



December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

Collection Dec. 4, 2022

Regular Collection	\$12,057.75
Flowers	40.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
Attendance	42

December 18, 2022

Lector: *Charlotte Phillips*
 Commentator: *Gaby Stanley*
 Ushers: *Hathaway/Klima*

Readings for December 18, 2022

Reading 1 *Isaiah 7:10-14*
 Reading 2 *Romans 1:1-7*
 Gospel *Matthew 1:18-24*

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

Outreach chair person still needed- *The pastoral council is in need of a person to chair our outreach program. If interested and willing to help out, please see Sally Warburton for more information.*

Prayer List - *Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Bill Jennings, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Christine Scarpinato, Michael Linkous, Jim Trowbridge, Orlando LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, Joy McComb, Raegan Ray, John Millard, and Father Bernie.*

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions.

Christmas Flowers Donations- *If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of, or in honor of someone, we ask that you use the envelope provided in your contribution box. Also, please write in their names so we can print them.*

Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule-*On December 24, Christmas Eve, we will celebrate the Birth of Our Lord at St. Edward's, beginning at 5:30 with a 30 minute choir presentation, followed by Mass at 6:00 PM. There will be no Mass here on Christmas Day or on New Year's Eve. New Year's Day Mass will be celebrated at our usual time of 11:00 on January 1.*

Christmas Eve Fellowship-*Following Christmas Eve Mass, we will have a small reception of finger-foods. Please plan to stay awhile and celebrate with your St. Edward's family.*

<u>December Birthdays</u>		<u>December Anniversary</u>
<i>Mary Klima</i>	<i>Dec. 4</i>	<i>No December Anniversaries</i>
<i>Walt Harriman</i>	<i>Dec. 8</i>	
<i>Wayne Trail</i>	<i>Dec. 9</i>	
<i>John Balconi</i>	<i>Dec. 10</i>	
<i>Cheri Strenz</i>	<i>Dec. 12</i>	
<i>Dan Grubb</i>	<i>Dec. 21</i>	
<i>Charlotte Phillips</i>	<i>Dec.22</i>	
<i>Mary Beth McNair</i>	<i>Dec. 31</i>	

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. Each Sunday during Advent on the back page of the bulletin there will be inserts. This week's is from Loyola Press.

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Daily Prayer This Week

This third week of Advent, our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is near.

For some of us, the great grace will be to ask that expectant hope - and the joy that this can bring - will fill our hearts and replace whatever is heavy or dark or sad there. We can only let our Lord bring good news to us in our own poverty, if we acknowledge that we are poor in some ways. He can only proclaim liberty and release to us if we can admit that we are captives and prisoners to so many habits and patterns that inhibit joy.

This is a week of recognizing ourselves, and recognizing our need for a Savior - a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas.

We can only turn to our God and trust in the safety we find accepting our God as the only god of our lives, if we first can name the place in which we are in danger from the choices we are making.

We can surrender our fear of being put to shame by humbly coming face to face with the un-humble person we can sometimes be. The depths of gratitude and joy come when we can experience the tenderness with which our Lord keeps taking us back.

This is a wonderful week to examine our consciences as we let our daily, prayer filled background moments interact with some of the places in our daily lives in which we discover the need for mercy and peace. Wherever we encounter some experience of darkness or fear, some struggle with faith or hope, some discouragement about my own generosity or freedom, it is there that we have an opportunity to pause, in the briefest way and pray, "Come, Lord Jesus; come and visit me here, in this place." Preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, individually or in common, can be a powerful Advent religious experience. And the one who forgives us deeply desires to heal us and give us his peace.

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The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.