



The Catholic Parishes of Athens & Meigs Counties

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The Epiphany of the Lord, JANUARY 2/3, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE - There is no 8:00 a.m. Mass this week (January 4 - 8) in Athens. There is 12:15 p.m. Mass this week Monday to Friday at Christ the King.



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.

ADORATION/HOLY HOUR - We will have a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. following the 8:30 Mass at Sacred Heart Church.



There will be Adoration on Fridays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Christ the King.



LINEN CARE	January 3	January 10
CTK	Karen Vedder	Sue Mabry
STP	Bruce Nottke	Sabrina Kotts

Sunday

- 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)

Monday

- ~~8:00 a.m. (STP)~~ No Mass
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Those Struggling With Addictions

Tuesday

- ~~8:00 a.m. (STP)~~ No Mass
- 8:30 a.m. (SMH) People of the Parishes
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Mike Serbonich (Bill & Wendy Serbonich)

Wednesday

- ~~8:00 a.m. (STP)~~ No Mass
- 8:30 a.m. (SH) Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Vocations to the Priesthood for Our Diocese

Thursday

- ~~8:00 a.m. (STP)~~ No Mass
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Priests of Our Diocese

Friday

- ~~8:00 a.m. (STP)~~ No Mass
- 8:30 a.m. (SH) People of the Parishes
- 12:15 p.m. (CTK) Safety & Well-being of First Responders

Saturday

- 4:30 p.m. (SH) Len Gwiazdowsky (Rae Gwiazdowsky)
- 5:00 p.m. (CTK) Clifford Hayes & Ruth Knapp (the Oswalds)

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. (CTK) Couples Preparing for Marriage in 2021
- 8:30 a.m. (SMH) IHO B.days of Irene & Madge (Their Families)
- 9:30 a.m. (SH) Pat Moore (James Moore)
- 10:00 a.m. (CTK) Devon Zimmerman (Karen & Rich Vedder)
- 10:00 a.m. (HC) Donald McDonald (Carl & Karen Myers)
- 12:00 p.m. (CTK) Gene K. Crum (Richard & Patty Manzey)
- 6:00 p.m. (CTK) Diocesan Seminarians

**SACRED HEART
PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

We pray that all will develop a deeper spiritual relationship with the Lord.



COLLECTION - The First Sunday Collection, which will be taken up at both Masses this weekend, is designated for the roof replacement.

ONLINE GIVING - Baskets are located at the doors of all parishes for financial offerings. During this time of social distancing, we also encourage you to set up online giving if you are able. Visit our website & click the “Giving” tab at the top of the page to learn more. You can also continue to mail your envelopes to the office or donate directly to our parishes’ D/PSC. Visit <https://diosteub.givecloud.co/dpsc> to learn more.

CONFESSION - We will have Confession on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King. At Sacred Heart, Confessions will be heard on Saturday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. & at 8:30 on Sunday mornings.

MASSES - A thoughtful way to remember birthdays, anniversaries or other significant events is by requesting a Mass. Masses can be offered for the living or deceased. Envelopes for requesting a Mass are located on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space at CTK or you can contact the office.

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 following Masses this weekend. Please take a kit 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.