

Mass Intentions

December 28, 2019 - January 5, 2020

December 28—Saturday 5PM

+Todd Bread from Linda G. Nadeau

December 29—Sunday 8am Latin/10am English/1pm Spanish

Daniel Sehringer from Carl and Cindy Beyei

+Albert Thoni from Marie McCartney

+St. Mary Parish

December 30—Monday 9AM

+James Cameron from Linda G. Nadeau

December 31—Tuesday 9AM and 7PM (Holy Day Vigil Mass)

+Joe Endres from Anne Danowski

St. Mary Parish

January 1 - Wednesday 9AM and 6PM HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

+ Bill O'Hara from Linda G Nadeau

St. Mary Parish

January 2—Thursday 9AM

+Joe Endres from Anne Danowski

January 3 — Friday 9AM

For all of our Homebound Parishioners

January 4—Saturday 9AM and 5PM

Christine P. Smythe from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

St. Mary Parish

January 5 - Sunday 8am Latin/10am English/1pm Spanish

Themis Navarro from Zuli Pickering

+Joe Endres from Anne Danowski

The Deacons of our Diocese

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.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

OCTOBER 31, 2019

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 10/31/2019	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$65,282	34%
LITURGY	22,400	6,303	28%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	5,125	37%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	1,161	15%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	171	7%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215	67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	35,555	49%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$113,812	37%

CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
MONTHLY REV. OCT. 2019	REV. JULY 2019 - OCT. 2019
\$20,681	\$ 88,772
MONTHLY EXP. OCT. 2019	EXP. JULY 2019 - OCT. 2019
24,334	113,812
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
(\$ 3,653)	(\$ 25,040)

SUMMARY:	
CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT	(\$ 25,040)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS	(\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 10/31/2019	\$ 20,193
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(\$ 35,430)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:	
ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (10/31/2019)	\$120,496

(All Figures Rounded)

Thank you for your stewardship generosity.

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 PFCLC— 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.

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**

2020 Boxed Envelopes are available in the office, if you would like to receive them. Call the office

Calendars have arrived. We ask each family to take only one calendar per family. Please support the Business that support our calendar—**Maddi Mas—Knights of Columbus Assembly 3680—Knights of Columbus Council 8396—Gold and Gifts—Mexi Wings** and Ziegler Funeral Home.

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

High School Seniors and College Students ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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 postmarked by the 31st. 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS—

THANK YOU TO

In memory of Franco Hernandez, Jr. from Candelaria Hernandez, Anonymous donation, In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Nagel, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, Cal Goddard, Ron Ulin, Alan Nagel from Bruce and Becki Nagal, In memory of Robert Bever and Albert and Ann Nervo from Barbara Bever, Jack and Maria Cox, In memory of Mrs. Jane Mayer,

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Ms. Mary Nagel, In
Mrs. Judith Klein, In
Dester Byers, Jose
and Adola Sheen, Ma-
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and Holly Gates, In
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Fortsch, Linda Nadeau, In memory of Raoul and Mary Desjardins, Joseph and Brodeur, Edwqard and Mary Goebel, Thomas and Margaret Lever, and Thomas Desjardins from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goebel, Larry and Yolanda Beasley, James and Beverly McCutcheon, Bernie and Teresa Riggan, In memory of James and Clarice Dugan, Rev. John T. Scully, SSE and Roland Michaud from Denise and Alan

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In memory of James and Oly Kennis and Ann and Vincent Chinetski from James and Marion Kennis, In memory of DeNardi and Smyczek Family from Joe and Boni Kross, Priscille Stuckey, In memory of Katherine Z. Newman and S.D. Newman, Jr. and Scott and Betty Gabbard from Mary Ollie Newman, Paul and Sally Kessler, In memory of Steve Spaulding form Joyce Spaulding, In memory of the Loved

ones of Jimmy Sani and Nerina Casarotto Sani Family, In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Conte from Sherene Tiano, Delores Ferrell, In memory of Mary Richardson, Jim Richardson, Mary Musella and Connie Colucci from Carol Webb, Anonymous Donor, Luisa and Armando Fernandez.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH—DECEMBER 29, 2019

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 Deacon: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez
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 PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 8am-4:30pm Friday 8:00—11am

Rectory: 423-745-0904

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

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

Saint Mary the Virgin is holy because she is “full of grace” (cf. Luke 1:28). Our Lady’s outward service of the Lord required that she be set apart, consecrated, no less than the priests and Levites (cf. Exodus 29:1; Leviticus 8:12, 30). Our Lady, Saint Mary, was set apart unto the Lord is another way that she is holy (cf. Luke 1:34; Numbers 6:5). Besides ceremonial holiness there is also an ethical and spiritual holiness which Our Lady enjoys. The Holy God who has made us in His image calls us to be holy, rejecting sin, Satan and the glamor of evil. Holy Mary not only sought to reflect the holiness of God but does indeed (cf. Leviticus 19:2). Saint Mary is holy as the temple of the Lord for the first nine months of the Incarnation (cf. Psalm 15:1-). Saint Mary is holy because of her humility (cf. Isaiah 57:4; Luke 1:48). Saint Mary is holy because of the mercy she showed to the young couple at the Marriage in Cana and the intimate knowledge of God which she has (cf. Hosea 6:6; John 2:1-5). If Saint Mary the Virgin were not holy, why would Sacred Scripture say of her that “all generations will call” her blessed (cf. Luke 1:48)? Mary prays for us!

