

St. Mary of the Woods Parish

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;



one another as I have loved you.

John 13:34

SEPTEMBER 17TH | TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday, 8AM & 12:05PM

Saturday, 8AM & 4PM

Sunday, 7AM, 9AM, 11AM, 8PM

Confessions:

Monday, 8:30AM

Saturday, 1-3:30PM or anytime by
appointment.

Marriage:

Contact Fr. Brian Roby at the Parish Office
one year before the wedding date.

Baptisms: Contact the Parish Office.

A.A. & Al-anon Meetings:

Sunday, 8PM in SMWS.

Parish Office:

Phone 270-233-4196

Fax 270-233-5557

www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com

Rectory: 270-233-4529

St. Mary School:

Phone 270-233-5253

www.stmarywoods.com

Trinity High School:

Phone 270-233-5533

www.trinityhs.com

Horn Community Center:

270-233-5405

Mission Statement

By Word and Sacrament, we are sent to glorify God with our lives.

From the Pastor

Greetings!

This is Catechetical Sunday in the Catholic Church. Posted in this bulletin, we recognize all those, **from our parish**, who serve as Catechist, assisting with the marvelous endeavor and ministry of passing on the faith, especially to our youth. Hats off to our parents who are recognized, by the Church, as the primary catechists of praying, teaching, and living the faith at home. Thanks to all who take this ministry seriously. It's a responsibility that belongs to all of us to pray and teach the faith. Well done, good and faithful servants!

I would like to draw your attention to a new ministry in our parish called **"Awakening."** This weekend is our kick-off and it's a ministry designed to reach out to our inactive Catholics in the community. I'm sure everyone is aware of someone or several, most likely within the family, who would benefit from this outreach. You are invited to pick-up an invitation or two, from the vestibules of Church, and "gift" someone you know, who is inactive in the faith, with this invitation, to consider coming home to the Faith and to Sunday Mass. Let's join in prayer for the success of this endeavor.



As our Youth Ministry program moves into full swing, I ask our parents to support our Youth Ministry efforts for Middle and High School youth by encouraging our young people to be involved in our Sunday evening gatherings.

Last call to register! I would like to encourage all our married couples to consider participating in "Grace Marriage" which is a marriage enrichment program designed to help husbands and wives grow together. The program takes place four times a year in our parish hall, from 9am-1:30pm, and is facilitated by two of our married couples: Mark and Ashlyn Wathen and Evan and Kara Burch. The program is worth the investment! Consider this opportunity as a gift to yourself, your marriage, and your family.

We continue to make progress on our parish cemetery expansion as funds allow. In a few weeks, a concrete road will be poured in the new section of the cemetery. Once the road is complete, volunteer parishioners will begin to map out plots. No plots will be for sale, in the new section of the cemetery, until we are nearly sold out in the present cemetery. We have over 100 plots left to sale. Once our cemetery fund grows again, we will complete our cemetery expansion with the construction of a pavilion to serve as a chapel. Speaking of the cemetery, I would like to draw attention to a new ministry that has begun. We had some folks sign-up, in the last stewardship appeal, to assist with the weekly care of the cemetery. Our cemetery looks nice, most of the time, but wind storms wreak havoc on the place. The list for weekly TLC is posted in the bulletin. If you would like to help out, please call Samantha, our Business Manager.

Our **Fall Picnic** is scheduled for **NEXT** Sunday, Sept. 24th. Let's make sure we are selling our picnic raffle tickets to benefit our Tuition Assistance program for St. Mary and Trinity. Once again, we have been blessed with a \$10,000. match which means that if we sale \$30,000. worth of raffle tickets, \$20,000. of the \$40,000 profit will benefit our tuition assistance fund. Detail of picnic needs are posted on the PICNIC flyer of the bulletin. Help out wherever you can and, as always, let's be at the picnic in great number!

Blessings of Peace, Joy, and Love, Fr. Brian J. Roby

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2023

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that our **PARISHIONERS** play in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. For all those who teach the faith, we rededicate ourselves to this mission of the Church. We thank the Lord for giving us these co-workers and pray that, through the Holy Spirit, we will receive the grace we need in service to His Church.

