

St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski



March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

Collection March 2, 2025

Regular Collection	\$1261.00
Attendance	42

March 16, 2025

Ushers: D. Hathaway/J McNair
Lector: Chuck Yates
Commentator: Stan Stanley
Eucharist Ministers: P. Williams/M. DuBose

Readings for March 16, 2025

Reading 1 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Reading 2 Philippians:3:17—4:1
Gospel Luke 9:28b-36

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.

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 on your way out today: Canned tuna or chicken, Small jars of peanut butter, crackers, oatmeal, mac & cheese in small cups, fruit cups, canned soups, and individual fruit juices. Thanks in advance for you donations to this.

Soup Suppers/Stations of the Cross/Peter's Pause-For the next 5 weeks, on Wednesday nights, beginning this Wednesday the 12th, 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 any of these evenings, please sign up on the sheet in the hall. We need two soups each week. Thanks

Capital Campaign- Several people have asked about checks being written for the Capital fund. As a reminder, these checks need to be made out to: "**St. Edward's Capital Campaign**", and put in a plain envelope with the same written on the front. Thanks again to all who are participating. It is greatly appreciated.

<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 Schlotmann	Mar. 23
Madelyn Owen	Mar. 26

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

Daily Prayer This Week

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the "background" about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

One resource that may be helpful is the [Praying Lent](#) website with reflections on how we can set a different tone for our Lent by making choices about how we want our Lent to be and what we want God to do in us this Lent.