



**July 30, 2023**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Collection July 23, 2023**

Regular Collection	\$990.00
Attendance	54

**August 6, 2023**

**Lector:** Wesley Young  
**Commentator:** Patty Williams  
**Ushers:** Owen family  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Marty White & Marsha DuBose  
**Lawn Care-**David Carper

**Readings for August 6, 2023**

Reading 1	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Reading 2	2 Peter 1:16-19
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

**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>

**Parish Picnic-**Our Parish Picnic will be held at the Stanley’s home on August 13 after Mass. The church will provide the meat, Stan will fix pizzas and everyone else needs to bring a side and/or dessert. Please sign-up on the sheet in the hall or give Stanley’s a call with the number attending by August 6th.

**New Schedules-** New schedules for Eucharistic Ministers are in the hall. Please pick yours up if you are a minister.

**Christian Formation for the Youngsters for 2023-24-**If you are interested in having your child participate in Christian Formation this year, please fill out a form located on the table in the Hall, and return it to Gaby Stanley by **August 13**. Thank you!

**July/August Birthdays**

<b>Annabelle Saunders</b>	<b>July 30</b>
Wesley Young	Aug. 7
Jody Riffey	Aug 9
Tim Kimbleton	Aug. 19
Jackie Yost	Aug. 22
Rick Yost	Aug. 26
Mickey Balconi	Aug. 29

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

**August Anniversaries**

Marty & Marsha	Aug. 11
Stan & Gaby	Aug. 29

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY***

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### **Daily Prayer This Week**

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no "extra" time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, "Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today." Or, "Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today." While in the shower or driving to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second

friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying "thank you" every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.

**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.**

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,  
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,  
you may restore what you have created  
and keep safe what you have restored.

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.