



July 21, 2024
**Sixteenth Sunday
 In Ordinary Time**

Collection July 14, 2024

Regular Collection	\$1425.85
Attendance	60

July 28, 2024

Lector: Shannon Yates
Commentator: Gaby Stanley
Ushers: Hathaway/Yates
Eucharist Ministers: Warburton/K. Thompson
Lawn Care: D. Carper

Readings for July 28, 2024

Reading 1	2 Kings 4:42-44
Reading 2	Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel	John 6:1-15

Information about St. Edwards- Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <https://stedwardpulaski.org>

Prayer List -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Larry Riffey, Megan Talbert, Mary Ann Phillips, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Elwood Switzer, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Shannon Yates, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Sue Dasse, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Jim Hopkins, Bill McGuire, Suzanne Martin, Megan Talbert, John Willett, Erika Ash, Pal Montgomery, John Ash and Jack McCann.

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions

SAM Sundays for 2024-2025- Starting this September with the picnic, we are trying to get one person, two or three people, or a family to host one of the monthly SAM Sunday meals. SAM Sunday is held on the second Sunday of each month after Mass. When you sign up, you will be in charge of picking a theme (if you so desire), preparing any meat if the church is providing it, setting up the hall, collecting the side dishes brought in before Mass, displaying the meal after Mass, and cleaning up after the meal. (Many parishioners will help with these tasks) You would also need to provide an announcement 3 weeks prior so we can put it in the bulletin. Supplies will be furnished. Please consider hosting one of the Sam Sundays so that we can continue to gather as a St. Edwards family to share a meal and fellowship together.

Congratulations- Our own Guenter Schlottmann was recently awarded the Volunteer Coach of the Year for Pulaski County . Congratulation Guenter!!

July Birthdays

Linda McCann	July 4
Case Grube	July 6
Bernard LeFleur	July 11
Brenda May	July 13
Michele Coalson	July 16
Donna Hathaway	July 25
Annabelle Williams	July 30

July Anniversaries

Father Boat	July 13
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Daily Prayer This Week

It is helpful to be reminded by Jesus this week that to be his disciple is not about comparing oneself with each other. It is not about a competition to be greater than another. It is about being servants of each other and being like him, who came to give his life away. As we pray this week, in the background of our daily lives, we can reflect upon all the relationships in our lives and ask for the grace to come to know the needs of each person in our life and for the grace to be servant, as Jesus is servant.

The parable of the sower can be a wonderful source of reflection this week. We can do it in a variety of ways, but it might be helpful to just take one kind of soil to reflect on each day. Each day we can begin -- as we first get out of bed, in the shower, while dressing, eating, driving, walking from one place to another, shopping -- by asking for the grace to understand how parts of me are like this soil.

Seed sown on the hard path: I can ask to know how the Word is simply stolen away from my heart. What is hard-hearted in me? What hardens me? How am I not open? What saps my spirits, my hope, my faith?

Seed sown on rocky ground: I can ask to know how I sometimes initially receive the Word readily, even with joy, but my lack of deep roots leads to my losing heart when troubles come. When do I lose courage? How do I believe the Word but fail to pay the price for living it? How can I develop deeper roots?

Seed sown among thorns: I can ask for the grace to know how I initially welcome the Word, but then let anxieties and the lure of riches choke the Word so it can't bear fruit. What kind of worldly anxieties trouble me? What kind of attractions, possessions, addictions affect my freedom and peace? What grace in me isn't bearing fruit? How can I be freer, live more simply, with more surrender?

Seed sown on rich soil. I can ask for the grace to hear the Word and understand it and to bear much fruit. What will help me, prepare to be more receptive? What environment, activities, service will help?

Each night, we can give thanks for these reflections that help us examine our daily life and grow in love, in freedom and in fruitfulness.