



**ST Mary Catholic Church**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**April 7, 2024**



# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY— APRIL 7, 2024

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

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday— Thursday 7:30AM—5:00PM

**CONFESSION—After daily Mass—Saturday 4:00-4:45pm Sunday 7:30-7:45am//9:30-9:45am//12:30-12:45pm**

**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

**MARCH 30/31, 2024**

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 3,710.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 2,393.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 12.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 146.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,262.00</b>

#### MARCH COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 100.00
Columbarium Fund Donations	\$ 7,105.00 As of 10/23	\$
03/10—Catholic Relief Services—\$ 5.00	\$	\$
03/23—Good Samaritan—1/2 to Hope Center \$ 903.00	\$ 80.00	\$
03/29—Good Friday Pontifical for the Holy Land \$699.00	\$ 614.00	\$
03/31—Diocesan Seminarian Education \$ 1,144.57	\$ 1,095.57	\$
03—Rice Bowls \$ 522.72	\$ 307.47	\$
Bereavement Trust Fund	\$ 20.00	\$
Deficit Reduction—As of March 24, 2024 - \$46,895.91	\$ 65.00	\$
HSYM TRUST	\$ 134.01	\$
CCD DONATION	\$ 285.00	\$

To donate online go to [www.stmaryathenstn.org](http://www.stmaryathenstn.org). Click on the DONATE TAB AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE IT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE VANCO SITE. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. Thank you

February 29, 2024 — Finance Report is located in the message board.

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

### Daily Mass Readings Beginning

**April 6-13, 2024**

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

Sunday, April 7—Acts 14:32-35//1 Jn 5:1-6//Jn 20:19-31  
Monday, April 8—Is 7:10-14; 8-10// Heb 10:4-10// Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday, April 9—Acts 4:32-37//Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday, April 10—Acts 5:17-26//Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday, April 11—Acts 5:27-33//Jn 3:31-36  
Friday, April 12—Acts 5:34-32// Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday, April 13—Acts 6:1-7//Jn 16-21

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

**Today's readings begin with— “Year B” # 903**

### This Week in our Parish

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Donut Sunday

11:15—CCD

3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Monday, April 8, 2024**

SOLAR ECLIPSE

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

7PM—Men's night of Recollection

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

6:45PM—RCIA

6:45—Youth Ministry

**Thursday, April 11, 2024**

**7PM—CONFIRMATION**

**Friday, April 12, 2024**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

9am -Sanchez Team Cleans

11AM—CASA EVENT—PFLC

2 -PM Church Private Event

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

11:15 CCD

**AFTER 8AM AND 10AM MASSES—PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**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—

**MARCH 30/31 2024**

5pm—178//8am—121//10am—258//1pm—173—

Total 730

**March—2024 WEEKLY AVG - 535**

5pm—113//8am—96//10am—183//1pm—143

### Altar Flowers—



**Are in Loving Memory of Dick  
McCartney from Marie.**

Please sign up to have flowers in our Church for a loved one, a Blessing or just because. The donation is \$50.00 or more if you would like more. More than one family can sign up at the same time.

**Confirmation  
on Thursday April 11, 2024 at 7PM**



**Timothy Hull Christopher Hull Hector Ramirez Escobar  
Joselyne Hernandez Sheila Rodriguez Obed Ramirez  
Escobar Sheila Rodriguez Emmanuel Alvarez  
Christina Garcia Christina Melasecca Mariann Melasecca  
Elizabeth Casey Juley Garcia Emma Overdorf  
Joseph Gordon Jacob Gordon.**

*The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.  
As Catholics, we are given these gifts on the day we received the Sacrament of Confirmation*



**FULL CIRCLE BANQUET**—April 11th begins at 6:30pm. Contact Peggy Burnett at 423-261-4832 if interested and more information. Limited seating.



**NEXT SUNDAY—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAK-FAST—SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH.** After the 8am and 10am Mass. For a donation to benefit the Tri County Center you will get pancakes, eggs and sausage.

**NEW TO OUR PARISH**—If you are new to our parish see one of our ushers for a **PARISH REGISTRATION FORM (Green)**—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 OFFICE KNOW IT IS A “UPDATE” ON YOUR FAMILY.** Place with the collection or drop it off at the office.

