

Masses December 3 - 10, 2017

Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) People of the Parishes [FG]
 9:30 AM (SH) Tom & Phyllis Hennessey (Bernie Anderson & Family) [FM]
 10:00 AM (CTK) Stephen Messina (the Messina Family) [FG]
 11:30 AM (STP) Jim Prouty (the Kamody Family) [FD]
 6:00 PM (CTK) Rob Thomas (the Denhart Family) [FM]

Monday

5:30 PM (CTK) Rich Harter (Bev Harter) [FM]

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12:00 PM (SH) Len Gwiazdowski (Rae Gwiazdowski) [FM]
~~5:30 PM (CTK)~~ No Mass
 6:00 PM (CTK) Advent Penance Service

Thursday

8:15 AM (STP) Richard McGraner (John Barrington) [FD]
 5:30 PM (CTK) Alberto Iglesias (Bob & Sharon Colvin) [FD]
 6:30 PM (SH) Henry & Agnes Voltin (Irvin & Beulah Voltin) [FM]

Friday

8:15 AM (STP) Blanche & Basil Montle (Dave & Trudy Montle) [FD]
 8:30 AM (SH) John Anderson (Ed & Sheila Cozart) [FM]
 12:15 PM (CTK) Julius Gorgos (Wendy Serbonich) [FM]
 5:30 PM (STP) Vocations [FM]

Saturday

5:00 PM (CTK) Paul & Julie Sikora (Carol Wasko) [FD]
 5:30 PM (SH) Sick & Shut-ins of the Parish [FT]

Sunday

8:30 AM (STP) Rob Thomas (the Bautista Family) [FM]
 9:30 AM (SH) Pat Moore (James Moore) [FT]
 10:00 AM (CTK) Shaun McKibben (the Schreck Family) [FD]
 11:30 AM (STP) Bill Lavelle (John & Mary Lou Lavelle) [FM]
 6:00 PM (CTK) People of the Parishes [FM]

LITURGICAL MINISTERS CTK/STP next weekend: December 9/10

Mass	Greeters/Gift Bearers	Servers	Readers	EMHC
5:00 PM CTK	Mary Anne Reeves		Karen Coschigano Joe McLaughlin	Deacon Dan Murray, Karen Coschigano, Viki Snider, Ric Abel, Bob Bell
8:30 AM STP	the Scott Family	Claire & Lucy Ingram	Mike Baum Bob Handley	Connie & Doug Woodruff, Renee Baum, Bob Handley
10:00 AM CTK	the Schoen Family	Primo Averion Luke Frost	Kurt Montle Stephanie Tikkanen	Patty Finnearty, Deacon Dan Murray, Lisa Averion, Emilia Alonso Sameno, Angela Anderson
11:30 AM STP	Nan Cooley	Christopher Buschur	Sharon Parsons Emily Watts	Deacon Dan Murray, Megan Borer
6:00 PM CTK		Daniel Thomas	Greg Foley	Karen Matteson, Deacon Scott Carson

THE WEEK AHEAD @ CTK, STP & SH

Date	Time	Event	Place
December 3	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Sunday	10/11 AM	RE Classes	CTK
	10:45 AM	CCD Classes	SH
	5:00 PM	St. Francis Potluck	HFC
December 4	Monday	7:00 PM	RCIA HFC
December 5	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Endow Plg. Mtg. HFC
		1:30 PM	Study Group HFC
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice CTK
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice STP
December 6	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Adoration SH
		6:00 PM	CM Dinner HFC
		6:00 PM	Advent Penance Service CTK
		7:00 PM	OU Catholics HFC
		7:00 PM	ACCFP Meeting HFC
December 7	Thursday	9:00 AM	Adoration HFC Chapel
		8:45 PM	Benediction HFC Chapel
December 8	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		
December 9	Saturday	9:00 AM	Cookie Walk HFC
December 10	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Sunday	10/11 AM	RE Classes	CTK
	10:30 AM	Christmas Brunch	SH
	10:45 AM	CCD Classes	SH
	7:00 PM	Confirmation Prep.	HFC

REPOSE - Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Alberto Iglesias*, the father of Tere Frost. He passed away recently. We offer Tere & her family our sincere sympathy & prayers.



ST. FRANCIS SOCIETY - Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held today at the HFC at 5:00 PM. Mike Kellogg will provide our music.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers in memory 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 15th.

