



**July 23, 2023**  
**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Collection July 16, 2023**

Regular Collection	\$622.00
Votive Candles	85.13
Outreach	1000.00
Attendance	44

**July 30, 2023**

Lector: Donna Hathaway  
 Commentator: Gaby Stanley  
 Ushers: Schlottmann family  
 Eucharistic Ministers:  
 Patty Williams & Mary Anne Phillips

**Readings for July 30, 2023**

Reading 1	Kings 3:5, 7-12
Reading 2	Romans 8:28-30
Gospel	Matthew 13:44-52

**Prayer List** -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Regina Montgomery, Anna LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Carol Canty, Father Bernie, Clyde Bennett, Shannon Yates, Doug Waldrop, Jessi Saunders, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Elwood Switzer, Sue Dasse, and Larry Riffey.

**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>

**From Father Boat-** My parish family, I have recently felt a calling from the Holy Spirit to lead my parish family on a Holy Pilgrimage somewhere in the next year! I feel strongly that those who journey with me will also be answering a personal call from the Holy Spirit as well and it will be a life-changing event. I am asking all of you to prayerfully consider joining me and to let me know by email your interest, whether Spring or Fall is best and where you feel most drawn to visit. Thank you and God Bless all of you!

Father Francis K. Boateng Pastor [frankboat13@gmail.com](mailto:frankboat13@gmail.com)

**Parish Picnic-**Our Parish Picnic will be held at the Stanley's home on August 13 after Mass. Mark your calendar and more details will be in next week's announcements.

**Parish 5-year plan-**The pastoral council is working on a 5 year plan for major maintenance issues, to include the replacement of the roof, repaving the parking lot, and possibly replacing the AC/heating units on the roof. A committee has been set up to work on this, and more information will be forthcoming.

**July Birthdays**

Linda McCann	July 4
Case Grube	July 6
Bernard LaFleur	July 11
Brenda May	July 13
Michele Coalson	July 16
<b>Donna Hathaway</b>	<b>July 25</b>
Annabelle Saunders	July 30

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

**July Anniversaries**

Father Boat	July 13
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***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

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### ***Daily Prayer This Week***

These weekly guides offer us an opportunity to practice being "contemplatives in action." For us busy people, it is possible to pray - "to lift our minds and hearts to God" - in the midst of our everyday, active lives. Prayer is really about our relationship with the Lord, a relationship that is always a gift of the Holy Spirit. That relationship can stay alive, and grow in its intimacy, to the degree we can let the daily events, responsibilities and relationships of our lives become a part of our relationship with our Lord. All it takes is a little focus and some practice.

Every morning this week, we can begin our day with a brief conversation with our Lord that expresses a desire that comes from within us and is shaped by the scriptures this week. We might say, "O Lord, help me trust your presence in what you call me to do today, letting me remember how tiny seeds grow." I may pray: "Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me trust your care for me. Let me not be afraid or grumble, but fill me with the nourishment of your presence today." Or we might ask, "Lord, let me do your will today, and experience the closeness you offer me as I do so." Perhaps, we can pray, "Thank you, Lord, for the gift of my children. Help me to trust that not everything I say or do will seem to work, but that you will take care of them and allow my efforts to be fruitful." And, on the weekend, we might be praying, "Dear Lord, the relationship you are offering me is like a treasure that makes me want to sell what has seemed to be so important to me so that I might buy that field - investing more deeply in my relationship with you."

Throughout each day, we can repeat and refine these desires and prayers in our hearts. Each thing we do, each person we relate to, each request that is made of us will help us say this or that expression of gratitude or request for grace.

The practice comes in doing this ongoing conversation and connections with our Lord in the background of our day - in the brief in between times: in the shower, while getting dressed, on the way to work, while walking to a meeting, during a meeting, while shopping, as we transition from any part of our day to the next. It all comes together as we take a

brief bit of time at night, before we go to bed, to say thanks for the graces we have received, for the opportunity to feel connected and know that we are not alone throughout the day. Sometimes, we'll ask the same thing for several days. At times, we'll notice a pattern in what we are asking for and what we experience ourselves as receiving. In this very simple way, with just a little focus and practice, we will find a pearl of great value - a growing relationship with our Lord that transforms our spirits in the midst of our busy lives.

**This is the Prayer the Church uses this week of Ordinary Time and the Opening Prayer for the Masses of this week.  
We can reflect upon it, pray it ourselves, with our family, or adapt it for our concrete desires this week.**

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants  
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,  
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,  
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.