

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Collection December 24, 2020

Regular Collection \$ 40.00 Maintenance \$ 400.00 Diocesan Collection \$ 200.00

Attendance 21

Collection December 27, 2020

Regular Collection \$500.00 Flowers, Candles, Backpack \$160.25 Diocesan Collection \$10.00

Attendance 24

January 10, 2021 Ministers

Lector Gaby Stanley
Commentator John Balconi

<u>Please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass</u> as you enter the sanctuary.

Readings for January 10, 2021

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:1-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Readina 2: 1 John 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

<u>Information about St. Edward</u>- Daily readings, the bulletin, and other information can be found on our webpage at: https://stedwardpulaski.org

<u>Donations-</u>, please mail your regular donations to St. Edward's Catholic Church, PO Box 1670, Pulaski, VA 24301 if you are not attending Mass.

<u>Mass Live-Stream</u>- Mass is still live-streamed every Sunday morning at 9:00 at http://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchwytheville

Prayer List- Mike Malloy, Tim Kimbleton, Doug Waldrop, Carol Luttrell, Brenda Lee, Brenda McLawhorn, Paul Bennett, John Balconi, John McNair, Joan Jennings, Susan Lambert, Amanda Linkous, Sharon Dalton, Jerry Dalton, Bill Jennings, Angelo LoMascolo, and Connie Armentrout.

(Please contact Stan Stanley if you have additions or deletions)

Please Keep Father Bernie in your prayers.

<u>Thanks</u>- A special thanks to Caleb Harriman for playing the Christmas music on the organ and piano during the Christmas Eve service. Also, thanks to the ladies who gave out goodies after that Mass.

<u>Donation Envelopes</u> - Envelopes are available to pick up on the way out of the Church.

Happy January Birthdays!

Brenda Lessard Jan. 1
Larry Riffey Jan. 3
Jessica Williams Jan. 8
Emily Bishop Jan. 17
Cora Wojciechouski Jan. 18
Pam Choroco-Crowder Jan. 20

Happy Anniversary

Alex & Fely Fernandez Jan. 4
Bill & Jean Jennings Jan. 13

<u>Covid Tip of the Week</u>- We can ask for the grace to be a light for others. Reach out to a friend or relative who is feeling down, hurt, or separated and offer our care.

Be Safe!

Don't forget to get your flu shot!!!!

Daily Prayer This Week

In this week of Epiphany, we can all let ourselves be blessed with the Light of Jesus, in this period after Christmas. Our Christmas was probably different this year. For some of us, it was simple, perhaps quite poor. For some of us, it was made difficult with some family dysfunction, or at least disagreements or hard feelings. And, yet, our faith offers us the grace of Jesus, being the Light in whatever darkness we experience. We can rely on our faith to see what we are too often prevented from seeing because we are discouraged, hurt, lonely, feeling alienated in any way. We can see hope where others only see darkness, because we let ourselves be touched by Jesus as God-with-us, by Jesus as unconditional love for us, by Jesus as always accompanying us on our journey, each day. We are not alone.

This is a week when we can ask for the grace to be a light ourselves, for others. We can be a light within our family. We can offer comfort, presence and accompaniment for someone who is feeling down, hurt or separated. We can reach out to a friend or relative and offer our care. Such light can even reach into the darkness of anger and grievance. Light that reveals love and presence, can so often, bring healing and peace.

We can let ourselves be blessed by the words of the First Letter of John. "If anyone says, 'I love God,'

but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

We can let ourselves be blessed by the encounter between Jesus and the leper: "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."

Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do will it. Be made clean."

Lord, teach us to love, to be a light for others, and to bring reconciliation and peace where it is so needed. And, Lord, let us turn to you, with whatever isn't "clean" in me and ask you for your healing. We so long to hear you say, "Be made clean."