**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 Phyliss Youngs, Roselyn Spicer, Gary Dykes, Deacon Al Fosythe, Giselle Fogelgren, Barb Bever, Carolee Gladish, and all of the known and unknown, all of our sick family and friends, our unborn children and our Homebound. Names 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.



**Ladies for Charity** – If you have a food need contact Barb Bever at 423-745-9788. The needs of our food pantry are greater due to the current economic conditions. Requested food products are cans of chicken soup, cans of green bean and canned chicken. Thank you for your generosity through food and monetary donations which help our parishioners in need.

***Reminder: Parents, please escort your young children to the restrooms and on church property, at all times. I am reminding all parents/guardians/parishioners. Please keep a watch out for your children at all times, never leave them unattended inside or outside alone.***

**YARD SALE NEWS:** The team has been formed stay tuned for Future Plans and information.

If any of you have copies of old Magnificat's and would like to donate them, Our Franciscan Cell would like to have them. Give them to Paulette Croteau or you may turn them into the office for them.

My dear parishioners,

Peace! Among the sixteen documents of the Second Vatican council (1962-1965) is the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et spes*. In an earlier project published as *Dogmatic Questions and Answers for the Year of Faith* (Charlestown, SC: Createspace, 2012) the three constitutions on the Church, on Divine Revelation and on the Sacred Liturgy (*Lumen Gentium*, *Dei Verbum*, and *Sacrosanctum Concilium* respectively) were considered. The following questions and answers have been drawn up in anticipation of the 60th anniversary of *Gaudium et spes* in 2025.

**491. What often results when we indulge in too many of life's comforts (GS, 31.2)?**

Human freedom is crippled and we find ourselves imprisoned in a kind of splendid isolation

**492. How does freedom acquire new strength (GS, 31.2)?**

When we consent to the unavoidable requirements of social life

**493. How is it that we consent to the unavoidable requirements of social life (GS, 31.2)?**

By taking on the manifold demands of human partnership and committing ourselves to the service of the human community

**494. What do the Council Fathers encourage everyone everywhere to do (GS, 31.3)?**

To play the proper role in common endeavors

**495. Regarding participation in public affairs with great freedom, what is held out for praise (GS, 31.3)?**

National procedures which allow the largest possible numbers to participate

**496. Regarding the participation of large numbers of citizens in public affairs, what is to be taken account (GS, 31.3)?**

The actual conditions of each people and decisiveness required by public authority

God bless you!

Father John Arthur Orr



We believe in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and in continuing the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy by providing healthcare to the poor and medically underserved in the rural areas of East Tennessee. Call 865-212-5570, to schedule an appointment. They are here at St Mary Catholic Church every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, from 10AM-2PM.

**The Good Faith Clinic**—is primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages 18 to 65 who do not have any form of medical insurance, including Tenn Care. The clinic will be open on two Thursday's each month. The clinic is at 14 Congress Parkway S, here in Athens. Phone 423-745-8185.

#### **CONTACTS FOR:**

**CCD Director**—**Debbie Forsythe**— 865-297-6350 or at [debforsthe@rocketmail.com](mailto:debforsthe@rocketmail.com) along with Deacon Al Forsythe (Volunteer) /// **Youth Ministries**—**Sue Granger**—423-506-7836/// **RCIA**—**Jack Cox** - 423-836-2979/// **Hispanic Ministry**—**Alicia Mora**—423-368-5310/// **Baptism Preparation**—**Paulette Croteau** at 423-333-8674. Parish Family Life Center (PFLC) - Call the Office to schedule all use/rental of the PFLC by parish groups and the public.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Homeschool Support Group** is an East TN group that supports Catholic homeschooling in the Knoxville Diocese. We are a diocesan registered multi-parish group of volunteers. We ARE NOT a co-op and do not follow a set curriculum. We are here to remind each other why we do what we do, celebrate the liturgical year together and offer opportunities for enrichment and socialization. To receive email updates and invites, please register your family (for free) to the OLOPH Knoxville Homeschool Group. <https://olophknoxville.wixsite.com/olophknoxville>. Additionally, each parish volunteer will communicate separately about other local opportunities for socialization & support. The contact for St. Mary's - Athens is the Overdorf family. Jared, Heather & their daughters can be reached at [heatheroverdorf@protonmail.com](mailto:heatheroverdorf@protonmail.com), or 630.240.0459.

