

Mass Intentions

February 26-March 6, 2022

February 26—Saturday 5PM

St. Mary Parish

February 27—Sunday 8AM//10AM//1PM

For the Conversion of John Shurina from Mary Shurina

+Al and Pat Boyance from Jeffrey Brandon

+Jesus Escobar from Enrique and Gladis Ramirez

February 28—Monday 9AM

Healing for Art Rader from Dorlene Schoonover

March 1— Tuesday 9AM

+Rosendo Pedraza from Hugh and Connie Reed

March 2— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM ASH WEDNESDAY

CONFESSIONS FOLLOWING MASS

+Martha Medina from Alicia Mora

Healing Art Rader from Dorlene Schoonover

March 3 —Thursday 9AM

+Jim Donohue from Jack Ames of Defend Life

March 4—Friday 9AM

+Richie Smith from Jeffery Brandon

March 5—Saturday 9AM and 5PM -FIRST SATURDAY MASS

+Pat Schwartz from Dorlene Schoonover

For our Unborn Children

March 6—Sunday 8AM//10AM//1PM

St. Mary Parish

+The deceased family members of Lyna Harrit

Wyatt Walker from Steve and Toni Pacitti

WEEKDAY'S - AFTER MORNING MASS YOU ARE

WELCOME TO STAY FOR THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND

THE ROSARY

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 31, 2022

BUDGET CATEGORY	EXPEDITURES		%
	BUDGET	THRU 1/31/2022	
PASTORAL-AMIN/GENERAL	\$ 179,356	\$ 106,494	59%
LITURGY	22,400	13,019	58%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	6,642	48%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	2,459	32%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	664	26%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	217	68%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	77,683	51,895	67%
TOTALS	\$ 303,512	\$ 181,390	60%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. JAN. 22	\$ 41,103	REV. JULY 2021-JAN. 2022	\$185,119
MONTHLY EXP. JAN. 20	22,325	EXP. JULY 2021- JAN. 2022	181,390
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$18,778	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 3,729

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2022 SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 3,729
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR	\$ (26,456)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF JAN. 2022	\$ 35,120

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:

ORIGINAL NOTE 12/1/2012	\$ 625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF 1/31/2022	\$ 54,146

(All Figures Rounded)

"Thank you for your stewardship generosity"

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

Rectory: 423-745-0904

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 — **CONFESSION**—Saturday 4:00–4:50pm Sunday 7:30–7:50am//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

FEBRUARY 19/20 2022

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 2,297.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 822.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 325.36
TOTAL	\$ 3,444.36

FEBRUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

Building Fund February —\$ 1,570.00	\$ 440.00
2/28—Good Samaritan 1/2 to Good Faith Clinic \$10,125.00	\$ 5.00

MARCH SECOND COLLECTIONS

3/2—Church in Central and Eastern Europe	
3/6—Black and Indian Missions	
3/27—Catholic Relief Services	

Deficit Reduction—As of July 2021 \$47,291.53 \$ 470.00
DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Fall Festival— Total— \$35,425.00 as of 02/20/2022

Funds donated in lieu of our Fall Festival this year will go toward renovation and repair of the lights in our Church.

Fall Festival—Donations in lieu of festival—\$ 3,205.00	\$ —
Fall Festival—Lighting Donations—\$24,050.00	\$ 275.00

Please visit our website at stmaryathenstn.org to give online.

JANUARY 2022 Finance Report is located in the Message Board near the kitchen.

Daily Mass Readings Beginning –

February 27-March 5, 2022

Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures (Lectio Divina)

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

Sunday, Feb. 27—EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:4-7//1 Cor 15:54-58//Lk 6:39-45

Monday, Feb. 28— 1 Pt 1:3-9//Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 1—1 Pt 1:10-16//Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 2 —ASH WEDNESDAY

Jl 2:12-18//2 Cor 5:20—6:2//Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 3—Dt: 30 15-20//Lk 9:22-25

Friday, March 4—Is 58: 1-9a//Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, March 5 — Is 58:9b-14// Lk 5:27-32

Mass begins in the front of the Journey Songs, book with the gray edge pages.

Today's readings begin with— "Year C," #951—
Sirach 27:4-7

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, February 27, 2022

11:15AM— CCD

Monday, February 28, 2022

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY

NO—High School Youth Group—Youth Room
NO—RCIA

Thursday, March 3, 2022

5:30PM Knights of Columbus—PFLC

Team 1 Cleans 6pm

Friday, March 4, 2022

9:30-12:00PM -FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

4:30—Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in the PFLC

6PM—Stations of the Cross.

