

BASKET FUNDRAISER
September – October -- November

Hello Parishioners,

With this fundraiser we hope to raise some Fall Festival funds and have a little fun too.

At the beginning of each month we will feature 2-3 themed baskets. Each Basket will have a minimum value of \$20. Baskets will be uniquely wrapped and beautifully grouped together. They would make a lovely gift or for your own enjoyment.

With a \$20 donation your name will be added to a list and given a number. At the end of each month all numbers will be placed into a drawing for that month's baskets. Baskets will be drawn in numerical order. The most valuable basket will be drawn last. Winners will be announced.

Parishioners will be informed each month via email "bulletin", bulletin and narthex table display. Photos and contents of each basket will be available. Each month will bring new baskets.

Donations can be made by: mail to the office [please label well] or labeled envelopes will be available in the narthex and can be placed in collection basket. **NO ONLINE DONATIONS**

If twenty \$20 donations are made each month we could raise \$400 a month.

Handmade Quilt (queen size)
September- November - Drawing December 1st

A beautiful handmade Quilt has been donated for a separate Fall Festival fundraiser. Again, with a \$20 donation your name is added to a list and given a number.

[It is important to note that this is a separate drawing from the Baskets]

We will accept donations September-November. On December 1st we will draw for a winner of this beautiful one of a kind hand crafted quilt. Winner will be announced. Parishioners again will be informed via email bulletin, bulletin and narthex table display. Photos will be available. Donations can be made by: mail to the office [please label well] or labeled envelopes will be available in the narthex and can be placed in collection basket. **NO ONLINE DONATIONS**

Quilt will be wrapped in a clear bag with bow until the drawing. If fifty \$20 donations are made we would raise \$1,000.

All donations go toward Fall Festival Fundraiser. Contact: Holly Gates 315-256-4065 [call or text]

The Church will also accept donations to the Fall Festival Fund (what you might have spent if we were able to have it). If every family that is able could donate about \$218.00, this will replace to needed lost revenue from cancelling the fall festival.

Ladies for Charity—Covid 19 is causing an additional need of food for parishioners being helped by this ministry. We are requesting peanut butter, strawberry jelly, spaghetti and pasta sauce. If you are in need of food, please call Diane Schwartz 423-745-9062.

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— Gloria Mette, Bob Whitaker, George Krenner, James Winner, Joan DuChemin, Jackie Deitz, Madonna Holko, Abbie Renner and all of our sick and homebound.



Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or in becoming a member. Contact Jack Cox at 423-836-2979 or jcoxjr53@gmailcom. Classes begin September 9 at 6:45pm in the PFLC, Conference Room. Face Covering required.

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE PARISIONERS TO FILL TIME SLOTS FOR ADORATION ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. ADORATION IS FROM 6AM TO 5:45 PM. IT'S A GREAT TIME TO SPEND A HOUR ALONE WITH OUR LORD. CALL THE OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER.



GOOD FAITH CLINIC—Meets every second and fourth Tuesday at Christ Community Church located at 18 Congress Parkway. Beginning at 3:30 for prescription refills and at 4pm for those needing to see the Dr. This is available for those who don't have insurance in McMinn and Meigs County.

REMINDER PARENTS - WHEN YOUR CHILDREN NEED TO GO TO THE RESTROOM DURING MASS YOU ARE TO ESCORT THEM. PLEASE COMPLY PER DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE PROTECTION OF OUR CHILDREN.

Contacts for :

CCD—Oneta Fioravanti— 865-712-6819—

RCIA—Jack Cox - 423-836-2979

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.

Youth Ministries—Sue Granger— 423-506-7836.

Hispanic Ministry—Alicia Mora—423-368-5310

Counseling Services:

Many across East Tennessee are struggling with stress, uncertainty, social isolation, sadness, and worry, as well as spiritual questions. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee currently has openings for adults in need of counseling services. Our licensed counselors are in Knoxville and Chattanooga and can serve remotely through a confidential videoconferencing platform. Anyone in East TN can now access our counseling services. If you, or someone you know, is in need of counseling services, you can contact our counselors through email at counseling@ccetn.org or by calling either one of our counseling offices: Knoxville (865)314-8870 or Chattanooga at (423)322-0057.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 23, 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

Rectory: 423-745-0904

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez—

Rev. Mr. Al Forsythe—865-806-1343 or deaconalsmatn@gmail.com

Parish Office: 423 745-4277 **Fax:** 423-745-9706 **Email:** stmaryathenstn@att.net

