

St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski



April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Collection April 13, 2025

Regular Collection	\$1245.00
Easter Flowers	25.00
Catholic Virginian	20.00
Easter	20.00
Attendance	54

April 27, 2025

Ushers-Yates/McNair
Lector-Guenter Schlottmann
Commentator-Rebecca Harriman
Eucharistic Ministers-J. McNair/S. Warburton

Readings for April 27, 2025

Reading 1	Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Reading 2	Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel	John 20:19-31

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Canestrari who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation today, Easter Sunday. Praying for the Risen Christ to be with him always and to guide him on a renewed journey to faith and service. He has become a cherished and vital member of our St. Edward's family. We are blessed! There is a reception for Michael directly after Mass.

Thank you-We'd like to thank everyone who has made our Lenten journey, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday special this year. Many of you have stepped up to serve by helping at our outdoor workday, lectoring, commentating, being money counters, ushers and Eucharistic Ministers, organizing the music, singing in the choir, cantoring, carrying up the oils, being candle bearers, decorating the church, administering extra services, covering the statues, changing altar cloths and keeping the church spotless, setting up the extra altar in the Hall, donating for the flowers and arranging them for the Hall, as well as, in the sanctuary, taking Communion to the homebound, leading and participating in the Stations of the Cross and Peter's Pause, fixing food for soup suppers, setting up the pond, donating food for our outreach program, preparing Michael for Confirmation, and any other "behind the scenes" efforts made. You are all appreciated for your love and service to our Parish.

Lawn Care!!! – Please sign up on the sheet in the Hall if you can help with cutting and caring for the Church lawn this summer.

April Birthdays

Tom Phillips	Apr. 2
Sally Warburton	Apr. 12
Bill Jennings	Apr. 21
Drema Altizer	Apr. 21
Amanda Kelly	Apr. 22
Stan Stanley	Apr. 23
Danny Coalson	Apr. 23
Marie Hager	Apr. 28
Rosanna Vallo	Apr. 28
Ryan Kelly	Apr. 28

April Anniversaries

Paul & Kelli Glover	Apr. 3
Dan & Debbie Grubb	Apr. 12

Please check the prayer list and let Gaby or Stan know if anyone needs to be added or deleted. Thanks

Prayer List –Megan Talbert, Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Larry Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Chuck Yates, Shannon Yates, Tom Phillips, Sharon Dalton, Olin Whitener, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Lynn Canty, Ron Morgan, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Cara Jennings, Bill McGuire, John Willett, Susan Bennett, Jerry Toothman, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Leigh Thompson, Father Bernie, John McNair, Jeannie Bain, and BB Porter.

EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>IN MEMORY/HONOR OF..</u>
<i>Bill & Kathy Thompson</i>	<i>Marcia Thompson Ray & Charlotte Tancre Tom & Judy LaPolla</i>
<i>Dan & Debbie Grubb</i>	<i>Bill, Carol, & Gregory Canty Ralph & Mozelle Grubb Sue Smith</i>
<i>Donna Hathaway</i>	<i>Ron Hathaway & family</i>
<i>Gunter & Lisa Schlottmann</i>	<i>Family members</i>
<i>Karen & Allen Audas</i>	<i>Parents</i>
<i>Ken & Norma Klima</i>	<i>Family members</i>
<i>Marie Hager</i>	<i>Charles & Wally Hager Charles & Linda Hager</i>
<i>Materina & David Carper</i>	<i>Sammy family Umwech family Rhaym family Carper family</i>
<i>Stan & Gaby Stanley</i>	<i>Stanley family LoMascolo family Perrino family</i>
<i>Tom Phillips</i>	<i>Warren Phillips Phyllis Phillips Warren Phillips II</i>

This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a deeply-felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News.

Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully.

So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewal these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.

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Daily Prayer This Week-

We now begin a celebration of the **Resurrection of our Lord** for the next seven weeks - when we mark the **Ascension** forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of **Pentecost** on the fiftieth day after Easter.