

# **St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski**



**November 24, 2024**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

<b><u>Collection November 17, 2024</u></b>	
<b>Regular Collection</b>	\$812.00
<b>All Saints Day</b>	25.00
<b>Maintenance</b>	150.00
<b>Human Development</b>	125.00
<b>Attendance</b>	57

**December 1, 2024**  
**Lector:** Dan Grubb  
**Commentator:** Kathy Thompson  
**Ushers:** D. Hathaway/B. Thompson  
**Eucharist Ministers:** S. Stanley/P. Williams

### **Readings for December 1, 2024**

Reading 1    Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Reading 2    Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
Gospel        Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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

**Prayer List** -Tim Kimbleton, Carol Luttrell, John Balconi, Brenda Lessard, Jody Riffey, Rosanna Vallo, Larry Riffey, Megan Talbert, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Elwood Switzer, Raegan Ray, Marianne McGriffin, Georgia Snell English, Margaret McLawhorn, John Millard, Shannon Yates, Lynn Canty, Chuck Yates, Ron Morgan, Tod Young, Shelia Zellars, Adam Conner, Aaron Quain, Jim Hopkins, Bill McGuire, Suzanne Martin, John Willett, Susan Bennett, Jerry Toothman, Barbara Montgomery, Pal Montgomery, Jon Ash, Leigh Thompson, Gary Gibson, Father Bernie, and Wesley Young.  
**Let the Stanleys know WHEN you have additions or deletions**

### **From Kathy Thompson, our Outreach Coordinator:**

*Thank you for your generous food donations over the last two months. There is a thank you note on the bulletin board from the Emergency Needs Task Force of Pulaski County. For the month of December, we will be donating to the City of Refuge. They have asked for canned goods and jelly. This collection will be on Dec. 1, 8, & 15. Thanks for your help with taking care of our neighbors.*

*Our blanket blessing and distribution will occur again this weekend. Please keep those who will be receiving these blankets in your prayers.*

**Our Capital Campaign for needed maintenance projects-** *If you have not returned your capital campaign form, please remember to do so. Also, if writing a check for this, make the check out to "St. Edward's Capital Campaign" and place it in an envelope marked as such. Our parish greatly appreciates your support with this.*

**Sam Sunday-** *The Grubbs, Coalsons, and the McCains will host our Holiday SAM Sunday on December 8. The church will provide the meats and they ask that you bring sides and desserts.*

<b><u>November Birthdays</u></b>	
Carol Brandau	Nov. 8
Johnny Loftis	Nov. 11
Thomas Tedesco	Nov. 11
Leigh Ann Owen	Nov. 13
Megan Talbert	Nov. 19
<b>Marty White</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>

<b><u>November Anniversaries</u></b>	
Chuck & Shannon Yates	Nov. 23
<b>Danny &amp; Michele Coalson</b>	<b>Nov. 25</b>

## **Daily Prayer This Week**

This week we might be inspired by the gospels to ask God to help us be attentive for the signs of God's presence in our lives each day.

We can ask Jesus to help us open our hearts and be more generous in our daily lives. Inspired by the poor widow, we can ask ourselves, in faith, "How willing am I to share? Do I give from my surplus or is it a real sacrifice?" Are we generous with our time and talents? Perhaps we spend too much time at the computer or at work or in various other projects, neglecting our family or other relationships. Are there places where we could give more of ourselves to people who need us?

When Jesus speaks of the "tribulations" that are ahead for all Christians, this might prompt me to ask myself how willing I am to live my faith courageously. Caring for the poor, seeking justice and self-giving love are basic elements of following Jesus, but they are not valued by our culture. Am I willing to face the objections of family and friends for being so "counter-cultural" in following the gospel?

Perhaps we are distracted by the pressures of daily life, or as Jesus says so aptly, we allow our hearts to grow drowsy from "carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise...." What is it in our lives that keeps us from recognizing God's Kingdom here on earth? Maybe we abuse alcohol, are greedy or know deep inside there is a basic selfishness we don't even want to recognize in ourselves. We can only rely on Jesus for an "awakeness" that will help us to see ourselves as Jesus sees us, with love and forgiveness. It is in that moment, when we recognize that we are "loved sinners" that we can ask for the strength to make changes in our lives.

As we "awake" each morning and sit by the side of the bed before we begin our day, we can ask Jesus for the grace to see his presence in our lives in this day, and beg him for the help that we need. And in all of the smallest moments of the day, we can ask him from the deepest part of our hearts for the mercy and grace that will keep our eyes and hearts open this day. Then we can say, from our hearts, Thank you.