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened." Matthew 11:28

FAMILIES OF FAITH CATECHISTS

Jennifer Zeurner
Erica Beyke
Jo Beth Grigsby
James Jarboe
Monica Kassinger
Samantha Nealen
Emily Gipson

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Johnny Sherfick
James Jarboe
Cecilia Morris
Donna Hardesty
Tom Hardesty
Emily Gipson
Nichole Rhinerson
Kevin Foster
Hunter O'Bryan
Deven Wathen
Blaise Morris

RCIA & ADULT EDUCATION

Fr. Brian Roby
Emily Gipson

EDUCATION/FORMATION COMMITTEE

Mallory Brant
Justen Bickett
Jennifer Pedley
James Jarboe
Nathan West
Jordan Bittel
Emily Gipson

CAFETERIA STAFF

Dana Roby
Diane Ward
Stacy Kimmel
Ariel Edge

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CATECHISTS

Sheena Jones
Leslie Leonard
Elizabeth Burch
Chelsey Brown
Jennifer Ralph
Aleta Willett
Krissy York
Sonya Beyke
Nicole Boarman
Danielle Rhodes
Mallory Brant
Terra Knight
Natalie Mayfield

Amy Roach
Monica Rightmyer
Heather Stephens
Ashley Oakley
Courtney West
Rachel Wilson
Peggy Duvall
Melanie Chaffin
Susan Roby
Emily Shelton
Jennifer Haynes
Laura Castlen
Jeanna Siddons

ST. MARY & TRINITY STAFFULTY

Fr. Brian Roby
Emily Hernandez
Nathan West
Ashley Fulkerson
Christina Huff
Heather Howard
Anna McDaniel
Andrea Aud
Allie McDaniel
Morgan Miller
Tammy Hamilton
Julie Foster
Rachel Wilson
Andrea Mills
Selena Aud
Kaitlin Goetz

Scott Lindsey
Mandy Roberts
Rebecca Roby
Rita Hardesty
Jason Johnson
Lisa Howard
Kay O'Bryan
Amanda Morris
Davida Wright
Valerie Hiatt
Nicole Boarman
Bridgett Abbott
Alex French
Deeanna Wathen
Mary Hardesty

ST. MARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Fr. Brian Roby
Emily Hernandez
Justen Bickett
Melanie Beyke
Tyler Clark
Becky Hardesty

Justin Brown
Matt Ralph
Hadley Edge
Matt Goetz
Emily Payne

ST. MARY & TRINITY COACHES

Debbie Connor
Nicholas Howard
Daniel Morris
Shannon Payne
Will Howard
Nathan West
Cameron Wright
Emily Hernandez
Krista Morris
Samantha Coomes
Aaron Knott
Jessica Morris
Joey Hatfield
Samantha McMichael
Molly Wathen
Josh Payne
Rodney Rhodes
Terra Knight
Brittney Booker

TRINITY SCHOOL BOARD

Fr. Brian Roby
Emily Hernandez
Nathan West
Jenny Pedley
Shasta Nash
Cristi Edge
Rodney Rhodes
Shelly Aull
Carla Coomes
Holly Boarman



May God our Father, the Father of Love, fill you with confidence and joy as you proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Requests: Easton Pedley, Ashley Johnson, Doris Hagan, Gerald Rhodes, Mildred Boarman, Donna Root, David Jennings, Mary Johnson, Karen Lee, Jennifer Stinnett, Rob Park, Martine Boarman, Sheila Moore, Charlotte Ralph, Gunner Payne, Debbie Mills, Stephanie Mattingly, Jamie Clark, Judy Rhodes, Stella Nash, Virgil Head, Patricia Burch, Marvin & Mary Ann Bickwermert, Adalyn Payne. *To keep the list current, please call the office when names should be added or removed. Names may be removed at the Pastor or editors discretion.*

