

## CCD Announcement!!

Due to the pandemic and the rules the Bishop has put in place for safe distancing, we will only be having CCD classes for First Communion and Confirmation. We will have registration on August 15, 16, after all the masses.

Projected start date for sacramental catechesis is Septmber20th.

If you have a 2nd grader, please register your child for First Communion and Reconciliation class. Please bring a copy of their State issued birth certificate with you if we don't already have a copy. We also need a copy their Baptism record if not Baptized here.

If you have a rising 5th or 6th grader who has not been confirmed, please register for the 2020-2022 Confirmation Class. Please bring a copy of their state issued Birth Certificate with you if we don't already have a copy. We also need a copy of their Baptism Certificate and First Communion Certificate if they did not receive the sacraments here.

If your child is currently in the 2019-2021 Confirmation Class with Ms Peggy and Ms Paulette, there is no need to re-register.

All other classes will be taught at home by parents. We will be providing materials to assist in this home catechesis. We will need all children registered for their current grade-level so that we may obtain the proper materials to assist parents.

Regular CCD classes will resume when distancing requirements are removed or modified.

Thank you for your patience during these unique times!

Any questions? Please contact Oneta Fioravanti 865-712-6819

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**ADORATION—WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE PARISHIONERS TO FILL TIME SLOTS FOR ADORATION ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. ADORATION IS FROM 6AM TO 5:45 PM. IT'S A GREAT TIME TO SPEND A HOUR ALONE WITH OUR LORD. CALL THE OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER.**

**Ladies for Charity**—Covid 19 is causing an additional need of food for parishioners being helped by this ministry. We are requesting canned corn, canned green beans and canned chicken. If you are in need of food, please call Diane Schwartz 423-745-9062.

**GOOD FAITH CLINIC**—Meets every second and fourth Tuesday at Christ Community Church located at 18 Congress Parkway. Beginning at 3:30 for prescription refills and at 4pm for those needing to see the Dr. This is available for those who don't have insurance in McMinn and Meigs County.

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**REMINDER PARENTS - WHEN YOUR CHILDREN NEED TO GO TO THE RESTROOM DURING MASS YOU ARE TO ESCORT THEM. PLEASE COMPLY PER DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE PROTECTION OF OUR CHILDREN**

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS

AT 50% CAPACITY WITH A FACE MASK AND 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCING AND IN THE PEWS. ALSO USE HAND SANITIZER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION AND USE THE DISTANCING WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION. SEE EXAMPLE IN NARTHEX.

**REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELED OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY OR HAD A FEVER TO PLEASE STAY HOME.**

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BRING THEIR OWN HAND SANITIZER AND OR BAGGIE OF WIPES DURING THIS TIME (PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR USED WIPES IN THE PEWS, PUT THEM IN THE TRASH WHEN YOU LEAVE). WE WILL HAVE HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE FOR ALL.

THE CHURCH WILL BE SANITIZED AFTER EACH MASS. TO HELP PLEASE STAY. **WE WILL CONTINUE CLEANING—AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS UNTILL FURTHER NOTICE—**

We will need more than the cleaning teams for this as this is not the normal weekly cleaning duties. We will need your help in wiping the church down after each mass. There will be a check list of what is required and for you to sign off on what you have cleaned, next to the kitchen area. We appreciate any and all the help you can help with this as this will be the new normal for all of us for awhile.

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 9, 2020

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

**Rectory:** 423-745-0904

**Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez—

Rev. Mr. Al Forsythe—865-806-1343 or deaconalsmatn@gmail.com

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday– Thursday 8am-4:30pm Friday 8:00—11am

**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

August 1/2, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 4,243.00
Loose Offering	\$ 431.00
Holy Day—Assumption of Mary	\$
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 221.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,895.62</b>

Building Fund - August total to date— \$ 717.00

**Second collections will be collected after Communion**

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

8/15—Catholic Schools	\$	\$
8/30— Good Samaritan—1/2 Coordinated Charity	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00

