**Readings for Ash Wednesday**

Reading 1: Joel 2:12-18  
Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2  
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**March 6, 2022**

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Reading 2: Romans 10: 8-13  
Gospel Luke 4:1-13

**Information about St. Edwards-** Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, 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** - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Walter Jennings, Jr, Joan Jennings, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Mikey Malloy, Jerry Dalton, Kenneth Martin, Richard Richardson, Marilyn Alley, and Father Bernie.

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

**New Floor-** A new vinyl plank floor will be put down in the Hall, foyer, and offices of the church, hopefully, in March or April. A lot of the items will have to be moved or relocated. Anyone who can help with this, please contact Stan Stanley. We will set it up on a time that is convenient with you. A list will be placed on the table in the Hall by Ash Wednesday and you can choose what you would like to do. Boxes and instructions will be available on items to be moved.

**Ash Wednesday Service** – Service for Ash Wednesday will be at 3:00 pm here at St. Edward's and at 5:00 pm at St. Mary's in Wytheville.

**Feb/March Birthdays**

<b>Emelda Tabar</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>
Ian Grube	Mar. 8
Lucas Taylor	Mar. 10
Alex Fernandez	Mar. 10
John McNair	Mar. 20
Guenter Schlottmann	Mar. 23
Madelyn Owen	Mar. 26
Angie Trail	Mar. 30

**March Anniversaries**

John & Mary Beth McNair March 14

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me, with all of your heart," our Lord beckons. "We will," we respond, but we aren't quite ready yet, our hearts are not prepared. We want to squirm, evade, avoid. Our souls not yet perfect. We are not ready for God to love us.

Yes, of course we want to have a deeper relationship with God, we tell ourselves earnestly. And we will....Soon. God calls to us again: *Come back to me, with all of your heart.*

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### Daily Prayer This Week

In these few days before Lent, we can begin to prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us - and more importantly, we can ask *what the Lord wants for us* this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real - not to the externals which distract us so much? How will I *be* with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I name, anticipate and feel the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love in the weeks ahead? And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.

**For these first four days of Lent**, it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up earlier each morning, to read about what Lent can mean and to let that soak into our hearts. The key is not to be somber or severe in any way, but to know that this is a time of great grace so that we can be attentive to it. The first thing to remember is that these 40 days are a **gift** to us. We are not trying to save ourselves by our Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are only trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us. These days are critically important for choosing to establish some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our age or health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But, each of us can choose what else we can fast and abstain from during Lent. What practices of mine get in the way of my being open to hearing God's Word and responding freely? That's what needs transforming. Giving up needing to be right, fasting from my impatience, totally abstaining from escapist fantasies will open our hearts to God's grace. None of that takes extra time. It just takes desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to the greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor.

Finally, Lent is the perfect time to choose to grow in gratitude. Every night, before going to bed, let us be faithful to giving thanks to the Lord who has given us so many blessings and offers us new graces each and every day.

### Schedule for Lent and Easter

Ash Wednesday	3:00 pm St. Edward's
	5:00 pm St. Mary'
Stations of the Cross	TBA
Holy Thursday	5:00 pm St. Edwards
	7:00 pm St Mary's
Good Friday	5:00 pm St. Edward's
	7:00 pm St. Mary's
Easter Vigil	8:30 pm St. Mary's
Easter Sunday	9:00 am St. Mary's
	11:00 am St. Edward's

### Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday  
Age 18-59

### Abstinence

Every Friday during Lent  
Ages 14+

### How do we fast?-

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

### Who is excluded for fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.