

The Church will 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 the needed loss revenue from cancelling the fall festival.

Ladies for Charity— We are requesting peanut butter, strawberry jelly, spaghetti and pasta sauce. If you are in need of food, please call Priscille Stuckey at 423-745-7443.



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@gmail.com. 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— 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.

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.

We have missals in the Narthex for you to use and take home with you. Make sure you take it home with you as we cannot have them in the pews. Only one per family, please.

Mass Intentions

August 29 –September 6, 2020

August 29— 5PM Saturday
 + Lisa Cudworth from Linda Nadeau
 August 30—8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
 Bishop Richard Sticka from Andre Juneau
 St. Mary Parish
 World Peace—
 August 31 — 8AM Monday
 +Carol Webb from St. Mary Parish
 September 1 —9AM Tuesday
 +Eugenia Castro from St. Mary Parish
 September 2 —9AM Wednesday
 +Adele Fricke from Sissy
 September 3 —9AM Thursday
 +Gary Klein from Judy Klein
 September 4 —9AM Friday FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
 + Frances Quinn from Jim and Pat Barrett
 September 5 — 5PM Saturday
 +John D. Pacitti from Stephen and Toni Pacitti
 September 6 —8AM Sunday—Latin/10AM English//1PM Spanish
 Stephanie L Tideback from Stephen and Toni Pacitti
 +Julia Gallinger from Marie McCartney
 St. Mary Parish

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— Congratulation 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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — AUGUST 30, 2020

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr **Rectory:** 423-745-0904
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Erasmo Hernandez—423-507-7568 or erasmohernandezb@hotmail.com
 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 22/23, 2020

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| Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line) | \$ 1,560.00 |
| Loose Offering | \$ 778.00 |
| Holy Day—Assumption of Mary | \$ 20.00 |
| Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc. | \$ 107.38 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,465.00 |

Building Fund - August total to date— \$ 1,314.00 \$ 61.00

Second collections will be collected after Communion

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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| 8/15—Catholic Schools | \$ 175.00 | \$ 35.00 |
| 8/30— Good Samaritan—1/2 Coordinated Charity | \$ 96.00 | \$ 20.00 |
| Other donations—Church in Africa | | \$ 20.00 |
| Deficit Reduction—As of July 2020 | \$ 4,917.00 | \$ 620.00 |
| Fall Festival—donations in lieu of festival— | | |
| \$668.00 | | \$450.00 |

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

DEFICIT REDUCTION ENVELOPES (GOLD) AVAILABLE 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

Daily Mass Readings

August 31– September 6, 2020

-Method for Prayerfully Reading the Scriptures

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

Monday, August 31— 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1— 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2— 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3— 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 4—1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 5—1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 6— Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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

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 30, 2020

Monday—August 31, 2020

Tuesday—September 1, 2020

7pm—Ladies Night of Recollection

Wednesday—September 2, 2020

Thursday—September 3, 2020

7pm Knight of Columbus—PFLC

7pm—Hispanic Night of Recollection

Friday—September 4, 2020

9:45—Noon—First Friday Adoration

Saturday—September 5, 2020

No cleaning team Holiday

Sunday—September 6, 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—

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| August 22/23, 2020—Total - 258 |
| 5pm—52 //8am—45 //10am—102 //1pm—59 |
| 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.

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 Laetant 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-sixth invocation: **Health of the sick, pray for us.**

What does it mean to say that Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of God is the “Health of the sick”? In the Gospels we read about the many healings worked by the Lord Jesus during His earthly ministry before His death and resurrection: the blind receive sight, lepers are cleansed, the paraplegic and lame walk, the hemorrhaging woman, the deaf hear (cf. Matthew 11:5; Mark 1:40-44; 2:2-12; 5:25-34; 7:31-35). Acts 3:1-10 records a healing worked by God through Saints Peter and John of a man lame from birth. The cures wrought by God, even through second class relics of Saint Paul, are recorded in Acts 14:8-10; 19:12.

