



# The Catholic Parishes of Athens & Meigs Counties

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, NOVEMBER 21/22, 2020



**ALTAR FLOWERS** - This week the flowers for the altars at both Christ the King & St. Paul are *in memory of Richard Syracuse* from Carole Cordray-Syracuse.

**SYMPATHY** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Joyce Hamby* who passed away last week. We offer her husband Lon & their family & friends our sincere sympathy & prayers.



Please also pray for the repose of the soul of *Carlton Dietsch*, Coleen Krubl's father. He passed away earlier this month. We offer Coleen & her family our sincere sympathy & prayers.

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

**THANKSGIVING MASS** - There will be a 9:00 a.m. Mass at both Sacred Heart & St. Paul on Thanksgiving Day.



The parish offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day & Friday. The 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart on Friday is cancelled. There will be 9:00 a.m. Mass only at St. Paul, Athens. Friday Adoration at CTK is cancelled. We wish each & every one of you a very blessed & happy Thanksgiving!



**ADVENT** begins next weekend, November 28/29. We are offering our parishioners the Little Blue Books published by the Diocese of Saginaw. Each book contains reflections for the weeks of Advent & Christmas season.

They have been designed to help you explore the depths of Scripture & deepen your relationship with Christ. Pick up one of these little books, & spend some quiet time with the Lord. The books will be available at all the churches.

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. (CTK) Greater Respect for Life
- 8:30 a.m. (SMH) Dec. of the McClelland Family (Tina & Mick)
- 9:30 a.m. (SH) Pat Moore (James Moore)
- 10:00 a.m. (CTK) Dec. of the Davoli/Bray Family (Joanne Bray)
- 10:00 a.m. (HC) James Bickley (Marilyn & Don Holbert)
- 12:00 p.m. (CTK) Romualdo Dolloso & Lucy Gregory (Rina Pancoast)
- 6:00 p.m. (CTK) Diocesan Priests

### Monday

- 8:00 a.m. (STP) Saunders & Halley Families, Living & Dec. (John & Blaine Halley)
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Samuel Wert (Richard & Patty Manzey)

### Tuesday

- 8:00 a.m. (STP) Blanche Sands (James & Kathleen Masters)
- 8:30 a.m. (SMH) People of the Parishes
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday

- 8:00 a.m. (STP) Healing & Strengthening for Those with Terminal Illness
- 8:30 a.m. (SH) Vocations to the Priesthood
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) OU Catholics

### Thanksgiving

- 9:00 a.m. (STP) In Thanksgiving for All Our Blessings
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### Friday

- 9:00 a.m. (STP) Sick & Shut-ins of the Parishes
- ~~8:30 a.m. (SH)~~ No Mass
- ~~12:15 p.m. (CTK)~~ No Mass

### Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. (SH) Ellen Smith (Ed & Mary Schreck)
- 5:00 p.m. (CTK) Luciano & Margaret Restivo (the Oswalds)

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. (CTK) People of the Parishes
- 8:30 a.m. (SMH) Joe Pidcock (the Walsh & Sandor Family)
- 9:30 a.m. (SH) Traci Bartels Houdashelt (the Matkovichs)
- 10:00 a.m. (CTK) Rich Harter (Bev Harter)
- 10:00 a.m. (HC) Donald McDonald (Carl & Karen Myers)
- 12:00 p.m. (CTK) Diocesan Seminarians
- 6:00 p.m. (CTK) Those Who are Sick in Mind, Body & Spirit

## SACRED HEART

### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

We pray for our country & our Church that God's grace guides & protects us from the evil entities seeking to devour souls.



**HOLY HOUR** - On Wednesdays, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. we will have a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard in the small chapel on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. & on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart.

At Christ the King in Athens, Confessions will be heard at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays.

**MASSES** - First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 4.

First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 5. We will pray the Rosary following Mass on Saturday.



**COLLECTION** - The First Sunday Collection, which will be taken up at both Masses on the weekend of December 5/6, will continue to be designated for the roof replacement.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Please join the women of our parishes for a Bible Study, "Discovering Our Dignity," which begins on Thursday, January 7, & continues until June 10. We will learn how God worked in the lives of Biblical women & discover how that pertains to us today.

One group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the HFC. There is also an option for a virtual group via Zoom that will meet online at 7:00 p.m. each week.



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**GIVING TREE 2020** - The season of giving is coming upon us. As a parish community we will once again ask for donations to the Athens Catholic Community Food Pantry Christmas food bags which will be distributed to families & individuals in need.

The Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Space at Christ the King with tags for requested items for the parish to have on hand to fill the holiday requests which come directly to the parish office. The tree will be set up the week before Thanksgiving. Please help us be ready to fill this annual need.

The Children's Services project is different this year. The agency is not asking for direct donations of toys or other gift items. Instead, you can:



1. make a financial contribution at [athenscountysantaproject.blogspot.com](http://athenscountysantaproject.blogspot.com)
2. mail a check - Kroger gift card - or Walmart gift card to: Friends of Children's Services, PO Box 1046, Athens, Ohio 45701
3. purchase a gift from our AmazonWish List. Visit [athenscountysantaproject.blogspot.com](http://athenscountysantaproject.blogspot.com) to find a link to the list.

**GIVING TREE FOR OUR PARISHES** - In addition to Children's Services community appeal, we would like to continue our parish support of the Athens Catholic Food Pantry. A Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Space at CTK with tags listing food items that could be contributed. Every year, the parishes receive last-minute appeals for help with gifts for families. There will also be a few tags for items to fill any last-minute requests. This is a difficult time for many in our community. Please be as generous as your personal situation allows.

**THE PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE** will be meeting on Monday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus room in the Holy Family Center.

**ACCFP/ELIJAH MINISTRY** - The Athens Catholic Community Food Pantry is donating our December offerings to the Elijah Ministry, a group of parishioners who express the care & concern of our parish community to those in this community with pressing needs.

The parishes have provided financial assistance to parishioners through the Elijah Ministry for food, rent, utilities, medicine, child care, educational fees, & gasoline.