

St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski



March 30, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

Collection March 23, 2025

Regular Collection	\$890.00
Easter Flowers	25.00
Catholic Relief	25.00
Attendance	38

April 6, 2025

Ushers: R. Mancine/C. Yates
Lector: Chad Owen
Commentator: Stan Stanley
Eucharist Ministers: S. Warburton/L. McCann

Readings for April 6, 2025

Reading 1	Ezekiel 37:12-14
Reading 2	Romans 8:8-11
Gospel	John 11:1-45

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

Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross/Peter's Pause only TWO more sessions...this Wed. April 2, and next Wed. April 9. 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. Still need soup of you can help out. Hope you can join us.

SAM Sunday-Our April SAM Sunday will be the FIRST Sunday in April, on the 6th, instead of the following Sunday which is Palm Sunday. Carol Brandau and Donna Hathaway will be hosting this one and they will provide the ham. They are asking for everyone to bring a side and/or dessert to share. This will be our final pot luck until the September picnic. Hope everyone will plan to join us.

THANK YOU- Can't thank the following enough for their help yesterday cleaning up and doing maintenance on the outside of the church: Bill, Kathy, and Rachel Thompson, Christina Kozar, Marie Hager, Karen Audas, Guenter Schlottmann, and Gaby and Stan Stanley. We were able to accomplish everything, and in addition, our sign in front and the statue of Mary have been painted. **THANK EACH OF YOU SO MUCH!!**

Bookkeeper needed-We are looking for another person to be a back-up bookkeeper and to be available to assist the finance committee with other special projects. This is a paid position based on qualifications and experience. Please contact Dan Grubb if you have any interest in this position.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday	April 17 at 5:00
Good Friday	April 18 at 3:00
Easter Vigil	April 19 at 8:00 at St. Mary's in Wytheville
Easter Sunday	April 20 at 11:00 as usual.

April Birthdays

Tom Phillips	Apr. 2
Sally Warburton	Apr. 12
Bill Jennings	Apr. 21
Drema Altizer	Apr. 21
Amanda Kelly	Apr. 22
Stan Stanley	Apr. 23
Danny Coalson	Apr. 23
Marie Hagar	Apr. 28
Rosanna Vallo	Apr. 28
Ryan Kelly	Apr. 28

April Anniversaries

Paul & Kelli Glover	Apr. 3
Dan & Debbie Grubb	Apr. 12

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Daily Prayer This Week

The gospels this week make it very clear toward the end of the week that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. But it is *not* a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It *is* grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

Please check the prayer list and let Gaby or Stan know if anyone needs to be added or deleted. 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.