Deficit Reduction—As of July 2020 \$ 2,932.00 \$ 459.00

DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

**HOME CAMPAIGN** (\$73,520.38)

For the month of—May 2020— \$185.42

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—**

June 30, 2020 is posted in Message Center

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

### Daily Mass Readings

August 10-16, 2020

**-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures**

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

**Monday, August 10— 2 Cor 9:6-10//Jn 12:24-26**

**Tuesday, August 11—Ez 2:8—3:4//Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14**

**Wednesday, August 12— Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22//Mt 18:15-20**

**Thursday, August 13— Ez 12:1-12//Mt 18:21—19:1**

**Friday, August 14—Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63//Mt 19:3-12**

**Saturday, August 15—1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16,16:1-2//1 Cor 15:54b-57// Lk 11:27-28**

**Sunday, August 16—Is 56:1, 6-7//Rom 11:13-15, 29-39// Mt 15:21-28**

**READINGS - YEAR A – Order of the Mass begins in section with the gray edges #140**

08/09/2020—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- #982

08/16/2020—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—# 985

08/23/2020—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—#988

### This Week in our Parish

**Sunday—August 9, 2020**

**Monday—August 10, 2020**

**Tuesday—August 11, 2020**

7PM Men's night of Recollection

Good Faith Clinic Beginning at 3:30pm at 18 Congress Parkway

**Wednesday—August 12, 2020**

**Thursday—August 13, , 2020**

7PM Knights of Columbus

**Friday—August 14, 2020**

**Saturday—August 15, 2020**

Cleaning this week is Team #4

**Sunday—August 16, 2020**

**For Sacrament information call the office.**

**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—

August 1/2, 2020—Total - 254

5pm—45 //8am—38 //10am—110 //1pm—61

July Average Attendance - 238

5pm—50 //8am—35 //10am—81//1pm—73

### ALTAR FLOWERS—



Are in loving memory of George J. Chovanec II from Ron and Christine Martens.

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.

## Mass Intentions

August 8 –16, 2020

**August 8—5PM Saturday**

+Billy O'Hare from Linda G. Nadeau

**August 9—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish**

Birthdays Blessing for Homer Aparicio, Jr. from Sissy

+Riley Exum from Debbie Exum

St. Mary Parish

**August 10—9AM Monday**

Special Intentions from Paulette Croteau

**August 11—9AM Tuesday**

Birthdays Blessing for Tommy Aparicio from Sissy

**August 12—9AM and 6PM Wednesday**

+Carol Webb from Dorlene Schoonover

St. Mary Parish

**August 13—9AM Thursday**

+Charles Dionne from Paulette Croteau

**August 14—9AM Friday**

Souls in Purgatory from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

**August 15—9AM and 5PM Saturday**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Mary Parish

**August 16—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//**

1PM Spanish

+Jerry V. Green from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

Reparation for using the Lord's Name in Vain

+For our Students returning to school.

Call the office to have a Mass Scheduled. Donation of \$5.00.

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 30, 2020

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 6/30/2020	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 184,425	96%
LITURGY	22,400	22,398	100%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	10,983	80%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	4,416	58%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	1,525	61%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	300	94%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	65,674	91%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$289,721	93%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. JUNE 2020	\$ 19,970	REV. JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020	\$ 279,114
MONTHLY EXP. JUNE 2020	17,824	EXP. JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020	289,721
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 2,146	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$ 10,607)

SUMMARY:	
CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT	(\$ 10,607)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS	(\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 6/30/2020	\$ 16,326
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(\$ 24,864)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:	
ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (6/30/2020)	\$ 94,388

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

**ON LINE GIVING** - Visit our website at  
[www.stmaryathenstn.org](http://www.stmaryathenstn.org)  
to become a part of our  
"ON LINE GIVING," available to our parish.

