



**November 5, 2023**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Collection October 29, 2023**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	\$606.00
<i>All Saints</i>	20.00
<i>Attendance</i>	52

**November 12, 2023**

**Lector:** *Chad Owen*  
**Commentator:** *Madelyn Owen*  
**Ushers:** *Hathaway/Klima*  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** *SallyWarburton/LindaMcCann*

**Readings for November 12, 2023**

Reading 1	Wisdom 6:12-16
Reading 2	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13

**Prayer List** -*Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Joy McComb, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Carol Canty, Father Bernie, Shannon Yates, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Sue Dasse, Tod Young, Mary Ann Phillips, Shelia Zellars, Aaron Quain, Wesley 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>

**SAM SUNDAY-***We will be celebrating our Thanksgiving theme with our SAM Sunday pot luck meal directly after Mass next Sunday. The church will provide the meats and you are asked to bring a side and/or dessert to share. Please plan to join your parish family for fun and fellowship.*

**Advent is fast-approaching-***The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent will be celebrated on December 3. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the Nativity of Christ at Christmas. It is also the beginning of our liturgical year. This is a good time to start focusing on what we are approaching so that we can be aware and fully participate in this holy season.*

**November Birthdays**

<i>Tim Taylor</i>	<i>Nov. 1</i>
<b><i>Carol Brandau</i></b>	<b><i>Nov. 8</i></b>
<b><i>Johnny Loftis</i></b>	<b><i>Nov. 11</i></b>
<b><i>Thomas Tedesco</i></b>	<b><i>Nov. 11</i></b>
<i>Leigh Ann Owen</i>	<i>Nov. 13</i>
<i>Megan Talbert</i>	<i>Nov. 19</i>
<i>Bob Strenz</i>	<i>Nov. 20</i>
<i>Tom Rasnake</i>	<i>Nov. 23</i>
<i>Marty White</i>	<i>Nov. 28</i>

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

**November Anniversaries**

<b><i>Jocelyn &amp; Carlos Mendez</i></b>	<b><i>Nov. 5</i></b>
<i>Danny &amp; Michele Coalson</i>	<i>Nov. 25</i>

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

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### **Daily Prayer This Week**

This week guides us deep into our faith in several ways.

As we go about our very busy lives this week, we can continue to practice focusing our attention on an ongoing conversation with our Lord throughout the day. Our desires - for union with our Lord, to know God's love for us, to become more aware of our failings, to become more generous with our family and friends, to be more patient and forgiving, to love as we have been loved - can be expressed in these simple expressions. These expressed desires will naturally interact with the real events of our day.

The gospels this week will draw us into desiring to be more merciful and to not let money or pride dominate our behavior. We won't be "unprepared" if we keep making openings for our Lord to enter the ordinary moments of our days. In repeated moments, we can simply open our hearts and ask God for the desire to have our lives focus on God's desires for us, rather than what our culture wants us to focus on so constantly.

Jesus welcomes us - even as sinners - and eats with us. He is the one who invites us to be like him in seeking out the lost, to growing in compassion. We can reflect all week on that call, in concrete terms in relation to the people in our lives and throughout the world.

Of course, we can prepare for Sunday by reflection on how we are prepared with oil in our lamps - and what that might mean for our "readiness" for the calls we are receiving from the Lord.

Each night, let's look back over the day briefly, and give thanks for a God who listens to our desires.

### **The Collect for Week 31**

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things 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.

### **Synod Report**

The Synthesis Report at the conclusion of the 16th General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality is published. Looking ahead to the second session in 2024, the text offers reflections and proposals on topics such as the role of women and the laity, the ministry of bishops, priesthood and the diaconate, the importance of the poor and migrants, digital mission, ecumenism, and abuse.

Check out this website for the full report:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-10/the-synod-report-a-church-that-involves-everyone.html>