

# St. Mary of the Woods Parish

FEBRUARY 4, 2024



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HE CURED MANY WHO WERE SICK

FIFTH 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](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.*



# LENT

**“Returning to God with our Whole Heart”**

Before he began his public ministry, Jesus spent forty days in the desert. He prayed, fasted, confronted temptation, and prepared for the journey that was to come. During Lent, we imitate Jesus in self-denial. We pray, fast, and give alms. In faith, we can, little by little, set aside what distracts and harms us, open our lives to deep conversion to the Lord, and emerge ready to enter into the lasting joy of life with the Risen Lord.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

**Wed. Feb 14th - 8am; 12:05pm; 6pm**

## TRADITIONAL LENTEN DISCIPLINES

### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Catholics of age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics age 18-59 must fast, limiting themselves to one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. We also fast by the common practice of “giving up something for Lent”- we make a sacrifice!

### PRAYER

Catholics are encouraged to take on additional prayer, i.e.- daily Mass, daily devotionals, Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, Scripture reading, rosary, spiritual reading. The Season of Lent is a graced opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

**Daily Mass-** 8am and 12:05pm

**Sac. of Reconciliation-** Mon. at 8:30am and  
Sat. from 1pm-3:30pm

**Parish Communal Penance Service-**  
Mon., Mar. 18 at 6pm

**Perpetual Adoration-** consider a daily, weekly  
holy hour

**Stations of the Cross-** Friday's of Lent at 3pm

**Adult Lenten Book Club-** Friday's of Lent at  
8:45am in the Activity Room of the Hall.

**Parish Retreat-** Sat., Feb. 17 from 8am-6pm

**Parish Mission-** Monday through Wednesday,  
Mar. 11-13 at 9:00am and 6:30pm

### ALMSGIVING

Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, we give to various charities the money we saved by eating, drinking or buying less as we rely more upon God's abundant grace.

**Operation Rice Bowl**

**Food Pantry**

**Sister Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica-** Feb. 14

**Sick and Infirm Priests-** Mar. 3

**Parish Easter Flowers**

**Catholic Relief Services-** Mar. 10

**Holy Land-** Mar. 29

**Education of Diocesan Seminarians-** Mar. 31

**Catholic Home Missions-** Apr. 28



## 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



270-686-7508  
2768 Frederica St.  
Owensboro, KY  
Locally Owned & Operated

### 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:

**Feb. 2025:** 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23

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)



### 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!

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 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**

### Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; PS 132:6-7, 8-10; MK 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; PS 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; PS 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; PS 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; PS 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### 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**

### 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            | 19,924.24        |
| Campaign Income for New School     | 4,203,653.11     |
| Campaign Pledges (522) as of 1/29  | 9,757,478.92     |
| Tuition Assistance                 | 71,379.05        |
| SMWS Endowment                     | 63,052.25        |
| THS Endowment                      | 1,022,852.45     |
| 1/28 Regular Sunday Collection     | 16,255.53        |
| Online Reg Sunday Collection       | 3,852.50         |
| <b>Total Reg Sunday Collection</b> | <b>20,108.03</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!**





#### **4:00 PM Saturday—February 10**

**Lectors:** Lucy Felty, James Jarboe  
**Servers:** Lucas Mayfield, Wade & Henry Burch  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Krista Hamilton, Delilah Higdon, Karen Onstott, Lisa Morris, Crystal Mayfield  
**Musicians:** Connie Hagan  
**Min. of Hospitality:** Mark Dorth—Capt., Will Jenkins, Mike Hamilton, Norman Howard, Richard Howard, Gabriel Bohr, Joesph Hardesty

#### **7:00 AM Sunday—February 11**

**Lectors:** Monica Morris, Pamela Hagan  
**Servers:** Parker Aud, Tylen Mattingly, Addain Midkiff  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bruce Hagan, Joyce Higdon, Jenny Hagan, Dwayne Mattingly, Hope Brey  
**Musicians:** David Morris  
**Min. of Hospitality:** Rodney Rhodes—Capt., Clayton Rhodes, Lucas Rhodes, Jeff Goetz, Logan Goetz, Mark Hagan

#### **9:00 AM Sunday—February 11**

**Lectors:** Vickie Fulkerson, Emily Gipson  
**Servers:** Balire Wilson, Jeremy Merritt, Mason Greer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Nicole Boarman, Ashley Wright, Vickie Wright, Corli Mills, Tammy Hagan  
**Musicians:** David Morris  
**Min. of Hospitality:** Bryan Hamilton—Capt., Steve Beyke, Tim Edge, John Gray, Noah Gray, Casey Hamilton, Gerald Mattingly

#### **11:00 AM Sunday—February 11**

**Lectors:** Taylor Pedley, Bonnie Brown  
**Servers:** Ashtyn Mills, Jake Brown, Hannah Higdon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bob Cinnamon, Keily Mills, Bridget Abbott, Chris Coomes, Lilly Kassinger  
**Musicians:** David Morris  
**Min. of Hospitality:** Joey Hatfield—Capt., Pat Bickett, Karter Castlen, Bryson Oliver, Chuck Hagan, Ben Zuerner, Archer Higdon, Garrett Roby, Ian Roby, Hayden Aull

#### **8:00 PM Sunday—February 11**

**Lectors:** Volunteer  
**Servers:** Volunteer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteer  
**Musicians:** Alicia Jones  
**Min. of Hospitality:** Volunteer

#### **6:00PM Wednesday—February 14 Ash Wed**

**Lectors:** Brandon Coomes, Anne Coomes  
**Servers:** Laeden Coomes, Noah & Jonah Gray  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Taylor Pedley, Allie & Avery Barnett, Tommy & Vickie Fulkerson  
**Musicians:** Connie Hagan  
**Min. of Hospitality:** Randy Howard—Capt., Frank Hagan, Randall Hamilton, Ben Zuerner, Brenda Hamilton

