## St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski

# <u>April 27, 2025</u>

# **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Regular Collection	\$1008.00
Easter Flowers	30.00
Holy Thursday	120.00
Easter	799.00
Attendance	80

### <u>May 4, 2025</u>

Ushers-Owens family Lector-Chuck Yates Commentator-Patty Williams Eucharistic Ministers-Bill and Kathy Thompson

### Readings for May 4, 2025

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

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

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

**Pastoral Council-**There will be a Pastoral Council meeting on Sunday, May 4, directly after Mass. All members please plan to attend, and anyone in the parish who would like to join the council, please let a current member know. Members now are S. Warburton, the Grubbs, Stanleys, Thompsons, P. Williams, C. Owen, D. Hathaway, C. Brandau, and V. Slayman

<u>**Outreach Program-**</u>Blanket ministry will resume in the Fall. AND, the Food Collection for May will be for City of Refuge. They are requesting canned foods and jelly. **Also**, Kathy will hold another short training session on May 18, after Mass for taking Communion to the homebound. If you weren't able to attend the first one and want to serve in this capacity, please plan to attend this one.

#### Let Gaby or Stan know if anyone needs to be added or deleted.

**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.

<u>April Birthdays</u>		May Anniversaries	
		Rebecca & Walt Harriman	May 1
Tom Phillips	Apr. 2	Jennifer & Rick Grube	May 6
Sally Warburton	Apr. 12	J. Loftis & M. A. Phillips	May 6
Bill Jennings	Apr. 21	Carla & Kenneth Martin	May 11
Drema Altizer	Apr. 21	Lisa & Guenter Schlottmann	May 19
Amanda Kelly	Apr. 22	Chad & Leigh Ann Owen	May 20
Stan Stanley	Apr. 23		
Danny Coalson	Apr. 23		
Marie Hager	Apr. 28		
Rosanna Vallo	Apr. 28		
Ryan Kelly	Apr. 28		

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

This is a wonderful week to pray in joy at God's merciful love for us, and for the unending forgiveness we are offered. We know we have done nothing to deserve that forgiveness and that we cannot earn it, and yet it is ours, if only we can accept it.

Over and over this week, we are invited to place our trust in God. The ever-human disciples didn't always put aside their fears, and neither do we. We can imagine the terrified followers of Jesus hiding behind locked doors until he appears in their midst, inviting them not to be afraid.

This might be a good week to spend time with Jesus looking at the fears in our own lives which keep us locked up away from others. We can ask Jesus for the courage to trust in him. What would it cost us to let go of the fears that smother our lives? Our challenge might be to give up enough control in our lives to simply ask God for help and a growing trust.

What would it mean for our lives and for the relationships in our lives if we were willing to let go of "the way we have always done things" and to beg Jesus for help? Our lives can change. We have a standing offer from God to fall into his forgiving embrace.

Dear Jesus, it feels impossible to believe that my life can change, that I can move out of this rut I am in. I know I don't always live my life feeling your love and being my best self. Help me to trust in you, to drop my defenses and to feel how deeply I am loved and forgiven by you. Give me the courage to feel it in my heart when you say, "Don't be afraid" and "Peace be with you." I so long for that peace in my life but it feels so far away sometimes. Help me to believe in you, to drive away the doubts and unbelief that harden my heart.

I know my life can change, if only I can say with all my heart, "I trust in you, Lord. I believe in your mercy and I know that with your help, my life can be healed."