

Look for upcoming images of MIRACLES LIST, “*The Eucharistic Miracles of the World.*” created by Carlo Acutis. They will be here May 10th—thru the 20th, for our viewing. Compliments of Deacon Vick.

We are in serious need of young adults, teenagers and families to help with the needs of our parish with lawn care, cleaning, ect. If you have the time to volunteer with our parish, on a regular bases it would be greatly appreciated. You may do this on your time when the Church or PFLC are open, if you can’t join a team. Most of our volunteers are well over 60 years of age.

A Spring Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, May 11, after the 5 pm Mass. Tickets are \$25.00 per couple and \$15.00 per single. Food and Fun can be expected for all adults. A RSVP is requested by signing up on the RSVP sheets in the Narthex so the Knights can prepare for the event. We look forward to seeing 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. They will be recognized Memorial Day Weekend. We have a sign up sheet in the Narthex. We will also have a box to drop the photographs in. Please give us your name and phone number so we can return the photos. Or if you have a photo e-mail the office a copy with their information so it can be posted or bring a copy in and we will make a copy and return it to you.



Columbarium Update:

The Columbarium Committee has been working on the preliminary design for an octagonal columbarium in the area of the Statue of the Unborn on the west side of the church. The design includes four columbaria, with Phase 1 to include a single columbarium. With the layout determined, the next step will be finalizing the construction estimate. With the layout and estimate complete, the committee will be able to present the design to parish in the near future and looks forward to getting some parish feedback on the project to determine the path forward. Please let Barb Bever, Lou Dionne, Ed Fiegle or Paul Kessler know if you have any questions.

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, 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 Creamy Peanut Butter, Cherrios, and Jelly. 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. The office is 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. Store your items at home for now. And again there will be no clothes accepted.

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.

Mass Intentions

May 4-12, 2024

May 4—Saturday—9AM and 5PM

St. Mary Parish
+Pat Schwartz from Diane Schwartz

May 5, 2024—Sunday 8AM//10AM//1PM

St. Mary Parish
+Glen and Adile Fricke from Ann Julian
+Lenning Huerta and Brother Lin and Ithzog from Erika Martinez

May 6—Monday 9AM

+Armando Fernandez from Luisa Fernandez

May 7— Tuesday 9AM

+Colum Allington from Paulette Croteau

May 8— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

+Francisco and Eugenia Castro from Hugh and Connie Reed

+Chris Harrison from Ann Julian

May 9—Thursday 9AM

+Mary Agnes Hefferly from Defend Life

May 10—Friday—9AM

+William and Irene Buckley from Bill and Gail Buckley

May 11—Saturday—5PM

+Wayne Byers from St. Mary Parish

May 12, 2024—Sunday 8AM//10AM//1PM

+Wayne Byers from Maria Byers
St. Mary Parish Living and Deceased
+Lenning Huerta and Brother Lin and Ithzog from Erika Martinez

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

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

MARCH 31, 2024

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES		%
		THRU 3/31/2024	EXPENDED	
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$ 188,974	\$ 138,580		73%
LITURGY	21,249	18,083		85%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	14,588	7,367		50%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,546	3,235		43%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH	2,900	912		31%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	251		78%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	91,130	74,820		82%
TOTALS	\$326,807	\$ 243,248		74%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. MAR. 2024	\$ 37,619	REV. JULY 2023-MAR. 2024	\$ 253,740
MONTHLY EXP. MAR. 2024	22,984	EXP. JULY 2023-MAR. 2024	243,248
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 14,635	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 10,492

SUMMARY:
CURRENT FY 2024 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ 10,492
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR (19,418)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS OF FEB. 2024 -0-
(ALL FIGURES ARE ROUNDED)

Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jusus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil Enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
And bid me come to you,
That with your Saint I may praise you
For age upon age..... Amen

MAY SECOND COLLECTIONS—

MAY 25/26—Good Samaritan—50% of this collection goes to support the needs of Full Circle and the other 50% stays here to help those that we are able to help.

