



April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collection April 23, 2023

Regular Collection	\$1429.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00
Attendance	54

May 7, 2023

Lector: *Dan Grubb*
 Commentator: *Caleb Harriman*
 Ushers: *Owen Family*

Readings for May 7, 2023

Reading 1	Acts 6:1-7
Reading 2	1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel	John 14:1-12

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, 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 STILL 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 this Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00. All are welcome.

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

SAM Sunday- Today is our last SAM Sunday until the Fall. Plan to stay and make your own sub and Ice Cream Sundae. 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 finished and we started giving them out last week. Make sure you get your copy today if you haven't already.

May Birthdays

Chad Owen	May 6
Ginny Ash	May 11
Mariah Taylor	May 19
Kathy Smith	May 26
Norma Klima	May 27

Happy Birthday

May Anniversaries

Rebecca & Walt Harriman	May 1
Jennifer & Rick Grube	May 6
John Loftis & Mary Phillips	May 6
Carla & Kenneth Martin	May 11
Lisa & Guenter Schlottmann	May 19
Chad & Leigh Ann Owen	May 20

Happy Anniversary

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Daily Prayer This Week

This is potentially a powerful week for entering into how available Jesus is for us. He promises to be with us, to make us one with him, even to make his home in us. He promises to keep us safe and to bring us to our true home to be with him forever. The opportunity we have this week is to accept this offer of deepening our relationship with our Lord. We accept it if we let his availability to us seep more and more deeply into our consciousness each day. We do this by beginning each day focusing our first thoughts of the day in a simple recognition that we are not alone: "Thank you for this day, Lord. I know you want to stay close to me, to guide me and support me today. I need some real strength and courage to face some of the challenges of this day. Help me to keep connecting with you throughout this day, to remember your presence and love." This 20 second prayer will open our day to a Lord who invites us to surrender our troubles to him.

At various times of the day - especially when we approach a particularly challenging responsibility, or an occasion or situation in which we habitually lose our peace or give in to temptation - we can be renewed by another 20 second prayer. Each time we turn to the Lord, our "moment of connection" can become more specific, more intimate, and more confident.

If we find ourselves sidetracked and distracted all day, or for several days, it is easy to get right back on track by pausing, while doing almost anything, and asking our Lord to remind us of his constant presence. We will quickly return to a sense that Jesus knows us, understands us, and wants to be with us in whatever troubles our hearts. And, each night, when we give thanks to our Lord for his fidelity to us throughout the day, we will be given the grace to know, again, that we are never alone.

We are rejoicing in this Easter season and asking God to shower us with the light of salvation that John's Gospel refers to so often. Even now, weeks after Easter, we rejoice!

Fourth Week of Easter

We celebrate this week of the Easter season by entering more deeply into the stories of the early followers of Jesus. All week in Acts, we will read of an increasing boldness by the disciples, and the beginning of Paul's ministry to the Gentiles.

John's gospels continue to draw us into the image of Jesus as our shepherd, loving us with an individual tenderness. Jesus continues to tell us that he and the Father are one. Like his followers, we sometimes simply can't see it.

This is a week to pray with joy for the love God showers on us and for the presence of Jesus' warm caring for us in our everyday lives. We are not perfect. We are not sin-free.

But we are loved by our Risen God - and that is what we celebrate in this season.