



**August 4, 2024**  
**Eighteenth Sunday  
 In Ordinary Time**

**Collection July 28, 2024**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	\$4034.00
<b>Catholic Virginian</b>	20.00
<b>Attendance</b>	54

**August 11, 2024**

**Lector:** Kathy Thompson  
**Commentator:** Dan Grubb  
**Ushers:** Bill Thompson/John McNair  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Patty Williams/Linda McCann  
**Lawn Care:** David Carper

**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 11, 2024**

Reading 1	1 Kings 19:4-8
Reading 2	Ephesians 4:30—5:2
Gospel	John 6:41-51

**Thanks-** Many thanks to Bill Thompson, Kathy Thompson, and Guenter Schlottmann who volunteered to be on the Building/Fund Raiser Committee. Please keep this committee in your prayers.

As a side note, Modern Day Roofing will start replacing the shingles on the church roof tomorrow.

**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, 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-** Our leaders for SAM Sundays from Sept. till April are in place. If you'd like to help, see anyone listed below to join them. The more that help, the easier the task. Thanks again to all.

- 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 Kathy Thompson
- April 13—Donna Hathaway and Carol Brandau

**August Birthdays**

<b>Chuck Yates</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>
<b>Wesley Young</b>	<b>Aug. 7</b>
<b>Jody Riffey</b>	<b>Aug. 9</b>
<b>Jack McCann</b>	<b>Aug. 11</b>
<b>Tim Kimbleton</b>	<b>Aug. 19</b>
<b>Richard Mancine</b>	<b>Aug. 27</b>
<b>Mickey Balconi</b>	<b>Aug. 29</b>

**August Anniversaries**

<b>Marty W. &amp; Marsha D.</b>	<b>Aug. 11</b>
<b>Stan &amp; Gabriella Stanley</b>	<b>Aug. 29</b>

**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> at 6:00 pm and at St. Mary's in Wytheville on August 15th.

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## **Daily Prayer This Week**

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways and situations each day that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us. One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging.

Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? Do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks? Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me.

How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, negative stereotypes towards Muslims and those I see as "foreigners." How can I be relieved of my hostility against the poor or being judgmental about sinners. Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did.

Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers and members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the "more," to move a mountain, I can ask for faith the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every day.