

# *St. Mary of the Woods Parish*

JANUARY 28 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HE COMMANDS EVEN THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS & THEY OBEY HIM.  
MARK 1:27

## **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](http://www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com)**

**Rectory: 270-233-4529**

**St. Mary School:**

**Phone 270-233-5253**

**[www.stmarywoods.com](http://www.stmarywoods.com)**

**Trinity High School:**

**Phone 270-233-5533**

**[www.trinityhs.com](http://www.trinityhs.com)**

**Horn Community Center:**

**270-233-5405**

## ***Mission Statement***

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



This weekend, we kick-off Catholic Schools Week at St. Mary and Trinity.

At a Catholic School, academic learning is not the only outcome of an exceptional education. The primary goal of a Catholic education is to prepare children for salvation. Students learn that God does not expect us to be perfect, or to tire ourselves by pursuing the hopeless venture that is perfection. What He wants most is for us to become our best selves. Giving glory to God is a lifelong exercise in acceptance, trust, and patience. When we choose to focus our energies on knowing and serving God, we can truly wash away our self-doubt and let go of the unhealthy and unachievable desire to be perfect. All that we are and everything that we do becomes more precious than a quest for vanity, fame or recognition when we aspire to serve God. We teach our children that becoming your best self has nothing to do with being perfect; it means honing your talents and transforming your strengths into a vocation that has a positive impact on society.

Catholic Schools are exceptional because they focus on informing and developing loving and productive citizens who care about the condition of their communities. Studies show that the emphasis Catholic Schools place on service and faith formation produces students who are more civically engaged, tolerant of diverse views, and committed to service as adults. Children in Catholic Schools are not only called to be high academic achievers, they are also called to be loving disciples of Jesus Christ. That being said, academics do not take a back seat in the learning process. Instead, we believe developing the intellectual aptitudes God has given us is the best way to grow in holiness.

However, Catholic Schools also understand that the way a person chooses to exercise his or her knowledge is far more important than having knowledge itself. Therefore, we support character development, instilling in children ethical values that ultimately guide their decision-making process; from their personal, everyday behaviors to their chosen career paths. Moral conduct is built into the very fabric of our school culture. Following the example of Jesus Christ, students are required to model Christian behavior by honoring the dignity of each individual. We encourage the expression of faith in word, thought, and deed.

Above all, a Catholic education forms compassionate yet judicious leaders who are prepared to rise up to the complexities of a dynamic and ever-changing world. Graduates of Catholic Schools have solid academic foundations, spiritual fortitude, strong moral convictions, and the desire to be civically engaged. Guided by God's grace, we give students the tools they need to shape their futures and to become their best selves. Pope Francis recently said "Catholic education gives soul to the world." As Catholic educators, we are humbled by the knowledge that our students move on to translate their spirituality, skills, and scholarship into actions that transform the world.

There is no substitute for spending 35 hours each week in an educational environment permeated by faith and Gospel values. I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with St. Mary and Trinity!

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, Debbie Mills, Stephanie Mattingly, Jamie Clark, Judy Rhodes, Stella Nash, Virgil Head, Marvin & Mary Ann Bickwermert, Monica Kassinger, Julia Hansford, Lisa Clark, Jessy Bennett, Tyler Grant, Deniece Pace, Nina Merritt.

*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 | Thank You**



#### **Altar Care for February**

Veda Mattingly & Valerie Roby

#### **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.

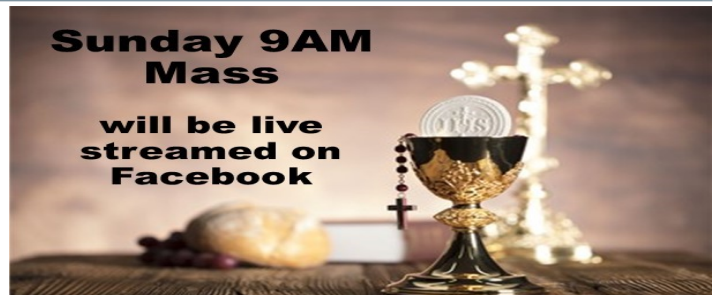


#### **From the Editor**

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

### **Sunday 9AM Mass**

**will be live streamed on Facebook**



#### **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**

10534 Main Cross Street, Whitesville, KY 42378

Phone 1-270-233-4196 Fax 1-270-233-5557 Catholic Radio WJOR 95.5

Find us on Facebook at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

**Online Giving** - go to website [www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com](http://www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com) and click Online Parish Giving!

