



August 18, 2024
**Twentieth Sunday
 In Ordinary Time**

<u>Collection August 11, 2024</u>	
Regular Collection	\$1276.00
Assumption of Mary	40.00
Attendance	39

August 25, 2024

Lector: *Chuck Yates*
Commentator: *Gaby Stanley*
Ushers: *Schlottmann family*
Eucharist Ministers: *S. Warburton/K. Thompson*
Lawn Care: *Bill Thompson*

Readings for August 25, 2024

Reading 1 Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
 Reading 2 Ephesians 5:21-32
 Gospel John 6:60-69

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, 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, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Jim Hopkins, Bill McGuire, Suzanne Martin, John Willett, Erika Ash, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Wesley Young, and Jack McCann.*

Let the Stanleys know WHEN you have additions or deletions

Annual Picnic to kick off SAM Sundays- *Mark your calendars. Our picnic will be held on September 8, directly after Mass at the home of Sharon and Jerry Dalton. The church will provide the meat and supplies. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Hoping that everyone will participate in our "first" SAM Sunday of the year. A sign-up sheet is in the hall. More information to follow.*

<u>August Birthdays</u>	
<i>Chuck Yates</i>	<i>Aug. 3</i>
<i>Wesley Young</i>	<i>Aug. 7</i>
<i>Jody Riffey</i>	<i>Aug. 9</i>
<i>Jack McCann</i>	<i>Aug. 11</i>
<i>Tim Kimbleton</i>	<i>Aug. 19</i>
<i>Kelli Glover</i>	<i>Aug. 23</i>
<i>Richard Mancine</i>	<i>Aug. 27</i>
<i>Mickey Balconi</i>	<i>Aug. 29</i>

<u>August Anniversaries</u>	
<i>Marty W. & Marsha D.</i>	<i>Aug. 11</i>
<i>Stan & Gabriella Stanley</i>	<i>Aug. 29</i>

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Daily Prayer This Week

We pray through our everyday life this week, with the image in the background of our consciousness: Jesus offers us intimacy with him and gives us life, as shown in our relationship with him in the gospels.

Each day, we begin our day with the practice of briefly pausing, at our bedside to focus the day with a 15-30 second prayer. It is so helpful to develop this habit by simply doing it three or four days in a row. Even if we say that we are half-awake at this time, we can discover what a difference this way of beginning the day can be. With practice, it gets easier to say, "Thank you for this day, Lord. Please, be with me today, especially when I do _____ this morning and this afternoon as I _____. Give me more patience, love and trust in you." While washing up and dressing, we can expand this prayer, in a simple friend-to-friend conversation with our Lord. This kind of connecting or checking-in with our Lord at the beginning of the day lets a background connection with our Lord develop and grow, while I'm doing many things. It changes our consciousness and connects and integrates this fundamental relationship I desire with the things I'm doing, whether they are pleasant, routine or quite difficult.

Throughout the week I might be thinking of what it would mean for me to sell what I have, give it to the poor, and really follow Jesus. What is preventing me from following the Lord more completely? Are there "riches" that I know are barriers to my surrendering to God's will more freely? What seems to possess me? Recognizing our lack of freedom in this area or that is the first step in being able to ask our Lord for the grace of freedom in that area.

We might also ask the Lord to show us what he desires that we be "free for." "Freedom from" is the first part of our relationship. Then, we are free to be sent. What am I being freed for? What loving am I being freed for? What new generosity, what type of self-giving? What neighbor, in my family, or the poor of the world, am I being called to notice and serve? We might ask the Lord to reveal to us this week how

we are called to be servant.

We will still do what is on our schedule, respond to all our commitments. The difference will be that we will do it more in touch with the Lord. Staying focused and connecting with our Lord throughout the day is at the heart of prayer, "Raising our minds and hearts to God." And, at the end of each day, we give thanks for this gifted presence that day.