

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

ATHENS, TN 37303

1291 E. MADISON AVE

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JANUARY 26, 2020

Rectory: 423-745-0904

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez

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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.

Saturday: First Saturday of month 9am; Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday: Mass 8am Latin, 10:00am English and 1pm Spanish

CONFESSIO: Saturday 4:00-4:45pm Sunday 9-9:45am, 12-12:45pm

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES 9AM AND 7PM
if Holy Day is on a Wednesday Mass will be at 6PM

Stewardship/Collection

January 18/19, 2020	
Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash)	\$ 2,349.00
Loose Offering	\$ 680.00
On Line Giving—Offertory	\$ 15.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 129.83
TOTAL	\$ 3,173.83
Building Fund - January total to date—\$ 1102.00	\$ 185.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

JANUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS	
1/18- Good Samaritan—1/2 Full Circle	\$ 172.00
Good Sam. Trust—Ultra Sound Donations -Full Circle	\$ 657.00
1/26—The Church in Latin America	\$ 21.00
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019	\$ 22,192.04
DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH	\$ 220.00

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$72,387.53) For the month of Oct. 2019—\$881.00
 ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—
 November 30, 2019 is posted in Message Center

If you would like to receive collection envelopes please call the office.
Tax statements have been sent out, if you have not received your tax statement please call the office at 745-4277.

Daily Mass Readings

January 27, 2020 – February 2, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures
 (Lectio Divina) 1. Read 2. Reflect (meditate) 3. Respond (pray) 4. Rest (contemplate)

Monday, Jan. 27—2 Sm 5:1-7, 10//Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday, Jan. 28—2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19//Mk 4:1-20
 Wednesday, Jan. 29—2 Sm 7:4-17//Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday, Jan. 30—2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29//Mk 4:21-25
 Friday, Jan. 31—2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a//Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday, Feb. 1—2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17//Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday, Feb. 2—PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 Mal 3:1-4//Heb 1:2-14-18//Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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

01/26/2020—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A #934
 02/02/2020—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A # 937
 02/09/2020—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A# 940

ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High School Seniors and College Students

St. Mary's will begin its sixth year of awarding college scholarships. **Applications and all required submissions will be accepted from January 1st to March 31st of 2020.** Applications (along with the rules) can be picked up at the church office. This scholarship program is open to any incoming college freshman or returning college student from Meigs, McMinn, Monroe and Polk counties. A total of \$40,000 will be awarded in 2020 with a maximum per student of \$20,000. The Committee will review test scores, GPAs, essays, recommendation letters and overall need to arrive at their award decisions. The Committee's decisions will be final. **MISSION STATEMENT** St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens, Tennessee believes a successful college or technical education can lead to better employment prospects and can be life changing in scope. The St. Mary Catholic Church Education Scholarship Program provides funding to qualified individuals for secondary education to achieve these life benefits. The students and families who will benefit from this scholarship will in turn help other needy and vulnerable students and families. All paper work must be completed and returned by March 31, 2020 or post-marked by the 31st. Application also available at our St. Mary web site, www.stmaryathens.org. Funding for this program is provided through a private donation specifically for this program.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 30, 2019

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 11/30/2019	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 80,125	42%
LITURGY	22,400	7,979	36%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	6,013	44%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	1,461	19%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	131	5%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215	67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	39,946	55%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$ 135,870	44%

CURRENT MONTH YEAR TO DATE

MONTHLY REV. NOV. 2019	\$ 20,395	REV. JULY 2019 - NOV. 2019	\$ 109,167
MONTHLY EXP. NOV. 2019	22,058	EXP. JULY 2019 - NOV. 2019	135,870
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$ 1,663)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$26,703)

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT	(\$ 26,703)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS	(\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 11/30/2019	\$ 19,050
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(\$ 38,236)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:

ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (11/30/2019)	\$120,496

(All Figures Rounded)

"Thank you for your stewardship generosity."

