



**March 3, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Collection February 25, 2024**

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$650.00</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>60</i>

**March 10, 2024**

**Lector:** Dan Grubb  
**Commentator:** Guenter Schlottmann  
**Ushers:** Hathaway/ B.Thompson  
**Eucharist Ministers:** McNair/K Thompson

**Readings for March 10, 2024**

Reading 1 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
 Reading 2 Ephesians 5:8-14  
 Gospel John 9:1-41

**Prayer List** -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Larry Riffey, Linda McCann, Mary Ann Phillips, 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, Jim Hopkins, , Bill McGuire, Monte Howard, Jim Slusher, and Suzanne Martin.

**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>

**Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross/Peter's Pause**  
 Wednesday night, Mar. 6, we will have soup supper beginning at 6:15, Stations at 7:00 and Peter's Pause at 7:30, ending at 8:00. If you can provide soup, please sign up on the sheet in the hall.

**Reconciliation-** Father Boat will be hearing confessions any Sunday during Lent before or after Mass.

**Scrutinies-** The scrutinies are a series of rites for the elect who wish to be baptized. They are celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent. This is considered a period of purification and enlightenment. Victoria Slayman and her sponsor, Sharon Dalton, will be invited to the front the next three Sundays where Father will administer the rite. Please keep Victoria in your prayers.

**SAM Sunday-**Next week we will have SAM Sunday after Mass. Our theme this month is Salad Sunday. Please plan to bring a salad or dessert to share, and join as we meet, eat, and fellowship.

**Holy Eucharist-** On Easter Sunday we will resume giving the Holy Eucharist in the form of bread and wine. If you need a refresher course, or would like to be trained in this ministry, please see Marty White.

**March Birthdays**

<b>Victoria Slayman</b>	<b>Mar. 2</b>
<b>Barbara Mullins</b>	<b>Mar. 6</b>
<b>Ian Grube</b>	<b>Mar. 8</b>
Lucas Taylor	Mar. 10
Mary Ann Phillips	Mar. 13
John McNair	Mar. 20
Kathy Thompson	Mar. 21
Emilia Mendez	Mar. 22
Guenter Schlottmann	Mar. 23
Madelyn Owen	Mar. 26

**March Anniversaries**  
 John & Mary Beth McNair Mar.14

## **Daily Prayer This Week**

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven't been able to get started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs realigning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord, then we are engaging in a struggle. We are likely uncovering resistance and experiencing our personal sinfulness face-to-face.

This is all preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is the time when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely. If we are just getting started with our Lenten journey, renewing our desires for these graces will be all we need to begin with a renewed openness. God does not need a lot of time to convince us of his love for us.

This is a week about God's love for us and our call to love others the same way. It is a week to keep our daily focus on naming a desire each morning. The day ahead will shape what we ask for as our feet hit the floor in the morning. Pausing to thank the Lord for this day and to ask for the grace to let our mind and heart be renewed in the concrete circumstances, relationships and obligations of our day. Throughout the day, we can then return to those desires in background of our awareness. Our request for the Lord's help is always there and our consciousness of it will help us make the choice we desire to make, to let go of what we need to let go of, to add what we need to add. This will take us deeper and deeper into self-awareness and a sense of our need for a Savior, who is right there to embrace us and give us the graces we ask for.

## **The Third Week of Lent**

For the **Third Sunday of Lent** we read the Ten Commandments and witness Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple. He says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." **John's Gospel** tells us the point: "Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken." In most parishes, there will be one Liturgy for the RCIA candidates, using the [Gospel of the Woman at the Well](#).

Jesus challenges the people in his hometown of Nazareth to look at him in a new way - "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In a fury, they drive him out of the temple. Peter asks Jesus the limits of forgiveness. Jesus says that we must forgive again and again. He tells the parable about the servant, who though forgiven himself, does not forgive his fellow servants. Jesus has come to fulfill the law and the words of the prophets, not abolish them. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan's power to heal, Jesus responds "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house." When asked to name the "greatest" commandment, Jesus names two, thus putting together the necessity of loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as our very selves. The week ends as Jesus tells a powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. "I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."