

Masses December 8 - 15, 2019

Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Margaret Refosco (Andy Krajnak & Julie Taylor)
 8:30 AM (SMH) Shirley & Walter Crane (Julia Peacock)
 9:30 AM (SH) Jane Beegle (Shirley Beegle Huston)
 10:00 AM (CTK) Richard McGraner (John Barrington)
 10:00 AM (HC) Bill VanHall (Alison & Brian Camechis)
 11:30 AM (STP) Gene Carey & Mahon Families
 6:00 PM (CTK) William Kregosky (Suzanne & Robert Vazzano)

Monday

8:15 AM (STP) Patsy Barrington (John Barrington)
~~5:30 PM (Chapel)~~ No Mass
 6:00 PM (HC) **Advent Penance Service**

Tuesday

8:15 AM (STP) Saunders & Halley Families, Living & Deceased (John & Blaine Halley)
~~5:30 PM (Chapel)~~ No Mass
~~6:30 PM (SMH)~~ No Mass/No Holy Hour

Wednesday

8:15 AM (STP) Healing & Strengthening for those with Terminal Illness
 8:30 AM (SH) People of the Parishes
~~5:30 PM (Chapel)~~ No Mass
 6:00 PM (CTK) **Advent Penance Service**

Thursday

8:15 AM (STP) Diocesan Seminarians
~~6:30 PM (HC)~~ No Mass
 6:00 PM (SH) **Advent Penance Service**
~~6:30 PM (SH)~~ No Mass

Friday

8:15 AM (STP) Extraordinary Form
 12:15 PM (CTK) Joseph & Anna Petras (Wendy Serbonich)

Saturday

4:30 PM (SH) Len Gwiazdowsky (Rae Gwiazdowsky)
 5:00 PM (CTK) Russell & Harriett Dumont (Oswald Family)

Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Joe Essman (Mick & Kathy Six)
 8:30 AM (SMH) Bev Stoncel (Bev & Ed Matheny)
 9:30 AM (SH) Traci Bartels Houdashelt (Maureen E. Hennessy)
 10:00 AM (CTK) Nancy Colvin (Ed & Mary Schreck)
 10:00 AM (HC) Norman & Gladys Richards (the Richards Family)
 11:30 AM (STP) Patricia Roberts (Mary Jo & Larry Bycofski)
 6:00 PM (CTK) Greater Protection for the Unborn

LITURGICAL MINISTERS CTK/STP
 next weekend: December 14/15

Mass	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Servers	Readers	EMHC
5:00 PM CTK	Diane Matters	Chuck Bechter	Karen Coschigano Janis Tysko	Karen Coschigano, Dcn. Dan Murray, Chuck Bechter, Lisa Murray, Jim Sand
8:30 AM STP	Carol Adelsberger Lorraine Neuser	Elizabeth Boyd Sheridan Boyd	Dave Montle Susanne Strachota	Dcn. Scott Carson, Carol Adelsberger, Melissa Esdale, Charles Mansfield, Kerry Sheridan-Boyd
10:00 AM CTK	Neise Family	Isabelle D'Mello-Eisworth Janna Gwen Dunfee	Brian Schoen Dan Vorisek	Dcn. Dan Murray, Patty Finnearty, Cathy Bruggeman, Hanna Vorisek
11:30 AM STP	Carey Family	Baelyn Carey	Teresa Scarmack Nan Cooley	Dcn. Scott Carson, Nan Cooley, Courtney Little
6:00 PM CTK		Yuriy Slyvka	Karen Matteson Mary Ann Simon	Karen Matteson, Mary Ann Simon

THE WEEK AHEAD @ CTK, STP & SH

Date	Time	Event	Place
December 8 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>			
Sunday	10/11:00	RE classes	HFC
	10:45 AM	CCD classes	SH
	7:00 PM	ACT	HFC
December 9			
Monday	6:00 PM	Penance Service	HC
	6:00 PM	CLC Christmas Dinner	Gigis
December 10			
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Advent Study	HFC
	1:30 PM	Study Group	HFC
	5:30 PM	PRC	HFC
	7:00 PM	Advent Study	HFC
	7:00 PM	Young Adults	HFC
	7:00 PM	K of C Meeting	HFC
December 11			
	6:00 PM	Penance Service	CTK
December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>			
Thursday	9:00 AM	Adoration	Chapel
	6:00 PM	Penance Service	SH
December 13 <i>St. Lucy</i>			
Friday		CWC Cookie Walk Prep	HFC
December 14			
Saturday	9:00 AM	Cookie Walk	HFC
	10:00 AM	Children's Choir	CTK
	6:00 PM	K of C Christmas Party	HFC
December 15 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>			
Sunday		R.E. Caroling	
		No CCD	
	10:30 AM	Christmas Brunch	SH
	7:00 PM	ACT	HFC