Our American Men & Women who serve our country in all parts of the world. Keep them safe O Lord & bring them home soon. Tony Burch, David Stiff, Michael Bickwermert, Robbylyn Young, Beau Knott, Briar Roberts, Seth Midkiff, Logan Bickett, Nick Duvall, Katie Duvall, Devin Blythe, Chase Chatmon, Bowen Adams, Brady Boarman, Wyatt Fulkerson.
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Homebound receiving visits from the parish. Bernadine Dean, Genevieve Boarman, Ruth Anderson, Mary Ann Wright, Donna McKinley, Mildred Boarman, Joyce Merritt, David Jennings, Vincent & Barbara Brown, JoAnn Kauffeld, Donald & Shirley Howard.

Nursing Homes: Edith Payne, Martha Rose Hagan, Sherry Johnson, Bob Howard, Mary Ann Bickwermert. Please contact the office if there are any parishioners in nursing homes not listed above. We would like to keep our list as up to date as possible.

Parishioners in formation for Consecrated life- Sister Mary Thomas of the Open Heart of Christ (Madeline Mattingly) with the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word and Sister Bethany Marie of the Glorious Wounds of Christ (Hannah Bland) with the Passionist Nuns.
We pray for all those who are discerning their vocation in life, particularly those whom the Lord is calling to consecrated life. May they be given the wisdom to hear God's call and the courage to respond generously.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

St. Mary of the Woods Parish would like to say
Thank You to one of our Bulletin Sponsors -
Westerfield Heating & Air Conditioning
270-315-7601

From the Editor

Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing by **10:00AM on Monday** to Sara at sara.schrecker@stmarywoods.com

Flower Memorial

Anyone wishing to put flowers in the front of the altar In Honor or In Memory of someone the following dates are available:

August 2024: 3/4

Sept. 2024: 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 27/28

Cost: \$60. Call Sara at the Parish Office to schedule.



If you have Celiac Disease and/or are gluten intolerant, please see Fr. Brian before Mass so you may fully participate in Holy Communion with our parish family. Thank you.

September Outreach

The Outreach for September will go to our local St. Vincent de Paul. The following items are needed: crackers, tuna, cereal, dry milk, soup, peanut butter, canned meats, instant potatoes, canned vegetables. Please place items inside the bins located at the entrances of church.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
Contact person: Becky Beyke 270-233-5884

Landscaping Weeding

Week of September 17th—Deanna Isbill & Stacey Johnson
Week of September 24th—Matthew Brant Family

Weekly Cemetery Clean Up Schedule

Beginning in September:

1st week of the month – Aiden Morris
2nd week of the month – Mark Dorth
3rd week of the month – Kenny Nash
4th week of the month – Jones Family

Altar Care for September

Paula Gordon & Sharon Boarman

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS CATHOLIC CHURCH

10534 Main Cross Street, Whitesville, KY 42378
Phone 1-270-233-4196 Fax 1-270-233-5557 Catholic Radio WJOR 95.5

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Online Giving - go to website www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com and click Online Parish Giving!



St. Mary of the Woods Weddings

September 30, 2023 - Cameron Wright & Savannah Aull, 6PM

October 14, 2023 - Noah Pike & Leah Kesel, 6PM

December 2, 2023 - Russ Roberts & Erica Russelburg, 4PM

December 31, 2023 - Zeke Roberts & Taylor Robinson, 7PM

June 1, 2024 - Jack Goetz & Mattie Lyons, 6:30PM

June 15, 2024 - Paul Rhodes & Brianna Park, 6PM

Perpetual Adoration

Overall Coordinator: Majella Mills 929-7060



Quarterly Division Leaders:

Sandy Merritt 233-4009 Midnight - 6AM;
Hope Brey 314-1638 6AM - Noon;
Sharon Boarman 929-4644 Noon - 6PM;
Dottie Pogue 233-4943 6PM - Midnight

Prayer Request

To make a prayer request, contact one of the following on the Parish Telephone Prayer Chain:



Brenda Hamilton 270-316-5686;
Norma Kaelin 270-315-8642;
Alice Howard 270-314-8957;
Katie Christian 270-233-5081



St. Mary's Prayer Bible Study Group

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:15PM in

St. Mary's Cafeteria

Studying the New Testament, Singing, Praying & Sharing Together!