There are two Sacraments of Healing, namely Penance and Anointing. While these are concerned primarily with spiritual healing, there have been physical cures. As the Sacraments have been instituted by Jesus Christ and Our Lady, Health of the Sick, is the Mother of Jesus Christ Our Lord and God, she is very much a part of His Sacraments. The Sacred Scripture is silent when it comes to the child Jesus suffering from a scraped knee or runny nose (cf. John 21:25). But, since He is like us in all things but sin (cf. Hebrews 4:15), He may have need Saint Mary’s matzo ball chicken soup...

All of this is a preamble to Our Lady as Health of the Sick. She is the Mother of the Divine Physician (cf. Luke 4:23). Like Saints Peter, John and Paul any cures worked by Our Lady, Saint Mary, are worked through intercession with Almighty God. Each year on the 11th of February Holy Mother Church celebrates Our Lady Health of the Sick under her title Our Lady of Lourdes. Saint Bernadette Soubirous (+1879) had mystical experiences with Saint Mary in 1858. Many cures have been worked there ever since. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal has also been known to work many cures since revealing herself in 1830 to Saint Catherine Laboure (+1876). While not on the Universal Roman Liturgical Calendar, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal has been celebrated on 27 November. So, whether through invocation of Our Lady of Lourdes or Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal or Health of the Sick, pray for healing, physical and spiritual. If God should give a cure through Our Lady’s intercession we can thank God. If the healing is only spiritual we can still thank God for the ability to unite our sufferings to Christ the divine physician (Colossians 1:24).

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

FALL FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

Hello Parishioners,

Let the fun begin!! St. Mary's Fall Festival brings fellowship to our community. We are unable to have a festival this year, however we can have some fun while raising needed funds. The month of September a Fall Festival Fundraiser will start. Money collected will go the Fall Festival Deficit. A \$20 donation during September gives an opportunity to win one of the September Prizes. There is a total of 4 door prizes for September, 2 Beautiful Baskets and 2 Certificates for Helen's Egg Rolls. [Refer to the photos and prize descriptions for more details]

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**
The months of October and November offer more fun with New Envelopes & PRIZES.

SEPTEMBER WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER THE OCTOBER 1ST DRAWING

Handmade Quilt Drawing December 1st September- November

A beautiful handmade Quilt [queen size] has been donated for the Fall Festival fundraiser. Again, with a \$20 donation your name is entered in a drawing.

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

We will accept donations for the quilt 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.

Photo is available in the narthex on the display table, email or flyer.

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.



All donations go toward Fall Festival Deficit

SEPTEMBER

1. Dog Lovers



2. Cherries Basket



3 & 4

Winners of 3. & 4. will each receive a Gift Certificate for 60 of Helen's Egg Rolls.

BASKET INFORMATION

1. **Dog Lovers Basket:** Fall Themed Plater, Photo Frame, Welcome Friends Sign and Dog Kisses fix everything Décor, Pumpkin, Sweet Potato & Turkey Treats and Turkey Toy.
2. **Cherries, Cherries Basket:** Cherry Red Basket with "Life Is A Bowl of Cherries" Sign, Cherry Nightlight Teapot, Tea, Cherry Cobbler Filling & Mix, 4 Bottles Sweet Red CA. Wine ,4 Bottles Ginger Cherry Ale, Cherry Belgian Chocolate Bar, 2 Bottles Cherry Fruit Kiss Water, Life's A Bowl of Cherries Door Hanger, Cherry Margarita Mix
3. **Helen's Famous Egg Rolls:** Winner will decide with Helen dates for 60 of her yummy egg rolls.
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ENVELOPES AVAILABLE ON THE NARTHEX TABLE DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET OR BRING TO OFFICE, MAIL IN DONATIONS PLEASE LABEL SEPTEMBER BASKETS

PLEASE MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON ENVELOPE