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Practices for the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at CTK are **Tuesdays, December 10 & 17, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM & Saturdays, December 14 & 21, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM.**

Practices will be held in the church; plan to attend at least two. We will do our best to keep practices to an hour. It is a great way for the children to learn Christmas songs & SPREAD THE JOY! If you have questions, contact Nancy Sand, 740-592-2711 or nsand@athenscatholic.org.

	December 8	December 15
CTK	Carol Sauber	Wendy Serbonich
STP	Trudy Montle	Bruce Nottke



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers, please use the envelope from your envelope packet & print clearly the names of those you wish to have remembered. **Place the envelope in the collection basket no later than December 13.**

SYMPATHY - Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner *Elizabeth Kralik* who passed away recently. We offer Elizabeth's family our sincere sympathy & prayers.



Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, & let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul & the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



GIVING TREE PROJECT - All gifts or food donations are due by December 8.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: DECEMBER 1

Christ The King

Envelopes	\$ 4010.00
Loose	\$ 334.00
Total	\$ 4344.00

Envelopes Used: 67 out of 229

November ACCFP	\$ 2020.00
November Votive Candles	\$ 112.00

St. Paul

Envelopes	\$ 2622.00
Loose	\$ 192.00
Total	\$ 2814.00

Envelopes Used: 44 out of 168

November ACCFP	\$ 915.00
November Votive Candles	\$ 246.00

Sacred Heart

Envelopes	\$ 1691.00
Loose	\$ 222.00
Total	\$ 1913.00

Envelopes Used: 53 out of 130

Roof Fund	\$ 1058.00
November Votive Candles	\$ 16.00

Thank you for supporting your parish!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES - There are several opportunities during Advent for confession, & several priests will be available. We encourage you to take this opportunity to prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ.

Monday, December 9	6:00 PM	Holy Cross Church, Glouster
Wednesday, December 11	6:00 PM	Christ the King, Athens
Thursday, December 12	6:00 PM	Sacred Heart Church, Pomeroy
Wednesday, December 18	7:00 PM	Basilica of St. Mary, Marietta
Thursday, December 19	7:00 PM	St. Ambrose, Little Hocking



BAPTISMS - Last weekend we celebrated the Baptisms of *Lyrik Jude & Emmerly Jade Robideaux*. They are the children of Travers & Kayla Robideaux. Congratulations!



CATHOLIC LADIES OF COLUMBIA - The annual CLC Christmas Party is **Monday, December 9, at 6:00 PM** at Gigi's Restaurant in The Plains. Please bring your \$10.00 gift for the gift exchange. Contact Wanda Sheridan, Viki Snider, Mary Ann McKibben or Carol Wasko for more information.

COME, LORD JESUS, COME - This Advent, we will have a Retreat Series on **Tuesday mornings & evenings** in the HFC. Topics include:

- December 10: **Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled**, presented by Deacon Scott Carson
- December 17: **Advent, the Apocalypse & Eternity**, presented by Fr. Matthew

The morning session is from 9:30 to 10:30 AM; the evening session is from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Come, join us in learning & prayer during this season of waiting.



CAROLING - ALL parishioners are invited to join the Religious Education families to go Christmas Caroling on **Sunday, December 15**. We'll gather at 11:00 AM in CTK to pray together & then proceed in groups to carol. Parents are urged to participate with their children. **Registration required; register online** <https://athenscatholic.org/christmas-caroling-registration>. Please contact Nancy Denhart (ndenhart@athenscatholic.org) with questions.

NINE MONTH NOVENA to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament beginning **Monday, December 16, 7:00 PM** at St. Louis, Gallipolis. Flyers with more information are posted on the bulletin boards.

MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS - The role of Mary in our faith will be explored through storytelling & reenactment on **Sunday, December 8**. We are looking forward to the special day to share why Catholics have a close relationship to Mary.

