

Mass Intentions
February 12-20, 2022

February 12—Saturday 5PM
+Leonila Torres from Alicia Mora
February 13—Sunday 8AM//10AM//1PM
Michael James Galloway from Judith Galloway
St. Mary Parish
+Jose Ruiz and Rosa Yaguania from Angelica Ruiz
February 14—Monday 9AM
+Will Schoonover from Dorlene Schoonover
February 15— Tuesday 9AM
+Lorena Torres from Alicia Torres
February 16— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM
+Donna Burchi from Quinto Burchi
+Irma Perinan from Hernan Maranon and Irena Conde
February 17 —Thursday 9AM
Nicholas Pacitti from Stephen and Toni Pacitti
February 18—Friday 9AM
Anita Faas from John and Bonnie Ruggiero
February 19—Saturday 5PM
+Pat Schwartz from Dorlene Schoonover
February 20—Sunday 8AM//10AM//1PM
Linda Albertson from Judith Galloway
Victim's of Trafficking and Abuse from Denise Michaud
St. Mary Parish

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

MASS DONATIONS ARE \$5.00 PER MASS

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2021

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2022 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 12/31/2021	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$179,356	\$92,317	51%
LITURGY	22,400	9,399	41%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	5,932	43%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	2,182	28%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	589	23%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	217	68%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	77,683	48,429	62%
TOTALS	\$303,512	\$159,065	52%

CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
MONTHLY REV. DEC. 2021 \$ 32,020	REV. JULY 2021 - DEC - 2021 \$144,016
MONTHLY EXP. DEC. 2021 \$ 24,378	EXP. JULY 2021 - DEC - 2021 159,065
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$ 7,642)	OPER. SURPLUS DEFICIT \$(15,049)

SUMMARY:	
CURRENT FY 2022 SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (15,049)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR	\$(26,456)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF NOV. 2021	\$ 29,765
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	\$(11,740)

Parish Family Life Debt:	
Original Note (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2021	\$58,679

(All Figures Rounded)
"Thank you for your stewardship generosity"

Reminder: Parents, please escort your young children to the restrooms and on church property, at all times.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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

Rectory: 423-745-0904

Website: www.stmaryathenstn.org

Stewardship/Collection
FEBRUARY 5/6 2022

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 5,383.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 918.50
Holy Day—Ash Wednesday//Solemnity of Mary	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 254.34
TOTAL	\$ 6,620.84

Building Fund January —\$ 450.00

FEBRUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

2/28—Good Samaritan 1/2 to Good Faith Clinic \$ 10,085.00
Sp. Collections—Black & Indian Missions//Church in Central//Catholic Relief Services

Deficit Reduction—As of July 2021 \$46,246.53 \$ 668.00
DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES AVAILABE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Fall Festival— Total— \$35,125.00 as of 02/06/2022

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—\$ 3,175.00 \$ 5.00
Fall Festival—Lighting Donations—\$23,750.00 \$ —

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

Daily Mass Readings Beginning –
February 13-19, 2022

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

Sunday, Feb. 13—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 17:5-8//1 Cor 15:12, 16-20//Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday, Feb. 14— Jas 1:1-11//Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, Feb. 15—Jas 1:12-18//Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, Feb. 16—Jas 1:19-27//Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, Feb. 17—Jas 2:1-9//Mk 8:27-33

Friday, Feb. 18—Jas 2:14-24, 26//Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday, Feb. 19 — Jas 3:1-10// Mk 9:2-13

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

Today's readings begin with— "Year C," #945—
Jeremiah 17:5-8

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, February 13, 2022
BISHOP APPEAL FOLLOW UP WEEKEND
11:15AM— CCD

Monday, February 14, 2022
HAPPY VALENTINE DAY

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
7PM—Men's Night of Recollection

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
6:45—High School Youth Group—Youth Room
6:45 PM—RCIA - PFLC

Thursday, February 17, 2022
10AM—2PM—St. Mary Legacy Clinic—PFLC

Friday, February 18, 2022
9AM—Team Sanchez Cleans

Saturday, February 19, 2022
11:15AM— CCD

3PM—Curia Legions
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 5/6, 2022—Total—357
5pm—59//8am—61//10am—117//1pm—120

January —2022 WEEKLY AVG 297
5pm—52//8am—56//10am—118//1pm—71

ALTAR FLOWERS



From St. Mary Parish

As flower prices have increased, if at all possible we would like ask you to increase you 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. Thank you.



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

Stations of the Cross Friday's during lent at 6PM English
7PM Spanish.



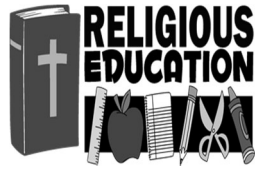
We will again have a light meal at 5pm on Friday's before the stations. If you would like to volunteer with one of the meals call the office, to schedule.