Young at Heart

Join us for Bunco in the Parish Hall **September 20th** from 12:30—2:30PM. Please bring \$2 and a white elephant gift. Lunch will be provided but extra snacks are appreciated! For more information, call Peggy Morris at 270-903-0053, Bernie Barnard at 270-316-3525 or Mary Barnett at 270-570-0438.

Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	26,942.31
Building & Grounds Fund	16,902.24
Campaign Income for New School	2,677,339.63
Campaign Pledges (493) as of 9/11	9,471,550.10
Tuition Assistance	2,584.65
SMWS Endowment	20,682.12
THS Endowment	910,949.71
9/10 Regular Sunday Collection	19,167.91
Online Reg Sunday Collection	4,309.50
Total Reg Sunday Collection	23,477.41

Online Giving

Are you interested in Automatic Withdrawal? For more information, contact Sara at the Parish Office, 270-233-4196. The secure site for parishioners to create an account is <https://www.osvhub.com/stmaryofthewoodswhitesville/funds>.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Upon request, the parish has stewardship envelopes for children and youth available.



St. Mary's Cemetery Dues

The September Envelope packet includes a Cemetery Dues Envelope. For those with plots at our cemetery the dues are \$25 per year. Donations for upkeep of the Cemetery are welcome as well.

If you have any questions regarding your dues, please call Samantha McMichael at 270-233-4196.

Planned giving is for everyone. A properly executed will and financial plan are just as important for young families with children as they are for retired people.

Liturgical Ministries

4:00 PM Saturday—September 23

Lectors: Larry O'Bryan, Geri Kramer

Servers: Corbin Tarrance, Luke Howard, Logan Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark & Donna Dorth, Bonnie Hamilton, Emily McDaniel, Krista Hamilton

Musicians: Morris Family

Min. of Hospitality: Kenny Nash—Capt., Mark Bickett, Marion Willett, Jeremy McDaniel, Drew Preston, Dalton Howard, Linny Howard

7:00 AM Sunday—September 24

Lectors: Della Mitchell, Brenda Hagan

Servers: Ian White, Braxton Rhodes, Addyson Midkiff

Eucharistic Ministers: Bailey Wright, Hope Brey, Bruce Hagan, Ina Mattingly, Joyce Higdon

Musicians: David

Min. of Hospitality: Scott Crisp—Capt., Stephen & Gabe Kuder, Charles Mattingly, Kevin Merritt, Dwayne Mattingly

9:00 AM Sunday—September 24

Lectors: Michelle Rhinerson, Brittney Morris

Servers: Mason & Maggie Greer, Weston Wilkerson

Eucharistic Ministers: Julie O'Bryan, Amy Roach, Corli Mills, Emily Mills, Brittney Houston

Musicians: David

Min. of Hospitality: Keith Roby—Capt., Adam Roby, Nathan Roby, Floyd Edge, Kevin Morris, Travis Rightmyer

11:00 AM Sunday—September 24

No Mass—Picnic

8:00 PM Sunday—September 24

Lectors: Volunteer

Servers: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteer

Musician: Alicia Jones

Min of Hospitality: Volunteers

Live Streaming Schedule

1st Sunday-Randy Howard; 2nd Sunday-John Gray;
3rd Sunday-Jennifer Barnett; 4th Sunday-Chad Mills; 5th Sunday & Sub-Lisa Edge

THS Class of 1998 Reunion

October 21st following the 4PM Mass.