Appreciation/Going Away Dinner for Fr. John. Is planned for May 19th between the 10AM and 1PM Masses. We want every one to help give Fr. John a Happy send off. We will be providing the meats, some of his favorite's Hamburgers, meatloaf, and chicken tenders. And a cake for the meal and will provided. We need everyone to bring a side dish to share. I will have a sign up sheet in the Narthex this week, so we will have a idea of what your bringing and a count. If you can help or take the lead on set up and organizing the event please call the office. More information to come. We will also have a table set up with cards and a box so that you can write your well wishes and gifts for Father John.

SAVE THE DATE—FOR VBS - Monday, July 22nd—Thursday, July 25th. With a light meal at 5:30 PM. And VBS from 6pm—8:15pm. “COME TO THE TABLE” sign up begins now. We are also building our team. Would you like to help in any way? Big or Small help. Contact us!!! We can't do it without you. Helping includes praying. Contact Sue at 423-506-7836 or Debbie at 865-297-6350.

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 Genitum*, *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.

- 518. To whom were the Apostles to preach the Gospel message (GS, 32.3)?
To all peoples
- 519. What would make the fullness of the Law to be love (GS, 32.3)?
The preaching of the Gospel message that the human race was to become the Family of God
- 520. Whom do the Council Fathers identify as the firstborn of many brethren (GS, 32.4)?
Jesus Christ
- 521. How is it that Jesus Christ founded a new brotherly community (GS, 32.4)?
By the giving of His Spirit
- 522. When did Jesus Christ give His Spirit in order to found the new brotherly community (GS, 32.4)?
After His death and resurrection
- 523. Who composes or makes up the members of the new brotherly community founded by Jesus Christ (GS, 32.4)?
All those who receive Him in faith and love
- 524. What is the Church identified with in GS, 32.4?
The Body of Jesus Christ

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 3rd 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 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, or 630.240.0459.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER— MAY 5, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr **Rectory:** 423-745-0904
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Al Forsythe—865-806-1343
Parish Office: 423 745-4277 **Fax:** 423-745-9706 **Email:** stmaryathenstn@att.net **Website:** www.stmaryathenstn.org
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 APRIL 27/28, 2024

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 2,829.50
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 1,689.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 593.13
TOTAL	\$ 5,111.63

APRIL COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,535.00	\$ 210.00
Columbarium Fund Donations	\$ 7,105.00 As of 04/26	\$
04/21—Good Samaritan—1/2 to Coordinated Charities	\$ 948.33	\$ 145.00
04/28— Catholic Home Missions		\$ 255.00
04/— Ladies for Charity	\$100.00	\$
Deficit Reduction—As of April 28, 2024 -	\$48,207.90	\$ 822.00

To donate online go to 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 May 5-11, 2024

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

- Sunday, May 5—Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48//1 Jn 4:7-10//Jn 15:9-17
- Monday, May 6—Acts 16:11-15//Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday, May 7—Acts 16:22-34//Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday, May 8—Acts 17:15, 22—18:1//Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday, May 9—ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1:1-11//Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or Acts 4:1-7, 11-13//Mk 16:15-20
- Friday, May 10—Acts 18:9-18// Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday, May 11—Acts 18:23-28//Jn 16:23b-28

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

Today's readings begin with— “Year B” # 944

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Donut Sunday
Last CCD Class
Sr. Sunday

Monday, May 6, 2024

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

6:30PM—K of C Cor Group—Library
7PM Ladies Night of Recollection— Church

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

10AM—Franciscan Cell Meet—Library
6:45PM—RCIA— Library

6:45—Youth Ministry— Youth Room

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Friday, May 10, 2024

9AM-12PM First Friday Adoration
Team Sanchez Cleans

Saturday, May 11, 2024

6PM—Knights of Columbus Dinner and Dance—PFLC

Sunday, May 12, 2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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—

April 27/28 2024

5pm—68//8am—95//10am—165//1pm—150—Total 478

April—2024 WEEKLY AVG - 486

5pm—76//8am—96//10am—164//1pm—150

Altar Flowers—



Are in Loving Memory of
Francisco and Eugenia Castro from
Hugh and Connie Reed. Also in
Loving Memory of Pat Schwartz from
Diane Schwartz

Sacred Heart Flowers are for the Soul in
Purgatory from Virginia Sanchez

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.