



February 26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent

Collection February 19, 2023

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$987.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>51</i>

March 5, 2023

Lector: *Patty Williams*
 Commentator: *Dan Grubb*
 Ushers: *Hathaways/McNairs*

Readings for March 5, 2023

<i>Reading 1</i>	<i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i>
<i>Reading 2</i>	<i>2 timothy 1:8b-10</i>
<i>Gospel</i>	<i>Matthew 17:1-9</i>

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, Linda McCann, 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

Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross/Peter's Pause- Starting this Tuesday, February 28, and continuing each Tuesday during Lent we will meet for a soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross, and finishing with Peter's Pause discussion group. Everyone is welcome to attend either one or the entire program. We will begin with soup at 6:00pm, Stations at 6:45pm, and Peter's Pause at approximately at 7:15 pm.

Soups Needed- We will need at least two soups per week for our Soup Suppers. A sign-up sheet is in the hall if anyone is willing to make soup for a particular week.

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.

Feb/March Birthdays

Emelda Tabar	Feb.27
Ian Grube	Mar. 8
Lucas Taylor	Mar. 10
John McNair	Mar. 20
Guenter Schlottmann	Mar. 23
Madelyn Owen	Mar. 26

Feb/March Anniversaries

Tim & Mariah Taylor	Feb.29
John & Mary Beth McNair	Mar. 14

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Daily Prayer This Week This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, the stranger, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the background, about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

What about "giving up something" for Lent?

When many of us were children, we might remember our giving up candy for Lent. And, it seemed like a real sacrifice. As we grew up, it was often more difficult to decide what special thing to do, to make Lent a special season - to get our attention and to prepare ourselves for deeper sacrifices.

What would help me grow in freedom? That's the question to ask. For some of us, it could be, committing ourselves to give up judging others, every single day of Lent. For others, it could be giving up a bad habit we've developed. For still others, it is obvious what seems to be the important choice for me during Lent.

For many of us, the choice may not be to give something up, but to add something to our daily lives during Lent. We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time. We may decide to do some service to the poor, once a week during Lent. We may choose to increase our almsgiving to the poor - perhaps related to something we choose not to do, e.g., some might choose not to go out to eat one night a week, and to give that total amount to the poor.

Whether it is fasting, abstaining or other acts of penance, the whole desire we should have is to use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves "to celebrate the paschal mystery with minds and hearts renewed." (First Preface of Lent)