



January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

Collection January 1, 2023

Regular Collection	\$ 975.00
Solemnity of Mary	40.00
Catholic Charities	10.00
Christmas	35.00
Memorial	500.00
Attendance	41

January 15, 2023

Lector: *Guenter Schlottmann*
 Commentator: *John Balconi*
 Ushers: *Hathaway/Stanley*

Readings for January 15 2023

Reading 1 *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*
 Reading 2 *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*
 Gospel *John 1:29-34*

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, Rommy LoMascolo, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Caroline Jewell, Jim Hopkins, Joy McComb, Raegan Ray, Stephanie Tedesco, and Danny Coalson

Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions.

Bishop's Visit- If you haven't yet sent an RSVP to Gaby and Stan or signed up on the sheet in the Hall to attend Mass in Wytheville on Feb. 5, please do so. We need a number count for planning purposes. Everyone is welcome. **That Mass is at 9:00am.....NOT 9:30.**

2023 Calendars-Bliley's Funeral Home in Richmond has again given us our Catholic wall calendars. The calendars will be here soon.

January Birthdays

Brenda Lessard	Jan. 1
Larry Riffey	Jan. 3
Jessi Williams	Jan. 8
Cora Wojciechowski	Jan. 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January Anniversaries

Bill & Jean Jennings Jan. 13

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Daily Prayer This Week

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus' entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us - "Follow me." This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.