



August 25, 2024
**Twenty-First Sunday
 In Ordinary Time**

Collection August 18, 2024

Regular Collection	\$440.00
Assumption of Mary	71.00
Attendance	38

September 1, 2024

Lector: *Wesley Young*
Commentator: *Dan Grubb*
Ushers: *Owen family*
Eucharist Ministers: *S. Stanley/P. Williams*
Lawn Care: *Stan Stanley*

Readings for Sept. 1, 2024

Reading 1 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
 Reading 2 James 1:17-18, 21b-22,27
 Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

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. Sharon and Jerry live at 3253 Windy Hill Ln. in Draper. We will have directions for you next week.*

Father Boat's Annual Leave- *Starting September 8th, Father Boat will be returning to Ghana for his annual leave. Pease keep him in your prayers. Father Benoit will be celebrating Mass with us. Have a safe trip Father Boat.*

August Birthdays

<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>

August Anniversaries

<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

Like physical exercises which build strength and stamina, these exercises for finding intimacy with God in our everyday lives involve practice. Nobody ever got good at soccer or baseball, running or dancing without careful practice that becomes a habit, a way of life. And, no one even attempts such a regimen without great desire. The same is true with having a better relationship with our Lord. It takes great desire to sustain a routine of reflection and affective, intimate conversation. Such prayerful focus and connectedness takes discipline, but it quickly becomes natural. And, the rewards are phenomenal.

We can practice this week by asking ourselves some deep questions in the background of our life each day. Beginning each day by briefly expressing a desire to be more self-aware and transparent with our Lord, we can ask ourselves some probing questions.

In what ways am I a hypocrite? How do I use a double standard - harsher on others than I am on myself? How do I like to appear as a religious person, but actually lack mercy and deeds of charity? Am I a good steward of the gifts with which God has entrusted me?

As I grow in the ability to reflect throughout the day, I might try to recognize my inner spirit, my attitudes, the ways I respond. It is a way of staying alert and places me with my Lord in conversation, in the background as I make decisions, as I experience my reactions to events and people. Sometimes, I might just be saying "Thank you, Lord," expressing gratitude for what I've been given. At other times, that will quickly turn to a reflection on how I will be a good steward of those gifts. Hearing the readings this week, I might want to monitor how my fears or my laziness might prevent me from being bold about using the gifts the Lord has given me to build up the Kingdom in my world.

Preparing for celebrating God's love on Sunday, I can focus on the readings for and ask to be more humble in my life. Who is "the poor, the crippled, the lame" person who needs to be invited more deeply into my life?

Help me Lord to hear your word to me, even when it challenges me. Open my heart and guide me to use my talents to serve you. Teach me to be generous, Lord.