

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Classes will not meet today, **April 23rd**, because the First Holy Communion. Classes will gather for the last time on April 30th for a day of "Celebration and Sending Forth." Each classroom will welcome parents to join the day's activities. Your child's teacher will be in contact with the plans for the day. We will end by gathering in the Big Room of the Holy Family Center for a blessing and party at 12:15 P.M.

MAY CROWNING is Sunday, May 7th, at the morning Masses. Children are invited to process to the statue of Mary with flowers to honor Our Mother for the month of May. The First Holy Communion children are encouraged to wear their dresses and dress clothes. One of the First Communion students will crown Mary at each Mass.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Save the date for the "Camp Out: Getting S'more of Jesus" on July 15th and 16th.

KROGER Cares Rewards Program helps to fund the Religious Education Program for the parishes. You are asked to re-enroll or enroll in the month of April to get the full benefit of the year from May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018. Last quarter, we received a check for a little over \$900.00 with only 17 people tying their Plus Card to Religious Education!!!!

To participate, have your Kroger Plus Card number available, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the directions. Our group number is: #80963, our group name is: C.T.K./ ST. PAUL'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. Thanks for your help!

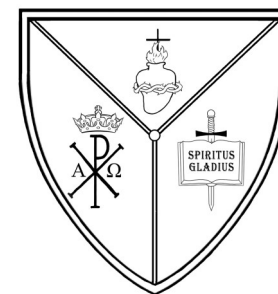
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PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE - The Peace and Justice Committee will be meeting Monday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Bread for the World's **Offering of Letters** aims to make a world in which all of God's children are fed. Be sure to join the Peace and Justice Committee's letter writing efforts after Masses on May 6th/7th.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, let us remember to pray for healing and support for all those affected by murder and capital punishment-victims' families, prisoners and their families, corrections workers and professionals in the legal community working on this issue. Pray that God's Divine Mercy will penetrate their hearts in a special way, as well as Gov. Kasich, who can build on the last 3 years of no executions and postpone executions in Ohio indefinitely.

HABITAT RUMMAGE SALE ON MAY 6TH - The Faith Build Coalition, Habitat for Humanity of SE Ohio, will hold a spring rummage sale in the Holy Family Center on **Saturday, May 6th**, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Items may be left off at the Center between 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Thursday through Friday, May 4th through 5th. For more information contact George Bain (740-592-3828 or gbain45701@yahoo.com).



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Mass Times

SACRED HEART CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 12:00 P.M.

THURSDAY 6:30 P.M.

FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AND DEVOTIONS
9:30 A.M.

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY
9:30 A.M.

ST. PAUL CHURCH

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:15 A.M.

SATURDAY (EXTRAORDINARY FORM)
9:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
8:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

WEDNESDAY
5:30 P.M.

SATURDAY VIGIL
5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY
10:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M. (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)

Confessions

SACRED HEART: SATURDAY 4:45 P.M.
SUNDAY 8:45 A.M.

CHRIST THE KING: THURSDAY 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 5:00 P.M. (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)
CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ANYTIME BY REQUEST.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers the health or intentions of the following people:

Raymond Abraham	Elizabeth Barstad
Dawn Class	Angie Dioguardi
Bev Harter	Patty Manzey
Reta Robinson	Terry Smith
Judy Graf (H)	Dennis Hackett (H)
Anne Moon Harris	Michael Ohlinger (H)
Anita Neff (H)	Barbara Tatterson
Janet Tigner (H)	Brenda Woods (H)
Joseph Thompson (H)	

Prayers for the clergy of our Diocese:

Msgr. Kurt Kemo	23rd
Rev. Basil Corriere, e.c.	24th
Very Rev. Timothy Shannon	25th
Rev. Timothy McGuire	26th
Msgr. Donald Horak	27th
Rev. Michael DiRenzo	28th
Rev. Leonard Cencula	29th

DIOCESAN PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

If you haven't already made your pledge/donation, please consider doing so. Envelopes are available in the pews.

PLEASE HELP BY MAKING SOME DONATION TO THIS APPEAL!

