

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday, 8AM & 12:05PM Saturday, 8AM & 4PM

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

Sunday, 7AM, 9AM, 11AM, & 8PM www.stmarvofthewoodswhitesville.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.



Monday, Jan. 22, has been set aside as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In the Gospel of John, shortly before He is to suffer His Passion, Jesus proclaims to His disciples: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34).

And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of His disciples. The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and He Himself is present in their lives. As disciples of Christ, we're called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it. Fulfilling Christ's command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.

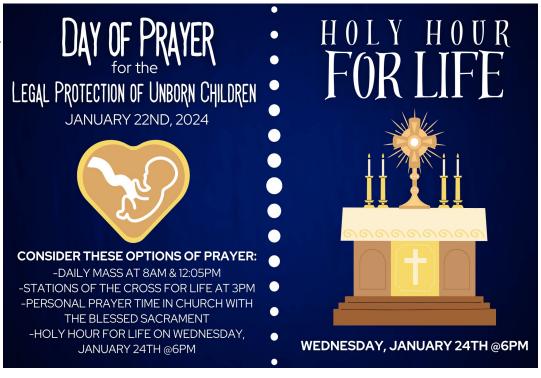
In reaction to the overturning of Roe v. Wade, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new opportunities and new responsibilities to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called "choice," but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone. Experience shows that when a mother is supported, she is even capable of heroism. Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset. A culture of radical solidarity gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, what radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?

Inspired by Christ's own example of love, may we enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep. May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

Consider opportunities for additional prayer, this week, that are posted in this bulletin.

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



Prayer_____REQUESTS

Easton Pedley, Ashley Johnson, Doris Hagan, Gerald Rhodes, Mildred Boarman, Donna Root, David Jennings, Mary Johnson, Jennifer Stinnett, Rob Park, Martine Boarman, Sheila Moore, Charlotte Ralph, Gunner Payne, Debbie Mills, Stephanie Mattingly, Jamie Clark, Judy Rhodes, Stella Nash, Virgil Head, Marvin & Mary Ann Bickwermert, Adelyn Payne,

Monica Kassinger, Julia Hansford, Paige Howard Russelburg, Lisa Clark, Jessy Bennett, Tyler Grant. 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, Logan Bickett, Nick Duvall, Katie Duvall, Devin Blythe, Chase Chatmon, Bowen Adams, Brady Boarman, Wyatt Fulkerson, Alexander Baity.

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Homebound receiving visits from the parish. Bernadine Dean, Genevieve Boarman, Ruth Anderson, Donna McKinley, Mildred Boarman, Joyce Merritt, David Jennings, Vincent & Barbara Brown, JoAnn Kauffeld, Marvin Bickwermert, Virgil & Jackie Head.

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 -

TwinRivers Nursing & Rehabilitation 270-683-3141

Altar Care for January

Cindy Mattingly & Joan Payne

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:

Jan. 2025: 25/26

Cost: \$60. Call Sara at the Parish

Office to schedule.

From the Editor

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



Live Streaming Schedule

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

Weekly Cemetery Clean Up Schedule

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

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.

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Mary of the Woods Weddings

May 18, 2024 - Joseph Fredrick & Cecilia Morris, 6PM

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

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

September 14, 2024 - Logan Goetz & Avery Barnett, 6PM

October 26, 2024 - Deven Wathen & Taylor Pedley, 6PM

November 2, 2024 - Jacob Heisler & Bailey Onstott, 6PM

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

Perpetual Adoration

Overall Coordinator: Majella Mills 929-7060 Eucharistic Quarterly Division Leaders:

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

Adorer needed: Saturdays, 3AM & 6PM



Whitesville Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of Council #2046 will take place on Feb. 1st at 7:30PM at the KC Hall.

January Outreach

St. Mary's Outreach for January will go to the Pitino Soup kitchen. They are currently in need of canned vegetables of all kinds. Please place donations in the bins located at the entrances of church.

Thank you for being so generous! Contact persons: Connie Hagan, 270-314-0717

Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	26,942.31
Building & Grounds Fund	19,690.24
Campaign Income for New School	4,191,726.06
Campaign Pledges (520) as of 1/16	9,755,878.92
Tuition Assistance	70,810.80
SMWS Endowment	63,052.25
THS Endowment	910,949.71
1/14 Regular Sunday Collection	17,713.38
Online Reg Sunday Collection	4,132.50
Total Reg Sunday Collection	21,845.88

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.