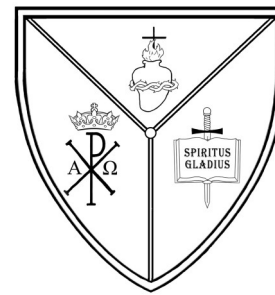
COOKIE WALK - The Catholic Women's Council is hosting the Annual Cookie Walk & Raffle **Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 AM**. We still need help this week from bakers to supply their favorite baked cookies for the Walk & cookies for the trays as well as decorating cut-out sugar cookies. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Wanda Sheridan at 740-591-5607 or email: shamrockauction@aol.com.

The Catholic Women's Club **raffle tickets** are available for pick up in the back of church. The drawing takes place at the end of the Cookie Walk. Instructions & the list of prizes are posted on the envelopes. Prizes include local gift certificates, movie/hotel packages, kids' gifts. Your support is appreciated.



Bling Show during the Christmas Cookie Walk. Come shop previously-loved, fine to fashion, jewelry items at the Bling tables on Saturday, December 14, during the Cookie Walk. All proceeds of the Bling sale benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center of Athens County. Want more information? Contact Joyce Kontyko 715-617-3121.

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS - If you would like to receive a copy of your 2019 contributions to the parish for tax purposes, please call or email Matthew Klim at the office. Be sure to indicate whether you would prefer to receive it via mail or email. Thank you!



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Mass Times

SACRED HEART CHURCH
 WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM
 THURSDAY 6:30 PM
 FIRST FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM
 FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS 8:30 AM
 SATURDAY VIGIL
 4:30 PM
 SUNDAY
 9:30 AM
ST. PAUL CHURCH
 MONDAY - THURSDAY
 8:15 AM
 SUNDAY
 8:30 AM, 11:30 AM
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
 MONDAY - WEDNESDAY (CHAPEL)
 5:30 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)
 FRIDAY 12:15 PM
 SATURDAY VIGIL
 5:00 PM
 SUNDAY
 10:00 AM
 6:00 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)
ST. MARY OF THE HILLS
 TUESDAY 6:30 PM
 SUNDAY 8:30 AM
HOLY CROSS
 THURSDAY 6:30 PM
 SUNDAY 10:00 AM

Confessions

SACRED HEART: SATURDAY 4:00 PM
 SUNDAY 8:45 AM
 CHRIST THE KING: SATURDAY 4:00 PM
 SUNDAY 5:00 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)
 THURSDAY 8:00 - 9:00 PM
 CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ANYTIME BY REQUEST.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers the health (H), intentions (I), or repose (R) of the following people:

Betty Bechter (H)	Dawn Class (H)	Linda Fiutem (H)
Gina Giardino (H)	Judy Graf (H)	Rae Gwiazdowski (H)
Jane Huffman (H)	Andy Iannarelli (H)	Blaycen Jeffers (H)
Elizabeth Kralik (R)	Linda Maher (H)	Jack Patterson (H)
Richard & Marlene Radford (H)		Stacey Smith (H)
Tom Soulsby (H)	Jennifer Starcher (H)	Sophie Truszka (H)
Horace Turner (H)	Amy Wilson (H)	

Prayers for the clergy of our Diocese:

All Priests	(8th)
Rev. Paul Walker	(9th)
Rev. John Mucha	(10th)
Rev. Thomas Vennitti	(11th)
Msgr. George Coyne	(12th)
Rev. Joseph Massucci	(13th)
Rev. Patrick Gaughan	(14th)

Prayers for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese:

Rev. James Cotter & Rev. Joseph Malara	(9th)
Rev. Andrew Beros	(10th)
Rev. Regis Urig	(14th)

SACRED HEART CHURCH
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019

Heavenly Father, as we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to your son. Give us the grace & strength we need. Help us to always trust in you. Come & dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES - This week we have three Penance Services scheduled, & there will be several priests available to hear your confession. We encourage you to take this opportunity to prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ.