MASST INTENTIONS

Sat 16	8:00am	†Charlie & †Theresa Wedding
	4:00pm	†Sister Ann Barrett
Sun 17	7:00am	L/D Truman L. Rearden Family
	9:00am	†Roy Payne
	11:00am	L/D Jay & Hazel Aud Family
	8:00pm	St. Mary of the Woods Parishioners
Mon 18	8:00am	†Bernice Knott
	12:05pm	†Bernard & †Mary Hagan
Tues 19	8:00am	Leah Winklepleck Family
	12:05pm	Mike Horn
Wed 20	8:00am	Becca Doyle Family
	12:05pm	†Sandra Woods
Thurs 21	8:00am	†Austin Sands
	12:05pm	†Ellis Edge
Fri 22	8:00am	†Jeff Boarman
	12:05pm	†Bernard "Buddy" Clark
Sat 23	8:00am	†Ed & †Joan Wells
	4:00pm	L/D Paul & Anita Howard Family
Sun 24	7:00am	St. Mary of the Woods Parishioners
	9:00am	Bert & Joan Payne's 40th Wedding Anniversary
	11:00am	No Mass
	8:00pm	Souls in Purgatory

St. Mary & Trinity High School Mass Days 2023-2024

Tuesdays, Grades Pre-K-6 at 8AM &
Fridays, Grades 7-12 at 8AM

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



ST. MARY
OF THE WOODS
SCHOOL



TRINITY
High School

Calendar:

September 18 SMWS Softball vs Owensboro Catholic Middle, 5:30-8PM
 September 18 THS Volleyball vs Daviess County, 5:30-8PM
 September 19 SMWS Softball vs Butler County, 6-7:30PM
 September 19 THS Volleyball vs Edmonson County, 5:30-8PM
 September 20 SMWS Volleyball vs Daviess County Middle, 5:30-7PM
 September 21 SMWS Volleyball at Mary Carrico, 5:30-7PM
 September 21 THS Volleyball vs Henderson County, 5:30-7:30PM
 September 22 SMWS Softball vs. Owensboro Middle, 5:30-7PM
 September 23 THS/SMWS Cross Country Arrowhead Invitational, 9AM-1PM

School Happenings:

Congratulations to the Trinity High School volleyball team on winning the 3rd Region All 'A' Tournament. They are headed to state! Congratulations to Georgia Howard for making the All-Academic Team and congratulations to Caroline Hall, Georgia Howard, Kenzie McDowell and Hannah Nash for making the All-Tournament Team. We are proud of all the girls and wish them well in Richmond!

Congratulations to our August Students of the Month for SMWS:

Preschool (3-year old)	Idaleigh Howard	
Preschool (4-year old)	Reid Dickens	Joshua Howard
Kindergarten	Aaro Knott	Abram Morris
1 st Grade	Will Brant	Carter Nash
2 nd Grade	Serenity Simmons	Alyssa Snodgrass
3 rd Grade	Parker Aud	Lydia Snodgrass
4 th Grade	Cooper O'Bryan	
5 th Grade	Lydia Aud	
6 th Grade	Hunter Russelburg	
7 th Grade	Raylee Payne	
8 th Grade	Miah Crisp	Ian White

Classes of the Month for August:

Art	8 th Grade - Mrs. Blandford
Library	2 nd Grade - Mrs. Edge
Music	6 th Grade - Mr. Pate

Congratulations to our August Students of the Month for THS:

Freshmen	Grant Howard	Kirsten Mills
Sophomores	Hadley McBride	Shealyn Mills
Juniors	Corbyn Coomes	Caroline Hall
Seniors	Christian Miller	Aaron Wright

Emily Hernandez, Principal, St. Mary of the Woods Grade School & Trinity High School

Scrip Program Update

Our families have earned \$8,654.68 in rebates towards Tuition and our schools have earned \$2,884.90 in rebates from the Scrip Program for the most recent scrip year (05/01/2023 – 08/31/2023).

Thank you to all who participate.

What is Scrip Fundraising?

Scrip is fundraising while you shop! You buy gift cards for retailer brands you already shop at and earn a rebate on every gift card you purchase at face value. That rebate goes toward tuition, with a portion donated to the school.

Next Steps

Want to learn more about our scrip fundraiser? Stop by our scrip office, located in the Parish Office, during scrip hours. Monday - Friday 9:00am-3:00pm when the Parish Office is open. Start purchasing scrip to help with Tuition. You can even start banking your rebate now for a future student.

