

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

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ATHENS, TN 37303

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— JULY 28, 2024

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

CONFESSION—After daily Mass—Saturday 4:00-4:45pm Sunday 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 10:00am English and 1pm Spanish

Stewardship/Collection

July 20/21, 2024

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 1,694.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 1,295.50
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 212.66
TOTAL	\$ 3,201.66

JULY COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund	\$ 585.00	\$ 45.00
Columbarium Fund Donations	\$ 300.00 from 7/24	\$
07/23—Good Samaritan—1/2 to HOPE CENTER	\$ 105.00	\$ 50.00
VBS Donations	\$ 550.00	\$ 50.00
Ladies for Charity (School needs and donation)	\$ 370.00	\$ 150.00
Peter's Pence	\$50.00	\$
Deficit Reduction—As of July 7 2024—\$ 6,095.00		\$ 157.00

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

June, 2024—Finance Report is located in the message board.
If you would like to receive envelopes call the office.

Daily Mass Readings Beginning July 28-August 3, 2024

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

Sunday, July 28—2 Kgs 4:42-44//Eph 4:1-6// Jn 6:1-15
Monday, July 29—Jer 13:1-11//Jn 11:19-27//Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday, July 30—Jer 14:17-22//Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 31—Jer 15:10, 16-21//Mt 13:44-46
Thursday, August 1—Jer 18:1-16//Mt 13:47-53
Friday, August 2—Jer 26:1-9//Mt 13:54-58
Saturday, August 3—Jer 26:11-16, 24//Mt 14:1-12

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

Today's readings begin with — “Year B” # 974

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, July 28, 2024

ATTEND MASS

Monday, July 29, 2024

10AM—Legion of Mary in the Church

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

6:30 PM K of C Cor—PFLC Library

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Adoration 6AM—5:45PM

6:45PM—RCIA— Library

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Friday, August 2, 2024

First Friday Adoration

Team One Cleans

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Sunday, August 4, 2024

ATTEND MASS

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 20/21, 2024

5pm—90//10am—183//1pm 136—Total 409

June —2024 WEEKLY AVG - 349

5pm—86//10am—148//1pm—115

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are loving
memory of Colin Reed from
his Mother, Emily Paul.

Correction—55th Wedding anniversary of Tom and Thelma Pikciunas is on July 26, 1969.

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.

I will be out of the office (vacation) from August 24 (Noon) through August 1st. Office hours will be 8am to 4pm during that time. If you need to be in touch with me call the office, and they will reach out to me. Thank You, Sissy



NEW TO OUR PARISH—Legion of Mary—is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church. The Legion’s main purpose is to make its members better Catholics and to raise the spiritual level of the entire community through Mary, Mother of Souls and Mediatrix of All Grace. The Legion is open to all men and women. Interested? Contact Maria Cox at 423-337-1817.

The *One Heart Colombia Mission* Team would like to *thank everyone* for all of their support.

The Mission was ... June 17 – 27, 2024 in Marsella – Colombia, South America. The Team was able to successfully disperse 250 Food Bags to the poorest of the poor. They went to Mass Daily with the locals and prayed with the Families, whom they visited in their Homes. The Team also did a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for 150 of the poorest children. The Theme was – God’s Love is Healing, Forgiving and Everlasting. The Mission Team was able to once again bring “Hope” to this small Village, high in the Andes Mountains, by being the Hands, Feet, Face and Heart of Jesus. The Team was able to serve the Lord, through the poor. *Matthew 25: 35 – 45* (The 7 Missionaries represented 4 different Parishes within our Diocese of Knoxville. St. Francis of Assisi- Townsend, TN; St. Therese of Lisieux - Cleveland, TN; St. Mary’s – Athens, TN and St. Mary’s in Johnson City – TN).

The Library in the PFLC has been cleaned up and organized and is ready for you to make use of the books, and other items made available for you. Open during regular office hours.



Below are selected excerpts from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops website

In April 1997, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments granted an indult for the United States to allow the diocesan bishop to permit the presence of the cremated remains of a body at a Funeral Mass.

The practice of cremation has grown and become more commonplace in the United States, and it is often presented as a more affordable alternative to traditional burial. What is often overlooked is the Church’s teaching regarding the respect and honor due to the human body.

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. (no. 417)

[Cremation and the Order of Christian Funerals | USCCB - https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/bereavement-and-funerals/cremation-and-funerals](https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/bereavement-and-funerals/cremation-and-funerals)

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 crackers, canned fruit and Rice A Roni. Thank you for your generosity through food and monetary donations which help our parishioners in need.



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 Alicia Mora, Connie A, Bryce William Allan Wescott who just left to go serve in US Army, Grace Gordon 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.



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



“Date Night @ The Chancery” popping up on Friday evening, August 2, 2024!

There is limited space, so registration is needed and limited! See flyer in the Narthex.

