

The Catholic Parishes of Athens & Meigs Counties

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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 26/27, 2020

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE *



Vigil

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| Christ the King | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sacred Heart | 6:00 p.m. |
| Holy Cross | 6:00 p.m. |

Mary, Mother of God

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| Christ the King | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sacred Heart | 9:30 a.m. |
| St. Mary of the Hills | 9:30 a.m. |

*January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Sunday

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| 8:00 a.m. (CTK) | Greater Respect for Life |
| 8:30 a.m. (SMH) | Zeke & Cody Coffman (Tina & Mick) |
| 9:30 a.m. (SH) | Pat Moore (James Moore) |
| 10:00 a.m. (CTK) | Mary M. Crum (Richard & Patty Manzey) |
| 10:00 a.m. (HC) | Robert Talbert (Mary Lou Talbert) |
| 12:00 p.m. (CTK) | Diocesan Seminarians |
| 6:00 p.m. (CTK) | Vocations to the Priesthood for Our Diocese |

Monday

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| 8:00 a.m. (STP) | Sick & Shut-ins of Our Parish |
| 12:15 p.m. (CTK) | Greater Protection for the Unborn |

Tuesday

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| 8:00 a.m. (STP) | Saunders & Halley Families, Living & Dec. (John & Blaine Halley) |
| 8:30 a.m. (SMH) | People of the Parishes |
| 12:15 p.m. (CTK) | Those Who Live in Poverty & Hunger |

Wednesday

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| 8:00 a.m. (STP) | Healing/Strengthening for Those with Terminal Illness |
| 8:30 a.m. (SH) | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| 12:15 p.m. (CTK) | Those Who are Preparing for Marriage |

Thursday - New Year's Eve

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| 6:00 p.m. (CTK) | People of the Parishes |
| 6:00 p.m. (SH) | Pam Sharp (the Musser Family) |
| 6:00 p.m. (HC) | Parishioners Who Died in 2020 |

Friday - Mary, Mother of God

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| 9:30 a.m. (CTK) | Mary Ruth Hill (Richard & Patty Manzey) |
| 9:30 a.m. (SH) | Traci Bartels Houdashelt (the Pruneski Family) |
| 9:30 a.m. (SMH) | Vocations to the Priesthood for Our Diocese |

First Saturday

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| 8:30 a.m. (SH) | Beulah Voltin (Joan Anderson) |
| 4:30 p.m. (SH) | Deborah Brockert (Fr. Tim Kozak) |
| 5:00 p.m. (CTK) | Those Who Respond to the Call to Discipleship |

Sunday

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| 8:00 a.m. (CTK) | Diocesan Seminarians |
| 8:30 a.m. (SMH) | Bill Hill (Jimbo & Nancy Russell) |
| 9:30 a.m. (SH) | Jane Beegle (Joan Anderson) |
| 10:00 a.m. (CTK) | Diocesan Priests |
| 10:00 a.m. (HC) | Debbie Richards (the Holy Cross Choir) |
| 12:00 p.m. (CTK) | Those Who are Lonely & Feel Isolated |
| 6:00 p.m. (CTK) | Teddy Ann Barath (Shirley Minnozzi) |

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE - There is no 8:00 a.m. Mass the week of January 4 - 8 in Athens. There will be 12:15 p.m. Mass only.

COLLECTION - The First Sunday Collection, which will be taken up at both Masses next weekend, January 2/3, at Sacred Heart Church is designated for the roof replacement.

FIRST SACRAMENTS - We will begin holding classes for First Sacraments at Sacred Heart & in Athens beginning in January. Parents of children who have not received their First Communion should contact the parish office to register.



If you are new to the parishes, please fill out an online registration form on our website www.athenscatholic.org or call the office to request a form.

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| LINEN CARE | December 27 | January 3 |
| CTK | Janis Tysko | Karen Vedder |
| STP | Bruce Nottke | Bruce Nottke |

SACRED HEART

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

We pray that our Advent preparations will continue to bring us to the reality of the blessings of Jesus's birth for all mankind.

MASSES - First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 1.



First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 2. The Rosary will be prayed following Mass.



END-OF-THE-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS - If you would like any further contributions to appear on your end-of-the-year statement for tax purposes, please return them in the collection basket or to the parish offices by December 31, 2019.

If you would like a copy of any donations you made in 2019, please contact Matthew Klim at the parish office, 740-592-2711, or mklim@athenscatholic.org.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES



Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety & uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light & love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

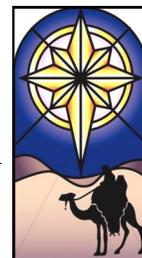
For this we pray.

+ Amen



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

It is part of our Catholic tradition to bless homes around the Feast of the Epiphany: January 3. This practice is a good one to adopt to conclude the Christmas season each year. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home & on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in your home, your comings & goings, your conversations, your work & play, your joys & sorrows.



A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 21. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, & Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, & 2021 is the year.

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate & literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany & God's blessing of our lives & home. Our Catholic Women's Club in Athens is providing Holy Water bottles, blessed chalk, & a short family prayer to say when doing this prayer in your home. The materials will be available next weekend. Please take them home with you, & pray this prayer of blessing on your home. You can fill the water bottles with holy water from the font or metal container of Holy Water at the door to the church.

