



**April 23, 2023**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

### **Collection April 16, 2023**

Regular Collection	\$1029.00
Attendance	41

**April 30, 2023**

Lector: Terrie Hancock  
Commentator: Gaby Stanley  
Ushers: Owen Family

### **Readings for April 30, 2023**

Reading 1	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Reading 2	1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel	John 10:1-10

**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, Father Bernie, Clyde Bennett, Doug Waldrop, Mark Newman, Carlo LoMascolo, 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 **NOT** meet this Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Daily Bread-** If you are willing to be a substitute for Daily Bread which we work the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, please give your name to Donna Hathaway. Thank you.

**SAM Sunday-** Plan to join us next Sunday after Mass for **Sub Sunday** by making your own sub. 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!

**New community Project-** "Together We Rise" is a community project that uses borrowed ladders to sculpture an outdoor art monument at Jackson Park for the month of May. If you have one you'd like to lend, please see Sally or Gaby for details.

**New Church Directory-** The new church director is finally ready for distribution after Mass today. Make sure you get your copy.

### **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
<b>Stan Stanley</b>	<b>Apr. 23</b>
<b>Danny Coalson</b>	<b>Apr. 23</b>
<b>Malek Tabar</b>	<b>Apr. 24</b>
<b>Marie Hagar</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>
<b>Rosanna Vallo</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>

### **April Anniversary**

Dan & Debbie Grubb Apr. 12



## 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."*

## Third Week of Easter

In this third week of the Easter Season, we are reflecting upon how the graces of Easter are received in our hearts and what it means for our daily journey.

We grow in a sense that Easter is not simply a one day celebration. We celebrate Easter every Sunday. But, this is a season which lets us enter more deeply into the joy and the acceptance of the great gift of life everlasting.

These daily prayers help us ask for the graces we desire and to speak with our Lord, friend to friend. We get a window into the early faith community's announcement of and witness to the good news of the gift of eternal life. We listen to Jesus talking about himself, and the way he gives himself to us, as the bread that gives and nourishes that life.

Our daily prayer and reflection in this season helps us deepen our joy and gratitude and helps us integrate it into our lives.