	December 3	December 10
CTK	Sue Payne	Carol Sauber
STP	Bruce Nottke	Mary Pedigo

HOLY DAY - This Friday, December 8th, is the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary*, & it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Vigil Masses Thursday, December 7th
 5:30 PM CTK
 6:30 PM Sacred Heart

Holy Day Masses Friday

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GIVING TREE - Tags are available on the trees at STP & CTK; gifts & food items can be put under the trees. Please be sure to return all items by December 10th.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 26

CTK

Envelopes	\$ 2955.00
Loose	\$ 292.00
Total	\$ 3247.00
November Votive Candles	\$ 78.00
CCHD Collection	\$ 402.00

Envelopes Used: 58 out of 278

ST. PAUL

Envelopes	\$ 2175.00
Loose	\$ 243.00
Total	\$ 2418.00
November Votive Candles	\$ 120.00
CCHD Collection	\$ 260.00

Envelopes Used: 46 out of 208

SACRED HEART

Envelopes	\$ 1614.00
Loose	\$ 169.00
Total	\$1783.00
November Votive Candles	\$ 36.00
CCHD Collection	\$ 389.00

Envelopes Used: 52 out of 88

Thank you for supporting your parish!

RE NEWS - A special guest is visiting the Religious Ed Classrooms today. Who could it be? Look for him at the HFC!

Christmas Caroling: Singing carols is one of the only times it doesn't matter if you can hold a tune! Join in the fun & bring "Joy" to the elderly & homebound of our parishes. ALL parishioners are invited to join the RE families as we go caroling at area nursing homes & to the homebound on **December 17th**. Carolers gather in CTK at 11:00 AM. From there we will go to various locations. Parents are encouraged to attend with their student. Registration is required; please register through the parish website.

Confirmation Candidates meet next **Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 PM** in the HFC. The topic is *Who's calling? Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment Lesson 17*. Are you wondering what to do with your life? God gives each of us a Vocation. Explore what yours is through discernment. Austin Windland, who is a member of the Confirmation Team, is looking seriously at the Priesthood. He will share why he is heading in that direction & give insight into the Male Priesthood of the Catholic Church.

"Christmas Wheat" (Advent) Seed packets are available in the Gathering Space at CTK & the Vestibule at STP. Plant the seeds in a container at home. Watch them grow in the coming weeks. As you care for the plants, recall the Good Deeds you have done in the past week in preparations for Jesus' birth. Before the Christmas Eve Masses, Father will ask the children to add a bit of grass to the manger. The custom is one of many surrounding St Lucy's Feast Day celebrated on December 13th. It is a Croatian custom to plant the Christmas wheat on the feast of St. Lucy. Plant the seeds in a small dish of soil & place the dish in a moderately warm room, keeping it watered. By Christmas Eve the fresh shoots of wheat should be about 8 inches tall. The wheat then can be placed next to the manger or crib scene as a gift to Jesus & a reminder to us of the Eucharist which feeds our souls & as the staple of life which nourishes all of mankind. It can also be used a table decoration, with a candle placed in the center.

Meet to plan the Portrayal of the Epiphany Story today at 11:00 in the HFC. The Portrayal is **Sunday, January 7th, at 12:00 PM** for RE students.



THIS WEEK AT OU CATHOLICS - The Blessed Virgin. Not much is written historically about this marvelous woman, so who is she? Why is she held in such high esteem? Join us **Wednesday at 7:00 PM** for our discussion on Mary & how she is a mother to us all. Newman Nights are held weekly in the HFC lounge.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR - Choir practices for the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at CTK are **Tuesdays, December 12th & 19th, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM & Saturdays, December 16th & 23rd, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM.**



Practices will be held in 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.



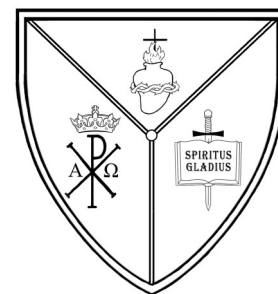
COOKIE WALK - The Catholic Women's Club have planned a "Christmas Cookie Walk" this year on **Saturday, December 9th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at the HFC. Thanks to 40+ volunteers, there is a vast array of cookies available. Freshly baked homemade cinnamon rolls will be sold along with coffee/tea/hot chocolate. You can choose to customize a selection of homemade cookies, pre-order a variety cookie tray, or preorder a ready-to-deliver gift tray. Homemade walnut, apricot, poppy seed or prune kolaches will be available & can also be pre-ordered. Pre-order/pre-paid order forms are available at the gathering space in each parish or at the HFC. Anyone interested in helping ice & decorate the many dozens of sugar cookies is encouraged to join us on **Tuesday, December 5th, & Thursday, December 7th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM & 5:30 to 9:30 PM** whenever you are available. Questions? Contact Wanda Sheridan at [740-591-5607](tel:740-591-5607) or email: shamrockauction@aol.com.



RAFFLE TICKETS - The Catholic Women's Club raffle tickets are available for pick up in the back of both CTK & STP. The drawing will take place during the CWC Cookie Walk on **December 9th**. See the ticket envelope for more information. Your support is appreciated.