Website: www.stmaryathenstn.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday– Thursday 8am–4:30pm Friday 8:00–11am

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

August 15/16, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 3,411.00
Loose Offering	\$ 378.00
Holy Day—Assumption of Mary	\$ 301.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 165.88
TOTAL	\$ 4,255.88

Building Fund - August total to date— \$ 1,253.00 \$ 715.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

SECOND COLLECTIONS

8/15—Catholic Schools	\$ 140.00	\$ 120.00
8/30— Good Samaritan—1/2 Coordinated Charity	\$ 76.00	\$ 28.00
Other donations—cans		\$ 26.00
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2020	\$ 4,297.00	\$ 585.00

Fall Festival—donations in lieu of festival—\$218.00

- We would like to raise at least \$18,738. which is a 5 year average of our Fall Festival.

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

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$73,943.30)

For the month of—June 2020— \$422.92

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—

June 30, 2020 is posted in Message Center

If you would like to receive collection envelopes please call the office.

Daily Mass Readings

August 24-30, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

(Lectio Divina) 1. Read 2. Reflect (meditate) 3. Respond (pray) 4. Rest (contemplate)

Monday, August 24— Rv 21:9b-14//Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25— 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17//Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26— 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18//Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27— 1 Cor 1:1-9//Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 28— 1 Cor 1:17-25//Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29— 1 Cor 1:26-31//Mk 6:17-29

Sunday, August 30 — Jer 20:7-9//Rom 12:1-2//Mt 16:21-27

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

08/23/2020—*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—#988*

08/30/2020—*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—#991*

09/06/2020—*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—#994*

09/13/2020—*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- # 997*

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—August 23, 2020

Monday—August 24, 2020

Tuesday—August 25, 2020

3:30pm—Good Faith Clinic –18 Congress Pkwy

Wednesday—August 26, 2020

6AM –5:45PM ADORATION

Thursday—August 27, 2020

Full Circle Event –PFLC

10am, 11:30am and 1pm

7pm—Hispanic Night of Recollection

Friday—August 28, 2020

Saturday—August 29, 2020

Cleaning this week is Team #6

Sunday—August 30, 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—

August 15/16, 2020—Total - 221

5pm—37 //8am—41 //10am—103 //1pm—40

Assumption of Mary—20

July Average Attendance - 238

5pm—50 //8am—35 //10am—81//1pm—73

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

August 22 –30, 2020

August 22—9AM and 5PM Saturday
 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 + Dick McCartney from Marie McCartney

August 23—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
 St. Mary Parish
 +Josefa Jaremczuk from Karen Dickhut
 +Armando Fernandez from Luisa Fernandez

August 24—9AM Monday
 +Eugene and Genevieve Barrett from Jim & Pat Barrett

August 25—9AM Tuesday
 Healing for Jackie Dertz from Quinto Burche

August 26—9AM and 6PM Wednesday ADORATION 6AM-5:45PM
 St. Mary Parish
 +Carol Webb from Marie McCartney

August 27—9AM Thursday
 +Norma Legaspi Roxas from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

August 28— 9AM Friday
 Blessing for Filip Roxas from Stephen and Toni Pacitti

August 29— 5PM Saturday
 + Lisa Cudworth from Linda Nadeau

August 30—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
 Bishop Richad Sticka from Andre Juneau
 St. Mary Parish
 World Peace—

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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 30, 2020

BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 6/30/2020	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 184,425	96%
LITURGY	22,400	22,398	100%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	10,983	80%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	4,416	58%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	1,525	61%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	300	94%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	65,674	91%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$289,721	93%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. JUNE 2020	\$ 19,970	REV. JULY 2019 – JUNE 2020	\$ 279,114
MONTHLY EXP. JUNE 2020	17,824	EXP. JULY 2019 – JUNE 2020	289,721
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 2,146	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$ 10,607)

SUMMARY:
 CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT (\$ 10,607)
 CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS (\$ 30,583)
 FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 6/30/2020 \$ 16,326
 ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT (\$ 24,864)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:
 ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012) \$625,000
 NOTE BALANCE AS OF (6/30/2020) \$ 94,388

(All Figures Rounded)
 "Thank you for your stewardship generosity."

ON LINE GIVING - Visit our website at
www.stmaryathenstn.org
 to become a part of our
 "ON LINE GIVING," available to our parish.



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, Sophia Gossett 7/19, Angelic Pantoja, 7/25, Giovanni Montealegre 8/9.



