



Youth, Youth Groups & Families!

FREE-WILL OFFERING SPRING BREAK MUSIC CONCERT

Featuring MJM7
www.MJM7.BAND

St. Mary Catholic Church
Parish Life Center | 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY,
MARCH 10, 2024

**INFO
DETAIL:**
MJM7 is a Catholic family band. The events fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing, and an invitation to prayer. Bring a friend! For information seek out Sue Granger (sgranger756@hotmail.com) or Deacon Al Forsythe (aforsythe@dioknox.org) 865-806-1343.

Something Good For God

“Draw near to GOD and HE wil draw near to you”
James 4:8
For 5th Grade Through 12th Grade Youth St Mother Teresa, Pray for us
St Joseph, Pray for us



Activities

- Icebreakers
- Evening Candlelight prayer service in the church.
- Fellowship and fasting
- Stations of the Cross, Visit to Full Circle Medical Center
- Hunger and Homelessness Awareness
- Adoration & Confession
- Peer Led Talks, games, rosary craft



When/Where



Friday, March 22nd Begins with the Fish Fry at 4:30 PM Stations to follow
Through Saturday, March 23rd At 6:45 PM (5 PM Closing Mass then Feasting)
Saint Mary's Parish Family Life Center

Deadline to Register is Monday, March 10, 2024

For More Info or to Volunteer

Text Sue Granger with any questions @ 423-506-7836
Adult Help and chaperones gratefully welcomed!
Prayer warriors appreciated



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTA MARÍA

1291 E. MADISON AVE

ATHENS, TN 37303

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT— MARCH 10, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

Rectory: 423-745-0904

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Al Forsythe—865-806-1343

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

Website: www.stmaryathens.org

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

Stewardship/Collection

MARCH 2/3, 2024

Offertory (Envelopes/Check-Cash-On Line)	\$ 3,381.00
Offertory Loose collection	\$ 1,955.00
Easter Flowers \$440.00	\$ 350.00
Mass/Coffee/Candles/Rmbr/Rent/Flowers/etc.	\$ 304.06
TOTAL	\$ 5,990.06

MARCH COLLECTIONS

Building—Maintenance Fund	\$ 595.00	\$ 595.00
Columbarium Fund Donations	\$ 7,000.00 As of 10/23	\$
03/10—Catholic Relief Services—\$		\$ 5.00
01/28—Good Samaritan—1/2 to Good Faith Clinic	\$180.00	\$ 10.00
Computer Donation's—	\$ 1,420.00	\$
Deficit Reduction—As of March 3, 2024 -	\$45,955.97	\$ 1,205.00

To donate online go to www.stmaryathens.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

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

Please visit our website at stmaryathens.org to give online.

Daily Mass Readings Beginning — March 10-16, 2024

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

Sunday, March 10—1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a//Eph 5:8-14//
Jn 9:8-14// Jn 9: 1-41 or 9-1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday, March 11—Is 65:17-21//Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12—Ez 47:1-9, 12//Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13—Is 49:8-15//In 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14—Ex 32: 7-14//Jn 5:31:47

Friday, March 15—Wis 2:1a, 12-22//Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16—Jer 11:18-20//Jn 7:40-53

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

Today's readings begin with— “Year B” # 893

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Spring Forward an Hour

11:15— CCD

7PM—PFLC JMJ7 CONCERT

Monday, March 11, 2024

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

7PM Men's Night of Recollection

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:45PM—RCIA

6:45—Middle School Youth Ministry

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Friday, March 15, 2024

6PM—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16, 2024

8:30AM—K of C Church Wide Clean up to prepare Outside for Easter

9AM— Team 3 Cleans

Sunday March 17, 2024

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

11:15— CCD

3PM—Curia Legions

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—

MARCH 2/3, 2024

5pm—71//8am—90//10am—172//1pm—142—Total 475

February —2024 WEEKLY AVG - 464

5pm—78//8am—89//10am—155//1pm—142

Altar Flowers—

Laetare Sunday, March 10, 2024.