PRC BLING SALE - On **Thursday, December 7th, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM**, there will be a sale of previously-loved, fine-to-fashion jewelry items & a silent auction at the Holiday Inn on East State Street. All proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Habitat has reserved **Wednesday, December 13th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** as a build day for 4-6 volunteers from the Athens Catholic Community. To help work on the current build in Amesville sponsored by the Faith Build Coalition, please contact Samantha Waldron, samantha@habitatseo.org or [740-592-3200](tel:740-592-3200) x 102.



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Mass Times

SACRED HEART CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 12:00 PM

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

8:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY MASS & DEVOTIONS

9:30 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

9:30 AM

ST. PAUL CHURCH

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 8:15 AM

SUNDAY

8:30 AM, 11:30 AM

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM

FRIDAY

12:15 PM

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

10:00 AM

6:00 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)

Confessions

SACRED HEART: SATURDAY 4:45 PM

SUNDAY 8:45 AM

CHRIST THE KING: MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 5:00 PM

SATURDAY 4:00 PM

SUNDAY 5:00 PM (DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR)

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD ANYTIME BY REQUEST.

Prayers

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

Raymond Abraham (H)	Nancy Bozek (H)
Frank Broderick (H)	Dawn Class (H)
Paula Gregory (H)	Leah Hollis (R)
Blaycen Jeffers (H)	Fr. Bob Kawa (H)
John Moore (H)	Jamie Mumaw (H)
Mildred Riggs (H)	Terry Smith (H)
Sue Simithson (H)	Nancy Tapocsi (H)
Karen Triplett (H)	Ross Warren (R)

Prayers for the clergy of our Diocese:

Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton (3rd)

Rev. Thomas Magary (4th)

Rev. Basil Corriere ec (5th)

V. Rev. Timothy Shannon (6th)

Rev. Timothy McGuire (7th)

All Priests (8th)

Msgr. Donald Horak (9th)

Prayers for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese:

Rev. William Yontz (6th)

Rev. William Kelly & Rev. John Lach (7th)

Rev. Andrew Beros, Rev. James Cotter & Rev. Joseph Malara (9th)

SACRED HEART CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2017



The December intention of the Servants of Mary of Sacred Heart is to prayerfully approach this season of Advent with an open heart. May we reflect on the reason for the season.

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FOOD PANTRY - December donations to the Meigs Cooperative Parish are bath-room tissue or pencil top erasers. Deodorant, dishwashing detergent, shampoo & laundry detergent are always needed. Place items in the container on the left side of the vestibule.

The Meigs Cooperative Parish is in need of volunteers for the kitchen on Tuesdays & Thursdays. For more information, call Pete Barnhart, [740-416-0578](tel:740-416-0578).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
next weekend: December 9/10

	Saturday, December 9 5:30 PM	Sunday, December 10 9:30 AM
Eucharist	Jane Huffman & Cecelia Lisle	Mischelle Beeler & Sheila Cozart
Word	David Casci	Cindy Nau
Gifts	Harold & Susie Stewart	Ray Johnson, Sr. & Rita Bailey
Ushers	David Hollis & David Shuler	Ray Johnson, Jr. & Andrew Johnson
Altar Servers	Michael Martin	Bobby Musser & Elizabeth Anderson
Hospitality	Marilyn Epple & Carol McCullough	Robert & Jane Beegle
CCD Snacks		Julie Well

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - There is no KOC meeting or Mass in December.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 4th**, at 5:30 PM. We are now meeting every other month on the first Thursday.



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CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - Following Mass on **Sunday, December 10th**, we will have our Christmas Potluck Brunch. Meat & drinks are furnished. Please indicate on **SIGNUP SHEET** at the entrance to church your name, number attending, & what covered dish you are bringing so we know how many to plan for & what is being brought.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - Any children of the parish who will be in attendance at Mass Christmas Eve & who would like to participate in group singing during the Mass, are encouraged to sign up for this service in the back of the church. The children will prepare three Christmas songs as well as participate in the singing of the Responsorial Psalm & Gospel Acclamation during the Mass. Practice times & dates will be announced.



MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP - On **Thursday, January 18th**, - **Friday, January 19th**, we will make our annual trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. The cost for the trip is \$50.00 per person (early bird special), \$100.00 after November 30th. The cost includes round trip motor coach bus, snacks on the bus, one boxed lunch, hotel accommodations (4 per room), metro passes, prayer materials, & dinner on the way home. Registration forms are available at the door to church.

Please contact John Spencer at (740)444-9632 or email him at john.spencer@kofc.org for more information.

Our friends at Texas A& M University, the Aggie Catholics, probably have the best Catholic campus ministry program in the country. Here is a little item they published, with slight modifications for our community. Since we are at the start of a new liturgical year, these are good things to keep in mind.

