

Ladies for Charity—Covid 19 is causing an additional need of food for parishioners being helped by this ministry. We are requesting canned corn, canned green beans and canned chicken. If you are in need of food, please call Diane Schwartz 423-745-9062.



To those of you who are staying after each Mass to clean. I appreciate you.

BUDGET INFORMATON

Note to Parish:
The St. Mary Finance Council met with Fr. Orr Saturday, July 11th to approve the budget for FY2020-2021.
Due to revenue concerns, the budget was set at \$304,444 a \$6000 decrease from the prior year. Listed is the budget by category compared to last year.

BUDGET CATEGORY	2019-2020	2020-2021
	BUDGET	BUDGET
PASTORAL -ADMIN./GENERAL	\$191,991	\$184,561
LITURGY	22,400	22,400
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	13,675
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	7,573
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	2,505
PARISH COUNCIL - GENERAL	320	320
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	71,980	73,410
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$304,444

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have supported the parish this last year in prayer and through your generous offerings. Some people have been giving at Holy Mass in the collection, in a strong box between masses, dropping by the office, mailing and online. Revenues have averaged \$243,884.00 over the past five years (\$259,144.00 actual 2019-2020 a 9.5% increase from 2018-2019). Expenses have averaged \$268,389.00 a year for the past five years (\$271,897.00 actual 2019-2020). The difference has often been met with proceeds from the Fall Festival. With CoVid-19 lockdowns, infections and deaths the practicality and prudence of a Fall Festival for 2020 does not seem possible this year. Over the past five years the festival has averaged \$18,738.00 income for the parish (\$16,326.00 actual 2019-2020). How to make up this difference will be a challenge for the year to come. Lately we have had less than three hundred people at Holy Mass on the weekends or about eighty-six families. If each family gave \$218.00 (\$4.19 a week) above and beyond "regular" giving we could meet expenses. Of course, if and when we get back to one-hundred fifty families (or more!/?) a week that will also change the dynamic for the better. God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity!

June 2020
Thank you for your support!
Parish Goal: \$21,900.00
Total Committed: \$23,287.00
Collections to Date: \$16,971.00
Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$4,929.00



WELCOME Deacon Al Forsythe & Debbie who will now be serving our parish.
Deacon Al can be reached at 865-297-6350 or deaconalsmatn@gmail.com



Bruce and Becki Nagel- 7/1/1995
Juan Angel Hernandez and Claudia Ramirez Ornelas- 7/3/2008
Jimmy and Nerina Sani-7/13/1968
Jay and Patricia Ekiss- 7/25/1980
Jack and Maria Cox-7/29/1978

REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING MASS

AT 50% CAPACITY WITH A FACE MASK AND 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCING AND IN THE PEWS. ALSO USE HAND SANITIZER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION AND USE THE DISTANCING WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION. SEE EXAMPLE IN NARTHEX.

REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELED OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY OR HAD A FEVER TO PLEASE STAY HOME.

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BRING THEIR OWN HAND SANITIZER AND OR BAGGIE OF WIPES DURING THIS TIME (PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR USED WIPES IN THE PEWS, PUT THEM IN THE TRASH WHEN YOU LEAVE). WE WILL HAVE HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE FOR ALL.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 19, 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez—
Rev. Mr. Al Forsythe—865-297-6350 or deaconalsmatn@gmail.com
Parish Office: 423 745-4277 **Fax:** 423-745-9706 **Email:** stmaryathenstn@att.net
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday– Thursday 8am-4:30pm Friday 8:00—11am
Rectory: 423-745-0904
Website: www.stmaryathenstn.org

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

July 11/12, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 3,313.00
Loose Offering	\$ 926.00
Holy Day—Assumption of Mary	\$ 20.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 79.50
TOTAL	\$ 4,338.50

Building Fund - July total to date— \$ 1,190.00 \$ 695.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

SECOND COLLECTIONS

7/21— Good Samaritan—1/2 Hope Center	\$ 165.00	\$ 135.00
7/25—Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$ 55.00	\$ 45.00
Misc. USSB Collections- Catholic Comm./Peters Pence	\$ 40.00	
Catholic School	\$ 20.00	

