

September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection Sept. 4, 2022	
Collection Maintenance donation	\$ 972.00 \$1220.00
Attendance	49

September 18, 2022

Lector: Wesley Young Commentator: Patty Williams Ushers: Owens family Lawn Care: Guenter Schlottmann

Readings for Sept. 18, 2022

Reading 1: Amos 8:4-7 Reading 2: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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

<u>Prayer List</u> - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Archie Kemp Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Jim Trowbridge, and Father Bernie. If you know of anyone who needs to be added or deleted from this prayer list, please let the Stanleys know.

<u>**Church Picnic**</u>—Our St. Edward's picnic is today right after Mass at the Schlottmann's Lake home. Hope you can make it.

<u>**Congratulation to Father Boat**</u>-On Tuesday, September 6, Father was sworn in as an American citizen in Norfolk. Congratulations to him!

September Birthdays	
Jean Jennings	Sept. 4
Caleb Harriman	Sept. 8
Rick Grube	Sept. 8
Michael Vallo	Sept 10
Materina Carper	Sept. 12
Debbie Grubb	Sept. 21
Patty Williams	Sept. 24
Marsha DuBose	Sept. 27

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Daily Prayer This Week

This is a good week to imagine how much we are like Jesus' disciples. We clearly want to be his followers, and we do follow him. The humbling reality is that we are inconsistent. At the very time that Jesus is telling us that he wants us to find ourselves by losing ourselves, we are too often being competitive and trying to be on top somehow. Fortunately, he keeps telling us about the real meaning of discipleship. Paul lays it all out in this week's first readings. The parable of the sower is quite helpful this week. How healthy and rich is the soil of our own souls? Can we feel the longing we have to make our hearts more receptive to the message of Jesus?

Each morning, as soon as we can after waking up, perhaps associated with some automatic behavior like putting on slippers or a robe or getting a cup of coffee, we begin the day in the presence of our Lord. We can get into the habit of greeting our Lord, "Good morning, Lord. Thank you for this day." Even if we didn't have a good night's sleep and we are waking up fairly tired, this habit can become part of our routine. Naming our desire for the day can become the way we begin our day with the Lord. Repeating it, with more details, as we encounter the people and responsibilities of our day, will deepen our relationship with the Lord. Brief "prayers" (which are really just conversations) sustain the connection all day.

In one circumstance this week, I might say, "Lord, here I am being that very hard ground. Please get through to me in the part of me that is still 'receptive soil." Another day, I might catch myself trying to make myself look good and I can say, "Dear Jesus, your reminder helps me right here. Let me be a servant in this situation, with these people - forgiving, listening, compassion and freer." Sometime this week we might encounter someone who needs us to be like Jesus - healing something that is broken, or even deadly and we can say, "Lord, let me do your will, imitate your faith in God here. Thank you for being with me."