



February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection February 4, 2024

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$1565.00</i>
<i>Votive candles</i>	<i>67.61</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>43</i>

February 18, 2024

Lector: *Wesley Young*
Commentator: *Patty Williams*
Ushers: *Owen family*
Eucharist Ministers: *Stanley*

Readings for February 18, 2024

Reading 1 Genesis 9:8-15
 Reading 2 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Gospel Mark 1:12-15

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 McGuire, 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>*

Interested in joining the choir? *If you'd like to sing in the choir, and can meet on Sunday's at 10:00 for practice, we'd love to have you join us. If interested, see Debbie Grubb.*

Pancake Supper-*Plan to join us this Tuesday evening, Feb. 13 for a pancake supper. Hot pancakes will be served from 6:00-7:00pm. Come and celebrate before we begin the season of Lent. **Please sign up in the hall so we will know how much to prepare.***

Ash Wednesday Mass-*Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated here at St. Edward's this Wednesday, February 14, at 4:00 pm.*

Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross/Adult Ed-(Peter's Pause)
Starting Wednesday, February 21 and all Wednesdays throughout Lent, we will have soup supper beginning at 6:15, Stations at 7:00 and Peter's Pause at 7:30, ending at 8:00. Everyone is invited to attend all or some of the activities.

Prayers- *Please keep Victoria Slayman, our catechumen, in your prayers as she attends the Rite of the Elect this Saturday in Roanoke.*

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

Daily Prayer This Week

We can feel the tension in this week's readings. Jesus is trying to warn his disciples - and us - about the rebellious style of the Pharisees, about hypocrisy. And, he is trying to heal the blindness of his disciples - and our blindness - about what his mission is all about. He has come to free us from sin and the captivity we have to all kinds of self-centered patterns.

So when we stay reflective this week, we can become more conscious of how we rebel from the path of Jesus, from joining him in becoming less selfish. When we begin our days this week, we can ask, "Lord, help me see the ways I'm too self-centered this week. Help me notice the needs of those you place in my life. Stretch my heart to love more today." It is simple, but it begins to change our focus.

As we go through the week, we can pay closer attention to our resistance, the places we catch ourselves holding back. We can open our eyes to see the patterns in our lives that we might not have paid attention to before. It doesn't have to be serious evil we are choosing. It might just be ways in which we are avoiding losing our lives for him. Once we focus, start paying attention to the daily choices we make, our day becomes a day of prayer. We can be in communion with the Lord throughout the day because it becomes a day of dialogue, in the midst of all the busyness.

"Lord, as I put on this sweater, I'm aware how I just spoke to Helen. I'm sorry. That was all about my fear, wasn't it? I cut her off because I was just afraid of what she was asking of me. I became more aware of the cost to me than anything else. Please help me to continue to see how I respond to people. Please calm my fears." We can get in the habit of doing this kind of prayer every day, right where we are, in very brief moments. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives is the goal of this kind of prayer.

All of this is reinforced by our prayer of gratitude each night. If we can feel the need for this kind of communion with our Lord each day, and thank God for it each night, there is no question that we will be developing a new pattern in our life. We tend to continue to do what we enjoy. And gratitude feeds even more openness and generosity.

The First Four Days of Lent

These days serve as an introduction to our Lenten journey. Before we begin the first full week of Lent, we have a powerful set of readings about our Prayer, Repentance, Almsgiving and Fasting. We place ashes on our foreheads and learn about the meaning of death and life. Over two days we pray over the powerful challenge of Isaiah 58. And Jesus reminds us that he is inviting us to a "change of heart."