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

### 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

### Marriage Help Retrouvaille

**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming weekend retreats call 931-820-2115 or visit the web site [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### 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



Adoration

**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

**Adorer needed: Saturdays, 3AM & 9PM**

### Whitesville Knights of Columbus

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

### Donut Sunday

Join the Social Life Committee for donuts, coffee, milk or orange juice in the Parish Hall after the **7AM & 9AM Masses on Sunday, February 4th.**

### Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	26,942.31
Building & Grounds Fund	19,744.24
Campaign Income for New School	4,199,094.06
Campaign Pledges (520) as of 1/22	9,755,878.92
Tuition Assistance	71,239.05
SMWS Endowment	63,052.25
THS Endowment	1,022,852.45
1/21 Regular Sunday Collection	20,850.61
Online Reg Sunday Collection	4,762.50
<b>Total Reg Sunday Collection</b>	<b>25,613.11</b>

### 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>.



### BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER



a non-profit organization that offers assistance to women with unplanned pregnancies. This program relies solely on donations of cash and supplies to operate.



1 Pick-up a bottle from the Church entrances the weekend of Feb. 10/11.



2 Fill the bottle with coins, cash or check. (Make payable to Birthright)



3 Return your bottle to the Church entrances the weekend of Feb. 17/18.



**YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

### Thank You From the Howard Family

The family of Martin Howard deeply appreciates everything this wonderful parish did and blessing us during Martin's final days and death. Thank you Father for your visits and the Mass celebration. Thank you to our parish family for your visits, food, cards, prayers and those who prepared food for the bereavement meal and all who served us. All of you truly were the hands and feet of Jesus to us and we are thankful. May God richly reward each of you.

## Liturgical Ministries

### 4:00 PM Saturday—February 3

**Lectors:** Jessica Morris, Doris Waldeck

**Servers:** Hunter & Logan Jones, Corbin Tarrance

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jessica & Ava Preston,  
Mary Rose Howard, Emily Payne, Leslie  
Leonard

**Children's Liturgy:** Elizabeth Burch, Aleta Willett

**Musicians:** Ryan Aud

**Min. of Hospitality:** Linny Howard—Capt., Dalton  
Howard, Matt Ralph, Kenny Nash, Keith  
Morris, Mike Roby, BJ Starks

### 7:00 AM Sunday—February 4

**Lectors:** Pamela Hagan, Maranda Ward

**Servers:** Braxton Rhodes, Lydia Snodgrass, Ian  
White

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sandy Meriritt, Megan  
Rhodes, Melanie Beyke, Ina Mattingly,  
Evan Burch

**Musicians:** David Morris

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

### 9:00 AM Sunday—February 4

**Lectors:** Michelle Rhinerson, Samantha Coomes

**Servers:** Luke Hamilton, Jaxen Bickett, Gabe  
Bickett

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deanie Midkiff, Cindy  
Mattingly, Danny Knott, Julie O'Bryan,  
Will Hernandez

**Children's Liturgy:** Monica Rightmyer, Heather  
Stephens

**Musicians:** David Morris

**Min. of Hospitality:** Randy Howard—Capt., Ron  
O'Bryan, Darrell Hagan, Richard Hagan,  
John Jones, Martin Rhinerson

### 11:00 AM Sunday—February 4

**Lectors:** Parker Driskill, Jacob Johnson

**Servers:** Jude Shelton, Samuel & Isaac Johnson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Driskill, Paul  
Rhodes, Al & DeeAnna Wathen, Jennifer  
Haynes

**Children's Liturgy:** Courtney West, Jeanna  
Siddons

**Musicians:** David Morris

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

### 8:00 PM Sunday—February 4

**Lectors:** Volunteer

**Servers:** Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteer

**Musicians:** Alicia Jones

**Min. of Hospitality:** Volunteer



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 Parishioners
Mon 29	8:00am	Clement Burch
	12:05pm	L/D Lois & Vic Johnson Family
Tues 30	8:00am	†Charles & †Shirley Edge
	12:05pm	L/D David Allen Howard Family
Wed 31	8:00am	L/D Abram Turner Family
	12:05pm	†Bernice Knott
Thurs 1	8:00am	†Betty Poole
	12:05pm	†Bill Christian
Fri 2	8:00am	†Katie Williams
	12:05pm	†Katherine Roby Thomas
Sat 3	8:00am	†Brenda Simmons
	4:00pm	†Dick Boarman
Sun 4	7:00am	†Charles Wathen
	9:00am	L/D Ellis Edge Family
	11:00am	L/D Buster & Lucille Brant Family
	8:00pm	St. Mary of the Woods Parishioners

## 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:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; MK 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4; PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; PS 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39





