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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 19/20, 2020

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 & 7:00 p.m.	Christ the King
4:30 p.m. & 12:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart
4:30 & 7:00 p.m. & 12:00 a.m.	St. Paul
5:30 p.m.	St. Mary of the Hills
5:30 p.m. & 12:00 a.m.	Holy Cross



CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 a.m.	Christ the King
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CHRISTMAS MASS - We will livestream the 4:30 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve & the 9:30 a.m. Mass Christmas Day.



SYMPATHY - Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Juan Lopez Martínez* who passed away December 11. We offer Lulu & her family our sincere sympathy & prayers.



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

CONFESSION - At Sacred Heart, Confessions are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23. Confessions will also be heard in the small chapel on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. & from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

At Christ the King, Confessions will be heard at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22 as well as at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Due to the ongoing pandemic, no Advent Penance Services are scheduled this year.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. (CTK)	Newborns & Their Parents
8:30 a.m. (SMH)	Frieda Sayre (Patrick Sayre)
9:30 a.m. (SH)	Jane Beegle (Maureen Hennessy)
10:00 a.m. (CTK)	Armandino & Albertina Colaizzi (M. Henning)
10:00 a.m. (HC)	Andrew VanHall (Mary Lou Talbert)
12:00 p.m. (CTK)	Seminarian Joseph Beigel (Athens CWC)
6:00 p.m. (CTK)	Good Health for Daughter Maria (Beatrice Selotlegeng)

Monday

8:00 a.m. (STP)	Paul Wass (Sabrina Kotts)
12:15 p.m. (CTK)	Anna & Joseph Petras (Wendy Serbonich)

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. (STP)	Saunders/Halley Families (John & Blaine Halley)
8:30 a.m. (SMH)	People of the Parishes
12:15 p.m. (CTK)	Greater Protection of the Unborn

Wednesday

8:00 a.m. (STP)	Healing/Strengthening for Those with Terminal Illness
8:30 a.m. (SH)	Safety for First Responders
12:15 p.m. (CTK)	For the Church

Thursday - Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. (CTK)	Families of the Parish
4:30 p.m. (SH)	Loretta Saelens (Dennis & Carla Saelens)
4:30 p.m. (STP)	Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 p.m. (SMH)	People of the Parishes
5:30 p.m. (HC)	Marsha King (Donald & Mary Ann Crcic)
7:00 p.m. (CTK)	Lucille Simser (Bev Harter)
7:00 p.m. (STP)	Safety for Those on Active Military Duty
12:00 a.m. (HC)	Andrew Roback (Bycofski Family)
12:00 a.m. (SH)	Ellen Smith (Steve & Barbara Musser)
12:00 a.m. (STP)	People of the Parishes

Friday - Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. (CTK)	Joyce Hamby (Mary Helen Graham)
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Saturday

4:30 p.m. (SH)	Leonard Gwiazdowsky (Rae Gwiazdowsky)
5:00 p.m. (CTK)	Russell & Harriett Dumont (the Oswald Family)

Sunday

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

SACRED HEART

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

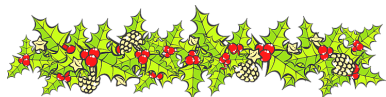
May the season of Advent prepare our hearts & minds to the reality of what the birth of Jesus did for mankind.



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

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, 2020.

If you would like a copy of any donations you made in 2020, please contact Matthew Klim at the parish office, 740-592-2711, or mklim@athenscatholic.org



A BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Blessed are you, our God, giver of glad tidings to the poor.



You clothe your people with a robe of salvation & wrap us in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem & a bride bedecked with her jewels.

As we surprise & delight our loved ones with gifts of affection & care, let our giving & receiving mirror your own simplicity & grace.



You surprised the world with the greatest of gifts, the child born to be Savior of all, Jesus who is Lord for ever & ever.

+Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we seek to recognize you in our world & bring Your light to our darkness. As you chose the lowly, the outcast, & the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we remember our brothers & sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this holy season. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Your love & forgiveness. May I be a shining example of that love to all. + Amen



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS - Catholic men, 18 or older, can join the Knights dues-free through the end of 2020 in celebration of the beatification of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. Register online at kofc.org/join or contact any Brother Knight for a membership form.

Please join us for **That Man Is You** program. We normally meet on Saturday mornings for prayer & discussion using enlightening & empowering materials. TMIY will not be held on December 26.

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.



FRESH FOOD DISTRIBUTION - This event is being held at the Athens County Fairgrounds on West Union Street on **Saturday, December 26**. The entry line opens at 11:00 a.m. & food will be given out from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (or until supplies run out). One to two boxes of food per family will be given out depending on demand. Just drive up, & volunteers will load the box into your vehicle. There are no income restrictions & no identification is required to receive a food box. Please wear a face mask for your safety & that of the volunteers. This event is done in partnership with The Food Soldier Hunger Coalition.

LINEN CARE	December 20	December 27
CTK	Olivia Sheehan	Janis Tysko
STP	Trudy Montle	Bruce Nottke