



December 31, 2023
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,
 and Joseph**

Collection December 24, 2023

<i>Regular Collection</i>	\$1201.00
<i>Flowers</i>	70.00
<i>Catholic Charities</i>	135.00
<i>Attendance</i>	66

January 7, 2024

Lector: Guenter Schlottmann
Commentator: Debbie Grubb
Ushers: Hathaway/Stanley
Eucharistic Ministers: White/DuBose

Readings for January 7, 2024

Reading 1	Isaiah 60:1-6
Reading 2	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12

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, 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>

Thanks- Many thanks to the choir for the Christmas Eve program, all who donated money for the Christmas flowers, and to all who helped with the decoration of the church for Christmas.

December Birthdays

<i>MaryBeth McNair</i>	<i>Dec.31</i>
<i>Brenda Lessard</i>	<i>Jan. 1</i>
<i>Larry Riffey</i>	<i>Jan. 3</i>
<i>Brenda McLawhorn</i>	<i>Jan. 4</i>
<i>Cora Wojciechowski</i>	<i>Jan. 18</i>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December Anniversaries

<i>Bill & Jean Jennings</i>	<i>Jan 13</i>
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy New Year to each of you. Hope that 2024 will bring peace in our country and good health to all of our families!

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.

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.