C<u>HILDREN & YOUTH</u>

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







The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.





4:00 PM Saturday— January 27

Lectors: School Youth

Servers: Luke Howard, Wade & Henry Burch

Eucharistic Ministers: School Youth

Musicians: Morris Family

Min. of Hospitality: Linny Howard—Capt., Dalton Howard, Matt Ralph, Kenny Nash, Keith

Morris, Mike Roby, BJ Starks

7:00 AM Sunday—January 28

Lectors: School Youth

Servers: Andrew, Caleb, & Owen Aud **Eucharistic Ministers:** School Youth

Musicians: David Morris

Min. of Hospitality: Bill Brey—Capt., Travis Brey, Logan Beyke, Joey Wilson, David O'Bryan,

Dwayne Mattingly

9:00 AM Sunday—January 28

Lectors: School Youth

Servers: Thomas Jarboe, Isaac Hernandez,

Maggie Greer

Eucharistic Ministers: School Youth

Musicians: David Morris

Min. of Hospitality: Randy Howard—Capt., Ron O'Bryan, Darrell Hagan, Richard Hagan,

John Jones, Martin Rhinerson

11:00 AM Sunday—January 28

Lectors: School Youth

Servers: Sam West, Aaron Wright, Addy Boarman

Eucharistic Ministers: School Youth

Musicians: David Morris

Min. of Hospitality: Sylvester Higdon—Capt., Randall Hagan, George Howard, Richard Duvall, Darrin Ward, Nicholas Ward

8:00 PM Sunday—January 28

Lectors: Volunteer Servers: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteer

Musicians: Alicia Jones

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteer

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

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



Sat 20	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
	4:00pm	†Chad Roberts
Sun 21	7:00am	†Robert Higdon
	9:00am	
	11:00am	L/D Bernard & Barbara Morris Family
	8:00pm	St. Mary of the Woods
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Mon 22	8:00am	†Charles Wedding
	12:05pm	†Francis & †Vivian Roby
Tues 23	8:00am	L/D Jimmy Harley Family
	12:05pm	†Joe Fitzgerald
Wed 24	8:00am	L/D Bob & Barbara Hodskin
	12.05	Family
	12:05pm	†Debbie Norris
Thurs 25	8:00am	†Martha Jennings
	12:05pm	†Luke Wathen
Fri 26	8:00am	†Margaret Beyke
	12:05pm	†Stephanie Bickett
Sat 27	8:00am	Rachel Rowland Family
	4:00pm	†Danny Edge
Sun 28	7:00am	†Jeanetta Ballard
	9:00am	L/D Bill & Emilene Rhoades Family
	11:00am	L/D Ellen Roby Family
	8:00pm	St. Mary of the Woods
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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; PS 89:20, 21-22, 25-26;

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10;

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; PS 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30;

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16; PS 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; PS 51:12-13, 14-15,

16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;

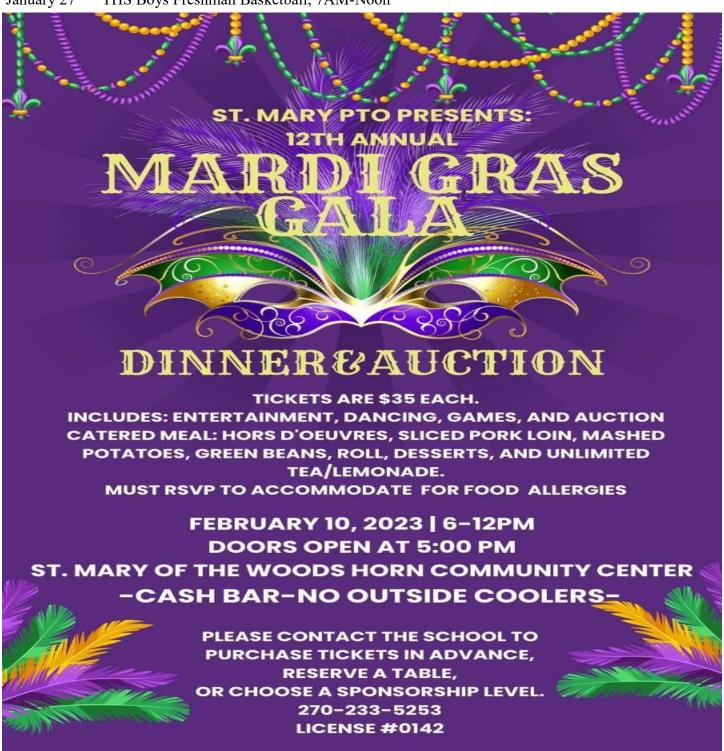
1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28