ON LINE GIVING - Visit our website at www.stmaryathens.org to become a part of our "ON LINE GIVING," available to our parish

Mass Intentions

January 25, 2020—February 2, 2020

January 25—5PM

+Sr. Adrian Marie Hofstetter O.P. from St. Mary Parish

January 26 - Sunday 8am Latin//10am English//1pm Spanish

Healing for Delores Farrell St. Mary Parish

+ Steve Tayloe St. Mary Parish

St. Mary Parish

January 27 — Monday 9AM

+Flora Keele from St. Mary Parish

January 28 —Tuesday 9AM

+Marion Jenkins from St. Mary Parish

January 29 - Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

+Ray Santagata from St. Mary Parish

St. Mary Parish

January 30—Thursday 9AM

+Philomena McLoughlin from St. Mary Parish

January 31 — Friday 9AM

+Judy Boyd from St. Mary Parish

February 1—9AM and 5PM

+Homer Aparicio from Sissy Aparicio-Rascon

+St. Mary Parish

February 2 - Sunday 8am Latin//10am English//1pm Spanish

Themis Navarro from Zuli Pickering

+Luke Shumate from Paul and Sally Kessler

+Homer and Mina Aparicio from Sissy Aparicio-Rascon

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

Ladies for Charity (Food Pantry). Thank you Parishioners for your continued generosity of donating food for our Food Pantry.

Food needs for January are Canned corn, green beans, and large boxes of cereal and saltine crackers. If you need food assistance, please call Diane Schwartz at 423 745 9062.

Contacts for :

CCD—Oneta Fioravanti— 865-712-6819—classes meet Sunday at 11:15-12:45 in the CCD Building and Youth Room.

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

Meets in the Youth Room on Wednesday following mass.

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.

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**

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—January 26, 2020
 8AM—"Missa Cantata" Latin Mass (Sung Mass)
 Children's Liturgy

11:15 CCD—CCD Building

Monday—January 27, 2020

Tuesday—January 28, 2020

Wednesday—January 29, 2020

6AM—5:45PM Adoration

6:45PM—RCIA

6:45PM—Youth Ministries—Middle School

Thursday—January 30, 2020

7pm—Hispanic Prayer Group—Church

Friday—January 31, 2020

Saturday—February 1, 2020

Team 5 cleans

Sunday—February 2, 2020

Donut Sunday

Children's Liturgy

11:15 CCD—CCD Building

CANDLE DONATIONS—We are asking for a donation of \$3.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

SAVE THE DATE:

February 9—Knight of Columbus—Pancake Breakfast

February 26—Ash Wednesday—MASSES 9AM AND 6PM

ATTENDANCE—

January 18/19, 2020—Total 430

5pm—75 //8am—37 //10am—170 1pm—148

December Average Attendance—481

5pm—80 8am—41 10am—166 1pm—98

ALTAR FLOWERS—

Are from St. Mary Parish this week.



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.

PRAYER CHAIN—Call Carol Webb at 744-7378 to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help



January 26—March for Life—Knoxville will meet at 2pm at Knoxville Convention Center. For more information contact Peggy Burnette at 865-376-1776.

POST ABORTION HEALING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion or abortions, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to assist you with **Rachel's Vineyard** healing and recovery retreat Feb. 28th – Mar. 1st, 2020 at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN. Complete confidentiality is honored at all times. The deadline for registration is Feb. 21st, 2020. If you are unable to attend a weekend retreat, one-on-one counseling is available with counselors who have been trained in this area. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson (865) 776-4510 sandi@ccctn.org.

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER UPDATE -To schedule use/rental of the Parish Family Life Center please contact Kay Prevatt at 423-453-2049. This includes all parish activities as well. You must still contact Sue Granger for use/rental of the Youth Room.

HELP NEEDED - Parish Family Life Center, is in need of people for the following position in the PFLC—clean up and set up, alcohol servers (must be licensed), liaison. These are paid positions. You must meet all qualifications to work in the United States, for the positions. For more information call or stop by the office.

Sacrament:

Baptism – To baptize your child you must –

Contact the office at 423-745-4277, or stop by to complete a Baptism Form. You will need to bring with you the child's state issued Birth Certificate. You as parents are required to take classes for Baptism. We will notify the instructors either Paulette Croteau or Alicia Mora, who will schedule classes with the parents. God-Parents –You only need one God Parent. They/He/She must be a practicing Catholic, if married, married in the Catholic Church. If they are **not** from our parish we will need a letter from their home parish, letting us know that they are active member of their parish, in good standing and have completed classes for Godparents. Once all of the requirement are met we will schedule a date for Baptism.

First Communion-and Reconciliation -

Normally 2nd Grade and older students may be included - Must have attended CCD the prior year and the year of the Sacrament.- If you were **not** Baptized at St. Mary will need a new original from your home parish of Baptism.