Mass Etiquette: 20 Things To Do And Not Do In Mass

1. Fast before Mass. It is Church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed, of course. The purpose is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.
2. No Food and Drink in Church. The exceptions would be a drink for small children, water for the priest or choir (if discreet) and water for those who are ill. Bringing a snack or coffee into church is not appropriate, because we want to set the church apart as a place of prayer and reflection.
3. Men: take your hats off. While this is a cultural norm, it is one that we ought to follow closely. Just as we take off hats for the Pledge of Allegiance, we do so in church too; as a sign of respect.
4. Don't chew gum in church. It breaks your fast, it's distracting, it is consider impolite in a formal setting, and it doesn't help us pray better. Can you imagine the Pope popping gum in during Mass?
5. Cross yourself with Holy Water on entering and leaving the church. This is a reminder of our Baptism, which made us members of Christ's Church. Just try to remain mindful of what is happening when you do so and don't do it without saying a prayer.
6. Dress modestly and appropriately. As Catholics we believe that God comes down to meet us at every Mass. So, why would we not dress up? This is especially important if we have a role at Mass like Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Dress your best when coming to meet the Lord!
7. Show up at least a few minutes early. Getting to Mass early allows you to pray and prepare yourself better for Mass.
8. Cell phones should never be used in Mass for calls or texting. The exceptions are emergencies. If you do use one, please walk out of church to do so. Also, if you are using the phone for readings or prayers, this is okay, but try to be discreet.
9. Be mindful of your movements once Mass has started. If you leave and come back into church, it is usually best to re-enter when everyone is standing. If the Eucharistic Prayer or Consecration is happening, you should stay at the back and then return to your seat when everyone stands.
10. When we enter and leave Church, genuflect toward the Tabernacle. Christ is present for our sake. By allowing our right knee to hit the floor, we acknowledge He is our Lord and God. If someone is physically unable to genuflect, then a bow is sufficient. During Mass, if you pass in front of the altar or tabernacle, bow reverently.
11. Please be quiet while in church. Once you enter the sanctuary – it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk do so as quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing to someone who is in prayer, and people have the right to pray in church.

12. Prepare your offering before Mass. Christ tells us not to let your left hand know what your right hand is doing when you make your offering. Keeping the basket while you get your wallet or checkbook out can sometimes become quite a scene. The preparation of the altar and presentation of the gifts time is not the preparation of the check time!

13. Respect boundaries others may have. You might want to hold hands to pray, they may not. They might be sick and not want to shake during the sign of peace. These are all fine gestures. Do not make any unnecessary judgment because they worship differently.

14. Bow before receiving Holy Communion. Be mindful of your hands while receiving Communion. We "receive" the Lord as a gift, we don't "take" Him by grabbing. Also, intinction (dipping the Host into the Precious Blood) is not permitted. It is only permitted when done by the priest and given to the communicant on the tongue.

15. When drinking from the chalice, please take a sip. Do not take large gulps from the chalice. There may not be enough of the Precious Blood for others if you drink too much. Do not receive from the chalice if you are sick. This is an act of charity and it is not necessary to receive in order to receive the entirety of Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity.

16. Do not leave early. We should stay to the end of the recessional hymn. While there are certainly exceptions to this guideline, most who leave early don't need to and ought not to.

17. Pray after Mass. The Church tells us that a prayer of thanksgiving after Mass is over is a right and praiseworthy thing to do.

18. Leave quietly. We encourage you to visit with others, but to do so once you are outside of the main body of the church (so you won't disturb others who want to stay and pray). So, please leave quietly and then have then visit afterward. Again, people have a primary right to pray in church, and we should be respectful of that.

19. Remember, we are at prayer in Mass. Playing games with each other, talking about the events of the day, etc. should not be done at Mass. If you are bored, pick up a book and pray, read the readings, or take some time during the week to read why we do what we do at Mass. It may help you to be more engaged in the liturgy.

20. Take time to read the readings before coming to Mass. Then see if your thoughts line up with the homily, or gave you a new perspective.

And let me add another one.....Be mindful of the parking lot after Mass at Christ the King. Let it be a growing experience in patience. **Remember: use the Mill Street driveway only as an entrance, not an exit. Please exit by way of Playground Drive (the alley) to Stewart Street.** *For those who have asked: I do not know why "our" section of Playground Drive did not get repaved like the rest of the street. Wouldn't it be nice if the city finished Playground Drive and connected it to McKinley Avenue?*

Final note: The new envelopes are educational as well as practical. When selecting the new design, we were able to pick a "Saints series" that gives a little biography of various saints. People seem to be confused, thinking that the donation is going to a different church or for a saint's feast day. I thought it would be a good way for us to learn about different saints. Sorry for any confusion!