Calendar:

- January 25 THS Girls & Boys Basketball vs Butler County, 6-9PM
- January 26 THS Girls & Boys Basketball vs Butler County, 6-9PM
- January 27 THS Girls Basketball vs St. Mary, Paducah
- January 27 THS Boys Freshman Basketball, 7AM-Noon



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 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.

Families of Faith

Our next meeting for Families of Faith will be **Wednesday, February 7th at 6pm** at St. Mary of the Woods School. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Emily Gipson at the Parish Office.

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

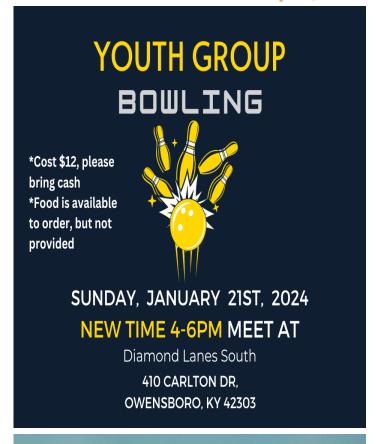


Compass aims to anticipate the needs of Catholic parents, accompany them through the trials and joys of family life, and point them to faithful answers to life's difficult questions.

www. CompassforParents.com

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH @6PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Bring your laptop to the walk-thru presentation and learn how to use this incredible tool!



LAZARUS RETREAT

WHO: All High School Youth (9th-12th Grades).

WHAT: Journey through the story of the raising of Lazarus, see what it means to be dead in this world and called to life in Jesus.

WHERE: Boone Lodge at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp outside Bowling Green, KY. A packing list will be provided upon registration.

WHEN: Friday, February 16 arrival begins at 5:30PM, pickup is Sunday, February 18, at 12:00PM

COST: \$65 per youth participant (scholarships are available through the Office of Youth Ministry)

TO SIGN UP: Please look on the parish website under youth ministry for more information, or email johnny.sherfick@stmarywoods.com



Who: Youth 13+

What: Through talks, music, adoration, prayer, panel discussions, fellowship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the celebration of the Mass, young people deepen their love and understanding of the faith, and encounter the power of richness of God's love and mercy. Where: Brescia University

When: March 15th at 6:30pm through March 17th at 12:30pm.

Cost: \$65 (Includes lunch and dinner on Saturday).

Details: This is not an overnight event. We will transport our group from St. Mary's to Brescia and back each day.

To Sign Up: Pick up a registration form from the Parish Office.

For more information, email johnny.sherfick@stmarywoods.com



Upcoming Parent Workshop! February 24, 2024

Join us for a Parent workshop on February 24, 2024 at Blessed Mother in Owensboro. As a parent and first educator of your child you have a challenge to accurately answer questions about "growing up". Learn how to joyfully accompany your child in the emotional, spiritual, and physical journey to adulthood through scripture and the sacraments. Leave with an abundance of resources available to you as parents.

Parents of any age child are welcome to attend.



DO YOU WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD? SEEKING A FAITH FILLED COMMUNITY OF LOVE AND SUPPORT?

Make a Curvilla Weekend!!

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends held at Gasper River: Men-March 2-5, 2024; Women-March 9-12, 2024. Cost for weekend is \$180. Cursillo Weekend is a lay -led, clergy advised short course in Christian living. For an application or more information visit http://www.cursillo-owensboro.org/ or contact Denis or Martha Wheatley, (270)-922-6860 or (270)-927-6540, marthawheatley@att.net.

