St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection January 12, 2025 NO MASS

Regular Collection

Attendance

January 26, 2025

Ushers: S. Stanley/C. Yates Lector: Donna Hathaway Commentator: Dan Grubb Eucharist Ministers: M. White/M. DuBose

Readings for January 26, 2025

 Reading 1
 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

 Reading 2
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

 Gospel
 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

As you enter the sanctuary, please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass. Information about St. Edwards- Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, and other information can be found on our webpage at: <u>https://stedwardpulaski.org</u>

Prayer List -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Megan Talbert, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Elwood Switzer, Raegan Ray, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, John Millard, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Jim Hopkins, Bill McGuire, Suzanne Martin, John Willett, Susan Bennett, Jerry Toothman, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Leigh Thompson, Father Bernie, Tom Phillips, Tonia Johnson, Anna LoMascolo, Therese Ann Mansfield, Jean Jennings, Gary Gibson, Sharon Dalton and BB Porter.

<u>Please let Gaby or Stan know when you need someone added or deleted from this list</u>. Thanks

NEW HVA SYSTEM- Our new HVAC system was installed this past week and is working well. 3 new units were placed on our roof and the old ones removed by a crane. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to our Captial Campaign. It's because of you that we were able to do this.

January Birthdays		January Anniversaries
Brenda Lessard Larry Riffey Brenda McLawhorn Al Kozar	Jan. 1 Jan. 3 Jan. 4 Jan. 29	Bill & Jean Jennings Jan. 13

Stay warm and be safe during the next few days of extremely low temperatures.

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Daily Prayer This Week

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. Week after week, we are following the scriptures, and learning from them. It is important to focus our desires early in the day and talk with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "Contemplatives in Action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of the real circumstances of our lives.

Sometimes we protest: "I don't have time to pray." But if we change our focus to the moments we have free, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments while bathing or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that our desire today is to be more conscious that everything we do this day, is in response to his call to be a disciple. Then, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk with God about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific depending on the event.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

Dear Lord, at times, my heart is quite sluggish. Give me hope today. Lift my spirits and give me perspective. When I find myself stiff and inflexible, make me into a new wineskin to receive the alive, new wine with which you wish to fill me. And let me be open to your call to discipleship today. What are the opportunities to preach your Word today? Where can I drive out demons, rather than sit with their discouragement and division? Please fill my home, my workplace, my heart with your Spirit, that I might join you in bringing good news for the poor.