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

MARGARITAS & Mystagogy

Discovering Elements of Catholicism that Leave Us in Awe

Thursday, September 28th @6pm

Papa Grande on Hwy 54 - Front Patio



Featuring: *Laura Shoulders*

Join us as we exercise the gift of Wonder & Awe in learning about *Living as His Beloved* with Laura Shoulders! Laura serves as the Religious Education Minister at Sts. Joseph & Paul Catholic Church in Owensboro, and is the Director of the Encounter School of Ministry - Lexington Campus.

Those under 21 are welcome to attend and partake in the restaurant's non-alcoholic drink selection

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PUMPKIN *young adult* CARVING

PUMPKINS
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12TH
October

WHITESVILLE
PARK

Start At
6PM

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO RSVP
AND SECURE
YOUR PUMPKIN



Co-ed/Pick-up Softball

Thursday Nights, 7-8:30PM

Participant Age: 18-39

Sept. 21, 28 & Oct. 5, 19, 26

Field #5 behind St. Pius X Catholic Church
(3536 E. 8th St., Owensboro, KY)

Awakening: An Invitation to Come Home to the Catholic Church

If there is anyone in your life that has walked away from the Catholic Church, we encourage you to extend an invitation to participate in our new ministry, **Awakening**. The 6-session Program will begin **Thursday, October 19th at 6PM** in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall and will occur weekly through November 30th. Invitations can be picked up after Mass or in the Parish Office. Please contact Emily Gipson at the Parish Office with any questions or for more information.

RCIA

If you know of anyone interested in becoming Catholic our formal RCIA Sessions are on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM** in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Emily Gipson at the Parish Office, 270-233-4196 or email, emily.gipson@stmarywoods.com

Baptismal Prep

Contact the office to begin Baptismal Prep for you and your child. Parents and Godparents are asked to prepare for this important step in the faith of our children.



CATHOLICISM 101
Adult Formation & Education

Church History: THE SCHISM OF 1054

WHEN:

Wednesday
September 20th
6:00pm

WHERE:

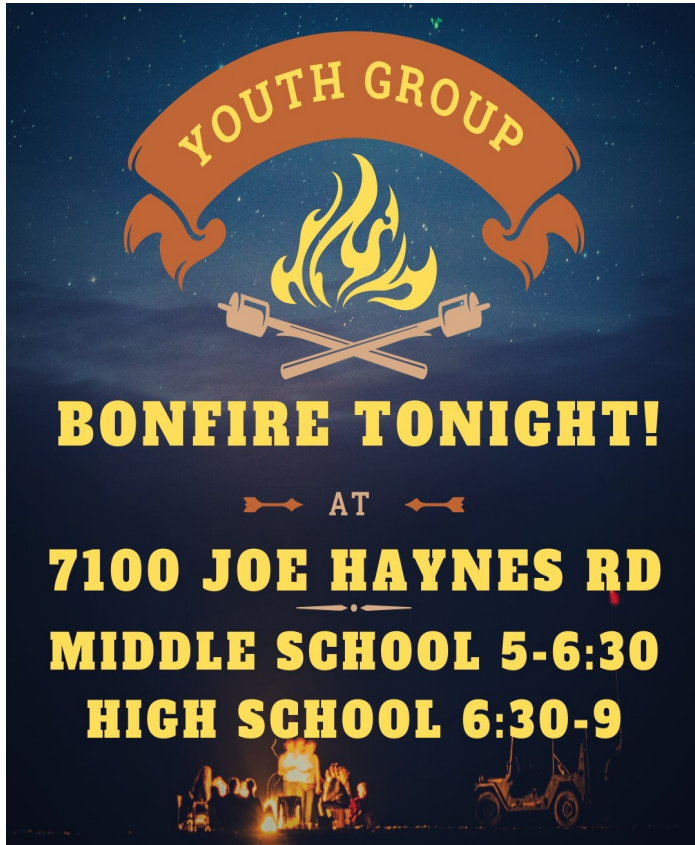
Activity Room of the
Parish Hall
(door to the right of Parish Office)



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Youth Group

We are looking for volunteers to provide food for weekly youth group as well as assist and help supervise. If you have the time or resources to help, please email johnny.sherfick@stmarywoods.com.



