

St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski



March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

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| <u>Collection March 9, 2025</u> | |
| Regular Collection | \$715.00 |
| Catholic Religious | 203.00 |
| Attendance | 57 |

March 23, 2025
Ushers: Owen family
Lector: Wesley Young
Commentator: Patty Williams
Eucharist Ministers: K Thompson/B Thompson

Readings for March 23, 2025

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| Reading 1 | Exodus 17:3-7 |
| Reading 2 | Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 |
| Gospel | John 4:5-42 |

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

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

Thank You to Kathy and Bill Thompson for the wonderful March St. Patrick's Day SAM Sunday! The decorations were awesome, many wore "green" (Marty), and the food was all delicious. The corned beef and cabbage they bought and prepared was perfect for the occasion!

The March Food Collection will be for the New River Agency on Aging. They are asking for the following and there is a list on the table in the Hall for you to pick up: Canned tuna or chicken, Small jars of peanut butter, crackers, oatmeal, mac & cheese in small cups, fruit cups, canned soups, and individual fruit juices. Thank you in advance.

Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross/Peter's Pause started this past week and was well attended. Our next session will be this Wed., Mar. 19. We will have soup supper beginning at 6:15, Stations at 7:00 and Peter's Pause at 7:30, ending at 8:00. You are welcome to attend any or all of these. If you can provide soup for any of these evenings, please sign up on the sheet in the hall. We need two soups each week. Thanks

Spring Cleanup- On Saturday, March 29, we will have an "outside" cleanup starting at 8:00. We will have egg and sausage biscuits, fruit, doughnuts, juice, and coffee available for everyone who participates. Please join us in "sprucing up" our church grounds before Easter. A list of things that need attention will be available.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound- We are in need of people willing to take Communion to the sick and shut-ins. Several of you have expressed an interest in this ministry. Therefore, there will be an upcoming training session soon. If you are interested, please give your name to Kathy Thompson, our chairperson for the Outreach Program. Those serving in this capacity now, should also attend.

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| <u>March Birthdays</u> | |
| Victoria Slayman | Mar. 2 |
| Barbara Mullins | Mar. 6 |
| Ian Grube | Mar. 8 |
| Mary Ann Phillips | Mar.14 |
| John McNair | Mar.20 |
| Kathy Thompson | Mar.21 |
| Guenter Schlottmann | Mar. 23 |
| Madelyn Owen | Mar. 26 |

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| <u>March Anniversaries</u> | |
| John & Mary Beth | Mar. 14 |

Please look carefully at the prayers list, and if you see anyone who needs to be added or deleted, let Gaby or Stan know. Thanks

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, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Lynn Canty, Ron Morgan, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Cara Jennings, Bill McGuire, John Willett, Susan Bennett, Jerry Toothman, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Leigh Thompson, Father Bernie, and BB Porter.

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Daily Prayer This Week

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to

hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.