

My dear parishioners,

Peace! In other bulletins (4 December, 2016-11 June, 2017) we have considered the teaching of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on “conscience.” We then turned to Saint John Paul II’s encyclical letter *Veritatis splendor* (6 August, 1993) which addresses fundamental moral issues, including “conscience” more than one hundred times. These reflections were begun earlier (6 April, 2018-30 May, 2018). Here we now consider a passage from *Veritatis splendor*, 59.

Saint John Paul II (+2005) when considering the “judgment of conscience” and citing Romans 2:15 explains that “the term ‘conflicting thoughts’ clarifies the precise nature of conscience: it is a *moral judgment about man and his actions*, a judgment either of acquittal or of condemnation, according as human acts are in conformity or not with the law of God written on the heart.” Two passages here set off bells: “man and his actions” and “human acts.”

Anyone who is familiar with the writings of the Holy Father will recognize in this passage of *Veritatis splendor* another work of his. In his pre-pontifical volume *Person and Act* (Grzegorz Igniak, trans. Wahsington, DC: CUA, 2021), there are some eighteen different approaches to conscience (attitudes; and common good; as condition of efficacy; creative character of; dependence on truth; duty and; emotional stirring and; fulfillment conditioned by; as interpersonal source of duty; normative character of; as normative reality inside person; objective character of; and responsibility; responsibility to self in; self-fulfillment and; threshold of; and transcendence; truthfulness of). The older edition, *The Acting Person* (Andrzej Potocki, trans. and Anna-Teresa Tymieniecka, ed. Boston, MA: D. Reidel, 1979), only highlights six different aspects of conscience (action, moral goodness and; as inner normative reality; creative role of; fulfillment of person conditioned by; man’s self-responsibility).

The overlap of these two editions, as well as their divergences, can help us to appreciate the richness of the reality of conscience. Our actions matter, what we do or fail to do. We are the authors of our actions, efficacious actors, if you will. Our destiny (fulfillment) is determined not only by the goodness and mercy of God but also by our acting in accord with a well-formed conscience. A well-formed conscience is in conformity with the law of God written upon our hearts. We have a duty to not only form our conscience well, but also to follow our well-formed conscience. Our conscience is well-formed when it corresponds with the truth about God and ourselves, made in His image, redeemed by His Blood (cf. *Gaudium et spes*, 22). “Conscience” is treated twenty-eight times in the *Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World*.

The study of “man and his actions” and “human acts” did not begin (or end) with the Holy Father. Saint Thomas Aquinas, OP (+1274) addressed human acts and man himself in his *Summa Theologiae* I-II Q. 7-21; I Q. 75-102, respectively. The Angelic Doctor for his part cites the ancient philosopher Aristotle (+322 BC) and St. Augustine (+430).

God bless you!

Father John Arthur Orr

**Catechetical Sunday**—Thank you to the teachers, assistants and student helpers who have offered their time and gifts for this year of faith formation for our parish students. Without each of you our program would not exist. We recognize them today and send God’s blessings on them always.

We welcome others to give of their time on Sunday mornings from 11:10 am—12:45pm each Sunday morning. Let us know if you are interested and we will help start you on the application process

Thank you parents and guardians, for helping us help you in your child’s Catholic formation. We never stop learning our Catholic Faith!!! Please don’t stop!

We would also like to thank and send blessing to Oneta Fioravanti, our recent DRE, who has given much of her love, faith and time to St. Mary’s in our CCD Program.

We have a parishioner that has volunteered to repair your minor broken rosary. If you have a rosary that needs repair please place in a baggie with your name and phone number. You may place it in with collection or turn into the office.



## Mass Intentions

September 11-19, 2021

September 11—9AM

St. Mary Parish

September 12—8AM/10AM/1PM Sunday

Vincent E. Domestico from Arnold Domestico

Birthday Blessing Alfred Aparicio from Sissy

Healing for Phillip Frye from Dorleen Schoonover

September 13— 9AM Monday

+Donna Burchi from Quinto Burchi

September 14— 9AM Tuesday

James Thomas Pickering from Zulay Navarro Pickering

September 15 — 9AM and 6PM Wednesday

+Denisa Sebeck from Bob and Carolee Gladish

+James and Corrine Swanson from Susan Von Peters

September 16—9AM Thursday

+Joseph N. Ruello from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

September 17—9AM Friday

Clare E. Pacitti from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

September 18—9AM

+Lisa Cudworth from Barb Bever

September 19—8AM/10AM/1PM Sunday

St Mary Parish

+Heather Mari from Shannon Henry

Themis Josefina Navarro from Zulay Navarro Pickering

Five dollar (\$5.00) donation per Mass. Thank You

WEEKDAY'S - AFTER MORNING MASS YOU ARE WELCOME TO STAY FOR THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND THE ROSARY