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 corn, egg noodles, canned pork and beans. 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—Gloria Mett, Milford Clark, Thomas Fortsch, Jr., Laura Abbott, Ed Mazzei, Phyllis Youngs, Wanda Redding, 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.



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.



Parish Dance—Saturday, May 14th, 6:05 pm. Sponsored by High School Youth Ministry. For Ages 18 to 108 plus. Share with us if you are interested, for planning purposes. Contact Sue Granger 423-506-7836.

High School Youth Ministry - February meeting dates: Wednesday, February 16th and Wednesday, February 23rd. Join us for 6 pm Mass. We share a meal, fellowship, scripture, special topics, play games and experience some silent peace with God. **Next Middle School Youth Night:** Wednesday, March 16th. Contact Sue 423-506-7836, with questions, ideas or to help.

Introductory Class in Gregorian Chant—"The purpose of sacred music is... the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful" - Vatican II (SSC 112)



What: Introduction to Gregorian chant, focusing on the Ordinary of Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, etc.)

When: Sundays of February 20 & 27 from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. **Where:** PFLC great room, refreshments provided **Who:** Everyone who loves the Mass, esp. those with no experience reading or singing music

If you are curious about what all those dots & squiggles mean in the music books, or feel reluctant to sing at Mass - Good News! It's not as hard as you think.

ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM—High School Seniors and College Students



St. Mary's will begin its eighth year of awarding college scholarships. **Applications and all required submissions will be accepted from January 1st to March 31st of 2022.** Applications (along with the rules) can be picked up at the back of the Narthex or the church office. Application also available at our St. Mary web site, www.stmaryathenstn@att.org.

Funding for this program is provided through a private donation specifically for this program.

COMMUNITY SURVEY—

Catholic school education has a long and faithful history in the Diocese of Knoxville, and in the Chattanooga area in particular. As part of an ongoing effort to ensure strong and vibrant Catholic schools into the future, the Diocese of Knoxville has initiated a visioning and planning process for the Chattanooga Catholic Schools and has engaged the services of Meitler, a national Catholic school planning firm, to assist in that process. Meitler has 50 years of national experience in research and planning of this nature, specifically with Catholic schools.

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 through **Thursday, February 24** at <https://survey.meitler.com/s3/Chattanooga-Catholic-Schools-Community-Parent-Survey>.

We value your perspective, we appreciate your time, and we thank you for your participation in this important endeavor.

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*, 62.3.

Saint John Paul II (+2005) when considering the "seeking what is true and good" reminds us that "conscience is not an infallible judge, it can make mistakes" recognizes that error(s) of conscience may be due to "invincible ignorance," "an ignorance of which the subject is not aware" and which is unable to be overcome. The Holy Father here is reinforcing what he had said earlier in VS, 32.1. We are not "modernists" who deny the transcendent. We are not atheists who deny the existence of Almighty God or His revelation. The humility of the Holy Father, acknowledging the possibility of error, is not insignificant.

There are at least two things to consider while thinking of "invincible ignorance," namely invincibility and ignorance. While each of us may have our areas of expertise there are other areas in which we may be lacking. Not all rocket scientists are neurosurgeons. Similarly, not all bricklayers are architects... The inability to overcome one's ignorance concerning rocket science (physics?), neurosurgery, masonry, architecture, or moral calculus is not necessarily a moral failure even if poor outcomes may result. Who among us would want to go in a rocket with little chance of surviving take off (or landing) due to explosive risk? Who among us would want to cross a bridge with little chance of it standing while we were walking to the other side? When it comes to right and wrong however, who does not know that we should not steal, lie, do bodily harm... If, due to some form of mental incapacity or lack of cognitive ability we fail to recognize the basic requirements of the Natural Law we may suffer from "invincible ignorance."

Lack of awareness concerning moral matters may be due to youth, "the age of reason" thought to be about seven years of age. Depending on the level(s) of depravity in which we live our lack of awareness may suffer from further difficulties. This may be one reason we pray in the *Act of Contrition* that we will avoid whatever leads us to sin with the help of God's grace.

There is a difference between ignorance which is unable to be overcome and that which we are unwilling to overcome. One of the spiritual works of mercy is to actually "instruct the ignorant" (cf. CCC § 2447). The Lord Himself positively commands that we teach all that He has commanded (cf. Matthew 28:19-20), which also includes His moral doctrine (cf. Matthew 5:1-48). May the light of God's grace and revelation strengthen us daily.

God bless you!

Father John Arthur Orr

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM—[https:// diokox.org/safe-environment.org](https://diokox.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