



May 21, 2023  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Celebrating the Ascension**  
**of the Lord**

Collection May 14, 2023

Regular Collection	\$1683.00
Attendance	43

May 28, 2023

Lector: *Dan Grubb*  
 Commentator: *Caleb Harriman*  
 Ushers: *Hathaway/Klima*

Readings for May 28, 2023

Reading 1    *Acts 2:1-11*  
 Reading 2    *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13*  
 Gospel        *John 20:19-23*

**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, Shannon Yates, Walter Coalson, Stephanie Tedesco, and Jessi Saunders.

**Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions**

**Peter's Pause**- The adult scripture and discussion group will not resume until the fall of the year.

May Birthdays

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

**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**

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

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**Daily Prayer This Week**

We can hardly believe the message from this week's gospel. It is one of complete invitation to us. Jesus tells us of his intimate bond with the Father and invites us into the same kind of close relationship with Jesus himself.

He does not promise us a trouble-free life, and is clear about the challenges we will face as his followers. He cautions us that the world will want to make us one of "its own" and Jesus lovingly protests that we are his, not the world's. He prays to the Father of us, "they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me..."

This kind of loving dialogue with the Father is what Jesus wants with us. It does not mean our lives will be trouble-free but we are offered the peace in our hearts that Jesus longs to give us.

Some days we may feel anything but peace in our hearts. That is the time to pause and open our hands and our hearts to the Lord. Just the simple physical act of opening our hands can send a signal to our hearts. We can stop thinking and start feeling the love that Jesus has for us.

We can begin each morning at the side of our beds, aware of the sacredness of the day ahead of us, and ask for peace, courage and guidance. On our way to work or while taking care of our family, cooking or running errands, we can stop for the briefest moment and ask again: "Lord, help me to feel how much you love me. Help me to accept that love and carry it to all those you send into my life today."

And at the end of the day, we can pause again at the side of our bed, reflect for a moment on our day and offer thanks for the moments where we felt in our hearts the love of Jesus. And, we can ask that tomorrow we can feel the Lord's own love and compassion for us - and beg that we can pass that along.

Like Peter in Friday's gospel, we have denied Jesus many times in our lives but he looks at us again with love and simply says, "Follow me."

**Seventh Week of Easter**

This is the final week of the Easter Season. We are guided all week by the story of Paul's journey, all the way to Rome.

The final words of Jesus to his apostles, and to us, fill this week. They are comforting. His deep desire for unity among us is powerful. They prepare us to hear him praying to the Father for us.

It is a week in which we can intensify and deepen our prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We can ask for the grace all week to be open to the Spirit's coming and work in our lives.

*Come, Holy Spirit.*

*Fill the hearts of your faithful.*

*Enkindle within us the fire of your love.*

Allow us to join you in renewing the face of the earth.