Deficit Reduction—As of July 2020 \$ 1,268.00 \$ 653.00

DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$73,520.38)

For the month of—May 2020— \$185.42

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—
May 31, 2020 is posted in Message Center

Daily Mass Readings
July 20-26, 2020

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

Monday, July 20— Mi 6:1-4, 6-8//Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday, July 21—Mi 7:14-15, 18-20// Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday, July 22— Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17//Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday, July 23— Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13//Mt 13:10-17
Friday, July 24—Jer 3:14-17//Mt 13:18-23
Saturday, July 25—2 Cor 4:7-15//Mt 20:20-28
Sunday, July 26—1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12//Rom 8:28-30//Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

READINGS - YEAR A – Order of the Mass begins in section with the gray edges #140

07/19/2020—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—# 973
07/26/2020—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#976
08/02/2020—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—#979
08/09/2020—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- #982

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—July 19, 2020

3pm Church —Curia of Legions

Monday—July 20, 2020

Tuesday—July 21 2020

Wednesday—July 22, 2020

Thursday—July 23, 2020

Friday—July 24, 2020

Saturday—July 25, 2020

Cleaning this week is Team #1

Sunday—July 26, 2020

For Sacrament information call the office.

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 11/12, 2020—Total 237
5pm—47 //8am— 36 //10am—70 1pm—84
June Average Attendance - 269
5pm—54 //8am—42 //10am—64//1pm—109

ALTAR FLOWERS—



Are from St. Mary Parish

Flowers are \$50.00 for the Altar flowers and \$25.00 for Sacred Heart flowers and must be paid for in advance. You can pay for and request larger arrangement if you wish.

Mass Intentions

July 18-26, 2020

- July 18—5PM Saturday
St. Mary Parish
- July 19—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
Nicole Lemire from Andrea Juneau
+Robert Whitaker, Jr. from Paulette Croteau
+Armando Fernandez from St. Mary Parish
- July 20—9AM Monday
+Msgr. George Ratzinger from St. Mary Parish
- July 21—9AM Tuesday
+Jean Schepis from Pat and Diane Schwartz
- July 22—9AM and 6PM Wednesday
+Gary Klein from Judy Klein
St. Mary Parish
- July 23—9AM Thursday
+Vanessa Guillen from Sissy
- July 24— 9AM Friday
+Carol Webb from St. Mary Parish
- July 25—5PM Saturday
+Gloria Carrick from Joyce Spaulding
- July 26—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
St. Mary Parish
+Gloria Carrick from Bob and Carolee Gladish
For the Safety of our Police Officers from
St Mary Parish

Call the office to have a Mass Scheduled. Donation of \$5.00.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
MAY 31, 2020

BUDGET CATEGORY	EXPENDITURES		
	FY 2020 BUDGET	THROUGH 5/31/2020	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 170,015	89%
LITURGY	22,400	22,166	99%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	11,842	87%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	3,605	48%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	1,525	61%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215	67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	62,529	87%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$271,897	88%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. MAY 2020	\$ 22,926	REV. JULY 2019 - MAY 2020	\$ 259,144
MONTHLY EXP. MAY 2020	22,178	EXP. JULY 2019 - MAY 2020	271,897
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 748	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$ 12,753)

SUMMARY:
CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT (\$ 12,753)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS (\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 5/31/2020 \$ 16,326
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT (\$ 27,010)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:
ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012) \$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (5/31/2020) \$ 98,751
(All Figures Rounded)
"Thank you for your stewardship generosity."

ON LINE GIVING - Visit our website at
www.stmaryathenstn.org

My dear parishioners,

Peace! On the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 October, 2019, Pope Francis established the feast of Our Lady of Loreto, to be observed each year on the 10th of December. At the same time Pope Francis proclaimed a Lauretan Jubilee Holy Year to run from 8 December, 2019 through 10 December, 2020. There are fifty-one invocations in the *Litany of Loreto*. The following is a reflection on the thirtieth invocation: **Tower of David, pray for us.**