## Mass Intentions

April 6-14, 2024

April 6—Saturday 9AM and 5PM

St. Mary Parish

+Susan Stockton from Tom and Thelma Pickunas

April 7—8AM//10AM//1PM DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Mary Parish

+Victoria Marie Orr from Bob and Elaine Nevil

+Filipe Martinez from Erika Martinez

3PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLETE

April 8—Monday 9AM

+Jane DuChemin from St. Mary Parish

April 9— Tuesday 9AM

+Fr. Joesph Fieorowitz from Hugh and Connie Reed

April 10— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

+Victoria Marie Orr from Michael and Phyllis Horton

+Chris Slattery from Defend Life

April 11—Thursday 9AM and 7PM CONFIRMATION

Thanksgiving the Franco Family

Confirmation Canadettes

April 12—Friday—9AM

+Wayne Byers from Maria Byers

April 13—Saturday 9AM and 5PM

+Elaine Ekiss from Tom and Thelma Pickunas

April 14—8AM//10AM//1PM DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

+Victoria Marie Orr from Bob and Elaine Nevil

St. Mary Parish

+Rosa Navarrete from Erika Martinez

*WEEKDAYS - AFTER MORNING MASS YOU ARE WELCOME TO STAY  
FOR THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND THE ROSARY*

## MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

### ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	
		THRU 2/29/2024	%
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$ 188,974	\$ 123,342	65%
LITURGY	21,249	16,399	77%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	14,588	6,272	43%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,546	904	31%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	251	78%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	91,130	70,182	77%
TOTALS	\$ 326,807	\$ 220,264	67%

#### CURRENT MONTH

MONTHLY REV. FEB. 2024 \$ 23,302  
MONTHLY EXP. FEB. 2024 26,028  
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (2,726)

#### YEAR TO DATE

REV. JULY 2023-FEB. 2024 \$ 216,121  
EXP. JULY 2023-FEB. 2024 220,264  
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (4,143)

#### SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2024 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ ( 4,143)

CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR (19,418)

FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS OF FEB. 2024 -0-

(ALL FIGURES ARE ROUNDED)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP GENEROSITY

## THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

*Using Rosary beads begin with:*

**Our Father.... Hail Mary... The Apostle Creed**

*On the large bead before each decade say:*

**Eternal Father,**

**I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

*On the ten small beads of each decade:*

**For the sake of his Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

*After the last decade, recite the following prayer three times:*

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

## APRIL SECOND COLLECTIONS—

**April 20/21—Good Samaritan—**50% of this collection goes to support the needs of Coordinated Charities and the other 50% stays here to help those that ask us for help.

**APRIL 27/28—National Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal.** Please be generous in supporting the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection helps to strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States in its 87 mission territories. As the Diocese of Knoxville is one of the smallest dioceses in the nation, it is a direct beneficiary of Catholic Home Missions assistance. Your generosity in support of this appeal is greatly appreciated for the additional blessings it brings to our diocese. Thank you.

**MEMORIAL DAY IS QUICKLY APPROACHING—MAY 27.** We would like to recognize all of our Loved ones that we have lost during the wars that they have served in and those who have since passed away on Memorial Day Weekend. I will have a sign up starting next week in the Narthex as well as a box to drop the information in. If you have a photo e-mail me a copy with their information so we can post or bring a copy in and I will make a copy and return it to you.

**The Race for Kids 5K & Family Walk is Catholic Charities of East Tennessee's (CCETN) annual, premier event.** Your participation supports CCETN's children's and family programs across East Tennessee to include the Children's Emergency Shelter, Columbus Home Assisting Parents, Pregnancy and Adoption Services, Counseling Services, and the Office of Immigrant Services. Run or walk with us to help deliver critical services to promote safety, stability and opportunities for children and families to thrive!

This year, we are excited to host the race in two locations: Chattanooga and Knoxville.

Chattanooga Signup: <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Chattanooga/RaceforKids5KFamilyWalkChattanooga>

Knoxville Signup: <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Knoxville/RaceforKids>