Confirmation- is Two Year Program -

For 5th and 6th grades and may include other students that may have missed this sacrament. Must have attended CCD the prior year and the year of the Sacrament. If you were **not** baptized at or received First Communion here at St. Mary we will need a recent original of your Baptism and First Communion record from your home parish.

Marriage – Must make an appointment with Fr. John Arthur Orr. He will need recent originals of your Sacraments you have received if they were not received at St. Mary Parish.

RCIA – For Non-Catholics who would like to become Catholic or Returning Catholics who have not received all of their Sacraments.

For non-Catholic we will need a copy or letter from the Church you were baptized with that information.

For a Catholic returning to the Church, we will need a recent original of the Sacraments you have received, if not received at St. Mary Parish.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020

**IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND
A JOYFUL WITNESS**

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Bishop's Appeal information that you received with your bulletin. Please remember that the Bishop's Appeal is **much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign** where you can make a gift payable in installments.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Bishop's Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Diocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they fund a significant portion of the work of our Diocese.

If you received your pledge form in the mail and have not sent it in, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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 10th of December. At the same time Pope Francis proclaimed a Lauretan 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 fifth invocation: **Mother of divine grace, pray for us.**

The *Litany of Loreto* invokes Our Lady, Saint Mary, as the Mother of Divine Grace. What does it mean to invoke Our Lady this way? There are more than two hundred verses in Sacred Scripture (*Doxy-Rheims*) which mention “grace.” The Greek words *charis/caritoa*, like the Hebrew word *chen* are translated as “grace.” Saint Paul identifies seven certain specific graces: wisdom, knowledge, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, diverse kinds of tongues, interpretation of speech (1 Corinthians 12:8-10). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1992) treats “grace” in at least seventeen articles (§§1996- 2005, 2017-2018, 2021-2027). Citing Sacred Scripture we are taught that grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God give us to respond to His call to become children of God (John 1:12-18; 17:3; Romans 8:14-17; 2 Peter 1:3-4). Saint Augustine (+430) is called the “Doctor of Grace.” In his volume *On Nature and Grace* Saint Augustine mentions “grace” more than one hundred times as he combated the errors of Pelagius. Saint Thomas Aquinas, OP (+1274) in his *Summa Theologiae* treats “grace” in six questions (I-II Q. 109-114). It is by sanctifying grace that we are united to God. “Gratuitous grace” allows us to cooperate in the justification of another through teaching, persuading, example. While many different sorts of grace may be identified, examined, explored, the essence of grace is one. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* (1909) includes articles on “actual grace” and “sanctifying grace” which further identify illuminating grace, prevent grace, cooperating grace, efficacious grace, sufficient grace. Jansenism and Pelagianism are two heresies which distort the power and need we have of God's grace at work within us. The *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* stresses God's power and the role of grace in justification when treating “grace.”

Saint Mary the Virgin is Mother of divine grace because grace and truth come through Jesus Christ (cf. John 1:17). The Lord Jesus comes to us, grace comes to us, through Our Lady. The Archangel Saint Gabriel says of Mary: “Hail, full of Grace, the Lord is with you...” (Luke 1:28). We are able to be full of grace too, thanks to God's goodness and Our Lady's cooperation with God's grace. May we always cooperate with God's grace, renouncing sin and Satan and the glamour of evil while pursuing holiness. The sacraments, especially Baptism, Eucharist and Penance, are for us the ordinary channels of grace. The residual graces of Confirmation, Marriage and Orders dispose us similarly, to live holy lives always pleasing to God.

Father John Arthur Orr



Lent—is coming Ash Wednesday, February 26—Masses at 9AM and 6PM

Beginning on Friday February 28th and continuing on Lenten Friday's— from 5-6:45pm we will again have light mealless meals and or soups. A time for us to gather and to enjoy a meal together. We are asking our Different Ministries or groups to sign up to provide a light meal. Please contact Lou Dionne or Sissy to sign up.

Dates Available: 2/28—Knights of Columbus, 3/6—Kay Prevatt, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, and 4/3—Knight of Columbus sponsored Fish Fry (fund raiser).

We will be having Stations of the Cross Lead by Fr. John and continuing with benediction, exposition and confession. Beginning at 7pm each, Friday during Lent. We need the different ministries/volunteers to step up to assist Fr. with the Stations.