

Mass Intentions

January 18-26, 2020

January 18— 5PM
 +Bob Whitaker, Jr. from St. Mary Parish
 January 19 - Sunday 8am Latin//10am English//1pm Spanish
 +James and Corrine Swanson from the Von Peters Fam.
 St. Mary Parish
 Ester Brown from St. Mary Parish
 January 20 — Monday 9AM
 +Tom Moran from St. Mary Parish
 January 21 —Tuesday 9AM
 +Anna Arnott from St. Mary Parish
 January 22 – Wednesday 9AM and 6PM
 +For Aborted & Unborn children from St. Mary Parish
 St. Mary Parish
 January 23—Thursday 9AM
 +Donna Burchi from St. Mary Parish
 January 24 — Friday 9AM
 +Iona Swafford from St. Mary Parish
 January 25— 5PM
 +Sr. Adrian Marie Hofstetter O.P. from St. Mary Parish
 January 26 - Sunday 8am Latin//10am English//1pm Spanish
 Healing for Delores Farrell St. Mary Parish
 + Steve Tayloe St. Mary Parish
 St. Mary Parish

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

Ladies for Charity (Food Pantry). Thank you Parishioners for your continued generosity of donating food for our Food Pantry. Food needs for January are Canned corn, green beans, and large boxes of cereal and saltine crackers. If you need food assistance, please call Diane Schwartz at 423 745 9062.

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.

8AM—"Missa Cantata" Latin Mass (Sung Mass)
January 26, Next Sunday, the 8:00 Latin Mass will be celebrated as a Missa Cantata, or sung Mass. Come experience the beauty of Gregorian chant, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Lent—is coming Ash Wednesday is February 26—

Beginning on Friday's from 5-6:45pm during lent we will again have light meatless meals and or soups. A time for us to gather and to enjoy a meal together. We need teams to sign up to fix these light meals. We are asking our Different Ministries to sign up or you can get a team together to fix a meal. Please contact Lou Dionne or Sissy to sign up.

Dates Available: 2/28-Knights of Columbus, 3/6-Kay Prevatt, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, and 4/3—Knight of Columbus sponsored Fish Fry (fund raiser).

We will be having Stations of the Cross Lead by Fr. John and continuing with benediction, exposition and confession. Beginning at 7pm each, Friday during Lent. We need the different ministries/volunteers to step up to assist Fr. with the Stations.

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**

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

High School Seniors and College Students ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

St. Mary's will begin its sixth year of awarding college scholarships. **Applications and all required submissions will be accepted from January 1st to March 31st of 2020.** Applications (along with the rules) can be picked up at the church office. This scholarship program is open to any incoming college freshman or returning college student from Meigs, McMinn, Monroe and Polk counties. A total of \$40,000 will be awarded in 2020 with a maximum per student of \$20,000. The Committee will review test scores, GPAs, essays, recommendation letters and overall need to arrive at their award decisions. The Committee's decisions will be final. MISSION STATEMENT St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens, Tennessee believes a successful college or technical education can lead to better employment prospects and can be life changing in scope. The St. Mary Catholic Church Education Scholarship Program provides funding to qualified individuals for secondary education to achieve these life benefits. The students and families who will benefit from this scholarship will in turn help other needy and vulnerable students and families. All paper work must be completed and returned by March 31, 2020 or postmarked by the 31st. Application also available at our St. Mary web site, www.stmaryathenstn.org. Funding for this program is provided through a private donation specifically for this program.

You Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are 'Happily Married'. For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on Mar 6 – Mar 8, 2020. Call 800-470-2230 or 615-523-0631 or email: nrv3043@gmail.com or visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JANUARY 19, 2020

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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

CONFESSION: Saturday 4:00-4:45pm Sunday 9–9:45am, 12-12:45pm

Stewardship/Collection

January 11/12, 2020

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash)	\$ 3,050.00
Loose Offering	\$ 911.01
Holy Day Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
On Line Giving—Offertory	\$ 115.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 78.33
TOTAL	\$ 4,174.34

Building Fund - January total to date—\$ 917.00 \$ 497.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

JANUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

1/18— Good Samaritan—Full Circle	\$ 55.00	\$ 30.00
Good Sam. Trust—Ultra Sound Donations –Full Circle		\$
1/26—The Church in Latin America		\$
Deficit Reduction—As of July 2019	\$ 26,972.04	\$ 190.00

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

HOME CAMPAIGN (\$72,387.53) For the month of: Oct. 2019—\$881.00

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT—

November 30, 2019 is posted in Message Center

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

Daily Mass Readings

January 20-26, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

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

Monday, Jan. 20—1 Sm 15:16-23//Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, Jan. 21— 1 Sm 16:1-13//Mk 2:18-22

Wednesday, Jan. 22—

Thursday, Jan. 23— 1 Sm 18:3-21//Mk 3:7-12

Friday, Jan. 24— 1 Sm 24:3-21//Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, Jan. 25— Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22//Mk 16:15-18

Sunday, Jan 26—Is 8:23,-9:3//Cor 1:10-13, 17//Mt 4:12-23

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

01/19/2020—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A #931

01/26/2020—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A #934

02/02/2020—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A # 937

This Week in our Parish

Sunday—January 19, 2020

Children's Liturgy

11:15AM CCD—CCD Building

Monday—January 20, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED

Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday—January 21, 2020

Wednesday—January 22, 2020

6:45PM— RCIA

6:45PM—Youth Ministries— High School and Middle School

Thursday—January 23, 2020

7pm—Hispanic Prayer Group—Church

Friday—January 24, 2020

Saturday—January 25, 2020

Team 4 cleans

Sunday—January 26, 2020

8AM—"Missa Cantata" Latin Mass (Sung Mass)

Children's Liturgy

11:15 CCD—CCD Building

CANDLE DONATIONS—We are asking for a donation of \$3.00 per candle to help defray the cost of the candles and Blue Globes

SAVE THE DATE:

February 9—Knight of Columbus—Pancake Breakfast

ATTENDANCE—

January 11/12, 2020—Total 451

5pm—35 //8am— 41 //10am—217 1pm—158

December Average Attendance—481

5pm—80 8am—41 10am—166 1pm—98

ALTAR FLOWERS—

Are from St. Mary Parish this week.



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.

PRAYER CHAIN—Call Carol Webb at 744-7378 to be placed on the prayer chain, or if you would like to help prayer chain.



Did you know? TN Right to Life is currently airing “Pro –Life Birthdays” ad in the Knoxville media market. It will air 281 times on 4 Knox media markets. Support for TN Right to Life helps projects like these spread the news that all “Life is precious.” Please consider your most generous gift at tnrtl.org or call 615-298-5433. Tell them you are from St. Mary’s Athens.

January 22—10AM—Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood—710 Cherry St. Knoxville—with Fr. Sullivan.

January 26—March for Life—Knoxville will meet at 2pm at Knoxville Convention Center. For more information contact Peggy Burnette at 865-376-1776.

POST ABORTION HEALING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion or abortions, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to assist you with **Rachel’s Vineyard** healing and recovery retreat Feb. 28th – Mar. 1st, 2020 at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN. Complete confidentiality is honored at all times. The deadline for registration is Feb. 21st, 2020. If you are unable to attend a weekend retreat, one-on-one counseling is available with counselors who have been trained in this area. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson (865) 776-4510 sandi@ccetn.org.

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER UPDATE—To schedule use/rental of the Parish Family Life Center please contact Kay Prevatt at 423-453-2049. This includes all parish activities as well. You must still contact Sue Granger for use/rental of the Youth Room.

HELP NEEDED - Parish Family Life Center, is in need of people for the following position in the PFLC— clean up and set up, alcohol servers (must be licensed), liaison. These are paid positions. You must meet all qualifications to work in the United States, for the positions. For more information call or stop by the office.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 30, 2019			
BUDGET CATEGORY	FY 2020 BUDGET	EXPENDITURES THROUGH 11/30/2019	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-ADMIN/GENERAL	\$191,991	\$ 80,125	42%
LITURGY	22,400	7,979	36%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	13,675	6,013	44%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,573	1,461	19%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH LIFE	2,505	131	5%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	215	67%
PLANT/PARISH OPER & MAINT	71,980	39,946	55%
TOTALS	\$310,444	\$ 135,870	44%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. NOV. 2019	\$ 20,395	REV. JULY 2019 - NOV. 2019	\$ 109,167
MONTHLY EXP. NOV. 2019	22,058	EXP. JULY 2019 – NOV. 2019	135,870
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$ 1,663)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$26,703)

