



**February 19, 2023**

**Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Collection February 12, 2023**

Regular Collection	\$143.75
Maintenance	130.00
Attendance	21

**February 26, 2023**

Lector: Wesley Young  
Commentator: Patty Williams  
Ushers: Owen family

**Readings for February 26, 2023**

Reading 1	Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Reading 2	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11

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

**Prayer List** - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Bill Jennings, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Jim Trowbridge, Orlando LoMascolo, Rommy LoMascolo, Anna LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, Jim Hopkins, Joy McComb, Raegan Ray, Alexandria Hayes, Marianne McGriffin, and Danny Coalson  
**Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions.**

**Pancake Supper**-We will have a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday evening, February 21, at 6:00 pm, in preparation for the beginning of Lent. Please sign up or let us know if you plan to attend, so we can prepare accordingly.

**Ash Wednesday Service**-Ash Wednesday service at St. Edward's will be celebrated this Wednesday, Feb. 22. At 4:00 pm.

**Year-end Statements**- because of a computer glitch, some of the year- end statement may be incorrect. Please pick up new ones on the table in the hall.

**February Birthdays**

Jennie Willett	Feb. 5
Stephanie Tedesco	Feb. 9
Melody Riffey	Feb.11
Mandy Williams Sutherland	Feb.11
Karen Audas	Feb.14
Rebecca Harriman	Feb.15
Emelda Tabar	Feb.27



**February Anniversaries**

John & Mickey Balconi	Feb. 4
Tim & Mariah Taylor	Feb.29



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### Daily Prayer This Week

In the first part of this week we see Jesus healing and teaching his disciples about the challenges of following him.

In these few days before Lent begins, 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 that 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.

Each week of Lent, enjoy the resources on the [Praying Lent](#) website. It offers a simple Daily Prayers each day, and dozens of resources, retreats, audio discussions and even recipes that will help us enter more deeply into the spirit and practice of Lent.

For these first four days it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up a half an hour 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.