

St. Edward's Catholic Church -Pulaski



December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

<u>Collection December 15, 2024</u>	
Regular Collection	\$621.00
Votive Candles	41.00
Attendance	38

December 29, 2024

Ushers: D. Hathaway/C.Yates
Lector: Dan Grubb
Commentator: Patty Willams
Eucharist Ministers: K. Thompson/B. Thompson

Readings for December 29, 2024

Reading 1	1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Reading 2	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Gospel	Luke 2:41-52

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, Liliana Stanley, and Wesley Young..

Congratulations to Thomas Tedesco who made a perfect score of 600 on his geometry SOL test. Thomas is an 8th grader who travels to the high school for this class each day. He will be recognized at the school board meeting in Jan. for his outstanding performance! Proud of you, Thomas!!

Christmas Mass Schedule (slight change)

December 24 **5:45 pm Christmas Eve choral program**
 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass
 7:30 pm Reception in the Hall following Mass

Everyone is invited to our Christmas program on Christmas Eve before Mass. Please plan to come and enjoy the seasonal music we have prepared for you.

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

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

Wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2025! Prayers for all to have a safe and blessed holiday season, celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Christmas Flower Donations

Daily Prayer This Week

This may be one of the most difficult weeks to be reflective throughout each day. This weekend may be quite full for many of us. Others of us may be alone, apart from the faith community we will join on Sunday and Tuesday, perhaps daily this week. While some of us have had guests staying with us and a house to clean, others of us will be reviewing memories and struggling, even a little, with being alone.

Whether this week is full or slow, it is a treasure-filled opportunity for reflection. Using the same means we've been using, we can let the richness of this week's readings and feasts fill the background of each day. Even on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day we can wake up, surrendering anxiety by letting the anxiety of these days take us to the scene of our Lord's birth. We can imagine the anxiety that filled the experience of Mary and Joseph. We can keep in our consciousness their trust in God. The Christmas music on the radio or at our church services and liturgies can bring the faith of these hymns and songs into our hearts. And, once it is there, these songs of faith will remain in the background all day long. When we are tempted to worry or complain, to be hurt or angry, to be frustrated or exhausted, the hymns will draw our hearts to rejoicing and gratitude.

Thinking about Stephen the Martyr or John, the apostle of love or the martyrdom of the innocents, with a little desire and focus, can guide our hearts to reflect on the meaning of Christmas - the gift of self-giving love. We can ask ourselves, what generosity can come from the gratitude I have in my heart after celebrating the gift of redemption? Who in my world needs more love? What happens in me when I think about the people in the world who need my support? Who is being martyred today? Who is witnessing our world's rejection?

All of us can imagine Jesus, Mary and Joseph going home. We can imagine their daily life. We can ask for the grace to live in God's presence, just as they must have done, and for the grace to be sensitive to each other and care for each other as they must have. We can ask that we might imitate their busy lives, trusting and dependent on God.

Looking on their hidden life together, we can grow in a desire to be more humble, in a peace with greater simplicity, in a courage to let God take care of us. Whether we experience the poverty of that holy stable or the ordinary simplicity of daily routine, we can enjoy this week as a special opportunity to be drawn to a greater closeness with Jesus.

Bill & Kathy Thompson	In memory of Roy & Charlotte Tancre and Marcia Thompson
Donna Hathaway	In memory of deceased Family members
Guenter & Lisa Schlottmann	In memory of deceased Family members
John & Mickey Balconi	In memory of deceased Family members
Karen Audas	In memory of deceased Family members
Ken & Norma Klima	In memory of deceased Family members
Wesley Young	In honor of The Grubbs & the Stanleys
Materina Carper	In memory of deceased Family members
Jack & Linda McCann	In memory of Betty & Richard Richardson The Manning Family, the McCann Family, & the Cicale Family
Marie Hager	In memory of Charles & Wally Hager And Charles & Linda Hager
Stan & Gaby Stanley	In memory of deceased members of the Stanley Family, the LoMascolo Family, and the Perrino Family
Tom Phillips	In memory of Warren P. Phillips, Phyllis Hogan Phillips, and Warren P. Phillips II
Dan & Debbie Grubb	In memory of Bill & Carol Canty, Gregory Canty, Ralph & Mozelle Grubb, Sue Dasse, And all deceased family members