Mass Intentions
July 27-August 4, 2024

July 27—Saturday—5PM
+John DeNardi Family from Boni and Joe Kross

July 28—Sunday 10AM//1PM
10AM—St. Mary Parish and Fredrico Bedolla from Maria Tinajero and Yadira Gonzalez
1PM—+Lenning Huerta and brothers Liu and Ithzuy Huerta from Erika Martinez

July 29—Monday—9AM
+Colin Reed from Emily Paul

July 30—Tuesday—9AM
Conversions of Families from Mary Shurina

July 31—Wednesday 9AM & 6PM Adoration 6AM—5:45PM
+Emilio Leonila Torres from Alicia Mora
+Martha Medina from Alicia Mora

August 1—Thursday—9AM
Conversions of Families from Mary Shurina

August 2—Friday - 9AM - FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
Jose and Tila Enciso from Maria Byers

August 3—Saturday—9AM and 5PM—First Saturday Mass
St. Mary Parish
+Mej Barbish from Boni and Joe Kross

August 4—Sunday 10AM//1PM
10AM—+Victoria Orr from Ron and Loraine Steffes and St. Mary Parish
1PM—+Lenning Huerta and brothers Liu and Ithzuy Huerta from Erika Martinez

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT
JUNE 30, 2024
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUDGET CATEGORY	EXPENDITURES		%
	BUDGET THRU 6/30/2024	EXPENDED	
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL.	\$ 188,974	\$ 181,947	91%
LITURGY	21,249	21,349	100%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	14,588	10,481	72%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,546	4,614	61%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH.	2,900	1,571	54%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	257	80%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT	91,130	88,066	97%
TOTALS	\$ 326,807	\$308,285	94%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. JUNE 2024	\$ 19,067	REV. JULY 2023-JUNE 2024	\$ 321,153
MONTHLY EXP. JUNE 2024	19,381	EXP. JULY 2023-JUNE 2024	\$ 308,285
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$	(314)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$	12,868

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2024 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ 12,868
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR (19,418)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF MAY 2024 -0-

(ALL FIGURES ARE ROUNDED)
“THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP GENEROSITY”



**It's Ladies Bunco Time—
Join the Parish Council of
Catholic Women in the
PFLC on
Tuesday—August 6th at 6pm.
Bring an appetizer or
dessert to share.
\$5.00 to play - Win Prizes!!**

JULY SECOND COLLECTIONS—

July 28—Good Samaritan—Hope Center -The *H.O.P.E. Center* Inc. is a domestic violence service in *Athens, TN* providing help for people dealing with domestic abuse. We donate 1/2 of our Good Samaritan collection this month to support the needs of the HOPE Center.

August—Second Collections—

AUGUST 11TH —Diocesan Collection for Catholic School Tuition Support. A second collection will be taken on August 11 for Diocesan Catholic School Tuition support. The Catholic schools in our diocese provide spiritual and intellectual growth for over 3,100 students in our two high schools and eight elementary schools. During these pandemic years, our Catholic schools outshined all other public and private schools, meeting all the associated challenges while ensuring the quality of our children’s education remained the same. With numerous awards, unbeatable graduation rates and a passion to develop the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow – our Catholic schools not only equip children for the journey of life but, more importantly, help to guide them along their journey to Heaven. In order to help ensure that a Catholic education is within every family’s reach, we need your help. Over the past five years, the need for supplemental tuition support has more than doubled. And over this past year, a record of more than \$5.5 million dollars in tuition support was given to assist Catholic families. But with your help, additional children will experience the spiritual and academic advantages of a Catholic school education. Please be generous.

AUGUST 15TH—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION— MASSES AT 9AM AND 7PM.

August 24—Good Samaritan—Coordinated Charities, 1/2 of this collection helps to support the need of this organization with the needs of our community, such as rent, utilities, food needs, clothing, ect.



JOIN US..... FOR A BAKE SALE IN THE PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER, DURING OUR ST. MARY PARISH YARD SALE ON AUGUST 23RD AND 24TH. WE NEED BAKERS TO MAKE AND PREPARE THE CAKES/COOKIES/BREADS/PIES AND MISCELLANEOUS OTHER BAKED ITEMS.

This Fundraiser is to Support our Parish. For more information on the Bake Sale,
Text Paulette Croteau @ 423-333-8674



YARD SALE—AUGUST 23RD AND 24TH—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Collection days for the yard sale: (NO CLOTHES)

Saturday, July 27th before Masses @ 4pm and after Mass.

Sunday, July 28th Before and After Masses.

Wednesday, August 7th—3:00 pm—6:00pm.

Wednesday, August 14th 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

For more information contact Kay—Mobile 423-506-7706 or Home 423-453-2049 or Orville at 707-501-7625

Reminder: all parents/guardian/parishioner, please escort your young children to the restrooms and on church property, always. Please keep a watch out for your children, never leave them unattended inside or outside alone.

Safe Reminder – To Everyone that Volunteers in a parish group. To

comply with the USCCB Charter and Norms, the Diocese of Knoxville’s Safe Environment Program requires all clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, volunteers, members of groups and organizations, over the age of 18, who work, volunteer, or participate in any capacity to complete the Diocesan Safe Environment training and have a criminal background check before they may begin employment, volunteer, or participate with ministries, groups and organizations.

In addition, the mandatory renewal training must be completed every 5 years and a new background check submitted before the 5-year expiration of prior training. The Diocese of Knoxville Safe Environment compliance training and renewal training is a condition of employment and for volunteer ministry in the Diocese of Knoxville.

Please follow the steps below to register and complete the required training and background check:

- 1 Visit <https://dioknox.org/safe-environment/>
- 2 Click on the link that best describes your relationship to the parish.
- 3 If you have not had a background check since July 2018, please also complete the background check after completing the required training.
4. Once your training is complete, please download the completion certificate and forward a copy to the parish office.



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.

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.