



January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection January 21, 2024

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$1118.00</i>
<i>Respect Life</i>	<i>30.00</i>
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	<i>20.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>41</i>

February 4, 2024

Lector: Guenter Schlottmann
Commentator: Patty Williams
Ushers: Klima/Hathaway
Eucharist Ministers: White

Readings for February 4, 2024

Reading 1 Job 7:1-4, 6-7
 Reading 2 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
 Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Prayer List -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Rommy LoMascolo, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Father Bernie, Shannon Yates, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Sue Dasse, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Donna Gilmore, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Cora Wojciechowski, Linda McCann, Jim Hopkins, Mary Ann Phillips, Bill McGuirk, Father Sadie, 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>

Inclement Weather-Now that we are definitely having winter weather, be aware, that if we have to close church, we will send out an e-mail and it will also be on Channels 10 and 7.

Tax Statements-End of year giving statements are available. Please pick up yours in the hall before you leave today. If you aren't able to find your statement, please let Dan know.

February Birthdays

<i>Bill Thompson</i>	<i>Feb. 6</i>
<i>Stephanie Tedesco</i>	<i>Feb. 9</i>
<i>Melody Riffey</i>	<i>Feb. 11</i>
<i>Karen Audas</i>	<i>Feb. 14</i>
<i>Rebecca Harriman</i>	<i>Feb. 15</i>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February Anniversaries

<i>John & Mickey Balconi</i>	<i>Feb. 4</i>
<i>Tim & Mariah Taylor</i>	<i>Feb. 29</i>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Save the Date- In two weeks we have our annual Chili Cook-off. Last year Lisa Schlottmann won and it is time for her to be dethroned. Mark your calendar and join in the fun as we celebrate SAM SUNDAY on February 11, 2024.

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Daily Prayer This Week

This is a wonderful week to use the brief background times of our lives to talk with the Lord about our need for healing. We can begin each day by naming some desire we have for healing and deeper wholeness and peace. Putting these desires into words, early each day, as soon as we get up or while in the shower or while dressing, helps us give focus to our relationship with the Lord that day. "Lord, thank you for this day. Be with me as I face the challenges before me today. I especially need patience and more compassion, Lord. Heal the anger I feel, and give me peace, so that I can love the way I know you want me to." Each of us can make this 30 second prayer specific to what we need to do each day, and what graces we need to do it. Getting in the habit of naming what I need and asking for it will shape how we spend the day, confidently aware of our God's presence with us.

Throughout the day, we can continue our simple conversation with our Lord, speaking friend to friend. We may encounter some spirits within ourselves that aren't very clean. Anger or resentment, fear or paralysis, jealousy or pride, lust or greed, self-pity or judging of others are all spirits that distort our ability to love others the way we are loved by our God. When we encounter them, we can ask the Lord to heal us, to drive these spirits from our hearts. Each experience of our need for a Savior can deepen our desire, and our ability to name them each morning.

The healing stories in the gospels make it clear that faith is key to the healing. When the people in Jesus' home town say, "Isn't this just the carpenter's son?" their lack of faith is saying, "He can't heal us." In our own struggle with letting Jesus be our Savior, two things can get in the way. First of all, we need to know we need healing. Secondly, we need to *want* to be healed. If I cling to being angry or have become comfortable being afraid, I will first need to acknowledge

what a difference freedom would mean in my life and come to desire healing. Then, I need to believe our Lord can heal me. The rest is easy. This honest dialogue with our Lord, throughout our days, no matter what we are doing, can help us grow in faith in the One who wants nothing more than to keep freeing us to know his love for us and to share it generously with others.

The integrating element of this daily prayer is the gratitude we express each evening before we sleep, giving thanks for the grace to be able to connect with our Savior throughout this busy day.