Fr will be available for confession following the Stations

Saturday, March 5, 2022

9AM—First Saturday Mass

Sunday, March 6, 2022

11:15AM— CCD

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—

February 19/20, 2022—Total—366

5pm—46//8am—62//10am—144//1pm—114

January –2022 WEEKLY AVG 297

5pm—52//8am—56//10am—118//1pm—71

ALTAR FLOWERS

Are in Loving memory of
Dorothy George from
Sherri Martinez.



As flower prices have increased, if at all possible we would like ask you to increase your flowers donations from \$50.00 to \$60.00. If that is a burden on you may continue to give the \$50.00 for flowers. Flowers need to be paid for in advance. You can pay for and request larger arrangement if you wish.



ASH
WEDNESDAY

**MARCH 2ND—ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES WILL BE
AT 9AM AND 6PM**



NEW TO OUR PARISH—If you are new to our parish see one of our ushers for a **PARISH REGISTRATION FORM**—They are also located in the Narthex in the slots in back of the church on the left as you leave. Also let the office know if you would like envelopes. You may put it in with the collection or drop it off at the office. **TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION (CHANGES) FILL OUT THE PARISH REGISTRATION FORM AND LET ME KNOW IT IS A "UPDATE" ON YOUR FAMILY.** Place with the collection or drop it off at the office.

Ladies for Charity – The needs of our food pantry are greater due to the impact of Covid-19. Food product request are canned peas, strawberry jelly/jam, large bag or box of cereal. Thank you for your generosity for helping our parishioners in need through food and monetary donations. Contact Barbara at 423-745-9788, if you have a need.

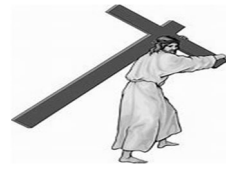


PRAYER CHAIN—Call/Text Paulette Croteau at 423-333-8674, or the office to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help with the prayer chain. Keep in your prayers—Milford Clark, Chuck O'Connor, and all of our sick family and friends, our unborn children and our Homebound. Please call the office if you would like to put someone on the prayer chain and/or in the bulletin. They will remain on the bulletin part of prayer chain for three months or if you request they be removed. They never come off the prayer chain. If you or a family member needs a Pastoral visit or anointing call the office or see Father Orr.



LENT

Rice bowls will be available in the Narthex. They will also be given out to the CCD Students.



Stations of the Cross begin at 6pm English, on Friday's during Lent.

Confession available after Stations and on After Wednesday evening mass.



LENTEN FRIDAY SOUP/FISH FRY/ SMALL MEALS BEGIN ABOUT 5PM— Call the office to sign up to provide a small meal. These are before the Stations of the Cross. Donation are accepted to off set the cost of coffee/ cups/plate/bowls, ect..



March 4 and April 8—Knight of Columbus Council 8396 Fish Fry. Serving begins at 4:30pm. There is a charge of \$3.00 for the sponsored Fish Fry. Children under 6 are free. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

March 11—Kay Prevatt is feeding us.

March 18—OPEN

March 25—No Meal

April 1—OPEN

40 Days for Life begins Ash Wednesday, March 2, and goes until April 10. Our peaceful, prayerful presence will be across the street from the Knoxville center for reproductive health abortion business. We'll be on 16th street by Clinch Avenue. Babies are saved when we're willing to stand for Life. Contact Orville Fisher at 707 501 7625 for more information.



We are currently in need of substitute catechists for our parish religious education program. Please contact DRE Sandy Hartert, @ 423-322-6633. We are blessed with many who have made a commitment to share the faith with our children. They on occasion have to miss class for illness or other family commitments. Please prayerfully consider this much needed opportunity for ministry. Thank you

SPRING IS GOING TO SPRING UPON US BEFORE WE KNOW IT. We are looking for volunteers to help mow our property, to make the work less on those that volunteer to do the work at this time. Please call the office to volunteer. If we get enough volunteers we could make some teams to help do the work. Training will be provided. **MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.**

AND NO IT'S NOT A WALKING MOWER. If you can use community hours we can help you earn them. Thank you.



SHOUT OUT TO Trevor Currier—One of our very active Alter Servers and Youth Group Member and Boy Scout Member. Trevor—currently holds a Star Rank while working on Life which will be the last rank to achieve before he begins preparations for an Eagle project. With Father John as his mentor, he completed his Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem and is the only one in his Troop with this honor. This summer he plans to attend a National Youth Leadership Camp as well as serve as a Counselor in Training at Camp Buck Toms near Spring City. Scouting has taught him a great deal about hard work and leadership skills that will impact him throughout his life. Thank you all for supporting Trevor throughout his scouting career with positive reinforcement, popcorn sales, and general encouragement.