SUMMARY:	
CURRENT FY 2020 DEFICIT	(\$ 26,703)
CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEARS	(\$ 30,583)
FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF 11/30/2019	\$ 19,050
ST. MARY CHURCH ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(\$ 38,236)

PARISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT:	
ORIGINAL NOTE (12/1/2012)	\$625,000
NOTE BALANCE AS OF (11/30/2019)	\$120,496

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

**THE BISHOP’S APPEAL 2020 IS
UNDERWAY
“A JOYFUL WITNESS”**

The Bishop’s Appeal 2020 begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Stika asking for a generous pledge to this year’s Appeal. Your gift not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese of Knoxville, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, *funds support...*

**CCD needs such as—
Assist with Vacation Bible School Expenses
And to purchase a new Computer for CCD.**

This year, the theme of the Appeal is A Joyful Witness. Each Appeal gift enables the Diocese to build up the kingdom of God throughout East Tennessee. God gives us all that we have. Even when we want to believe that our successes are self-made, we know that it is God who has blessed us abundantly with all we have. He is always giving to us. His grace is always there for us. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and to our Diocese and to the Church throughout the world. The gifts that we give enable ministries, education and services that touch thousands of lives. Our parish goal is **\$21,000**. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal. Please answer Bishop Stika’s request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

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 fourth invocation: **Mother of Christ, pray for us.**

Saint Mary is the Mother of Christ. Jesus Christ, true God and true man is the Son of Mary, born in the fullness of time. The title “Christ” means anointed one (Greek: *Christos*; Hebrew: *masiah*). Jesus Christ is the Anointed One *par excellence*, while we His followers are anointed ones in Him.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria (+444) vigorously defended Saint Mary’s prerogative to be called Mother of God (*Theotokos/Mater Dei*). Saint Cyril did so in the face of the heretical Patriarch of Constantinople Nestorius (+450) who would only call her the mother of Christ. While more contemporary Christology attempts to dissect the “Jesus of history” from the “Christ of faith” Nestorius denied the hypostatic union centuries before.

Jesus Christ, true God and true man, has a human body in which He was able to be anointed bodily (cf. Luke 7:46). The spiritual anointing was no less real in the case of the Lord (cf. Isaiah 61:3; Psalm 45:7; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; Hebrews 1:9).

In the encyclical letter of Saint John Paul II (+2005) *Redemptoris Mater* (25 March, 1987) the invocation “Mother of Christ” is found twenty-two times. Repeatedly the Polish Pontiff invokes Our Lady as “model in faith, hope and charity” (RM, 2), having a “unique presence” in history (RM, 3), as the “exceptional ‘daughter of the human race,’ that extraordinary ‘woman’” who helps us to know our true selves because she introduces us to the Incarnate Word (cf. RM, 4; *Gaudium et Spes*, 22). As “Mother of Christ” Saint Mary is united in a particular way with the Church “which the Lord established as His own body” (RM, 5). The Mother of Christ, Saint Mary, serves “as the spokeswoman of her son’s will, pointing out those things which must be done so that the salvific power of the Messiah may be manifested” as when she says “Do whatever He tells you” (John 2:5; RM, 21) She who is the “Mother of Christ” is no less the “mother of mankind” and “clearly the mother of the members of Christ” (cf. John 19:27; RM, 23). The deeper Mother Church “‘enters into the supreme mystery of the Incarnation’ she thinks of the Mother of Christ with profound reverence and devotion” (RM, 27; *Lumen Gentium*, 65).

For his part, Saint Paul VI (+1978) also invoked Our Lady, Saint Mary the Virgin as Mother of Christ in his encyclical *Christi Matri* (15 September, 1966; cited in RM, 2) once, when encouraging the prayer of Our Lady’s “Rosary into mystical garlands” in her honor (CM,1).

Father John Arthur Orr