

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



**December 8, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Collection December 1, 2024**

Regular Collection	\$1398.25
Flowers	30.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Attendance	55

**December 15, 2024**

**Ushers:** S. Stanley/C. Yates  
**Lector:** Chad Owen  
**Commentator:** Madelyn Owen  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Thompsons

**Readings for December 15, 2024**

Reading 1 Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Reading 2 Philippians 4:4-7  
Gospel Luke 3:10-18

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

**Special Collection-** *for the Retired is today, but of course you can put that in the collection in the next few weeks, if desired.*

**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, 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.***

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

*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 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 to be processed by 12/29.2024. Your support is greatly appreciated.*

**Holy Day of Obligation** – *Mass for The Immaculate Conception will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Wytheville at 6:00pm and at St. Jude's in Radford at 12:00pm & 6:00pm. There will be no Mass here at St. Edward's.*

**December Birthdays**

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

**December Anniversaries**

Megan & Ricky Talbert	Dec. 12
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## **Daily Prayer This Week**

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some possible ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" or "What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!" We can hear, "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, when we first wake up, while in the shower or getting dressed, and simply ask: "Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life." We may be able to be specific and ask, "Please, Lord, come and be with me and bring life and hope into my morning as I face this meeting." As we go to work or do laundry or shop, or head home from work, we might ask even more specifically for the grace to love - to take the liberating journey across the desert and let the Lord bring us home to a place of comfort, healing and peace.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the midst of our very busy days.

**Advent Retreat**- *St. Jude's in Radford will host an Advent retreat December 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> starting with Mass at 6:00pm followed by the retreat. More information and registration guidelines are posted on the bulletin board in the church hall.*