My dear parishioners,

Peace! On the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 October, 2019, Pope Francis established the feast of Our Lady of Loreto, to be observed each year on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. At the same time Pope Francis proclaimed a Loretan Jubilee Holy Year to run from 8 December, 2019 through 10 December, 2020. There are fifty-one invocations in the *Litany of Loreto*. The following is a reflection on the thirty-third invocation: **Ark of the Covenant, pray for us.**

What does it mean to say that Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God is the "Ark of the Covenant"? There are nearly two hundred verses which mention "ark" in Sacred Scripture. The Hebrew word *tebah* is translated as "ark" as in Noah's boat (cf. Genesis 6:14). Noah and his family and every beast and creeping thing and fowl were saved from the waters in the ark (cf. Genesis 7:7; 8:19). The Hebrew word *aron* is also translated as "ark" as in the Ark of the Covenant (cf. Exodus 25:10). Moses was directed by God to construct the Ark of the Covenant (cf. Exodus 25:10). Within the Ark of the Covenant were kept the Ten Commandments (cf. Exodus 16:34; Hebrews 9:4). The Mercy Seat of God was placed upon the Ark of the Covenant, everything hidden behind a veil (cf. Exodus 26:33-34). The tribe of Levi was chosen to bear the Ark of the Covenant (cf. Deuteronomy 10:8). The Ark of the Covenant accompanied Israel through the desert, even stopping the waters of the Jordan river under Joshua's leadership (cf. Joshua 3:8). The presence of the Ark of the Covenant roused the people of God (cf. 1 Samuel 4:3-6). There are nearly three hundred verses in Sacred Scripture which mention "covenant." The Hebrew word *beriyth* is often translated as "covenant" but literally means "to cut" as in, may I be cut in half if I do not fulfill my promise. The Greek word *diatheke* often translated as "covenant" means a solemn disposition, compact or contract. There are several covenants found in Sacred Scripture, with Noah (Genesis 6:18; 9:9), Abraham (Genesis 15:18; 17:7-9), Moses and ultimately the new and everlasting covenant in the Blood of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:25).

For the first nine months of His human existence the Lord Jesus Christ, the new and definitive Moses, who came not to abolish the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17; 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36) but to fulfill them and give us the grace we need to keep them (cf. John 1:17), was treasured and safeguarded in Our Lady's Immaculate womb. The ark of Noah and the old Ark of the Covenant were but a foreshadowing of the Mother of God who rouses the fervor and devotion of her Son's followers, adopted brothers and sisters (cf. Matthew 12:50). If our faith is more precious than fire tried gold (cf. 1 Peter 1:7), how much more precious is Christ Himself, Son of God and Mary.

Father John Arthur Orr

### Contacts for :

CCD—Oneta Fioravanti— 865-712-6819—

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

RCIA—Jack Cox - 423-836-2979

Hispanic Ministry—Alicia Mora—423-368-5310

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.

To schedule use of the Narthex call the office.



**First Communion—** Congratulations to the following who have made their First Communion so far this spring/summer.

**From St. Mary Parish—** Sophia Morr 4/26, Lucas Hardin 5/24, Juley Garcia 6/6, Joselyne Hernandez Zavala 6/21, Valeria Angel Perez and Christina Garcia Saldana 6/28, Sheila Rodriguez 7/4, Sophia Gossett 7/19, Angelic Pantoja, 7/25.  
Michael Kreider—Holy Ghost—Knoxville 5/9/2020  
Karla Contreras—St. Joseph the Worker—Madisonville 6/14,  
Johana Mata Rangel and Bianca Andablo—6/28—



**PRAYER CHAIN—** Call/Text Paulette Croteau at 423-333-8674, to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help with the prayer chain. Keep in your prayers— Gloria Mette, Jesus Sanchez and family, Ed Bates, Bob Whitaker, George Krenner, James Winner, Levi and Sally Sanford, Joan DuChemin, Oliver McLemore, Jackie Deitz, Madonna Holko, Abbie Renner and all of our sick and homebound.

Full Circle— medical center for women—Presents Pro-Life Author and CEO of 40 Day for Life—Sawn Carney

At St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 10am, 11:30am, and 1pm

Keynote with Book Signing to Follow

Ticket Price : \$10.00—Space per session is limited.—Sign up by calling 423-744-3005

**NEW TO OUR PARISH—** If you are new to our parish see one of our ushers for a **BLUE**

**PARISH CENSUS FORM—** They are also located on the Narthex Table or the slots in back of the church on the left as you leave. Also let the office know if you would like envelopes.

**TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION (CHANGES) FILL OUT THE YELLOW COPY ONLY, and return to the office. For Sacrament information call the office.**