## **MASS+ INTENTIONS**

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| 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             |
| Mon 5   | 8:00am  | †Bud Boarman                                   |
|         | 12:05pm | †Cecil Payne                                   |
| Tues 6  | 8:00am  | St. Mary Staffuly                              |
|         | 12:05pm | †Ed & †Ameilia Evans                           |
| Wed 7   | 8:00am  | †Francis & †Vivian Roby                        |
|         | 12:05pm | †Jay Aud                                       |
| Thurs 8 | 8:00am  | †Rita Szemethy                                 |
|         | 12:05pm | L/D James & Marcella Aud Family                |
| Fri 9   | 8:00am  | †Roy Michael Johnson                           |
|         | 12:05pm | †Kenny Boarman                                 |
| Sat 10  | 8:00am  | †Tom Wathen                                    |
|         | 4:00pm  | Jimmy & Marty Johnson 60th Wedding Anniversary |
| Sun 11  | 7:00am  | †Robert Higdon                                 |
|         | 9:00am  | †Ann Bickett                                   |
|         | 11:00am | L/D June & Florence McDaniel 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**

### **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.



ST. MARY  
OF THE WOODS  
SCHOOL



TRINITY  
High School

### Calendar:

February 6 THS Girls & Boys Basketball at Ohio County, 6-9PM  
February 9 THS Girls & Boys Basketball vs Grayson County, 6-9PM

### School Happenings:

Our Catholic Schools Week kickoffs for St. Mary of the Woods School and Trinity High School were some of our best yet. I am thankful for all the friendly competitions! We also announced that the schools together raised \$5,562.36 for St. Jude! Thank you to all who participated in this endeavor and helped us raise money to continue in the fight against childhood cancer.

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

**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  
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ST. MARY  
OF THE WOODS  
SCHOOL



## 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.

## Families of Faith

Our next meeting for Families of Faith will be  
**Wednesday, February 7th at 6PM** at  
St. Mary of the Woods School.

*The Compass walk-through presentation will serve as our Parent Meeting for February. Attendance will still be taken. You will drop your children off at SMWS with their catechists and then proceed to make your way to the Parish Hall. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Emily Gipson at the Parish Office, 270-233-4196.*

## 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)



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!*

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**





**Habitat for Humanity** ST. MARY OF THE WOODS YOUNG ADULTS

# YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER DAY

**Saturday, February 10th**  
*Meet in Church parking lot by 8am*

**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

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**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.

# Learning to Surrender

A YOUNG ADULT RETREAT FOR THOSE 18-39

**Friday - Saturday, March 1st & 2nd**

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center  
2695 Jackson Bridge Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42101

**Friday Arrival - 5:00PM**

**Saturday End Time - 4:00PM**

**Cost: \$35**

*Dinner, Breakfast, and Lunch Included*

What are some areas of your life where you have trouble surrendering to the Lord's Divine Will? Treat yourself to a short weekend retreat with fellow young adults and learn from our three wonderful speakers about what it means to die to self, how to let grace take root in the difficult areas of our lives, nurturing your spiritual life in the midst of struggle, and how to have a Marian posture of receptivity.

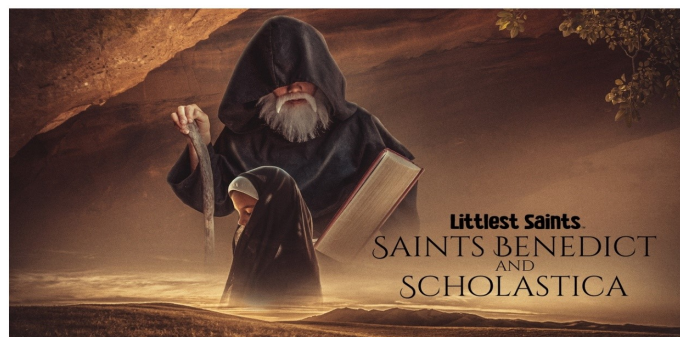
St. Mary of the Woods Whitesville, Kentucky



Scan the QR Code to register and pay!



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## Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica. Visit their website here: [www.littlestsaints.com](http://www.littlestsaints.com)

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



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and GRACIAS PRESS

## 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!

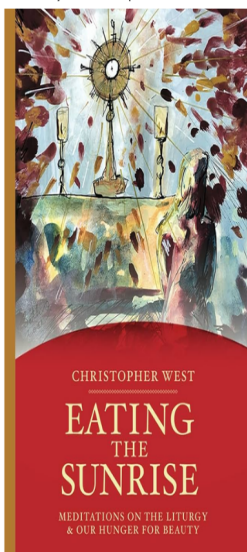


*St. Mary of the Woods*

## 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 February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our home, parish, and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, 'Make me humble, Lord.'

## Safe Environment

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment ([owensborodiocese.org/safe](http://owensborodiocese.org/safe)) for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or call 1-800-276-1562.

Whitesville Lions Club



Fish Fry Fundraiser

**Serving Delicious Farm Raised Catfish**  
*"Best Fillets in the County!"*



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*

## SAVE THE DATE 2024

**March 14th, 15th, & 16th**

## TRINITY ALUMNI BASKETBALL

*Tournament*

**GET YOUR TEAM  
READY!**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**  
**PLAYERS MUST BE A TRINITY ALUMNI**  
**EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED 1 FRIEND**  
**PLAYER**



**MONDAYS-WEDNESDAYS-FRIDAYS**  
**JAN. 8, 2024 – FEB. 16, 2024**

## ROBBIE'S 5 A.M. BOOT CAMP CLASS

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION**  
**PUSH HARDER THAN YESTERDAY**  
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