Kid Zone Picnic Volunteers Needed



We will need volunteers to help with supervising the Kid Zone at the September Picnic. Each shift is a 2 hour period (11AM-1PM, and 1-3PM).

If you are interested please notify Johnny at 270-233-4196 or johnny.sherfick@stmarywoods.com



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September 17, 2023

Bereavement Ministry Meetings

October 14th, November 11th, & December 9th.

All meetings will be held at 10AM in the Long Trail Activity Room of the Parish Hall.

For more information, contact Lucy Felty, 270-826-7038.



THE 33RD DIOCESAN MARIAN CONGRESS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

"ST. JOSEPH, PILLAR OF THE FAMILY"

Keynote Address by Fr. Joseph Morgan, CPM
Adoration, Marian Procession, and Confessions
4 pm Vigil mass offered at Parish

To be held on the campus of Saint Joseph Catholic Church
434 Church Ave. Bowling Green, KY 42101



Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women & men who are suffering from the lingering effects of abortion. Rita: (270) 474-4707
retreats@hopeafterabortionky.com
<http://hopeafterabortionky.com>

St. Mary of the Woods Grace Marriage

3 Tier Pricing:
\$100 - What We Can Afford
\$200 - Actual Cost of Program
\$300 - Bless Another Couple



Grow together

2023-2024 Session Dates:

September 30th, November 4th, January 20th, April 27th

All sessions will be held in the Parish Hall from 9AM-1:30PM

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 22, 2023

Registration available in the Parish Office or online at <https://stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com/grace-marriage/>

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 270-233-4196 or email Kara Burch at kbekebrede16@gmail.com

St. Mary of the Woods 19th Annual Variety Show



Date: October 21, 2023

Place: St. Mary's Parish Hall, Whitesville KY

Time: 6:00 pm

Live Music, including Musician & Song Writer, Scott Lindsey, & other talented Musicians, Singers, Dancers/Cloggers, with lots of comedy skits.

Special Performance by Fr. Ray Clark. Please come and show your support & bring your family & friends! Fun for All! Concessions available.

No Admission charge but would gladly accept love offerings for Tuition Assistance.



Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

September 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIR 27:30-28:7; PS 103:1-4, 9-12; ROM 14:7-9;
MT 18:21-35

Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts and emotions.

Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us.

How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free.

Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. It is impossible for us to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out.

What joy and freedom we find in the stewardship way of life!

Knights of Columbus Turkey Shoot

Every Sunday beginning Oct. 1st—Nov. 19th

Shooting starts at 1PM. Please arrive early to enter. Located behind KOC Hall (7812 Haynes Station Rd., Whitesville, KY). Prizes include, hams, turkeys, and cash along with half pot and many other prizes.

Clark/Howard Family Reunion

Saturday, September 23rd from 10AM-4PM at the Whitesville Senior Citizen Building.

Please bring a dish.

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS



FALL Picnic

Sunday, September 24th

Serving beings at 11AM

FOOD | GAMES | LIVE MUSIC | TALENT SHOW

Country Store: In need of premade gift baskets, baskets, holiday crafts, baby & children items, kitchen items, bathroom items, fall/winter wreaths & decorations.

Dart Board: In need of new novelty toys, balls, games, stuffed animals, water guns, tractors, hot wheels, etc. for prizes.

Cake Stand: Please bring cakes, pies, homemade breads, etc. to the Cake Stand the morning of the picnic.

Burgoo Barn: In need of helpers to prepare burgoo. Help is needed on Sat., Sept. 23rd at 9AM to cut & peel potatoes & immediately following the 4PM Mass to de-bone meat. Please bring a knife & pan.

Talent Show

2PM

Rain or Shine!

Elementary, Middle & High School Students

Sign up at 1PM in front of the stage.

Cash Prizes: 1st \$300 | 2nd \$100 | 3rd \$75 | 4th \$50

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