CELEBRATING **145** YEARS  
OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
IN WHITESVILLE  
EST. 1878-1879

**The greatest strength of a Catholic School is its community.**

*For you, we are thankful.*

### Calendar:

January 29 THS Girls Basketball at McLean County, 6-9:30PM  
January 30 THS Boys Basketball vs Owensboro, 6-9PM  
February 2 THS Girls & Boys Basketball vs Edmonson, 6-9PM  
February 3 THS Boys Basketball at the Owensboro Sports Center vs Day School Sports Center Shootout

### School Happenings:

The 8<sup>th</sup>-Grade Boys' Basketball Team finished as the Diocesan Tournament Runner-up, defeating St. Romuald, Holy Name and St. Joseph, before falling to Holy Name in a rematch in the championship game. Six other middle school teams from within our diocese participated in the tournament. More importantly, many people from other schools commented about how well our boys carried themselves on the court, noting that they all acted as respectful young men. Way to represent St. Mary of the Woods School well, boys!

It is Catholic Schools Week 2024, and we are so proud of our Catholic schools! St. Mary of the Woods School and Trinity High School are excited and ready to celebrate! Why do we take a week to celebrate Catholic schools? At SMWS and THS, we put God first in everything we do. We begin each morning with prayer, we pray before lunch, we pray at end the day, and our teachers incorporate prayer in their classes throughout the day. Each class also participates in retreats or prayer days, attends Mass weekly, and offers Reconciliation each semester. Additionally, our teachers and students are servant leaders who raise money for St. Jude, work to feed people in need through our food drive, help to clothe those who are cold through our winter wear drive, and even travel to Jamaica to support the Missionaries of the Poor and work with those in need! Christ is the reason for our schools, and He is the reason we take this week to celebrate!

Twenty-four years ago, I was struggling a bit in my first year of teaching. My mom gave me sound advice when I did not want to hear it. I was sharing with her some struggles I was having with a particular student when my mom asked me one simple question: "Have you prayed for her?" I remember thinking, "No, mom, I am praying for myself." I did listen, however, and began to pray for her, and we ended up with the most positive teacher-student relationship before the year's end. I think God changed my way of responding to her and changed my heart to see her good qualities. I already loved all my students because that is what I decided I would do before I began a career in education, but from that moment on, I decided I would find something I liked about every student. I believe in my heart that is why, even in my 24<sup>th</sup> year in education, I am still excited to come to school! Teaching takes great love, forgiveness, determination, grit, and heart. Our teachers at SMWS and THS absolutely love their students and work diligently to help each student strive to be his or her best. Pope Francis said, "Teaching is a beautiful job; as it allows you to see the growth day by day of people entrusted to your care." I would like to thank this community for your support of our Catholic schools and for allowing me to work in such a rewarding vocation. Without your love and support, our schools would not exist, making it much more difficult to build future leaders of our church and community. It takes all of us to continue the 145 years of Catholic school education that is needed now more than ever in our world. Thank you, and please continue to pray for the students and teachers at St. Mary of the Woods School and Trinity High School.

Emily Hernandez,

Principal St. Mary of the Woods School & Trinity High School

## 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.

## Confirmation

Remember to mark your calendars. The first Confirmation candidate and sponsor session will be held from 2-4PM in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, February 11th.**


## 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](mailto:emily.gipson@stmarywoods.com)

## 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!

CATHOLICISM 101: ADULT EDUCATION & FORMATION



A STUDY OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

*Lumen Gentium*: Dogmatic Constitution on The Church

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH @6:00PM**  
**ACTIVITY ROOM OF THE PARISH HALL**

## Upcoming Youth Events

### Lazarus Retreat | Feb. 16-18, 2024

Signups are now open for the Lazarus Retreat #6 at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp. This retreat is for high school youth from across the diocese and is a onetime experience.

**Cost:** \$65 per youth participant due at the time of registration.

*Registration ends Monday, February 5th.*

To sign up email Johnny Sherfick at [johnny.sherfick@stmarywoods.com](mailto:johnny.sherfick@stmarywoods.com)

### Youth 2000 | March 15-17, 2024

**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 email Johnny Sherfick at [johnny.sherfick@stmarywoods.com](mailto:johnny.sherfick@stmarywoods.com)

## Youth Group

Youth group will be held this Sunday in the Activity Room of the Horn Center from 5:30-8PM.



