

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



**December 15, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

| <b><u>Collection December 8, 2024</u></b> |          |
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| Regular Collection                        | \$688.00 |
| Immaculate Conception                     | 215.00   |
| Flowers                                   | 75.00    |
| Attendance                                | 55       |

**December 22, 2024**

**Ushers:** Owen Family  
**Lector:** Kathy Thompson  
**Commentator:** Rebecca Harriman  
**Eucharist Ministers:** P. Williams/L. McCann

**Readings for December 22, 2024**

Reading 1 Micah 5:1-4a  
Reading 2 Hebrews 10:5-10  
Gospel Matthew 1:1-25

**As you enter the sanctuary, please be respectful and quiet for those praying before Mass.**

**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, Megan Talbert, Stephen Petrowski, Jerry Stanley, Elwood Switzer, Raegan Ray, 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, John McNair, Gary Gibson, Father Bernie, Tom Phillips, Lilianna Stanley, and Wesley Young.

**Let the Stanleys know when you have additions or deletions, and please remember the sick and homebound with cards, phone calls, and/or visits.**

**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 envelope marked as such. Questions-see Dan/Bill

**TAX INFORMATION-** Please note that all 2024 TAX DONATIONS for St Edwards Catholic Church and our Capital Campaign must be submitted by December 29 in order to count for 2024.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

December 24      **6:00 pm Christmas Eve choral program**  
                         **6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass**  
                         **7:30 pm Reception in the Hall following Mass**

| <b><u>December Birthdays</u></b> |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mary Klima                       | Dec. 4         |
| Walt Harriman                    | Dec. 8         |
| John Balconi                     | Dec. 10        |
| Cheri Strenz                     | Dec. 10        |
| <b>Dan Grubb</b>                 | <b>Dec. 21</b> |
| Mary Beth McNair                 | Dec. 31        |

| <b><u>December Anniversaries</u></b> |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Megan & Ricky Talbert                | Dec. 12 |

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## **Daily Prayer This Week**

The third week of Advent this year is especially full because it is essentially the last week of Advent. In these familiar readings is an invitation to us to ask again for help, perhaps especially in dealing with our fears. In many of this week's gospels an angel, a messenger from God, reassures these holy but very human members of Jesus' family over and over: "Do not be afraid."

Fear can stop us from asking God for the very help we need in our lives. In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection.

If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: "Do not be afraid." These very busy days can still be a time for us to focus our desires, perhaps each morning at the side of our bed, while in the shower or while going about our daily errands. We can ask God to remind us again that what we are doing in our daily lives is touched by the sacred because God is present in even the most mundane tasks.

*"Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly.*

*Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts."*

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have "started" on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: "Do not be afraid!"

## **Gaudete Week**

Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist