



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE THE GIFT OF LIFE IN THE BLOOD DRIVE.

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.

Out of concern and safety for our guests during the coronavirus pandemic, the Oct. 1 Chattanooga Catholic Charities Dinner has been canceled. Please visit our website at <http://ccetn.org> to see how we are helping our community during this crucial time. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Nevil-Webster at rnevil-webster@ccetn.org.

BUDGET INFORMATION—

Note to Parish:
The St. Mary Finance Council met with Fr. Orr Saturday, July 11th to approve the budget for FY2020-2021. Due to revenue concerns, the budget was set at \$304,444 a \$6000 decrease from the prior year. Listed is the budget by category compared to last year.

BUDGET CATEGORY	2019-2020	2020-2021
	BUDGET	BUDGET
PASTORAL -ADMIN./GENERAL	\$191,991	\$184,561
LITURGY	22,400	22,400
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	13,675
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	7,573
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	2,505
PARISH COUNCIL - GENERAL	320	320
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	71,980	73,410
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$304,444

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have supported the parish this last year in prayer and through your generous offerings. Some people have been giving at Holy Mass in the collection, in a strong box between masses, dropping by the office, mailing and online. Revenues have averaged \$243,884.00 over the past five years (\$259,144.00 actual 2019-2020 a 9.5% increase from 2018-2019). Expenses have averaged \$268,389.00 a year for the past five years (\$271,897.00 actual 2019-2020). The difference has often been met with proceeds from the Fall Festival. With CoVid-19 lockdowns, infections and deaths the practicality and prudence of a Fall Festival for 2020 does not seem possible this year. Over the past five years the festival has averaged \$18,738.00 income for the parish (\$16,326.00 actual 2019-2020). How to make up this difference will be a challenge for the year to come. Lately we have had less than three hundred people at Holy Mass on the weekends or about eighty-six families. If each family gave \$218.00 (\$4.19 a week) above and beyond "regular" giving we could meet expenses. Of course, if and when we get back to one-hundred fifty families (or more!/?) a week that will also change the dynamic for the better. God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity!

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—

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 2, 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr Rectory: 423-745-0904
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez—
Rev. Mr. Al Forsythe—865-806-1343 or deaconsatmatn@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

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

July 25/26, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 2,623.00
Loose Offering	\$ 755.00
Holy Day—Assumption of Mary	\$ 25.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 52.24
TOTAL	\$ 3,455.00

Building Fund - July total to date— \$ 2,581.00 \$ 274.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

SECOND COLLECTIONS

7/21— Good Samaritan—1/2 Hope Center	\$ 808.00	\$ 160.00
7/25—Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$ 244.00	\$ 184.00
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2020	\$ 2,473.00	\$ 795.00

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 3—9, 2020

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

- Monday, August 3— Jer 28:1-17//Mt 14:22-36
- Tuesday, August 4—Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22//Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday, August 5— Jer 31:1-7//Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday, August 6— Dn 7:9-10, 13-14//2 Pt 1:16-19//Mt 17:1-9
- Friday, August 7—Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7//Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday, August 8—Hb 1:12—2:4//Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday, August 9—1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a//Rom 9:1-5//Mt 14:22-33

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

- 08/02/2020—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#979
- 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 2, 2020

Monday—August 3, 2020

Tuesday—August 4, 2020
7PM Ladies night of Reflection

Wednesday—August 5, 2020

Thursday—August 6, , 2020
7PM Knights of Columbus

Friday—August 7, 2020
9:45– First Friday Adoration

Saturday—August 8, 2020
Cleaning this week is Team #3

Sunday—August 9, 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—

July 25/26, 2020—Total - 218
5pm—55 //8am—39 //10am—82 //1pm—42
July Average Attendance - 238
5pm—50 //8am—35 //10am—81//1pm—73

ALTAR FLOWERS—



Are from St. Mary Parish

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.

ADORATION—WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE PARISONERS 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.

Mass Intentions

August 1 –9, 2020

- August 1—9AM and 5PM Saturday**
St. Mary Parish
+Josefa Jaremczuk from Karen Dickhut
- August 2—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish**
+Gary Klein from Judy Klein
St. Mary Parish
For Healing of our Country from St Mary Parish
- August 3—9AM Monday**
+Will Schoonover from Darlene Schoonover
- August 4—9AM Tuesday**
Lenore M Pacitti from Stephen and Toni Pacitti
- August 5—9AM and 6PM Wednesday**
+Deceased Priest and Religious from
Arlyn and Ann Kaningier
St. Mary Parish
- August 6—9AM Thursday**
Birthday Blessing for Nick Aparicio from Sissy
- August 7— 9AM Friday**
+Lucien Dionne Sr. from Paulette Croteau
- August 8—5PM Saturday**
+Billy O’Hare from Linda G. Nadeau
- August 9—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish**
Birthday Blessing for Homer Aparicio, Jr. from Sissy
+Riley Exum from Debbie Exum
St. Mary Parish

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
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 10th of December. At the same time Pope Francis proclaimed a Laueran 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-second invocation: **House of gold, pray for us.**

What does it mean to say that Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God is a “House of gold”? There are hundreds of references to “gold” throughout Sacred Scripture. A “house of gold” may refer to the “building materials” or to “that which is within.” The Blessed Virgin Mary is a house of gold in both ways. A house built of gold would be very precious. Saint Mary is very precious, not only in the eyes of God but in the eyes of believers. In that the precious Lord Jesus spent His first nine months of His human existence within Our Lady’s Immaculate womb, He who was within is likewise precious. In the Olympic Games the winner receives a gold medal symbolic of greatness and victory. Our Lady is great and with her Son victorious over sin and Satan. Our association with the Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother makes us great and victorious similarly. Gold has been used as a form of wealth for thousands of years with gold coins first made around 700BC. The United Kingdom and the United States of America both abandoned the gold standard in favor of fiat currency in 1931 and 1933 respectively.

Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman (+1890) wrote about Our Lady in his *Meditations and Devotions* “She is the house and the palace of the Great King, of God Himself. Our Lord, the Co-equal Son of God, once dwelt in her. He was her Guest; nay, more than a guest, for a guest comes into a house as well as leaves it. But our Lord was actually born in this holy house. He took His flesh and His blood from this house, from the flesh, from the veins of Mary. Rightly then was she made to be of pure gold, because she was to give of that gold to form the body of the Son of God. She was golden in her conception, golden in her birth. She went through the fire of her suffering like gold in the furnace, and when she ascended on high, she was, in the words of our hymn, ‘Above all the Angels in glory untold, Standing next to the King in a vesture of gold.’” Our Lady is greater than Fort Knox. Generously she dispenses the treasures of grace and mercy from the treasury of merits. Our Lady, Saint Mary, is the Queen of Heaven standing at the right hand of the Lord arrayed in gold (cf. Psalm 45:9).

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—



Confirmation— Maria Kreider 6/20—Holy Ghost—Knoxville.



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.