

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT— MARCH 3, 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

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.

63. What eight sorts of discrimination are highlighted by the Council Fathers as being contrary to God's intent (GS, 29.2)?

- Social discrimination
- Cultural discrimination
- Discrimination based on sex
- Discrimination based on race
- Discrimination based on color
- Discrimination based on social condition
- Discrimination based on language
- Discrimination based on religion

464. What truth did the Council Fathers regret to acknowledge concerning the fundamental rights of the human person? (GS, 29.2)?

That they are not being universally honored

465. What four examples do the Council Fathers give of fundamental rights not being honored (GS, 29.2)?

- A woman denied the right to choose a husband freely
- A woman denied the right to embrace a state of life
- A woman denied the right to acquire an education
- A woman denied the right to cultural benefits equal to those recognized for men

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 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.

Stewardship/Collection February 24/25, 2024

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 3,314.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 1,473.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers \$90.00	\$ 50.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 288.41
TOTAL	\$ 5,135.41

FEBRUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund	\$ 640.00	\$ 80.00
Columbarium Fund Donations	\$ 7,000.00 As of 10/23	\$ 150.00
2/14—Black and Indian Missions	\$ 358.00	\$ 25.00
02/18—Church in Central and Eastern Europe	\$ 375.00	\$
01/28—Good Samaritan—1/2 to Good Faith Clinic	\$ 180.00	\$ 10.00
Ladies for Charity	\$ 100.00	\$
Computer Donation's—	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 600.00
Deficit Reduction—As of February 25, 2024 -	\$44,451.91	\$ 600.00

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
December 31,2023 — Finance Report is located in the message board.

Daily Mass Readings Beginning – March 3-9, 2024

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

Sunday, March 3—Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17//
1 Cor 1:22-25//Jn 2:13-25

Monday, March 4— 2 Kngs 5:1-15ab//Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5—Dn 3:25, 34-43//Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6—Dt 4:1, 5-9//Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7—Jer 7:23-28//Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8—Hos 14:2-10//Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9—Hos 6:1-6//Lk 18:9-14

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

Today's readings begin with— “Year B” # 890

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 3, 2024

11:15— CCD

Monday, March 4, 2024

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

6:30PM COR—Knights of Columbus—PFLC

7PM Ladies Recollection

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:45PM—RCIA

6:45—Youth Ministry

Thursday, March 7, 2024

7PM—Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 8, 2024

6PM—Stations of the Cross

Team One Cleans

Saturday, March 9, 2024

9AM— Team 2 Cleans

Sunday March 10, 2024

11:15— 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—

February 17-18, 2024

5pm—87//8am—96//10am—150//1pm—143—Total 476

February —2024 WEEKLY AVG - 464

5pm—78//8am—89//10am—155//1pm—142

Altar Flowers



**No flowers during lent.
Exception is Laetare Sunday,
March 10, 2024.**

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.

Mass Intentions

March 2-10, 2024

March 2—Saturday 9AM and 5PM

+Archie and Mary Pena from Yolanda Beasley
St. Mary Parish

March 3—8AM//10AM//1PM

Conversion of Families from Mary Shurina
Victoria Marie Orr from Hugh and Connie Reed
+Por Todas Las Almas from Juan Medina

March 4—Monday 9AM

+Jose and Tila Enciso from Maria Byers

March 5— Tuesday 9AM

+Javier Enciso from Maria Byers

March 6— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM

+Fr. Paul Hostettler from St. Mary Parish
+Angel Navarrete from Rosa Navarrete

March 7—Thursday 9AM

+Victoria Marie Orr from Knights of Columbus

March 8—Friday 9AM

+Victoria Marie Orr from Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

March 9—Saturday 5PM

+Elaine Ekiss from Priscelle Stuckey

March 10—8AM//10AM//1PM

St. Mary Parish
Victoria Marie Orr from Bob and Ann Julian
+Roberto Medina from Juan Medina

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 FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THRU 12/31//2023	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-AMIN/GENERAL	\$ 188,974	\$ 92,633	49%
LITURGY	21,249	11,890	56%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	14,588	4,881	33%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,546	2,271	30%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH	2,900	656	23%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	251	78%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	91,130	60,037	66%
TOTALS	\$ 326,807	\$172,619	53%

CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
MONTHLY REV. DEC 2023 \$ 39,770	REV. JULY 2023-DEC 2023 \$ 172,029
MONTHLY EXP. DEC 2023 \$ 23,819	EXP. JULY 2023-DEC 2023 \$ 172,619
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ 15,951	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (590)

SUMMARY:
CURRENT FY 2024 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (590)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR \$ (19,418)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF DEC. 2023 \$ -0-

(All Figures Rounded)

"Thank you for your stewardship generosity"

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

PRAAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE

(Patron of those who suffer from cancer)

O God, in Saint Peregrine You gave us an outstanding example of Faith and patience. We humbly ask You that, by imitating him and by the help of his prayers, we may believe more fully in Your healing help, bear the suffering of this life without wavering, and come with joy to the peace of heaven. We ask this through Jesus

Christ, our Lord.