Please let the office know of your child or children's accomplishment and proud parent moments so we can recognize them.

ONE HEART COLUMBIA MISSION (501C3) Breakfast Fundraiser at Aubrey's in Cleveland, TN. Saturday—March 12 from 8AM-10AM, includes bacon, eggs, pancake and drink, cost \$5.00. All proceeds will go purchase food bags for the poor in Marsella Columbia, site of the Mission. For tickets call Vivian Brocato at 423-310-8990 or Connie Reed 423-744-4274.

Catholic School Survey

An important part of the process involves surveying members of the broader community in order to clearly understand their perceptions of Chattanooga Catholic Schools. We are particularly interested in the perspectives of families who do **not** have children in the Chattanooga Catholic Schools, so we are asking you to complete an online survey in order to share more personally your opinions and insights regarding Catholic school education. Even though you do not have children in Catholic schools, we hope you will participate in the survey. The benefits of healthy Catholic schools ripple outward into the parishes and surrounding communities.

Please complete and submit the survey (only one survey response per household). It should take approximately 10-15 minutes to answer the survey questions. All responses are confidential and very important.

The survey link will be available starting **Monday, February 14**, and available for participation at <https://survey.meitler.com/s3/Chattanooga-Catholic-Schools-Community-Parent-Survey>

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*, 63.

Saint John Paul II (+2005) when considering the “seeking what is true and good” reminds us that “it is always from the truth that the dignity of conscience derives.”

As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ we know the importance of the truth. He Himself said: “I am the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6)), and that “The truth will set you free” (John 8:32). This is not some sort of gnostic hidden mystery. It is rather, Christian realism. The freedom of which the Lord speaks is freedom from sin, the slavery of sin (cf. John 8:34; Romans 6:20). A well-formed conscience which corresponds with the truth of our human nature, the truth about God and His Commandments, Beatitudes assists in this very liberation and magnifies our very human dignity (cf. Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21; Matthew 5:3-11).

Philosophically, the importance of truth is no less significant. Our friends at the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* include nearly three thousand articles related to the truth, e.g. axiomatic theories of truth, the coherence theory of truth, the correspondence theory of truth, the pragmatic theory of truth, logical truth... The ancient pagan Aristotle (+322BC) highlighted fallacious ways of reasoning so as to avoid untruths, even leading to “necessary truths” which ultimately lead to an uncaused cause, identified as God by believers. Saint Thomas Aquinas, OP (+1274) wrote various commentaries on the works of Aristotle and even a three volume treatise on *Truth* (Robert W. Mulligan and James V. McGlynn, trans. Cambridge, MA: Hackett, 1994).

There are some one hundred ninety-nine references to “truth” in *Veritatis Splendor* (The Splendor of Truth), some concerning “the truth about God” (cf. Romans 1:25; VS, 1.2), “absolute truth” (VS, 1.2), and “truth itself” (VS, 1.2). The well-formed conscience, corresponding to the truth, might even be called a “true conscience.” There are some forty references to “true” in addition to those of truth in the Holy Father’s *opus*.

When the Holy Father highlights the link between truth and dignity, it is not about pomp and riches. Hans Christian Andersen (+1875) showed that even great wealth is not able to overturn the truth in his tale about *The Emperor’s New Clothes*, where an innocent child is able to point out what is obvious. Saint Teresa of Calcutta, MC (+1997) got it right when she would recognize the human dignity of the poorest of the poor, caring for those whom the world disregards, allowing life to be lived and even death to be faced with dignity and respect in truth.

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

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, RCIA, Chaperones, interns and students over the age of 18 anyone that volunteer that could or would be around children or vulnerable adults. 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 OR WHICH GROUP YOU ARE ASSOCIATED WITH.

CONTACTS FOR:

CCD—Sandy Hartert—423-322-6633

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

Youth Ministries—Sue Granger— 423-506-7836.

Hispanic Ministry—Alicia Mora—423-368-5310.



Remember - our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.

INFORMATION REQUEST – Memorial Day 2022

The Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree is planning a short memorial program for the Memorial Day weekend in May. We would like to honor the Veterans of our Parish family and you can help. If anyone in your immediate family was a veteran and is now deceased we need their name and what branch of the service they served in. They do not have to have been a member of our parish. Please provide the Parish office or Frank Prevatt at 423-453-2049