**CONFESSION**—Saturday 4:00-4:50pm Sunday 7:30-7:50AM  
9:30-9:50; 12:30-12:50

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 30, 2021

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2021 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 6/30/2021	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$184,561	\$ 180,721	97%
LITURGY	22,400	21,267	94%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	9,243	67%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	3,977	52%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	153	6%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	250	78%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	73,410	64,104	87%
TOTALS	\$304,444	\$ 279,715	91%

CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
MONTHLY REV. JUNE 2021 \$ 17,634	REV. JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021 \$ 277,119
MONTHLY EXP. JUNE 2021 21,083	EXP. JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021 279,715
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ ( 3,449)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ ( 2,596)

SUMMARY:  
CURRENT FY 2021 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ ( 2,596) \* (\$19,707 FALL FESTIVAL CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS (\$28,378) FUNDS USED FOR CHURCH PAINTING PROJECT.)  
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF JUNE 2021 -0-  
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT (\$ 30,974)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:  
ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012) \$625,000  
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (6/30/2021) \$ 81,108

(All Figures Rounded)  
\*Thank you for your stewardship generosity.\*

## ABORTION

*Does not end the life*

*Of a potential*

*Human person.....it ends the life*

*of a human person*

*With great potential*

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM—<https://dioknox.org/safe-environment.org>

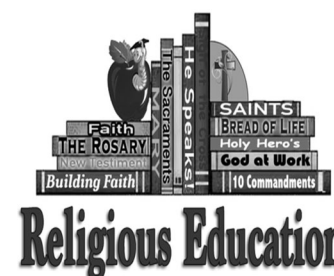
We are getting very active again in being around others is our Parish again. We need for anyone who volunteers in any of the following areas to log on the Diocese of Knoxville Website (<https://dioknox.org/safe-environment.org>) and complete all of the training you are required to have. This goes for all of us, even if you have done it in the past. This is a new beginning.

If you volunteer in anyway you must complete this training, per the Diocese of Knoxville. That include Knights of Columbus members, readers, EM, Choir members, CCD teachers, aids, ushers, money counters, anyone that volunteer that could our would be around children or vulnerable adults, RCIA, Chaperones, interns and students over the age of 18. You must also be a Registered member of our parish. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO LET ME KNOW YOUR NAME AND HOW YOU VOLUNTEER WITH OUR PARISH AND WHICH GROUP YOU ARE ASSOCIATED WITH.

**IT IS STARTING - CCD OPEN HOUSE—Pre K—12th Grade  
Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:10 am - 12:45 pm,  
In the Parish Family Life Center**

Parents, grandparent’s students, teachers, teacher’s aids and helpers!  
We will be wearing masks. We will be flexible and creative to help with faith formation this year! Teachers may be preparing take home bags! You will be given an opportunity to anonymously write experiences, concerns and suggestions.

Current contact Sue Granger 423-506-7836.



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

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### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr  
**Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez—423-507-7568 or erasmohernandezb@hotmail.com  
 Rev. Mr. Al Forsythe—865-806-1343 or deaconalsmatn@gmail.com  
**Parish Office:** 423 745-4277 Fax: 423-745-9706 Email: stmaryathenstn@att.net Website: www.stmaryathenstn.org  
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday– Thursday 8am-4:30pm Friday 8:00—11am  
**CONFESSION—After daily Mass—Saturday 4:00-4:50pm Sunday 7:30-7:50; 9:30-9:50; 12:30-12:50**  
**WEEK DAY DAILY MASS:** 9am plus Wednesday at 6pm. **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES 9AM AND 7PM**  
 Saturday: First Saturday of month 9am; Vigil Mass 5pm **If Holy Day is on a Wednesday Mass will be at 6PM**  
 Sunday: Mass 8am Latin, 10:00am English and 1pm Spanish

### Stewardship/Collection

September 4/5, 2021

#### NUMBERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$
Offertory Loose collection	\$
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

Building Fund August—\$ 1,547.00 \$  
**Second collections will be collected after Communion**

#### SEPTEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

9/18—Deacon Formation Program	\$
8/26—Good Samaritan—1/2 to Full Circle	\$

Deficit Reduction—As of July 2021 \$11,578.50 \$ 335.00  
 DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES AVAILABE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Fall Festival—Donations in lieu of festival—\$300.00 \$ 00.00  
 Funds donated in lieu of our Fall Festival this year will go toward renovation and repair of the lights in our Church.

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$82,171.00- 4/20/2016). For the month of May 2021— \$ 12.50  
 For the year 2020/2021—\$ 3,036.54.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—  
 June 30, 2021 is posted in Message Center

If you would like to receive collection envelopes please call the office.

