

August 21, 2022

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Collection August 14, 2022

Collection	\$1185.00
Assumption of Mary	40.00
Attendance	42

August 28, 2022

Lector: Wesley Young  
Commentator: Charlotte Phillips  
Ushers: McNair/Stanley  
Lawn Care: Dan Grubb

Readings for August 28, 2022

Reading 1: Sirach 3:17-18, 20,28-29  
Reading 2: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24  
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

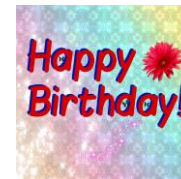
**Prayer List** - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Pete Beller, Jim Trowbridge, Ruth Malinowski, Archie Kemp, Rick Yost, and Father Bernie.

If you know of anyone who needs to be added or deleted from this prayer list, please let the Stanleys know.

**Church Picnic**—St. Edward's church picnic will be held on September 11 after Mass. The picnic will be held at Guenter and Lisa Schlottmann's house on Claytor Lake (formerly the Balconi's). The church will provide the meat and everyone is asked to bring a side and/or a dessert. Mark your calendars and plan to attend as we kick off our SAM Sundays this year.

August Birthdays

Graycee Epperley	Aug. 3
Austin Epperley	Aug. 5
Wesley Young	Aug. 7
Jody Riffey	Aug. 9
Jack McCann	Aug. 11
Tim Kimbleton	Aug. 19
<b>Rick Yost</b>	<b>Aug. 26</b>
Mickey Balconi	Aug. 29



August Anniversaries

Marty White/Marsha DuBose	Aug. 11
Stan & Gabriella Stanley	Aug. 29



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

**When You Are Traveling-** If you are traveling and would like to attend Mass at another church, you can find Mass times at [CatholicMassTime.org](http://CatholicMassTime.org)

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### **Daily Prayer This Week**

Like physical exercises which build strength and stamina, these exercises for finding intimacy with God in our everyday lives involve practice. Nobody ever got good at soccer or baseball, running or dancing without careful practice that becomes a habit, a way of life. And, no one even attempts such a regimen without great desire. The same is true with having a better relationship with our Lord. It takes great desire to sustain a routine of reflection and affective, intimate conversation. Such prayerful focus and connectedness takes discipline, but it quickly becomes natural. And, the rewards are phenomenal.

We can practice this week by asking ourselves some deep questions in the background of our life each day. Beginning each day by briefly expressing a desire to be more self-aware and transparent with our Lord, we can ask ourselves some probing questions.

In what ways am I a hypocrite? How do I use a double standard - harsher on others than I am on myself? How do I like to appear as a religious person, but actually lack mercy and deeds of charity? Am I a good steward of the gifts with which God has entrusted me?

As I grow in the ability to reflect throughout the day, I might try to recognize my inner spirit, my attitudes, the ways I respond. It is a way of staying alert and places me with my Lord in conversation, in the background as I make decisions, as I experience my reactions to events and people. Sometimes, I might just be saying "Thank you, Lord," expressing gratitude for what I've been given. At other times, that will quickly turn to a reflection on how I will be a good steward of those gifts.

Hearing the readings this week, I might want to monitor how my fears or my laziness might prevent me from being bold about using the gifts the Lord has given me to build up the Kingdom in my world.

Preparing for celebrating God's love on Sunday, I can focus on the readings for and ask to be more humble in my life. Who is "the poor, the crippled, the lame" person who needs to be invited more deeply into my life?

*Help me Lord to hear your word to me, even when it challenges me. Open my heart and guide me to use my talents to serve you. Teach me to be generous, Lord.*