



April 16, 2023

**Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday**

Collection April 9, 2023

Regular Collection	\$1671.00
Catholic Relief	60.00
Attendance	67

April 23, 2023

Lector: *Charlotte Phillips*
Commentator: *Debbie Grubb*
Ushers: *Stanley/Hathaway*

Readings for April 23, 2023

Reading 1	Acts 2:14, 22-33
Reading 2	1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35

Prayer List -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Linda McCann, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Jim Trowbridge, Orlando LoMascolo, Rommy LoMascolo, Anna LoMascolo, Julie Vega, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, Jim Hopkins, Raegan Ray, Alexandria Hayes, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Joy McComb, Margaret McLawhorn, Carol Canty, Kenneth Martin, and Jessi Saunders.

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions

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

Lawn Care- We need individuals to help with lawn care. If you are willing to help out, please sign up on the sheet in the hall. See Stan if you have questions.

Peter's Pause- The adult discussion/scripture study group, Peter's Pause, will meet on Tuesday at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

Daily Bread- Anyone who is available and willing to help out with Daily Bread (as a substitute) the 3rd Friday morning of each month, please see Donna Hathaway. Thank you.

SAM Sunday- The last SAM Sunday until the fall will be on April 30th directly after Mass. This will be "Sub Sunday". Come and make your own sub and enjoy Ice cream Sundaes for dessert. No one needs to bring any food at all....everything will be provided. A donation basket will be available to help cover some of the cost. Thanks!

April Birthdays

Tom Phillips	Apr. 2
Kenneth Martin	Apr. 9
Carla Martin	Apr. 9
Sally Warburton	Apr.12
Bill Jennings	Apr.21
Drema Altizer	Apr.21
Stan Stanley	Apr.23
Danny Coalson	Apr.23
Malek Tabar	Apr.24
Marie Hagar	Apr.28
Rosanna Vallo	Apr.28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April Anniversary

Dan & Debbie Grubb Apr. 12



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Daily Prayer This Week

This is a wonderful week to pray in joy at God's merciful love for us, and for the unending forgiveness we are offered. We know we have done nothing to deserve that forgiveness and that we cannot earn it, and yet it is ours, if only we can accept it.

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid.

This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of "the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from our Lord to fall into his forgiving embrace.

Dear Lord, it feels impossible to believe that my life can change, that I can move out of this rut I am in. I know I don't always live my life feeling your love and being my best self. Help me to trust in you, to drop my defenses and to feel how deeply I am loved and forgiven by you. Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" and "Peace be with you." I so long for that peace in my life but it feels so far away sometimes. Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.

I know my life can change, if only I can say with all my heart, "I trust in you, Lord. I believe in your mercy and I know that with your help, my life can be healed."

Easter Week

On the **Second Sunday of Easter**, as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we get a picture of how the early community gathered around as "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles." **John's Gospel** gives us two post-resurrection stories that feature Thomas, the doubting apostle. "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The **Acts of the Apostles** all this week offers us the challenges the apostles faced from the earliest communities and from the Jewish authorities.

For the remaining five weeks of the Easter season, our readings will be from the **Acts of the Apostles** and from **John's Gospel**, with stories of Jesus' ministry not heard during the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year.

The weekday readings begin with the frightened Pharisee, Nicodemus, coming at night to speak to Jesus, asking how anyone can be "born again." Jesus says we must be born of water and Spirit. The gospel offers a poetic look at light and darkness, good and evil: "the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light...But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." John writes, "For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God." After Jesus' disciples tell him to send 5,000 people away, he shows them how to feed them all. He walks across the sea to meet his apostles in their boat, saying, "It is I. Do not be afraid."

And, all this week prepares us for the **Third Sunday of Easter** on which we will reflect on the Resurrection story about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We are prepared to encounter the same pattern: they don't recognize Jesus, but he opens their eyes in the "breaking of bread."