



August 13, 2023
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection August 6, 2023

Regular Collection	\$1732.00
Attendance	59

August 20, 2023

Lector: Guenter Schlottmann
Commentator: Debbie Grubb
Ushers: Owens family
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Patty Williams & Mary Ann Phillips
Lawn Care-Dan Grubb

Readings for August 20, 2023

Reading 1	Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Reading 2	Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28

Prayer List -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Regina Montgomery, Anna LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Carol Canty, Father Bernie, Clyde Bennett, Shannon Yates, Doug Waldrop, Jessi Saunders, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Elwood Switzer, Sue Dasse, Tod Young, and Larry Riffey.
Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions

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

Parish Picnic-Today is our Parish picnic directly after Mass at the Stanleys. Everyone is invited.

Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Father Boat will say Mass at 4:00 pm here in Pulaski at St. Edwards, and at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's in Wytheville.

Christian Formation for the Youngsters for 2023-24-Today is the deadline for CCD forms to be turned in to Gaby Stanley.

August Birthdays

Chuck Yates	Aug. 3
Wesley Young	Aug. 7
Jody Riffey	Aug. 9
Jack McCann	Aug. 11
Tim Kimbleton	Aug. 19
Jackie Yost	Aug. 22
Rick Yost	Aug. 26
Mickey Balconi	Aug. 29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August Anniversaries

Marty & Marsha	Aug. 11
Stan & Gaby	Aug. 29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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It is marvelous how each week's readings offer us new ways to open our hearts to God's grace. Sometimes, as with Monday's psalm, we feel the real presence of God as we "Glorify the Lord." Like Israel, it is good for us to look back from time to time and gratefully remember all God has done for us and to renew our "Amen" to the new covenant God makes with us in Jesus.

Throughout this week, each of us can find the connection between some part of the readings and a desire, a need, a longing in our unique situation. If we begin each day - at the side of our beds, in the shower, while getting dressed, over a cup of coffee - simply talking with our Lord about our upcoming day, we will have a wonderfully reflective week. It doesn't have to be long. It just needs to be focused and focusing. That is, we need to keep uncovering something inside of us that we can talk with our Lord about, at various "in between" times during the day. Like a song that keeps playing in the back of our head all day, a desire we express in the morning will focus our day and our relationship with Jesus throughout the day. At night we can all pause to give thanks for times of connection with Jesus during the day, and the gifts God gives us.

This week, it might be Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and resurrection that unsettles us, as we realize he's calling us to follow him. It might be the battle for being the greatest that the disciples are caught up in, and that I might myself be caught up in, as I compete with and judge others. So, Jesus' words about our emulating the little, humble child can open our hearts. His call to embrace the child, the defenseless one, might allow us to pray this week about an openness to a particularly defenseless person or to hearing the cry of the poor in our city or in the world. And, who can't be opened up by the parable of the servant who doesn't forgive as he's been forgiven? Each day we might name people we struggle to forgive. We could make a focused effort to thank God for the mercy, compassion and unconditional love we've experienced, as ask for the grace to share that with others. For some of us, it will be important to spend a day or more asking for the grace to be faithful in our marriage - in all the ways that will call us to die to ourselves and think of the needs of our spouse before my own.

This is the Prayer the Church uses for the Collect and the Opening Prayer for the Masses in Ordinary time. We can reflect upon it, pray it ourselves, with our family, or adapt it for our concrete desires this week.

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the whole Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.