Monday, December 9	6:00 PM	Holy Cross Church, Gloucester
Wednesday, December 11	6:00 PM	Christ the King, Athens
Thursday, December 12	6:00 PM	Sacred Heart Church, Pomeroy
Wednesday, December 18	7:00 PM	Basilica of St. Mary, Marietta
Thursday, December 19	7:00 PM	St. Ambrose, Little Hocking



MASS SCHEDULE - Due to the upcoming Penance Services, the 6:30 PM Mass on Thursdays, December 12 & 19, are cancelled.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use the envelope from your envelope packet. Print clearly on the back of the envelope the names of those you wish to remember & place it in the collection basket no later than December 13.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - The Sacred Heart Social Group Annual Christmas Potluck will be Sunday, December 15, following 9:30 Mass. CCD is cancelled that morning. Sign up sheets are on the table at the rear of the church; please indicate the number planning to attend & what you will bring. Drinks & ham will be provided by the Social Group.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know anyone who is? Were you baptized Catholic but were never confirmed? Contact the parish office for more information.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	December 14 4:30 PM	December 15 9:30 AM
Eucharist	Emerson Heighton & Carol McCullough	Robert Beegle & Emilia Alonso-Sameno
Word	David Casci	Noah Anderson
Gifts	Marilyn Epple & Kris Harris	Jay & Christy Blackwood
Ushers	Harold Stewart & David Hollis	George Korn & Michael Marcinko
Altar Server	Michael Martin	Bobby Musser & Cadan Broderick
Hospitality	Carol McCullough & Marilyn Epple	Danny & Michael Marcinko

Sunday, December 8, 2019
The Second Sunday of Advent



Masses for December 8-15

Saint Mary of the Hills & Holy Cross

8:30 AM (SMH) Sunday, December 8
Shirley & Walter Crane
(Julia Peacock)

10:00 AM (HC) Bill VanHall (Alison & Brian
Camechis)

Monday, December 9
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:15 AM St. Paul

Tuesday, December 10
6:30 PM (SMH) People of the Parishes

Thursday, December 12
No Mass- Penance Service at Sacred Heart

8:15 AM (STP) Friday, December 13
Extrodinary Form Mass

8:30 AM (SMH) Sunday, December 15
Bev Stoncel (Bev & Ed Matheny)

10:00 AM (HC) Norman & Gladys Richards
(The Richards Family)
Anointing of the Sick during Mass

The Rosary will be prayed at 9:40AM before every
Sunday morning Mass at Holy Cross.

Liturgical Ministers- St. Mary of the Hills

December 15

Lector Dave
EMHC Tina & Julia

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross

December 15

Server Andrew
Lector Donna
EMHC Mary & Marilyn

**Holy Cross
Parish School of Religion Schedule for December**

December 8 Class
December 15 Class
December 22 Class- decorate for Christmas

December 8-17 Birthdays

8- Joseph Richard	15-Robert Burdette
10- Anita Simons	15-Christy Shust
10-Ed Matheny	16-Mike Crihfield
11-Jack Nagucki Jr.	17-George Simons
13-Paul Love	17-Rocky Smathers

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our sick and homebound.

Jim & Jean Bickley	Marsha Jewell
Gary Braglin Sr.	John Koons
Larry Bycofski	Teddie Love
Joe Bokovitz	Chris McDonald
David (Dabo) Brunton	Jack Maurer
David & Norma Carter	Casey Moore
Randy Cavella	Pete Moore
William Devine	Marion Mucha
Mike Falzone	Ethan Peacock
Victor Fox	Al (Steve) Richards
Daniel Frank	Kim & Lisa Roback
Shirley Kamento Harper	Carol Sciance
Caroline Herd	Linda Shafer
Betty Higgins	Harry Smith
Bill Hill	Gary Stufflebean
Mary Carter Hillyer	Bob Stoncel
Don Holbert	Helen Walker
Paul & Doris Jameson	Kim Wolf

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES- Advent is a journey to prepare our hearts for Christmas. One way to open our hearts is to attend an Advent Penance Service. There will be several services available in our community.

All services begin at 6:00PM.

Monday, December 9- Holy Cross
Wednesday, December 11- Christ the King
Thursday, December 12- Sacred Heart

ENVELOPE PACKETS- Envelope sets for 2020 should be available for pick up after Mass later this month. Due to budget constraints, we had to stay with the full year boxed sets, but we did make a few noticeable changes. First, we have switched from a generic blue envelope to the "Saints" envelope series, which provides interesting information about a different saint each weekend. Second, while both churches have the same envelope schedule, your envelopes will now specify either St. Mary or Holy Cross. Third, although there are more special collection envelopes that are required by the USCCB, we are not trying to pump you for money; please give as you can at your discretion, and if you have questions about any collection, feel free to call us.