Amen

MARCH —SECOND COLLECTIONS—

Easter Flowers—All month

Rice Bowls—through March 24/25

March 9/10—Catholic Relief Services—With your generosity, CRS is helping to break the cycle of poverty in more than 90 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. CRS also provides emergency relief in the wake of natural disasters. Your donation also assists the work of the U.S. Bishops' Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, and the relief work of the Holy Father.

March 23/24—Good Samaritan—1/2 of the collection will support the needs of the Hope Center.

March 29—Good Friday Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land—This collection, in the words of Paul VI is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." You generosity also assists those such as the Franciscans who have been in the Holy Land since 1209 caring for the poor, protecting the Holy shrines, and keeping the light of Christianity alive.

March 30/31—Easter Sunday to support our Diocesan Seminarian Education—Though we are one of the smallest dioceses in the U.S., we are blessed with a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood. Presently, we have 11 seminarians enrolled in studies—3 who will be ordained to the priesthood shortly. And God willing, we will hope to have 11 seminarians for the 2024-25 academic year. But with this wonderful blessing comes a financial challenge. The cost of educating just one seminarian is over \$50,000. Your investment in the future of the priesthood is greatly needed to help guarantee the growth of the Catholic faith in East Tennessee. Please be generous in supporting our Diocesan Seminarians in their formation as they endeavor through the grace of God to become your future priests.

RICE BOWLS—Are in the Narthex to put your Lenten sacrifices in. cross the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from NARTHEX TODAY. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice.

The Mary Guthrie family would like to thank all of their St. Mary Church friends for the love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. We are also thankful for the delicious food provided for us after the funeral. We realize that it was not easy to feed a family as big as ours. Your efforts were a huge comfort to all of us. We truly appreciate the generosity of everyone.

In preparation for Easter the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Parish Work Day on Saturday, March 16th. The activities will focus on landscaping around the parish, so everyone is encouraged to bring garden tools, pruning tools, hedge clippers, wheel barrows, etc. Activities will begin at 8:30 and last until shortly after lunch. All parishioners of any age are invited to participate. Please contact Paul Kessler if you have any questions. (pmksjkl@comcast.net or 423-368-3300).

We have a team working on our website. If you have a talent photography, writing, gathering information, ect e-mail the office at stmaryathentn@att.net and give us your information to pass along.

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 ME 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 Quinto Burchi, Carolee Gladish, Danny Stoughton, and all of the known and unknown, all of our sick family and friends, our unborn children and our Homebound. Please call the office if you would like to put someone on the prayer chain and/or in the bulletin. They 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 Cream of Chicken and Cream of Mushroom soups, spaghetti sauce and egg noodles. 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

UPCOMING PARISH HAPPENINGS—

Friday's during Lent—Stations of the Cross at 6PM.

March 10—JMJ7 Concert March 10th at 7PM FREE in the PFLC donation accepted. Join in the Sounds of Music

March 11—Time Change.—Enjoy the longer evenings

March 16— Knight of Columbus Sponsored outside cleaning. FOR ALL OF US AS A PARISH TO HELP

March 18—Lenten Penance Service 7-9PM- Get Clean for Easter

March—22—Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—4:30 –6PM Good time to enjoy the company/fellowship.

March—22-23—Youth Lenten Retreat in the PFLC

Are you interested in having a Parish Wide Yard Sale. To benefit our Parish? We would like to know of your interest and willingness to get involved. We are looking for a team of about 4 people to build this at this time. If interested talk to Lou Dionne or Sissy (in the office). We are NOT talking of donations at this time.

If you have the time and would like to help clean the Church at your convenience we could surely use your time and talents. Call the office. We appreciate all the help we can get in taking care of our Church and Parish Family Life Center.

High School Seniors and College Students— ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM—

All paper work must be completed and returned by March 31, 2024 or postmarked by the 31st. Funding for this program is provided through a private donation specifically for this program.

Traditional Marriage Crusade—The Holy Rosary at McGill Plaza– Kingston Pike and Campbell Station (Knoxville), Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Noon. For more information contact John or Penny Manczko 847-997-5739 or 847-997-7369. See flyer in Narthex.