



March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Collection March 12, 2023

Regular Collection	\$830.00
Catholic Relief	147.00
Attendance	54

March 26, 2023:

Lector: Donna Hathaway
 Commentator: John Balconi
 Ushers: Klima/Stanley

Readings for March 26, 2023

Reading 1 Ezekiel 37:12-14
 Reading 2 Romans 8:8-11
 Gospel John 11:1-45

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, Raegan Ray, Alexandria Hayes, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Joy McComb, Margaret McLawhorn, and Danny Coalson

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions

Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross/Peter's Pause-On Tuesday March 21, we will meet for soup supper, followed by Stations of the Cross, and finishing with Peter's Pause discussion group which includes a Lenten Retreat. Everyone is welcome to attend either one or the entire program. We will begin with soup at 6:00 pm, Stations at 6:45 pm, and Peter's Pause at approximately at 7:15 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the hall if anyone is willing to make soup for a particular week.

CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS-Our chili cook-off did not disappoint, and though the weather didn't cooperate, we had a huge turnout. With 8 delicious pots of chili to choose from, CONGRATULATIONS to our 2023 winners!! They are as follows:

Lisa Schlottmann First place
Megan Talbert Second place
Terrie Hancock Third place

A special thanks to all who participated with chili, toppings, crackers, bread, corn bread, tea, or desserts. It really was so much fun!!

New light bulbs in the sanctuary-All of the light bulbs in the Sanctuary have been replaced with LED bulbs, which should save a great deal on electricity. Sav-Elec got them for us and AEP will reimburse them, which makes them completely free to us.

March Birthdays

Stephanie Mullins	Mar. 6
Ian Grube	Mar. 8
Lucas Taylor	Mar. 10
Mary Ann Phillips	Mar. 13
John McNair	Mar. 20
Emilia Mendez	Mar. 22
Guenter Schlottmann	Mar. 23
Madelyn Owen	Mar. 26

March Anniversaries

John & Mary Beth McNair Mar. 14

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The readings this week make it very clear that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, which oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us closer, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? With whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. It isn't grace to "beat up on" ourselves. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

The Fourth Week of Lent

With this week, we begin the second part of Lent. We ask more and more deeply to be with and like Jesus. We desire to celebrate the approaching mystery of our salvation with greater freedom and greater joy.

Each day's gospel will now be from the Gospel according to John. We can't avoid the feeling of being in a court room for a grand trial. There are "witnesses" and "testimony." It is a battle between the forces of Darkness and the Light. The opposition to Jesus mounts. It is inevitable that he will be killed. But, we know that the ultimate Judgment in the trial is against Sin and Death. We grow in gratitude and grace as we experience more deeply that this is all "for me."

Easter is fast approaching! *The schedule for Holy Week here at St. Edward's is as follows:*

Holy Thursday, April 6 at 5:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7 at 3:00 pm

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday at our regular time of 11:00 am

At St. Mary's Easter Vigil, April 8, will begin at 8:00 pm