

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Collection March 27, 2022

Collection	\$ 1070.00
Easter flowers	102.00
Attendance	39

April 10, 2022

Lector: Guenter Schlottmann
Commentator: Gaby Stanley
Ushers: Stanley/Hathaway

Readings for April 10, 2022

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:4-7
Reading 2: Philippians 2:-6-11
Gospel: Luke 22:14-- 23:1-56

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, Kenneth Martin, Richard Richardson, Carol Canty, and Father Bernie.

Matthew Kelly Books—There are a few books left on the table in the Hall. Each family is welcome to one of each, until they are gone. There is no cost.

Supper/Stations of the Cross - We will have our final soup supper at 6:15, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 this Wed. You are welcome to come to one or both.

Flooring—the flooring is in and we are hopeful that they will start putting it down after Easter. Thanks to Jack, Guenter, Rick and Stan who weathered the rain and high winds on Tuesday to get it all inside.

Divine Mercy Sunday--Father Boat is thinking of having a one-hour devotion to the Divine Mercy on April 24th from 3:00-4:00 pm, at St. Mary's Church in Wytheville. Please sign up on the sheet in the hall if you would attend, so he can see if there is enough interest.

Blessing Bags—two weeks ago, you were told about the Blessing Bags and they were handed out after Mass. This is being done by our youth in place of the Rice Bowls. You simply need to pick out 10 things on the sheet attached to the bag, total it, and put that amount of money in the bag. If you did not get one, there are extras in the Hall on the table, so please get one today. We would like for all bags to be returned Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. The donations will be given to Beans & Rice, Take it to the Streets, and/or City of refuge, depending on how much is collected. Checks can be made out to St. Edwards.

April Birthdays

Tom Phillips	Apr. 2
Kenneth Martin	Apr. 9
Carla Martin	Apr. 9
Sally Warburton	Apr. 12
Bill Jennings	Apr. 21
Drema Altizer	Apr. 21
Danny Coalson	Apr. 23
Stan Stanley	Apr. 23
Malek Tabar	Apr. 24
Marie Hagar	Apr. 28
Rosanna Vallo	Apr. 28



April Anniversary

Dan & Debbie Grubb Apr. 12



Spring Cleanup Day – Again this year we will not have a cleanup day at St. Edwards. However, we have a list of things that need to be done posted on the bulletin board in the hall. If anyone would like to help out, you can come at your own convenience to do one or more of the things on the list. Once an item is finished please mark it out. Thanks to Marie Hager who has gotten us started by picking up twigs, weeds, and limbs off of the church lawn.

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Daily Prayer This Week

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us.

There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me.

It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we are [celebrating the Scrutinies](#) with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so

appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

Reconciliation- Father will have individual confession on Thursday April 7th from 5:00-6:00pm.

Schedule for Lent and Easter

Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross (6:15 and 7:00pm)
April 6

Holy Thursday 5:00pm St. Edward's
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

<u>Fasting</u>	<u>Abstinence</u>
Good Friday Ages 18-59	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.