Flowers are in Memory of

Victoria Marie Orr from Ron and Lorene

Steffes. Also in

Celebration of Thomas Andrew Kall's 8th

Birthday.



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.

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 (pmksjk1@comcast.net or 423-368-3300).



EASTER EGGS—We are taking donations of candy filled Easter Egg. The Easter egg hunt after the Masses on Easter Sunday. Place the in the Church kitchen, Thank You.

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

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 Deacon Al Fosythe, Giselle Fogelgren, Barb Bever, Carolee Gladish, 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

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.

MARRIAGE RETREAT—Saturday, June 15th at St Thomas Lenoir City, TN 37772. Questions: regnumchrititi.knoxville@gmail.com See flyer in message Board.

The Diocese of Knoxville is Seeking Qualified Teachers. - For more information contact: mhmaccury@dioknox.org. See the Flyer in the Narthex Message board.



Mass Intentions

March 9-17, 2024

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

March 11—Monday 9AM
 +Joye Oakray from Paulette Croteau

March 12— Tuesday 9AM
 +Lorencia Dionne from Paulette Croteau

March 13— Wednesday 9AM and 6PM
 +Victoria Orr from the Ron and Lorene Steffes
 +Judy Klein from St. May Parish

March 14—Thursday 9AM
 +Doug Rabidioux from Hugh and Connie Reed

March 15—Friday 9AM
 +Victoria Marie Orr from Rev. Dr. John Arthur Orr

March 16—Saturday 5PM
 +Conversion of Families from Mary Shurina

March 17—8AM//10AM//1PM
 +Victoria Marie Orr from Ron and Lorene Steffes
 St. Mary Parish
 +Irving Arturo Martinez from Erica Martinez

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.

You may request Mass for year 2024 at this time.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 31, 2024 ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	
		THRU 1/31//2024	% EXPENDED
PASTORAL-AMIN/GENERAL	\$ 188,974	\$ 108,600	57%
LITURGY	21,249	13,322	63%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	14,588	5,654	39%
MINISTRY OF YOUTH	7,546	2,592	34%
MINISTRY FAMILY/PARISH	2,900	741	26%
PARISH COUNCIL-GENERAL	320	251	78%
PLANT/PARISH OPER. & MAINT.	91,130	60,076	69%
TOTALS	\$ 326,807	\$ 194,236	59%

CURRENT MONTH		YEAR TO DATE	
MONTHLY REV. JAN 2024	\$ 20,790	REV. JULY 2023–JAN 2024	\$ 192,819
MONTHLY EXP. JAN 2024	\$ 21,617	EXP. JULY 2023–JAN 2024	\$ 194,236
OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (827)	OPER. SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (1,417)

SUMMARY:
 CURRENT FY 2024 SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (1,417)
 CARRY OVER DEFICIT PRIOR YEAR \$ (19,418)
 FALL FESTIVAL FUNDS AS OF JAN 2024 \$ -0-

(All Figures Rounded)

“Thank you for your stewardship generosity”

PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

Preparatory Prayer

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you that, while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise. Through the same 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.

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.

466. Are there rightful differences which exist among human persons (GS, 29.3)?

Yes

467. What does the equal dignity of persons demand (GS, 29.3)?

The bringing about of a more humane and just condition of life

468. What six consequences follow from excessive economic and social differences between the members of the one human family or population groups according to the Council Fathers. (GS, 29.3)?

Scandal, Social Injustice, Inequity,
Degradation of the dignity of the human person,
Degradation of social peace,
Degradation of international peace

469. For what two things are both private and public human institutions to labor and minister (GS, 29.4)?

The dignity of human persons,
The purpose of human persons

470. What different sorts of slavery are identified by the Council Fathers in GS, 29.4?

Social slavery,
Political slavery

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.**