



December 24, 2023
The Nativity of the Lord

Collection December 17, 2023

<i>Regular Collection</i>	<i>\$2195.00</i>
<i>Flowers</i>	<i>35.00</i>
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	<i>10.00</i>
<i>Catholic Charities</i>	<i>55.00</i>
<i>Attendance</i>	<i>41</i>

December 31, 2023

Lector: *Patty Williams*
Commentator: *Guenter Schlottmann*
Ushers: *Hathaway/Thompson*
Eucharistic Ministers: *McNair/Yost*

Readings for December 31, 2023

Reading 1	Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Reading 2	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40

Prayer List -*Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Megan Talbert, Rosanna Vallo, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Bill Vest, Raegan Ray, Rommy LoMascolo, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, Carol Canty, Father Bernie, Shannon Yates, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Sue Dasse, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Charlie Taylor, Donna Gilmore, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Jim Hopkins, and Larry Riffey.*
Let the Stanleys know if you have additions or deletions

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

December 31st - 11:00 am Mass at St. Edwards
There will be no Mass on New Year's Day

December Birthdays

<i>Mary Klima</i>	<i>Dec. 4</i>
<i>Walt Harriman</i>	<i>Dec. 8</i>
<i>John Balconi</i>	<i>Dec. 10</i>
<i>Cheri Strenz</i>	<i>Dec. 10</i>
<i>Dan Grubb</i>	<i>Dec. 21</i>
<i>MaryBeth McNair</i>	<i>Dec.31</i>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December Anniversaries

<i>Rick & Jackie Yost</i>	<i>Dec. 11</i>
<i>Megan & Ricky Talbert</i>	<i>Dec.12</i>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Merry Christmas to each of you. Hope you have a wonderful holiday and can find peace in your heart for the New Year ahead.

Daily Prayer This Week

There is a very quick transition after Sunday. Christmas is upon us. It can be difficult to stay focused on Christmas eve and Christmas day - even though the mystery before us is so powerful. We can wake each morning with a brief prayer to remind ourselves that Our Lord came in history - for me. We can remind ourselves of our Advent prayers that he come to us now. The nativity stories can remind us of how he comes, in poverty, in rejection, into the lowliest of places, so that I'll believe now, this year, that he can and desires to come into my place, my heart, my life. It is a time of deep gratitude, not matter how busy we are with many things.

The feasts take us into parts of Jesus' public life, almost completely passing over the hidden life years. The disciples are finding the empty tomb. 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 these few days to let the blessings of Christmas settle in.

Each one of us can begin our post-Christmas 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. This week we experienced joy and the mixed challenges of Christmas. 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 all 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 an intimate relationship with the one who became flesh that we might never need feel alone again.

Christmas Flowers

Tom Phillips-in memory of Warren P. Phillips, Phyllis Hogan Phillips, and Warren P. Phillips II.

Materina Carper-in memory of Kasiosi, Domingka, Sammy, Amando, Gregario, Nemesio, Martin, Melisa, Atanasia, Kiloudia, Vinbar, and Sepety.

Megan Talbert-in memory of Michelle Lanz

Norma & Ken Klima-In honor of the Klima and Lester families

Cora Wojciechowski-in memory of the Wojciechowski and Denny families.

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

Kathy & Bill Thompson-in memory of Marcia Thompson, and Charlotte and Roy Tencre.

Michele & Danny Coalson-The Coalson and Jaccard families.

Mary Beth & John McNair-

Gaby & Stan Stanley-in memory of the LoMascolo, Stanley, and Perrino families. Also in memory of Jennie Willett and Ron Hathaway.

Donna Hathaway-in memory of Ron Hathaway and family members

Debbie & Dan Grubb- In memory of Bill Canty, Gregory Canty, Ralph and Mozelle Grubb, and other deceased relatives.

Mickey & John Balconi- In memory of Olga and Richard Waite.

Victoria Slayman-in memory of Richard, Mary and Scott Slayman.