St. Paul Goal:	\$32,696.00	Sacred Heart Goal:	\$19,028.00
St. Paul Amount Pledged:	\$39,545.94	Sacred Heart Amount Pledged:	\$13,292.34
Amount Paid:	\$29,975.00	Amount Paid:	\$6,079.00
Number of Pledges:	62	Anticipated Shortfall:	\$5,735.66
Number of Families Registered in the Parish:	257	Number of Pledges:	27
		Number of Families Registered in the Parish:	146

Christ the King Goal:	\$40,334.00
CTK Amount Pledged:	\$29,292.33
Amount Paid:	\$21,159.00
Anticipated Shortfall:	\$11,041.00
Number of Pledges:	59
Number of Families Registered in the Parish:	384

As you know, if we do not make our goal, we have to pay the shortfall amount out of regular Sunday collections. Considering we need our regular collections to keep operations going in all three parishes, this would not be an good situation for us. So, please, help if you are able. One idea is to give three weeks' worth of your Sunday donations to the DPSC instead of the parish. While we rely on large gifts and extra donations for this campaign, every amount helps us to make the goal; any amount is appreciated!

Masses April 22 - 30, 2017

Saturday

9:00 A.M. (STP) E.F. Mass [FJ]
 10:00 A.M. (SH) Memorial Mass for Urban Graf [Fr. Kozak]
 5:00 P.M. (CTK) Velva Summers (Chuck & Betty Bechter) [FJ]
 5:30 P.M. (SH) People of Sacred Heart Parish [FM]

Sunday

8:30 A.M. (STP) Wendel Sheridan (Barbara & George Krajnak) [FM]
 9:30 A.M. (SH) Jane Frymyer (Fr. Tim Kozak) [FJ]
 10:00 A.M. (CTK) People of the Parishes [FD]
 11:30 A.M. (STP) First Communicants & Their Families [FM]
 6:00 P.M. (CTK) Gloria Chester & Karen Howard (Diane Shore) [FJ]

Monday

8:15 A.M. (STP) Holy Souls in Purgatory [FM]

Tuesday

8:15 A.M. (STP) Saunders & Halley Families, Living & Deceased (John & Blaine Halley) [FM]

Wednesday

8:15 A.M. (STP) Healing & Strengthening of Those with Terminal Illnesses [FD]
 12:00 P.M. (SH) Pat Moore (Fr. Tim Kozak) [FM]
 5:30 P.M. (CTK) O.U. Catholics [FJ]

Thursday

8:15 A.M. (STP) Deceased of the Melacon & Kelly Families [FJ]
 6:30 P.M. (SH) Jane Frymyer (SH Social Committee) [FM]

Friday

8:15 A.M. (STP) The Unborn [FJ]
 8:30 A.M. (SH) Vocations [FM]

Saturday

9:00 A.M. (STP) Private Intention [FJ]
 5:00 P.M. (CTK) Ed & Cliff Wasko (Carol Wasko) [FJ]
 5:30 P.M. (SH) Gerald Dill (Irene Dill) [FM]

Sunday

8:30 A.M. (STP) Mary Donlon Morrison (April Holmes) [FD]
 9:30 A.M. (SH) Michael Kozak (Knights of Columbus) [FM]
 10:00 A.M. (CTK) Irene Hartings (Rosemary Hayes) [FJ]
 11:30 A.M. (STP) People of the Parishes [FJ]
 6:00 P.M. (CTK) Terri Rogers (Dr. E. Vance Walters) [FM]

LITURGICAL MINISTERS CTK/STP For next weekend: April 29/30

Mass	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Servers	Readers	EMHC
5:00 P.M. CTK	Diane Matters	Neven & Corley Lather	Justin Frantz Joe McLaughlin	Deacon Dan Murray, Jackie Lather, Viki Snider, Chad Springer
8:30 A.M. STP	Connie & Doug Woodruff	Ami Brannan	Dan Denhart Roger Menchofer	Deacon Scott Carson, Sara Menchofer, Nancy Denhart, Connie & Doug Woodruff
10:00 A.M. CTK	the Schoen Family	Andrea Bedell Nancy Sand	Gerry Bedell Patty Manzey	Sandy Patton, Milagros Santoni, Chuck Bechter, Sherry Curp
11:30 A.M. STP	the Meyer Family	Austin Windland	Sharon Parsons Heather Irwin	Deacon Scott Carson, Theresa Meyer, Rachel Meyer
6:00 PM CTK		Martin Benencia	Patty DeBruin Mary Ann Simon	Karen Matteson, Trent & Patty DeBruin, Mary Ann Simon

