ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Closed - Call the Rectory for sacramental emergencies.

Please only use for sacramental emergencies (illness or death). Thanks 276-228-1019

Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 am – 5 pm Fri. 9 am – 3 pm

MASS SCHEDULE: Fridays 12:00 pm unless otherwise posted differently; <u>Confessions immediately</u> following or by appointment.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. St. Edwards: Sunday 11:00 am

St. Marys Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 12 5:00 pm Liturgy

Sunday, October 13 9:00 am Liturgy Intention-John & Eva Deibert

Monday, October 14 OFFICE CLOSED Friday, October 18 12:00 pm Liturgy

Saturday, October 19 5:00 pm Liturgy Intention-Warne Stark

Sunday, October 20 9:00 am Liturgy

Liturgy Intentions for Sun., Oct. 13th are in loving memory of John & Eva Deibert given by Arlene & Ernie Brewer.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 19-20 World Mission Sunday
October 26-27 <u>Hurricane Helene Relief</u>

<u>SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION:</u> Upon the Bishop's request, there will be a special second collection for relief from the Hurricane Helene disaster. These monies will be used to help those here in our community as well as the Diocese of Charlotte and the Diocese of Knoxville. The collection will be sent to the diocese to help with the distribution of funds. Please give generously and continue prayers for all those struggling to recover and for all that may have lost loved ones.

Please continue your prayers for our sick and homebound: Rose Arnold, Zell Arnold, Keesha Arnold, Brother John, Helen Conrad, Jason Conrad, Gene Deshler, Charlotte Driggers, Tonya Dunford, Kendra Dunkley, Lori Francis, George Fuderer, Dave Hobbins, Randy Lacy, Suzanne Molloy, Bill Mutschler, Sister Mary Ellen, Elizabeth Paradise, Fran Parks, Frances Post, Joe Post, and Kathy Sherowsky. If there is anyone that you would like to add to or can be removed from the list, please email, or call the office. Thank you!

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER: Along with the needed items on the list on the wall above the bin, packaged plastic silverware is also needed. They can use this along with all other paper products when they must house a family in a motel. **Please leave your donations in the designated container in the gathering space.** Thanks.

OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY: "Ongoing assistance" If you are looking for a way to help the community, or if you, yourself, may need assistance from Hurricane Helene, Open Door Community, 650 W. Main St., will be giving away food and other needed items from 2-4 pm each Friday for the foreseeable future. Want to make a donation? Doors are open from 8 am – 3 pm daily; items can be received anytime during those hours. Suggestions: Non-perishable food items, shelf stable milk, toiletries and women's items, paper supplies, cleaning supplies, diapers, wipes, formula, and any other items you may think you may have needed during these hard times. Also, if you would like to help distribute items on Fridays, you are welcome to stop by and offer your assistance. Please help spread the word about this assistance being offered.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR: October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary, and I'm so excited to invite you to pray the rosary every day, either with us on Fridays or with you family. Together we will meditate on the mysteries of Christ's life through the eyes of Mary, His Mother. Together let's pray for our friends and family members and our country – America – as we enter a historic election year; that there'll be peace during and after the election. There are pamphlets "**How to Pray the Rosary**" available in the gathering space and at the Monroe Street entrance.

<u>COUNCIL MEETINGS:</u> The Finance Council will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd at 5:30 pm in the classroom by the office. All members please plan to attend as there are many issues to catch up on and discuss. The Pastoral Council will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Pastoral Center. All members please plan to attend. A REMINDER TO ALL: When council meetings are held, all parishioners are welcome to attend these meetings and share thoughts/questions you may have.

<u>MISSION COOP:</u> Congratulations to Fr. Boat for the funds received, **&7534.00**, from his 2nd Mission Coop weekend at St. Andrew's in Roanoke in August. These funds are a big help to the parish. 1/3 of these funds will be shared with St. Edwards.

Sacrificial Offering

Oct. 5-6, 2024 Operating Funds <u>\$2551.63</u>
Capital Improvement \$625.00

Updated finance information will be available soon.

ALSO; The minutes from the last Pastoral Council meeting are available on the bulletin boards.

<u>PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER-SWVA:</u> Please see the new sign-donation container in the gathering space for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Donations requested are: *Unisex baby blankets, Infant boys & girls clothes, diapers, baby wipes, baby bottles and onesies.* If you should have any questions, please see Brenda May.

<u>HOPE PACK PROGRAM:</u> We continue to accept donations for the Hope Pack Program in memory of Deacon Charles May. The baskets and envelopes are in the gathering space and at the Monroe Street entrance. *Please make all checks payable to <u>"Open Door Community".</u> Plastic shopping bags continue to be accepted.* Thank you for your continued support.

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY: <u>Fourth quarter requests:</u> cereal, rice and vegetables. Thank you for your continued support.

<u>DOG/CAT FOOD AND CAT LITTER DONATIONS:</u> <u>URGENT REQUEST</u>: Brother John is continually accepting cat and dog food donations. Please leave them at the Monroe Street entrance. He is grateful for your continued support. *Please pass the word.*