If you have not received envelopes in the past and would like to, or if you no longer wish to receive them, please contact Matthew Klim at the office.

SMH CWC- Please note, the CWC meeting has been changed from December 10 to December 17 after Mass.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come
Advent Retreat Series

The three part series on the spirituality of Advent continues. Each session is being offered once in the morning and then repeated in the evening, so you need only come for the morning or evening session.

Sessions will be held on Tuesdays in the
Holy Family Center.

Morning Session - 9:30 - 10:30 AM
Evening Session- 7:00 - 8:00 PM

December 10-Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled
by Deacon Carson

December 17-Advent, the Apocalypse & Eternity
by Father Matthew

Come join us in learning and prayer
during this season of waiting.

NEW ENVELOPE PACKETS- Beginning with the new envelope packets, you will find envelopes for all of the yearly special collections. These collections are mandated by the United States Bishops Conference or our diocese. The money collected in these special collections is not income for our parishes, but rather goes directly to the beneficiary of the collection (For example, the collection for the Archdiocese of Military Services goes to that Diocese to support the chaplains ministering to our troops; the collection for the Immaculate Heart Fund goes to help students in our Diocese who would like to attend Catholic Schools, but are unable to afford tuition costs; etc.)

Also, at the request of both parish councils, each parish will have a monthly collection for "Maintenance and Repairs." This is a reserve fund set up to pay for maintenance projects only. The envelopes for this fund will be in the packets on the first Sunday of the month. However, you are welcome to give to this collection at any time throughout the month. We will not be using the maintenance fund money to pay for ordinary operating costs--the money collected in this fund will go to pay for maintenance needs as they arise. For example, just this past month we have had to pay over \$700 to fix the heat in the hall at St. Mary of the Hills. With bank accounts already depleted, paying for these repairs out of our general operating fund presents quite a problem.

Since we will now have this "Maintenance Fund," the "Renovation Fund" title and language will no longer be used.

All of the special collection envelopes can be deposited in the regular collection at Mass, and we will sort them out at the office. Placing both donations in the regular collection basket eliminates the need for frequent second collections.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA- The Trimble Township Community Choir Christmas Cantata, *The Worship of Christmas*, will be on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 PM. Ladies are asked to bring refreshments for fellowship following the presentation.

Schedule for the Week
December 8-14

Sunday, December 8
Bake Sale after Mass (SMH)
Bingo doors open at 5:00PM (HC)
Bingo starts at 6:30PM (HC)

Monday, December 9
Pastoral Council 7:15 PM(HC)

Tuesday, December 10
Advent Retreat Series 9:30AM or 7:00PM(HFC)
Holy Cross CWC Christmas Party-6:00PM
Pastoral Council 7:00PM(SMH)

Thursday, December 12
Adoration Today 9:00AM-9:00PM (HFC)



Holy Cross Refreshment Schedule

December 15	After Mass	Pat, Jeannie, Darcy
	Bingo	Brenda, Anita, Mary Jane
December 22	After Mass	No Refreshments
	Bingo	Jeannie, Tammy, Kay

HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S CLUB- The Women's Club will hold their annual Potluck Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00PM. Please bring a covered dish. Families with small children, please bring a small wrapped gift marked for a "boy" or "girl". Raffle tickets will be sent out soon. Anyone wishing to donate items for our raffle please contact Marilyn. (740-767-2663).

SAINT MARY OF THE HILLS PARISH CHRISTMAS PROJECT- This year we will be restocking paper products and personal care products for the Nelsonville Food Cupboard. The "Giving Tree" will have tags with the needed items. The tree is located in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS- Flower donations for Christmas must be turned in no later than Sunday, December 15 in order for the names of people you wish to remember or honor to appear in the Christmas bulletin.



Our Weekly Stewardship

Sunday Collections for November 24 & Dec. 1

St Mary of the Hills	Nov. 24	\$308.00
	Dec. 1	\$532.00
	Community Service	\$275.00
Holy Cross	Nov. 24	\$784.00
	Campaign for Human Development	\$ 55.00
	Christmas Charity Fund	\$135.00
	Dec. 1	\$962.00
	Community Service	\$142.00

Thank you for supporting your parish!