THE WEEK AHEAD @ CTK, STP & SH

Date	Time	Event	Place
April 23 Sunday		<i>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</i>	
		No RE	CTK/HFC
	10:30 A.M.	CCD	SH
	10:00 A.M.	Mass	CTK
	11:30 A.M.	First Communion	STP
	7:00 P.M.	ACT	HFC
April 24 Monday	8:15 A.M.	Mass	STP
	7:00 P.M.	Peace & Justice Cte.	HFC
	7:00 P.M.	RCIA	HFC
April 25 Tuesday	8:15 A.M.	Mass	STP
	1:30 P.M.	Study Group	HFC
April 26 Wednesday	8:15 A.M.	Mass	STP
	12:00 P.M.	Mass	SH
	5:30 P.M.	Mass	CTK
April 27 Thursday	8:15 A.M.	Mass	STP
	6:00 P.M.	Adoration/Conf.	CTK
	6:30 P.M.	Mass	SH
	7:00 P.M.	Social Group	SH
April 28 Friday		OU Graduate Commencement	
	8:15 A.M.	Mass	STP
	8:30 A.M.	Mass	SH
April 29 Saturday		OU Undergraduate Commencement	
	9:00 A.M.	E.F. Mass	STP
April 30 Sunday		<i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	
	10:00/11:00 A.M.	RE Classes	CTK/HFC
	10:30 A.M.	CCD	SH
	7:00 P.M.	ACT	The Ridges



ROSARY - During the month of May the Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes prior to weekend Masses at CTK and directly after the Sunday Masses at St. Paul.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COLLECTION

You can still donate toward our covenant with the Athens County Habitat for Humanity. To make your donation, please use the envelope provided at the church entrance (or your own envelope marked "Habitat"), and place your contribution in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!

	April 23	April 30
CTK	Carol Sauber	Wendy Serbonich
STP	Bruce Nottke	Mary Pedigo

FIRST COMMUNION - Congratulations to these children who received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time this week!

<i>Riley Abfall</i>		<i>Audrey Jolley</i>
<i>Victor Alonzo</i>		<i>John Carlton Krubl</i>
<i>Phelan Budd</i>		<i>Ella Kushnick</i>
<i>Samantha Corrigan</i>		<i>Sydney Mora</i>
<i>Deborah Curp</i>		<i>Ella Nielsen-Tucker</i>
<i>Gwen Dunfee</i>		<i>Reese Rodgers</i>
<i>Ava Frantz</i>		<i>Grace Schilling</i>
<i>Vincent Gryszka</i>		<i>Enrique Ulloa</i>

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you would like to make a donation for flowers at St. Paul or Christ the King in honor of an anniversary, birthday, or as a memorial, **please sign up on one of the posters displayed at either parish.** Intentions will be listed in the weekly bulletin.

Remember, too, that you can have Masses offered for these intentions! Just call the parish office to schedule a Mass.

STUDY TABLES - During the week of April 24th (Finals Week), the Holy Family Center will be open in the evening in order to offer a quiet place for students to prepare for their finals.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 16

CTK	
Adult	\$ 2327.00
Loose	\$ 749.00
Total	\$ 3076.00
Good Friday	\$ 698.00
Easter	\$ 3100.00
ACCFP	\$ 260.00
ST. PAUL	
Adult	\$ 2430.00
Loose	\$ 414.00
Total	\$ 2844.00
Good Friday	\$ 795.00
Easter	\$ 2050.00
ACCFP	\$ 30.00
SACRED HEART	
Adult	\$ 2007.00
Loose	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 2257.00
Good Friday	\$ 644.00

Thank you for supporting your parish!

