

November 21, 2021 Feast of Christ the King

Collection November 14, 2021	
Collection	\$1225
All Saints	\$10
Holiday Gift Cards	\$100
Attendance	45

November 28, 2021

Lector: Guenter Schlottmann

Commentator: Gaby Stanley

Usher: Owen Family

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

Readings for November 28, 2021

Reading 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

<u>Information about St. Edward</u>- Daily readings, the bulletin, homilies, 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>Prayer List</u> - Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Joan Jennings, Jody Riffey, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, John McNair, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Dan Hood, Mikey Malloy, Bob Huttick, Bob Huff, and Father Bernie.

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

<u>Thanksgiving Baskets</u>- Instead of collecting non-perishable goods for baskets this year, the Women's Club will be accepting monetary donations to give gift cards. The cards will be distributed soon. Cash is fine or make checks out to St. Edward's and in the memo indicate "Holiday gift cards".

<u>Pastoral Council</u>- Anyone wishing to serve on St. Edward's Pastoral Council, please contact Sally Warburton.

<u>Preparing for Advent</u>- The "Praying Advent" website offers many helpful resources for individuals and families who want some help to begin the season of Advent and move through it well. There are a great variety of pages which will address the issues almost anyone is facing. In common sense language the site helps us pray through Advent as we may never have done before. In addition, there is a Daily Prayer for each day of Advent, based upon the Collects of the New Roman Missal. Just Google "Praying Advent" to find the site on the Creighton Univ. Online Ministries website.

onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent or use the QR code.

November Birthdays

Tim Taylor	Nov. 1
Carol Brandau	Nov. 8
Thomas Tedesco	Nov. 11
Melinda Epperley	Nov. 12
Leigh Ann Owen	Nov. 13
Megan Talbert	Nov. 19
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Bob Strenz	Nov. 20
Marty White	Nov. 28
Haley Rakes	Nov. 28



November Anniversaries

Danny & Michele Coalson Nov. 25

First Sunday of Advent is next Sunday November 28th.

Getting vaccinated is an "act of love" - Pope Francis

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Daily Prayer This Week

The old and the new come together this week as we bring this liturgical year to a close and look ahead to Advent, which begins Sunday. We reflect that Jesus is our Savior and King. This means we are called to help build up the kingdom by loving Jesus in our poorest brothers and sisters. We will encounter readings about the generosity of a poor widow and the warning of the approaching end of time. This is meant to help us begin our preparations for Advent. The actual end of the world may not be at hand, but the Kingdom of God is always at hand for us. It takes focus and paying attention to notice the signs, the ways the Lord makes himself available to us in the midst of our busy days.

We prepare for Advent this week when we can begin a small, but honest prayer, "Come, Lord, Jesus. Come into this place and into the conflict in my life. Let me be attentive and open to see the places where I am restless, distracted and too busy. Come into my real situation - not the way I present myself to others. Come to me - the real me that needs you." We need this kind of preparation. These are challenging times. Holidays stretch us and test us. Sometimes, under the stress of it all, we regress into behaviors that are bad and destructive, because they are familiar and what so many others are doing. Relationships get strained. Alcohol rarely brings cheer without at times risking bad patterns. So, praying these days - while very busy - praying out of our needs and even our pain - roots us in relationship with the One who always comes to save us.

For those of us in the U.S., we shouldn't miss reflecting on the meaning of Thanksgiving Day. It is an important time to be grateful for what we have received and to accept our responsibility for being good stewards of what we have, sharing God's gifts to us in loving service to others.

For all of us, this is a week to be grateful and to experience the beginning of Advent on Sunday. We can prepare to walk into Church more alert, more ready to explore our longing. We can take advantage of the many resources offered on the "Praying Advent" pages.

As we grow in our practice of connecting with our Lord and friend in brief moments throughout each day, we can develop the habit of giving thanks each night for what we have received. <u>Custodian Needed</u>- St. Edward's is in need of a custodian to fill the position of Richard Richardson, who has indicated he will retire in the near future. The part-time position will include, but not be limited to: keeping the church clean, purchasing supplies, putting out the trash, picking up mail at the post office, minor maintenance repairs, and reporting maintenance issues to the maintenance committee. Candidates must be willing to be flexible, to complete the Diocesan required VIRTUS training, and to pass a background check. If interested please contact Dan Grubb (540-320-9224) or Stan Stanley (540-250-4861).