

# St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski



**March 2, 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**Collection February 23, 2025**  
Regular Collection                      \$3614.00  
Attendance                                      49

**March 9, 2025**  
**Ushers:** B. Thompson/C. Yates  
**Lector:** Kathy Thompson  
**Commentator:** Gaby Stanley  
**Eucharist Ministers:** J. McNair/S. Stanlev

**Readings for March 9, 2025**  
Reading 1     Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Reading 2     Romans 10:8-13  
Gospel         Luke 4:1-13

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

**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**

**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, 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, and BB Porter.

**Pancake Supper**-Plan to join us this Tuesday, March 4, for a pancake supper. Pancakes will be served from 6:00-7:00pm. Let's celebrate before starting Lent. Please sign up in the hall so we will know how much to fix

**Ash Wednesday Service**-We will have our Ash Wednesday Service here at St. Edward's on Wednesday, March 5, at 4:00pm. Father will also say Mass that evening at St. Mary's in Wytheville at 6:00pm.

**March Sam Sunday**-The theme for March's SAM Sunday will be St. Patrick's Day. The meal will be held on **March 9, 2025**. It will be hosted by Kathy and Bill Thompson. Corn beef and cooked cabbage will be provided. Please bring side items and/or dessert. We would like you to sign up for the items you will bring. The sign up sheet is on the table in the hall. Thanks!

**World Day of Prayer**-All women of the church are invited to the World Day of Prayer at Randolph Ave. United Methodist Church, on Friday, March 7, at 11:00am, followed by a pot luck. Bring a dish and plan to stay for worship and fellowship. If you need more information call 540-320-3369.

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

<b><u>March Anniversaries</u></b>	
<b>John &amp; Mary Beth</b>	<b>Mar. 14</b>

## **Daily Prayer This Week**

We may feel like we never have enough; enough money, time, love, status or anything else that seems to be the focus of our lives. We live lives that are packed with activities, meetings and obligations - keeping our hearts distracted away from our relationship with God, from our families and from others in our lives who need our love.

In these few days before Lent begins, we can begin to prepare our hearts by asking ourselves how we want Lent to be different this year. What do we want to ask the Lord to give us - and more importantly, we can ask *what the Lord wants for us* this Lent. What gift of generosity, love or attention can we share with others in the weeks ahead? How can we focus on the Lenten season and ask that our hearts be opened to what is real - not to the externals which distract us so much? How will I *be* with my family and friends this Lent? What will I do that sets this season apart from my normal routines? How can I name, anticipate and feel the gifts the Lord showers on me with such love in the weeks ahead? And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.

**For these first four days of Lent**, it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up earlier each morning, to read about what Lent can mean and to let that soak into our hearts. The key is not to be somber or severe in any way, but to know that this is a time of great grace so that we can be attentive to it. The first thing to remember is that these 40 days are a **gift** to us. We are not trying to save ourselves by our Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are only trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us. These days are critically important for choosing to establish some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our age or health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But, each of us can choose what else we can fast and abstain from during Lent. What practices of mine get in the way of my being open to

hearing God's Word and responding freely? That's what needs transforming. Giving up needing to be right, fasting from my impatience, totally abstaining from escapist fantasies will open our hearts to God's grace. None of that takes extra time. It just takes desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to the greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor.

Finally, Lent is the perfect time to choose to grow in gratitude. Every night, before going to bed, let us be faithful to giving thanks to the Lord who has given us so many blessings and offers us new graces each and every day.