SACRED HEART CHURCH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 23, 2017

The April intention of the Servants of Mary of Sacred Heart is for priests.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Columbus - The K of C \$500 scholarship applications are due **no later than Friday, May 5th, 2017 and must be turned in to a Knight.** The completed application must include a current transcript. There are applications and requirements near the church entrance and on the parish website.

Meigs Cooperative - Applications are now available for this scholarship. The church donates \$500 to the Cooperative for this scholarship. If you wish to make a donation to help offset the cost to the parish, place money or a check payable to Sacred Heart Church in an envelope marked 'scholarship' and drop your donation in the collection basket.



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Athens parishioners are welcome to donate, too. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked "Pennies for Heaven" and drop it in the collection basket.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS - Items for donation in April to the Meigs Cooperative Parish are face soap and /or crayons for the school supply giveaway. Deodorant, shampoo and laundry detergent are always needed, too. Please place the items in the container on the left side of the vestibule.

DIOCESAN PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN - If you haven't already made your pledge/donation, please consider doing so. Envelopes are available in the pews. Remember, once we meet our annual goal, all money then donated is returned to us assessment-free.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For Next Weekend: April 29/30

	Saturday, April 29 5:30 P.M.	Sunday, April 30 9:30 A.M.
Eucharist	Jane Huffman & Carol McCullough	Knights of Columbus
Word	Amity Wamsley	Knights of Columbus
Gifts	Shirley Huston & Sandy Iannarelli	Knights of Columbus
Ushers	Mick Barr & David Shuler	Knights of Columbus
Altar Servers	Michael Martin	Knights of Columbus
Hospitality	Marylyn Harris & Cecelia Lisle	Knights of Columbus

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Divine Mercy Sunday is one of the newer feasts in the liturgical calendar of The Church. Established on April 30, 2000, when Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Octave of Easter, the Sunday after Easter Sunday.

There are a number of devotions associated with Divine Mercy Sunday, and some, including the Divine Mercy Novena and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, are practiced throughout the year. The chaplet in particular makes an excellent daily devotion, especially if it can be recited at 3 P.M. -- the time of Our Lord's Passion and Death on the Cross.

Saint Faustina was born in Poland in 1905. Throughout her life, she reported a number of visions of Jesus and conversations with him, which she wrote about in her diary, later published as the book *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*.

At age 20 she joined a convent in Warsaw. Faustina and her spiritual director, Fr. Sopocko, directed an artist to paint the first Divine Mercy image based on Faustina's reported vision of Jesus.

She was declared the first saint of the 21st century in April 2000. The Divine Mercy devotion is now followed by over 100 million Catholics.

A reproduction of the image, which will be displayed in our churches, shows Jesus with rays of red and pale light streaming from the area around His heart. His right hand is raised in blessing, recalling the scene of Easter Sunday night (see Jn 20: 19-23).



The rays represent the blood and water which flowed from His pierced side, and He taught Blessed Faustina the prayer: "*O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You*" (Diary, 84).

In honor of this day where we celebrate the love and mercy of Jesus, we will have a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00-3:00 P.M. at St. Paul Church. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Litany will be prayed at 3:00 P.M., and the hour will conclude with Benediction. Please join us in prayer, thanking God for the sacrifice of Our Lord and celebrating the triumph of His merciful love.

To our Ohio University graduates:

First a word of thanks for joining us in prayer and service during your time at OU. We are grateful for your participation in the life of our parishes.

As I always say, "Remember our little parishes in Appalachia when you become rich and famous!"

May you continue to stay close to the Lord, and keep discerning God's call for your life. When life gets tough, remember one of my favorite prayers from St. Francis de Sales, often referred to as the "Be at Peace" prayer:

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;
Rather look to them with full hope that as they arise,
God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely
through all things;*

*And when you cannot stand it, God will carry you
in His arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
The same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you today and every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering or will give you
unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and
imaginings.*

I would like to recognize and salute these graduating students who have been active in our Newman group on Wednesday evenings:

Jimmy LeFebvre

Alexandria Polanosky

Mandalyn Yinger

Amanda Hoffman

Melany Hire

Kaylee Soellner

Amanda Dunn