



**July 28, 2024**  
**Seventeenth Sunday  
 In Ordinary Time**

**Collection July 21, 2024**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	\$609.00
<b>Catholic Virginian</b>	10.00
<b>Attendance</b>	53

**August 4, 2024**

**Lector:** *Dan Grubb*  
**Commentator:** *Stan Stanley*  
**Ushers:** *Yates/Stanley*  
**Eucharist Ministers:** *B. & K. Thompson*  
**Lawn Care:** *S. Stanley*

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

**Readings for August 4, 2024**

Reading 1	Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Reading 2	Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Gospel	John 6:24-35

**HELP NEEDED-** *Our Church is in need of 3 additional volunteers to serve on the Building Committee. Hard to believe but we have been in the new Sanctuary for the past 25 years. Currently we are soliciting bids for a new roof, heat pumps, misc. exterior painting needs, and repaving the parking lot. We need assistance in creating a fundraising drive/publicity and ongoing communication. If interested in serving your church in this project please contact Dan and/or Stan.*

**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, Jon Ash and Jack McCann.*

**Let the Stanleys know WHEN you have additions or deletions**

**SAM Sundays for 2024-2025-** *We are so excited to let you know that we have leaders for each of the SAM Sundays for each month next year. If you would still like to help, contact the leader(s) in charge. We are sure any help would be appreciated. Below you will see each month and the persons in charge. Thank you to those who volunteered.*

- September 8—Sharon and Jerry Dalton (picnic)*
- October 13—Marie, John, and Lynda Hager*
- November 10—John and Mary Beth McNair*
- December 8—Debbie and Dan Grubb, and Michele Coalson*
- January 12—Lisa and Guenter Schlottmann*
- February 9—Gabriella and Stan Stanley (chili cook-off)*
- March 9—Bill and Linda Thompson*
- April 13—Donna Hathaway and Carol Brandau*

**July Birthdays**

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

**July Anniversaries**

<i>Father Boat</i>	<i>July 13</i>
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**Holy Day of Obligation-** *Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be here at St. Edward's on August 14<sup>th</sup> and at St. Mary's in Wytheville on August 15th.*

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## **Daily Prayer This Week**

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. The growth of God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no "extra" time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, "Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today." Or, "Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today." While in the shower or going to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second

friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying "thank you" every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.