Father John Arthur Orr

Support My Church and Save on My Taxes! What’s better than that?

Want a way to boost your tax savings beyond the newly increased standard deduction? If you are 70 ½ or older, you can use your IRA to make a gift to your parish and save on taxes!

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal tax law now allows you to make a distribution of up to \$100,000 each year from your IRA to a qualifying charity and it is not subject to federal income tax.

By making a “qualified charitable distribution” (QCD) from your IRA, you can give to your parish, tax free and it also counts toward your IRA’s annual required minimum distribution! (RMD)

CUT-OFF FOR YEAR END DONATIONS -In order for a gift to be included in the current year for income tax purposes, the check must be dated in the current year and it must be either 1) in the possession of the parish / parish bookkeeper no later than December 31st or 2) the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31st.

Parish and Knights of Columbus—Winter Community Sharing Coat Drive—now through the end of January. We will be collecting new or gently used cleaned winter coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, and scarfs. These will be given to Athens’ area community needs.

If you have not received your Life Touch photo see me after mass this weekend to pick up your print. Or call me at the office to make plans to pick it up.

Stewardship/Collection

December 21/22, 2019	
Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash)	\$ 3,825.00
Loose Offering	\$ 653.93
Christmas Offering—Parish (1/2 of Collection)	\$168.00
On Line Giving—Offertory	\$ 82.50
Christmas Flowers	\$ 115.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 52.00
	\$ 342.48
TOTAL	\$ 5,070.91
Building Fund - December total to date—\$ 11,869.03	\$ 315.00
Second collections will be collected after Communion	
DECEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS	
12/08—Retired Religious	\$574.00
12/12—Catholic Charities Immigrant Services	\$88.00
12/25—1/2 Christmas Collection to DOK	\$168.00
12/29—Good Samaritan—Coordinated Charities	\$56.00
Good Sam. Trust—Ultra Sound Donations –Full Circle	\$ 6.00
Bake Sale—deficit reduction	\$ 85.00
Deficit Reduction in Memory of Thelma Purviance	\$ 210.00
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019	\$ 25,327.04
DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH	
HOME CAMPAIGN (\$71,506.53) For the month of Sept. 2019—\$202.29	
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October 31, 2019 is posted in Message Center	

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—December 29, 2019
 NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY
 Monday—December 30, 2019
 Tuesday—December 31, 2019
 OFFICE CLOSED
 Wednesday—January 1, 2020
 HAPPY NEW YEAR
 OFFICE CLOSED
 Thursday—January 2, 2020
 7PM—Knight of Columbus –PFLC
 7pm—Hispanic Prayer Group—Church
 Friday—January 3, 2020
 First Friday Adoration
 Saturday—January 4, 2020
 Team 1 cleans
 Sunday—January 5, 2020
 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:

December 31th January 1st Masses—Vigil on Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 9am—This is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ATTENDANCE—

December 21/22, 2019—Total—377
 5pm—85//8am(Latin)44//10am-174//1pm(Spanish) -74
CHRISTMAS -December 24/25, 2019—289
 5pm—92//Midnight—98//8am—30//10am—57// 1pm—12
November Average Attendance—432
 5pm—73 8am—40 10am—183 1pm—133

ALTAR FLOWERS

—Este fin de semana están en la memoria cariñosa Franco Hernández, Jr. por sus padres, Franco y Candelaria Hernandez. También este fin de semana están en la memoria cariñosa Heron Pulido Hernandez por la hija, Verónica Pulido.



Fior del Sagrado Corazón son de Andrés y Alicia Olvera Aguilera

Daily Mass Readings

December 30, 2019—January 5, 2020

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

Monday, Dec. 30—1 Jn 2:12-17//Lk 2:36-40
 Tuesday, Dec. 31—1 Jn 2:18-21//Jn 1:1-18
 Wednesday, Jan. 1—SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD
 Nm 6:22-27// Gal 4:4-7//Lk 2:16-21
 Thursday, Jan. 2—1 Jn 2:22-28//Jn 1:19-28
 Friday, Jan. 3—1 Jn 2:29-3:6//Jn 1:29-34
 Saturday, Jan. 4—1 Jn 3:7-10//Jn 1:35-42
 Sunday, Jan 5—EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 Is 60:1-6//Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6//Mt 2:1-12

READINGS - YEAR A - Order of the Mass begins in section with the gray edges #140
 12/29/2019—Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—#874
 01/01/2020—Solemnity of Mary Mother of God—# 877
 01/05/2020—Epiphany of the Lord—# 878
 01/12/2020—Baptism of the Lord—# 879