What does it mean to say that Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God is a "Tower of David"? The "Tower of David" is mentioned explicitly in Sacred Scripture (Song of Songs 4:4). The Hebrew *Migdal David* is also known as the Citadel of Jerusalem near the Jaffa Gate entrance to the Old City of Jerusalem. The current tower is may be the sixth edition in 2,500 years. That King David built in Jerusalem is clear from 2 Samuel 5:11. The chamber over the gates to Jerusalem may well be a part of David's tower (cf. 2 Samuel 18:33). The Tower of David is probably distinct from the "tower of the ovens" mentioned in Nehemiah 3:11; 12:38 and the tower of Lebanon in 2 Samuel 8:6, let alone the infamous Tower of Babel we read about in Genesis 11:4-9. In his *City of God*, book XVI, chapter 4-5, 10, Saint Augustine (+430) addresses the Tower of Babel as an expression of the "impious pride" of wicked people who attempted to exalt themselves without God. Fortified walls and towers are recorded in 2 Chronicles 26:9-10; 27:4. The Lord Jesus also mentions towers in the Gospel (cf. Matthew 21:33; Mark 12:1; Luke 13:4; 14:28).

Merriam-Webster reminds us that towers as architectural structures are higher relative to the surroundings, either attached or standing apart from other structures and have been used as fortresses or citadels, offering protection and strength. In the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Saint Mary to Heaven she is "higher" relative to us. In the Communion of Saints she is very much attached to the entire Church, on Earth, in Heaven and Purgatory. Our Lady is a stronghold and defender of all the saints.

There have been many famous towers throughout history. The Tower of London (27 meters) where Saints Thomas More (+6 July, 1535) and John Cardinal Fisher (+22 June, 1535) suffered martyrdom and the Crown Jewels of England are kept, and the round Glendalough Tower (30.5 meters) in Ireland come to mind, as do the belfry of the Cathedral of Pisa (56 meters) and the Eiffel Tower (300 meters), a remnant of the 1889 World's Fair in Paris.

Saint Mary, Tower of David is at once the daughter of Zion and daughter of Jerusalem King David's city (cf. Lamentations 2:10; Psalm 137:8; 2 Kings 19:21). She is a jewel in her Son's crown and the Queen of Martyrs. With a voice sweeter than any bell she draws us to the Lord God.

Father John Arthur Orr

Contacts for :

- CCD—Oneta Fioravanti— 865-712-6819—
- Youth Ministries—Sue Granger— 423-506-7836.
- RCIA—Jack Cox - 423-836-2979
- Hispanic Ministry—Alicia Mora—423-368-5310
- Parish Family Life Center (PFLC) - Kay Prevatt 423-453-2049.
- Contact her to schedule all use/rental of the PFLC by parish groups and the public.
- To schedule use of the Narthex call the office.



First Communion— Congratulations to the following who have made their First Communion so far this spring/summer.
From St. Mary Parish— Sophia Morr 4/26, Lucas Hardin 5/24, Juley Garcia 6/6, Joselyne Hernandez Zavala 6/21, Valeria Angel Perez and Christina Garcia Saldana 6/28, Sheila Rodriguez 7/4.
Michael Kreider—Holy Ghost—Knoxville 5/9/2020
Karla Contreras—St. Joseph the Worker—Madisonville 6/14,
Johana Mata Rangel and Bianca Andablo—6/28—



Confirmation— Maria Kreider 6/20—Holy Ghost—Knoxville.



PRAYER CHAIN— Call/Text Paulette Croteau at 423-333-8674, to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help with the prayer chain. Keep in your prayers— Jesus Sanchez and family, Ed Bates, Bob Whitaker, George Krenner, James Winner, Levi and Sally Sanford, Joan DuChemin, Pat Schwartz, Oliver McLemore, Jackie Deitz and Madonna Holko, and all of our sick and homebound.

SAVE THE DATE - BLOOD DRIVE
HERE AT ST. MARY
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020
IN THE PFLC FROM 9AM- 3PM

TO SIGN UP GO TO—https://tndonor.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/70418



NEW TO OUR PARISH— If you are new to our parish see one of our ushers for a **BLUE PARISH CENSUS FORM**—They are also located on the Narthex Table or the slots in back of the church on the left as you leave. Also let the office know if you would like envelopes.
TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION (CHANGES) FILL OUT THE YELLOW COPY ONLY, and return to the office.
For Sacrament information call the office.