### Daily Mass Readings Beginning – September 13-19, 2021

Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures  
 (Lectio Divina)

1. Read
2. Reflect (meditate)
3. Respond (pray)
4. Rest (contemplate)

Monday, Sept. 13 – 1 Tim 2:1-8//Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday, Sept. 14 – Nm 21:4b-9//Jn 3:13-17  
 Wednesday, Sept. 15—1 Tm 3:14-16//Jn 19:25-27or Lk 2:33-35  
 Thursday, Sept. 16 —1 Tm 4:12-16//Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday, Sept. 17—1 Tim 6:2c-12//Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday, Sept. 18—1 Tim 6:13-16//Lk 8:4-15  
 Sunday, Sept. 19 —Wis 2:12, 17-20//Jas 3:16—4:3//Mk 9:30-37

Mass begins in the front of the Journey Songs, book with the gray edge pages. Readings begin with—  
 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—“Year B,” #995-Isaiah 50:4c-9a

### This Week in our Parish

Sunday, September 12, 2021  
 11:10—CCD OPEN HOUSE—PFLC  
 3PM—Curia Legions Multipurpose Room

Monday, September 13, 2021

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

7PM—Men’s Night of Recollection

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

6:45PM RCIA—PFLC

6:45PM—Youth Ministries—PFLC Youth Room

Thursday, September 16, 2021

10AM—St. Mary Legacy Clinic— PFLC

Friday, September 17, 2021

6PM—Team 1 Cleans

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Catechetical Sunday

**CANDLE DONATIONS**—We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

### ATTENDANCE—

September 4/5, 2021—Total—

5pm--//8am --//10am--//1pm--

August Average

5pm—62//8am—42//10am—122//1pm—77

### WILL BE REPORTED NEXT WEEK

### ALTAR FLOWERS □



Altar Flowers— are in  
 Loving Memory of  
 Helen O’Donnell from Tom and  
 Thelma Pikciunas

Flowers are \$50.00 for the Altar flowers and \$25.00 for Sacred Heart flowers and must be paid for in advance. You can pay for and request larger arrangement if you wish.

### We are in need in all of the Ministries that serve our parish.



**We need Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**—to be a Reader/EM you must be actively practicing the Catholic faith and in good standing. If married, married in the Catholic Church, and if single not living in sin.

**Altar Servers**—Must be actively attending weekly masses. Must be attending CCD classes, or call the Office.

**Ushers**—Must regularly attend mass.



**ADORATION**—Is held on the last Wednesday (6AM—5:45 PM) of the month and on the First Friday (9:30-Noon) of the month. We are in need of parishioners to sign up for one hour or more for the days of Adoration. Call the office if you are willing to dedicate some of your time in Adoration with the Lord.

As many of you know we are our own cleaning service, and we are very short on cleaning help at this time. Please step up and help us keep our parish clean. Call the office 423-745-4277, to let us know how you can help. There are about 8 people cleaning at this time.



**Ladies for Charity** – The needs of our food pantry are greater due to the impact of Covid-19. Food product request are canned baked beans, corn and large cans of Tuna. Thank you for your generosity for helping our parishioners in need through food and monetary donations. Contact Priscille at 423-745-7443, if you have a need.

**PRAYER CHAIN**—Call/Text Paulette Croteau at 423-333-8674, or the office to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help with the prayer chain. Keep in your prayers—Boni Kross, Richard Davis, Lourdes Rafanan, William Bigham, Gaynelle Brannon, Phillip Frye and all of our sick and homebound.



### CONTACTS FOR:

CCD and Youth Ministries—Sue Granger— 423-506-7836.  
 Hispanic Ministry—Alicia Mora—423-368-5310.

RCIA—Jack Cox - 423-836-2979

Parish Family Life Center (PFLC) - Kay Prevatt 423-453-2049. Contact her to schedule all use/rental of the PFLC by parish groups and the public.

### LITURGICAL WORD LIST— THIS WEEK IS

Holy Oils: Used at the anointing's during the celebrations of the Sacraments and at the consecration of persons and things, these oils are blessed by the Bishop on Holy Thursday morning in the Mass of the Chrism. Ordinary olive oil is used, but recent legislation allows them to be made from any plant. For Christians their use symbolizes the gift of special grace of the Holy Spirit, a source of spiritual energy and a procedure for consecration. The three kinds are: Oil of the Catechumens, Holy Chrism, and the Oil of the Sick (Lang, 251-252) Who must comply with the Safe Environment Program? All employees and volunteers must be in full compliance of the Safe



In lieu of our FALL FESTIVAL this year we will be accepting donations. Soon we will have baskets as we did last year and possibly a small silent auction. Keep your eyes out for upcoming announcements. This years funds will go toward renovation and repairs of our Church Lighting. More information to come on the lighting, as it is being researched at this time. All donations are greatly appreciated.

### St. Jude School - Seeking Middle School Science Teacher

St. Jude School in Chattanooga is seeking candidates for the position of Middle School Science Teacher. The position will begin in late September. Candidates must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree, with a preferred certification and license in Middle School Science and/or a strong background in the sciences. Candidates are asked to send their resume and letter of introduction to Principal Joshua Overton, overtonj@mysjs.com.