**COMPASS**

**PARENT WALK-THRU NIGHT**

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](http://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!*

**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**

RSVP your child(ren) by scanning the QR Code and completing the Google Form *no later than 4PM Thursday, Feb. 1st*





## OBKY Catholic Event | Trivia Night

Monday, January 29th, 6-8PM

McRaith Center, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY



Pizza, soft drinks & snacks provided.  
Feel free to bring beer or wine to share!  
This event is for 21-39 years old.  
You can come with a team of 4-6 or  
join a team.



**Habitat for Humanity**  
YOUNG ADULT  
VOLUNTEER DAY  
Saturday, February 10th  
Meet in Church parking lot by 8am

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS  
YOUNG ADULTS

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW**  
M4MKY.EVENTBRITE.COM

**BLESSED MOTHER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
601 E 23rd St. Owensboro, KY 42303

THURSDAY  
**APRIL 18**  
2024, 7-9:30PM



**MADE FOR MORE**  
VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

with **CHRISTOPHER WEST** MUSIC BY **MIKE MANGIONE**

**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 PTO PRESENTS:  
12TH ANNUAL  
**MARDI GRAS GALA**



**DINNER & AUCTION**

TICKETS ARE \$35 EACH.  
INCLUDES: ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING, GAMES, AND AUCTION  
CATERED MEAL: HORS D'OEUVRES, SLICED PORK LOIN, MASHED  
POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, DESSERTS, AND UNLIMITED  
TEA/LEMONADE.  
MUST RSVP TO ACCOMMODATE FOR FOOD ALLERGIES

**FEBRUARY 10, 2024 | 6PM - 12AM**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM**  
**ST. MARY OF THE WOODS HORN COMMUNITY CENTER**

**-CASH BAR-NO OUTSIDE COOLERS-**

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO  
PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE,  
RESERVE A TABLE,  
OR CHOOSE A SPONSORSHIP LEVEL.  
270-233-5253  
LICENSE #0142



**ST. MARY OF THE WOODS SCHOOL**



**Diocese of Owensboro**  
**Cursillo**

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

***Make a Cursillo 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](mailto:marthawheatley@att.net).

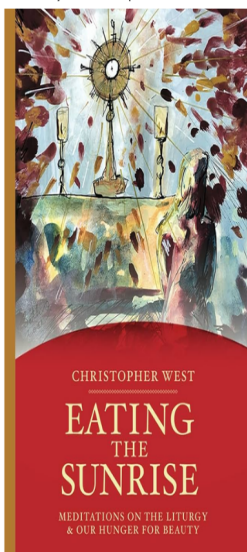


*St. Mary of the Woods*

## 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 Grief Ministry Support**  
You're invited to a 6-week Grief Ministry program.  
We will be using the book:

### Out of the Darkness... into the Dawn



### A Journey Through Grief

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 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**



**RSVP BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH @4PM**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection | January 28, 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

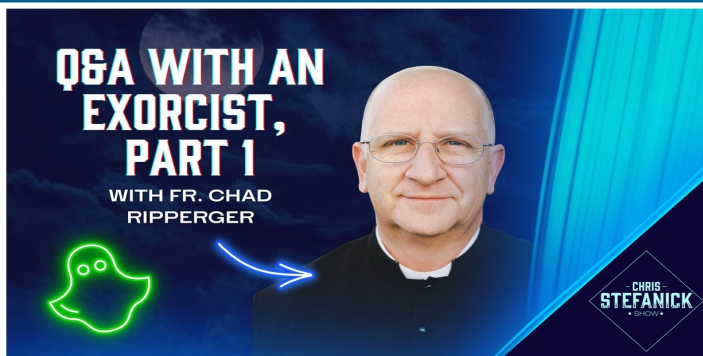
DT 18:15-20; PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 COR 7:32-35; MK 1:21-28

Our readings today remind us of God's authority.

As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer Who will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.



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### St. Mary of the Woods Parish Council Meeting minutes for Monday, January 22, 2024

Attendance: Fr. Brian Roby, Ryan Aud, Jordan Bittel, Christi Midkiff, Ashley Wright, Corey Hall, Cory Smith, Britney Houston, Jennifer Barnett

Absent:

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Introductions
- III. Review of Constitution and By-Laws
- IV. Prayer in preparation for discernment
- V. Assignment of Council Officers and Committee Liaisons
  - a. Chairperson – Ryan Aud
  - b. Vice Chair – Jordan Bittel
  - c. Secretary – Jennifer Barnett
  - d. Worship/Spiritual Life – Ashley Wright
  - e. Finance – Corey Hall
  - f. Education/Formation – Cory Smith
  - g. Social Justice/Outreach – Christi Midkiff
  - h. Social Life – Britney Houston
- VI. Next Meeting: 2/26/24 6:00 PM
- VII. Meeting adjourned with prayer



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