

St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski



February 16, 2025
**Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

<u>Collection February 9, 2025</u>	
Regular Collection	\$1125.00
Catholic Virginian	10.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Attendance	49

February 23, 2025
Ushers: D. Hathaway/C. Yates
Lector: Patty Williams
Commentator: Gaby Stanley
Eucharist Ministers: K Thompson/B. Thompson

Readings for February 23, 2025
Reading 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Reading 2 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel Luke 6:27-38

As you enter the sanctuary, please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass.

Please let Gaby or Stan know when you need someone added or deleted from the PRAYER LIST. Thanks

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

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

Chili Cook-off Winners-*The Chili cook-off last week was a huge success! With many participants, the top 3 were, Michele Coalson-third place, Lisa Schlottmann-second place, and first place went to Carol Brandau! Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who participated by bringing something to share and/or by voting. Thanks to the McCanns and the Stanleys for hosting the February SAM Sunday. The Thompsons will be hosting our March pot-luck! More information coming soon.*

<u>February Birthday</u>	
Bill Thompson	Feb. 6
Stephanie Tedesco	Feb. 9
Melody Riffey	Feb. 11
Karen Audas	Feb. 14
Rebecca Harriman	Feb. 15

<u>February Anniversaries</u>	
John & Mickey Balconi	Feb. 4

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Daily Prayer This Week

We can feel the tension in this week's readings. Jesus is trying to warn his disciples - and us - about the rebellious style of the Pharisees, about hypocrisy. And, he is trying to heal the blindness of his disciples - and us - about what his mission is all about. He has come to free us from sin and the captivity we have to all kinds of self-centered patterns.

So when we stay reflective this week, we can become more conscious of how we rebel from the path of Jesus, from joining him in becoming less selfish. When we begin our days this week, we can ask, "Lord, help me see the ways I'm too self-centered this week. Help me notice the needs of those you place in my life. Stretch my heart to love more today." It is simple, but it begins to change our focus.

As we go through the week, we can pay closer attention to our resistance, the places we catch ourselves holding back. We can open our eyes to see the patterns in our lives that we might not have paid attention to before. It doesn't have to be serious evil we are choosing. It might just be ways in which we are avoiding losing our lives for him. Once we focus, start paying attention to the daily choices we make, our day becomes a day of prayer. We can be in communion with the Lord throughout the day because it becomes a day of dialogue, in the midst of all the busyness. "Lord, as I put on this sweater, I'm aware how I just spoke to Helen. I'm sorry. That was all about my fear, wasn't it? I cut her off because I was just afraid of what she was asking of me. I became more aware of the cost to me than anything else. Please help me to continue to see how I respond to people. Please calm my fears." We can get in the habit of doing this kind of prayer

every day, right where we are, in very brief moments. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives is the goal of this kind of prayer.

All of this is reinforced by our prayer of gratitude each night. If we are liking this kind of communion with our Lord each day, and thanking God for it each night, there is no question that we will be developing a new pattern in our life. We tend to continue to do what we enjoy. And gratitude feeds even more openness and generosity.