JOIN US AT THE MOVIE PALACE— Wednesday, September 2nd, at 6pm
 To watch— "Brain, Heart, World"
 "Fight the new drug: pornography"
 For Middle School (Jr. High) & High School Students.
 (Parents and Grandparents welcome)
 Contact Sue at 423-506-7836, for sign ups.

CCD Announcement!!



Due to the pandemic and the rules the Bishop has put in place for safe distancing, we will only be having CCD classes for First Communion and Confirmation.

Projected start date for sacramental catechesis is September 20th.

If you have a 2nd grader, please register your child for First Communion and Reconciliation class. Please bring a copy of their State issued birth certificate with you if we don't already have a copy. We also need a copy their Baptism record if not Baptized here.

If you have a rising 5th or 6th grader who has not been confirmed, please register for the 2020-2022 Confirmation Class. Please bring a copy of their state issued Birth Certificate with you if we don't already have a copy. We also need a copy of their Baptism Certificate and First Communion Certificate if they did not receive the sacraments here.

If your child is currently in the 2019-2021 Confirmation Class with Ms Peggy and Ms Paulette, there is no need to re-register.

All other classes will be taught at home by parents. We will be providing materials to assist in this home catechesis. We will need all children registered for their current grade-level so that we may obtain the proper materials to assist parents.

Regular CCD classes will resume when distancing requirements are removed or modified.

Thank you for your patience during these unique times! Any questions? Please contact Oneta Fioravanti 865-712-6819

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 Laurentian 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 thirty-fifth invocation: **Morning Star, pray for us.**

What does it mean to say that Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God is the “Morning Star”? There are several references to “stars” in Sacred Scripture (e.g. 2 Peter 1:19; Numbers 24:17; Psalm 110:3; Revelation 2:28; 22:18; Isaiah 14:12). Song of Songs 6:10 has been interpreted in the old *Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary* as referring to Our Lady: “Who is she who comes forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array?” The Wise Men or Magi (Saints Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), who are thought to have been Zoroastrians, followed the star to see Jesus and also saw His Blessed Mother (Matthew 2:2, 9-11) are celebrated each year on the Solemnity of the Epiphany (around 6 January). The Hebrew word *kokab* and the Greek word *aster* both translate as “star.” The Latin *Stella Matutina* translates “morning star.” The astronomical research done by the Vatican Observatory (at Castel Gandolfo, Italy and in Tucson, Arizona) began during the Pontificate of Gregory XIII (+1585). For centuries artists have been captivated by the stars (e.g. Bl. Fra Angelico’s 1424 *Madonna of the Star*; Vincent van Gogh’s 1889 painting *Starry Night*; Don McLean’s 1971 song *Vincent*).

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (+1153) directs us to “call on Mary” and to “look up to Mary” who is at once the Star of the Sea and a bright guiding Star with transcendent luminance (cf. *Missus Est*, Homily II.3). Whether on land or on the sea, before GPS, the stars have been a guide for travelers (e.g. Polaris/North Star). The mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531) is covered with stars mirroring the heavens over Mexico City as she stands on the Moon blocking the Sun prepared to give birth to the Eternal Son Who is the true light of the world (cf. John 8:12; Revelation 12:1-2). Saint John Henry Newman (+1890) reminds us that as the Morning Star “after the Dark Night” Our Lady “heralds in the sun” not shining for herself, or from herself, but reflects the glory of our Redeemer, at once “lustrous” and “perfect” (*Meditations and Devotions*). The 1975 hymn *Gentle Woman* by Carey Landry (b. 1944) invokes Our Lady as the “morning star.

Our Lady guides us to her Son. We should happily follow her guidance and “do whatever He tells” us (cf. John 2:5). Saint Mary, the Morning Star, was present at the dawn of our redemption. She is all radiant.

Father John Arthur Orr

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.

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.

THE CHURCH WILL BE SANITIZED AFTER EACH MASS. TO HELP PLEASE STAY.
WE WILL CONTINUE CLEANING—AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS UNTILL FURTHER NOTICE—

We will need more than the cleaning teams for this as this is not the normal weekly cleaning duties. We will need your help in wiping the church down after each mass. There will be a check list of what is required and for you to sign off on what you have cleaned, next to the kitchen area.

We appreciate any and all the help you can help with this as this will be the new normal for all of us for awhile.

IF YOU JUDGE PEOPLE, YOU HAVE NO TIME TO LOVE THEM—MOTHER TERESA