

December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family

Collection December 19, 2021

Collection\$ 505.00Catholic Charities\$ 6.00Christmas\$ 70.00Attendance43

Collection December 24, 2021

Collection \$ 387.01 Catholic Charity \$ 20.00 Attendance 46

January 2, 2022

Lector: Wesley Young

Commentator: John Balconi Ushers: Hathaway/Stanley

Readings for January 2, 2022

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

<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, Michael Linkous, Megan Talbert, Bob Huttick, Rosanna Vallo, Mikey Malloy, Jerry Dalton, Gary Gibson, and Father Bernie.

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

<u>Thanks</u>- Many thanks to all those who made the Advent Season and the Christmas Eve Mass a great success. Everyone including the readers, commentators, ushers, the choir, Father Boat, those who helped to decorate the church, people who donated money for the flowers, and anyone who helped to make this a beautiful season.

<u>Church Calendar</u>- Church calendars for 2022 are available on the table in the hall. Pick up one after Mass, or if you are still not attending Mass, please let us know and we will get one to you.

<u>Offertory Envelops</u>- Envelopes for 2022 are available on the table in the hall. Please pick yours up after Mass.

December/Jan. Birthdays

Mary Klima Dec. 4 Walter Harriman Dec. 8 Wayne Trail Dec. 9 John Balconi Dec. 10 Cheri Strenz Dec. 10 Joan Jennings Dec. 18 Dan Grubb Dec. 21 Mary Beth McNair Dec. 31 **Brenda Lessard** Jan. 1

December Anniversaries

ST. EDWARD'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

January 1 No Mass at St. Edward's -----

January 2 Epiphany of the Lord 11:00 am

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Daily Prayer This Week

Each day after Christmas celebrates another aspect of the mystery of Jesus' coming among us and opens us to his continuing to come to us now.

It helps to recognize this and let ourselves enter this part of the mystery of the Incarnation. We are living in the flesh each day of our lives. He came to enter this life and be with us in it. After Christmas, we have a few days to let the blessing of Christmas settle in.

Each one of us can begin our post-Christmas and the beginning of our New Year's time by staying in touch with ourselves in the flesh - as people touched by Jesus' coming. We can turn to our Lord throughout each day and have real conversations with our Savior: Over the kitchen sink, by the dishwasher, in front of the washing machine, while going to work, walking, going to a meeting, returning from one.

During our preparation for Christmas we were asking the Lord to open our hearts, to let us wait with patient trust, and to come to us. Last week we experienced joy and the mixed challenges of Christmas. This week we have the opportunity to have ordinary conversations with our God who came to be with us.

Thank you so much, Lord, for becoming flesh for me. And, thank you for being with me now, in the midst of each day's joys and sorrows. I ask you to increase my trust in you, my desire for closeness with you and my commitment to turn to you all day long. Continue to be with me when I have to make difficult decisions, when I need extra patience and care when in challenging situations. Continue to let my heart experience the joy of Christmas this week as I see signs of your presence with me.

When these words take on our own voice and our details, it will feel very personal. And, when we speak about our fears, our needs, when we express our gratitude and our deep desires, we are living and intimate relationship with the one who became flesh that we might never need feel alone again.

Christmas Flower Donation List 2021

Donna Hathaway—in memory of Ron Hathaway

Marie Hager--in memory of Charles and Wally Hager, and Charles and Linda Hager

Norma & Ken Klima—in memory of deceased relatives

Terrie Hancock—in memory of Elena Casas and Stella Footer

Linda & Jack McCann—in memory of Betty Richardson, and deceased members of the Manning and McCann families

Mickey & John Balconi—in memory of deceased relatives

Tom Phillips—in memory of Warren P. Phillips and Phyllis Hogan Phillips

Richard Richardson—in memory of Betty Richardson

Dan and Debbie Grubb—in memory of William Canty, Ralph and Mozelle Grubb, Gregory Canty and other deceased family members

Mary & Cora Wojciechouski—in memory of the Wojciechouski and Denny families

Gabriella & Stan Stanley—in memory of deceased members of the Stanley, LoMascolo, and Perrino families, and in honor of our St. Edward's family

Wesley Young—in memory of Brenda Lee

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