



**April 28, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Collection April 21, 2024**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	\$ 1532.00
<b>Maintenance</b>	1000.00
<b>Catholic Virginian</b>	70.00
<b>Attendance</b>	54

**May 5, 2024**

**Lector:** Donna Hathaway  
**Commentator:** Guenter Schlottmann  
**Ushers:** Stanley/Yates  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Williams/McCann  
**Lawn Care:** David Carper

**Readings for May 5, 2024**

- Reading 1 Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
- Reading 2 1 John 4:7-10
- Gospel John 15:9-17

**Prayer List** -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Larry Riffey, Mary Ann Phillips, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Shannon Yates, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Sue Dasse, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Donna and Guy Gilmore, Randy Stanley, Jim Slusher, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Jim Hopkins, Bill McGuire, Monte Howard, Suzanne Martin, and John Willett. **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>

**Weekly Ministries-** New schedules have been sent by email this past week for those who participate. If you did not receive yours or would like a printed copy, please let Stan know today.

**Pastoral Council Meeting-**The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held directly after Mass on Sunday, May 5. If you are on the council, please make plans to attend as there are several things to discuss.

**Church Women United-** Having their May Friendship Day on May 17 at 11:00. Location is at the First Dublin Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the hall.

**Congratulations Thomas Tedesco-**Thomas placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the DCMS FBLA State competition in Richmond in Business Issues, and will be going to Nationals in FL from June 28-July 2. There is a fundraiser to help with the cost of this trip. Please consider supporting Thomas as he represents Pulaski in this outstanding competition.

**Fellow Parishioners-** Just a friendly reminder that the Diocese will be collecting the special donations for Diocese Home Missions on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. You are encouraged to use the envelope in your yearly offertory box which is provided. Also, to ensure that all of your donations are recorded for your taxes and church records, we encourage you to utilize the envelopes which were given to you in January, reflecting your St Edward's member number. If you need envelopes or have any questions, please contact Dan Grubb, finance chair. Thanks for your ongoing support!

**April/May Birthdays**

<b>Marie Hager</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>
<b>Rosanna Vallo</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>
<b>Ryan Kelly</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>
<b>Chad Owen</b>	May 6
<b>Ginny Ash</b>	May 11
<b>Bill Kelly</b>	May 12
<b>Mariah Taylor</b>	May 19
<b>Kathy Smith</b>	May 26
<b>Norma Klima</b>	May 27
<b>Shannon Yates</b>	May 27

**May Anniversaries**

<b>Rebecca &amp; Walt Harriman</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>Jennifer &amp; Rick Grube</b>	May 6
<b>John Loftis &amp; Mary A. Phillips</b>	May 6
<b>Carla &amp; Kenneth Martin</b>	May 11
<b>Lisa &amp; Guenter Schlottmann</b>	May 19
<b>Chad &amp; Leigh Ann Owen</b>	May 20

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## **Daily Prayer This Week**

We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations. Often a song or piece of music just replays over and over.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

*"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you let me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today."*

*"I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me of the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - even though right now I'm ashamed to talk about it with you in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there."*

*"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow."*

## Fifth Week of Easter

The wonderful story of the early church continues this week in Acts of the Apostles. We read of Paul and Barnabas preaching the good news to Gentiles. A major shift occurs after much discussion among the apostles and they pray for guidance: should Gentiles become Jews before becoming Christians? Peter declared that Jews and Gentiles are both "saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus."

The weekday gospels continue with John's nuanced words reminding us again not to be troubled or afraid, but to remain in the love of Jesus. It is that message that we pray with this week as we continue our Easter celebration, filled with the joy of hearing Jesus tell us, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."