



**August 20, 2023**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Collection August 13, 2023**

Regular Collection	\$ 598.00
Attendance	52

**August 27, 2023**

**Lector:** Dan Grubb  
**Commentator:** Guenter Schlottmann  
**Ushers:** Hathaway/Stanley  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Sally Warburton  
**Lawn Care-**Bill Thompson

**Readings for August 27, 2023**

Reading 1	Isaiah 22:19-23
Reading 2	Romans 11:33-36
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20

**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>

**Thanks-** Thanks to the Stanleys for hosting the church picnic last week. The weather was good, the food was great, and the fellowship was fantastic.

**School-**Best of luck and lots of prayers to our college bound parishioners--Case, Ian, and Caleb--who will be starting classes in the next week at their respective universities.

**August Birthdays**

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

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

**August Anniversaries**

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

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

Check out the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishop* website ([uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org)) for Prayers and worship, the Bible, Issues and Action, etc.

**"Taken from the Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer of Creighton**

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This week we can be moved by the powerful fidelity of a woman like Ruth. And the familiar gospel stories will guide us through the week with practical advice and challenging ideas.

It is good to begin by recognizing our own issues with God. For many of us, the graces with which we will be asking God to bless us have to do with our freedom from being so independent. For some of us, it will be to ask to keep our priorities straight this week. It may mean that we let this be a week when we ask what "success" really means for us. It could be a week to try to name more clearly what our purpose, our mission in life is: what the Lord is calling us to do with our lives.

The real grace of finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy everyday lives is that it helps keep us focused. When we get really busy, it can be like being on a tread mill. We begin our day in the morning, go where the day takes us and jump off at night. Our desire here is to live with more choice, more freedom. We want to live each day more reflectively.

So, if I know the gospel is going to ask me to ponder how the lure of having more and more money can become an impediment to my salvation, or how generous and merciful God is, or how my busyness leads me to forget or lose my priorities, then I can choose to let those reflections shape my week. The way I can do that is by beginning each day with focus. What gives focus is recognizing and naming a desire, a grace or gift I ask of God, for that day, conscious of what I will be experiencing, what will challenge me, what opportunities will be offered me. What really makes this effective, is to keep talking with Jesus about those desires in the small, quiet moments that are tucked into each day, the "in between times" of the day.

The effect is that more and more of the details of our lives are interacting with the Word of God and the desires which God is inspiring in our hearts. As we move toward the weekend, we can prepare to hear Jesus ask us who we say he is - who he is for us. Connecting with Jesus in our daily lives allows him to become my Savior and the intimate friend who knows me through and through and is helping me come to know myself with great honesty, integrity, freedom and peace.

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

O God, who have prepared for those who love you  
good things which no eye can see,  
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,  
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,  
we may attain your promises,  
which surpass every human desire.

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.