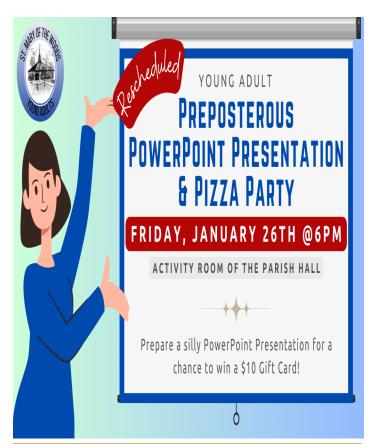




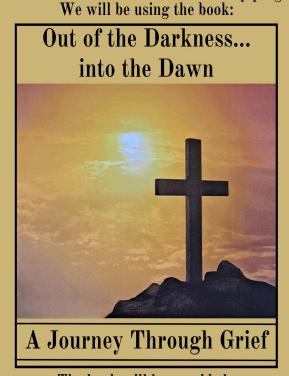
MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Want to be inspired by beauty and the wisdom of the Church? Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Tickets are on sale now and are limited! Grab your tickets today in the parish office or online by scanning the QR Code.

Please contact Emily Gipson at 270-233-4196 if you would like more information.



St. Mary of the Woods Grief Ministry Support You're invited to a 6-week Grief Ministry program.



The book will be provided. There is no length of time on grief.

All are welcome!

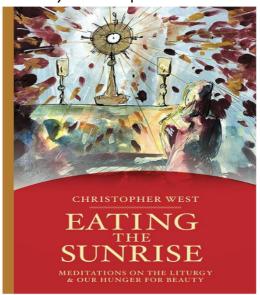
Sessions will take place in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall at 10AM on Saturdays,

January 6th - February 10th

St. Mary of the Woods LENTEN BOOK CLUB

Eating the Sunrise: Meditations on the Liturgy and Our Hunger for Beauty

by Christopher West



Fridays during Lent - 8:45am in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall

Each week's assigned reading should be done before the session where we will discuss what we've read.

February 16th - Intro & ch. 1

February 23rd - ch. 2 & 3

March 1st - ch. 4 & 5

March 8th - ch. 6

March 15th - ch. 7

March 22nd - ch. 8 & conclusion

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, CONTACT EMILY GIPSON AT THE PARISH OFFICE TO PURCHASE A COPY OF THE BOOK. 270-233-4196

St. Mary of the Woods Annual Lenten Parish Retreat

RESPONDING TO THE CALL TO CONVERSION AND NEW LIFE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH FROM 8AM-6PM IN THE PARISH HALL 3 MEALS PROVIDED | INCLUDES 4PM MASS

Get off to a good start this Lent on a retreat with fellow parishioners. Enjoy hearing conversion witness stories, partaking in small group discussion, and personal time for prayer and reflection.

MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE RETREAT

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	RSVP BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH @4PM
NAME:	
PHONE #:	
EMAIL:	

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection January 21, 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James, and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we

often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me."
We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now.

These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us.

Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

Horn Community Center

Premium Membership: \$15/month or \$175/year Standard Membership: \$10/month or \$115/year

Starting **January 1, 2024** the Horn Community Center will begin rotating the days of the walking direction on the walking track. Walking the same direction everyday can be hard on your hips.

Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's – We will walk in the same direction as we do now.

Tuesday's, Thursday's, Saturday's, and Sunday's – We will walk in the opposite direction.

Renee will post a sign letting you know which direction on which days.





Fish Fry Fundraiser

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Every Friday

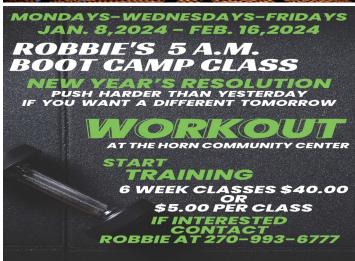
January 26 thru March 29, 2024 at 5:00 PM at Whitesville Senior Center 10345 Hwy 54, Whitesville, KY

To Go orders: Call 270-233-4332

Meal Includes: Catfish Fillets, Baked Potato or Fries, Coleslaw & Homemade Hush Puppies w/Drink. Homemade desserts--additional charge.

All proceeds benefit the Whitesville Lions Club Charities







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- The Parish and the Businesses both benefit.
- We spotlight a sponsor each week.

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