



ST Mary Catholic Church
Third Sunday Of Easter

April 14, 2024



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER— APRIL 14, 2024

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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

APRIL 6/7, 2024

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 5,725.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 1,385.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 2.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 611.17
TOTAL	\$ 7,723.17

MARCH COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund	\$ 90.00
Columbarium Fund Donations	\$ 805.00
In Memory of Ellen Underdown and Mary Guthrie	
04/21—Good Samaritan—1/2 to Coordinated Charities \$	\$ 60.00
03—Rice Bowls \$ 522.72	\$ 64.50
CCHD	\$ 30.00
Deficit Reduction—As of March 24, 2024 -	\$ 1,220.00

To donate online go to www.stmaryathens.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 14-20, 2024

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

Sunday, April 14—Acts 3:13-15, 17-19//1 Jn 2:1-5a//Lk 24:35-48

Monday, April 15—Acts 6:8-15// Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 16—Acts 7:51—8:1a//Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 17—Acts 8:26-40//Jn 6:44-51

Thursday, April 18—Acts 8:26-40//Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 19—Acts 9:1-20// Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 20—Acts 9:31-42//Jn 6:60-69

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

Today's readings begin with— “Year B” # 905

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, April 14, 2024

11:15 AM—CCD

AFTER 8AM AND 10AM MASSES—PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Monday, April 15, 2024

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:30PM—K of C Cor Group

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:45PM—RCIA

6:45—Youth Ministry

Thursday, April 18, 2024

10AM-2PM St. Mary Legacy Group

Friday, April 19, 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024

9am - Team 3 Cleans

10am—Noon First Communion Retreat

Sunday, April 21, 2024

11:15 AM—CCD

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 6/7 2024

5pm—81//8am—96//10am—182//1pm—152—Total 511

March—2024 WEEKLY AVG - 535

5pm—113//8am—96//10am—183//1pm—143

Altar Flowers—



Are in Celebration of Lou and Helen Dionne— Wedding Anniversary.

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.

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

**CORRECTION OF THE NAMES OF THE CONFIRMANDIES
RECEIVING CONFIRMATION ON April 11, 2024.**



Valeria Angel Perez, Christina Garcia Saldana, Juley Garcia, Jacob Gordon, Joseph Gordon, Jocelyn Hernandez Zavala, Christopher Hull, Timothy Hull, Christian Melasecca, Marianna Melasecca, Emma Overdorf, Hector Ramirez Escobar, Luis Ramirez Escobar, Sheila Rodriguez, Aylin Yanileth Soto Vaca, Great Guadalupe Soto Vaca, Neythan Vargas



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST—TODAY— 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.

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.

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!

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. 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.

From Julia Marlow—Thanks to all who were able to help in any way with Ellen's funeral reception. It was a largeish turnout but there was plenty of food. Extras went home with family and workers and to Grace House and a parishioner in need. The family asked me to pass on their thanks.

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.

497. What will incline citizens to feel inclined to take part in the activities of the various groups which make up the social body (GS, 31.3)?

The offer of advantages which will attract members and dispose them to serve others

498. In whose hands does the future of humanity lie (GS, 31.3)?

Those who are strong enough to provide coming generations with reasons for living and hoping

499. For what did God not create man (GS, 32)?

Life in isolation

500. For what did God create man (GS, 32)?

The formation of social unity

501. What pleased God in making us and saving us (GS, 32)?

To do so not merely as individuals, but by making a single people who acknowledge Him in truth

502. Since when has God chosen people not just as individuals but as members of a certain community (GS, 32)?

From the beginning of salvation history

503. What two things has God done for His chosen people (Exodus 3:7; GS, 32)?

Revealed His mind to them and made a covenant with them on Sinai

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.

Mass Intentions

April 13-21, 2024

April 13—Saturday 5PM

+Elaine Ekiss from Tom and Thelma Pickunas

April 14—Sunday 8AM//10AM//1PM

+Victoria Marie Orr from Bob and Elaine Nevil

St. Mary Parish

+Rosa Navarrete from Erika Martinez

April 15—Monday 9AM

+MaryLou Paulli from Mike Dykla

April 16— Tuesday 9AM

Blessing for Annette DuChemin from Beverly Benoit

April 17— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

Blessing for Annette Du Chemin from Beverly Benoit

+Christina Zito from Defend Life

April 18—Thursday 9AM

+Stanley Cochran from Defend Life

April 19—Friday—9AM

+Jose and Tila Enciso from Maria Byers

April 20—Saturday 9AM and 5PM

+Victoria Orr from Tom and Thelma Pickunas

April 21—Sunday 8AM//10AM//1PM

+Marcos and Adolila Sheen from Maria Byers

+Lanny Boyd from Ann Julian

St. Mary Parish

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

Mass Donation is \$5.00 per Mass. Due at the time of the request.

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

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty and Eternal God, I come to the sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ. I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord heal my soul. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords with Reverence, humility, and faith, in such a way that I become part of his mystical Body and so Someday be with him in Heaven, face to face.

Amen

St. Thomas Aquinas

"When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar" St. John Chrysostom

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. 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.