

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— JULY 14, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Manning

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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 6/7, 2024

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 3,755.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 1,058.06
Holy Day	\$ 5.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 291.91
TOTAL	\$ 5,109.97

JULY COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund	\$ 495.00
In Memory of Gladish Fortsch	\$ 50.00
Columbarium Fund Donations — from 7/24	\$ 300.00
07/23—Good Samaritan—1/2 to HOPE CENTER	\$ 5.00
VBS Donations	\$ 500.00
Ladies for Charity	\$
St. Mary Legacy Clinic	\$ 20.00
The Church in Africa	\$ 10.00
Deficit Reduction—As of July 7 2024—\$	\$ 5,415.00

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

May 31, 2024—Finance Report is located in the message board.

If you would like to receive envelopes call the office.

Daily Mass Readings Beginning

July 14-20, 2024

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

Sunday, July 14—Am 7:12-15//Eph 1:13-14 or 1:3-10//
Mk 6:7-13

Monday, July 15—Is 1:10-17//Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 16—Is 7:1-9//Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 17—Is 10:5-7, 13b-16//Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 18—Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19//Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 19—Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8//Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 20—Mi 2:1-5//Mt 12:14-21

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

Today's readings begin with — “Year B” # 971

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, July 14, 2024

ATTEND MASS

Monday, July 15, 2024

10AM—Legion of Mary in the church

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

6:30 PM K of C Cor—PFLC Library

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

6:45PM—RCIA— Library

6:45 VBS Meeting on Adult VBS

6:30PM—Knights of Columbus Installation—Church

Thursday, July 18 2024

10am—2PM St. Mary Legacy Group— PFLC

VBS Prep

Friday, July 19, 2024

VBS Prep

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Team 2 Sanchez Family Cleans

VBS Prep

Sunday, July 21, 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 6/7, 2024

5pm—100//10am—148//1pm 109—Total 357

June —2024 WEEKLY AVG - 349

5pm—86//10am—148//1pm—115

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are in Loving
memory of Wayne Byers from
Maria Byers.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL— REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

“Come to the Table”

July 22nd—July 25th

6-8:15pm—Dinner from 5:30-5:55pm

Family members welcome with sign up

Contact Sue at 423-506-7836 or Debbie at 865-297-6350.

Pre K- incoming 6th graders

Incoming 7th graders and up can be HELPERS

Adults are welcome to help, also! Contact Sue for training at 423-506-7836.

ADULT SESSIONS available during VBS, Starting at 6:30pm. Sign ups are encouraged!

VBS DEADLINES

Without t-shirt—Monday, July 15th, 5pm



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.

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.



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.

Mass Intentions

July 13-21, 2024

July 13—Saturday—5PM

+Wayne Byers from Maria Byers

July 14—Sunday 10AM//1PM

10AM –Blessing for Griselda Garcia from Beverly Benoit and for St. Mary Parish

1PM—+Emilio and Leonila Torres from Alicia Mora

July 15—Monday—9AM

Conversion of Families from Mary Shurina

July 16—Tuesday—9AM

+Pam and Kendall Epley from Ann Julian

July 17—Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

+Chris Harrison from Ann Julian

+Betty Lauth from Ann Julian

July 18—Thursday—9AM

+John and Cathy Parks from Chris Pacitti

July 19—Friday - 9AM

Conversion of Families from Mary Shurina

July 20—Saturday—5PM

St. Mary Parish

July 21—Sunday 10AM//1PM

10AM –Jose and Tila Enciso from Maria Byers

Maria Luisa Fernandez from Alvaro Mora Zavala and Yadira Gonzalez

1PM—+Emilio and Leonila Torres from Alicia Mora

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.

All 2024 Mass have been filled.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT MAY 31, 2024 ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUDGET CATEGORY	EXPENDITURES		%
	BUDGET THRU 5/31/2024	EXPENDED	
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL.	\$ 188,974	\$ 167,966	89%
LITURGY	21,249	23,483	111%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	14,588	9,101	62%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,546	3,878	51%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH.	2,900	1,357	47%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	257	80%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT	91,130	82,862	91%
TOTALS	\$ 326,807	\$ 288,904	88%

CURRENT MONTH

MONTHLY REV. MAY 2024	\$ 24,958	REV. JULY 2023-MAY 2024	\$302,086
MONTHLY EXP. MAY 2024	24,430	EXP. JULY 2023-MAY 2024	288,904
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$	528	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$	13,182

YEAR TO DATE

SUMMARY:

CURRENT FY 2024 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ 13,182

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”

**NEVER FORGET,
NOTHING IS MORE
POWERFUL THAN
PRAYER, NOTHING
IS STRONGER
THAN FAITH,
AND NOTHING IS
GREATER THAN GOD.**

AMEN

Welcome to our new parishioners: Richard & Rachael LeGrand, Peter, Paul; Lisa McCloud; Darlene Topor; Kevin Sistrunk & Angel Wallace, Owen, Zoey, Kevin, Jr.; Amanda Wescott, Ethan, Carter, Deklyn.



Happy 55th Wedding Anniversary (July 13, 1968), to Jimmy & Nerina Sani.

JULY SECOND COLLECTIONS-

July 21—Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa—National Collection for the Church in Africa. A second collection will be taken up on July 21 in support of the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. This National Collection supports a wide range of essential and unique pastoral projects that build the capacity of the rapidly growing Church in Africa, so rich with faith, hope, and immense need. The Solidarity Fund supports essential pastoral projects throughout this vast continent that includes outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Mindful of the priests and religious from Africa who assist us so unselfishly here in the Diocese of Knoxville, please show your appreciation with your generous support of this appeal for the Church in Africa.

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.

HEADS UP—THERE WILL NOT BE MASS HERE ON FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024.—
Bishop Elect Mark Beckman Ordination and Installation.



Fr. Christopher Manning—

July is typically the month when priest assignments begin. Here at St. Mary, however, I was fortunate to start getting to know everyone earlier, by beginning in June. As they say, though, the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray and I was not able to spend the whole month with you. As you are aware, I was able to go on vacation with my family to celebrate my mother's retirement. It was a wonderful trip as we visited not just one, but six countries! Thank you for your kindness, patience, and the warm welcome extended the priest who covered the three weekends I was gone and thank you all for your prayers for me during my time away and for the warm welcome back.

During our visit to Rome, I had the opportunity to visit the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of Rome's four major basilicas. There, I lit a candle and prayed for the parish of St. Mary here in Athens. I also attended Pope Francis's weekly Angelus address. From the rooftop of my hotel, I watched the Angelus and had small medals of Pope Francis and the Vatican blessed. I will have these blessed medals available at this weekend's Masses for anyone who would like one. I encourage you to take one as a reminder to pray for our Church, Pope Francis, the Diocese of Knoxville, our soon-to-be bishop Mark Beckman, our parish here at St. Mary Athens, and finally, I humbly ask that you pray for me, just as I will continue to pray for you and all the people of St. Mary. May Mary watch over all of us and lead us into a deeper relationship with her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.



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.

NEW TO OUR PARISH—CURIA LIGIONS (Legions of Mary)—Join Maria Cox on Monday's at 10am (following mass), in the Church to learn more and become a part of this group. Call Maria at 423-337-1817, for more information.

From the Columbarium committee.....

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 in 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 Shredded Wheat Cereal, Grape and Strawberry jelly and instant mash potatoes. 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**

