St. Mary of the Woods Parish

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will place my law within them & write it upon their hearts.

JEREMIAH 31:33 IX VII X X X X X

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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:

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Fax 270-233-5557

www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com

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270-233-5405

Mission Statement

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

Join Us For Holy Week at St. Mary

During Holy Week, we walk with Jesus, we suffer with Him, we die with Him, and we rise again: a new creation, brought deeply into the joy of redemption and new life now and forever

Palm Sunday, Mar. 24th- Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We acclaim Jesus as our Messiah and, through the reading of the Passion, we align ourselves as sinners in need of God's Salvation.

Vigil Mass: 4pm; Sunday- 7am, 9am, 11am, 8pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week:

The Anointing at Bethany-A sign of His suffering and death and of His identity as the Messiah; the announcement of a betrayer; the preparation of a place for the Last Supper.

Daily Mass- Monday through Wednesday- 8am & 12:05pm

The Diocesan Chrism Mass-All the priests of the Diocese gather with the Bishop to renew their dedication to priestly service. The oils to be used in the sacraments during the year are also blessed and distributed by the Bishop to the parishes throughout the diocese. The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed while the Sacred Chrism used during baptism, confirmation and Holy Orders is consecrated by the Bishop.

Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30pm in the Owensboro Sportscenter

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, Mar. 28th-The Institution of the Eucharist, the Institution of the Ordained Priesthood and the Mandatum: Eucharistic Liturgy at 6pm followed by Adoration, in the Parish Hall, until Midnight.

Good Friday, Mar. 29th- The Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ:

A Day of Fast and Abstinence for all Catholics

† Stations of the Cross at 3pm † Passion of the Lord-6pm

Holy Saturday, Mar. 30th-The Easter Vigil- the night God turned death to Life: Vigil Mass at 6pm.

EASTER SUNDAY, Mar. 31st-The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: Sunday Mass-7am, 9am, 11am; NO 8pm Mass



Easton Pedley, Ashley Johnson, Gerald Rhodes, Mildred Boarman, David Jennings, Rob Park, Martine Boarman, Debbie Mills, Stephanie Mattingly, Jamie Clark, Stella Nash, Virgil Head, Marvin & Mary Ann Bickwermert, Monica Kassinger, Lisa Clark, Greg Howard, Julia Barnard. 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, 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.

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Spring Church Cleaning

We need volunteers to assist with cleaning the church on **Sat.**, **March 23rd at 8:30A**M. Please bring buckets and rags.

Altar Care for March

Karla Brown, Cecilia Burch, Pat Howard, Teri Edge

Bereavement Ministry Meetings

April 6th, May 4th, & June 8th

All meetings will be held in the **Long Trail Activity Room** of the Parish Hall from **10AM-Noon**.

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

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:

Feb. 2025: 1/2

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



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

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 12, 2024 - Garrett Roby & Tia Velotta, 6PM

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

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

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; Adoration Dottie Pogue 233-4943 6PM - Midnight



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

Thank You From the Wells Family

The family of Marvin L. Wells would like to thank everyone for the kind words and prayers during the loss of Marvin. We also want to thank Fr. Brian for the wonderful Mass and homily. A special thank you to the Parrish for the wonderful music during the Mass and delicious food at the funeral dinner.

Whitesville Lions Club Fish Fry

Every Friday through March 29th at 5PM at the Whitesville Senior Center (10345 Hwy 54)



Serving delicious farm raised catfish! Meal includes: catfish fillets, baked potato or fries, coleslaw & hushpuppies with a drink. Homemade desserts are an additional charge. For to go orders, call 270-233-4332.

All proceeds benefit the Whitesville Lions Club Charities!

Budget News

Total Reg Sunday Collection	25,231.55
Online Reg Sunday Collection	4,082.50
3/10 Regular Sunday Collection	21,149.05
THS Endowment	1,023,398.03
SMWS Endowment	66,096.26
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Tuition Assistance	74,030.19
Campaign Pledges (526) as of 3/11	9,823,178.92
Campaign Income for New School	4,332,935.51
Building & Grounds Fund	20,555.24
Weekly Parish Budget Needs	26,942.31
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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 Outreach

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Birthright Outreach. We collected \$3,576.76.

Thank you for your generosity.



LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - SUNDAY. MARCH 17 @ 2PM St. Mary - Monday. March 18 @ 6PM

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 3PM during Lent.

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

Live Streaming Schedule

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

Liturgical Ministries

4:00 PM Saturday— March 23

Lectors: Emily Payne, Leslie Leonard

Servers: Wade & Henry Burch, Lucas Mayfield Eucharistic Ministers: Mark & Donna Dorth, Krista Hamilton, Jessica & Ava Preston

Musicians: Morris Family

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

7:00 AM Sunday—March 24

Lectors: Brenda Hagan, Della Mitchell Servers: Emersyn & Harper Beyke, Addyson

Midkiff

Eucharistic Ministers: Hope Brey, Melanie Beyke, Jenny Hagan, Joyce Higdon, Bruce Hagan

Musicians: Morris Family

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

9:00 AM Sunday—March 24

Lectors: Jarrod Rhodes, Alan Hamilton

Servers: Will Jenkins, Jaxen Bickett, John Hamilton Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Jenkins, Kristen Jones, Marlene Hamilton, Jesse Horn, Julie

O'Bryan

Musicians: David Morris & the Jarboe Family Min. of Hospitality: Keith Roby—Capt., Adam Roby, Nathan Roby, Travis Rightmyer, Charlotte Speer, Floyd Edge

11:00 AM Sunday—March 24

Lectors: Bonnie Brown, Bob Cinnamond
Servers: Keaton & Luke Abbott, Jake Brown
Eucharistic Ministers: Taylor Pedley, EJ Stauffer
Chris Coomes, Gracie Mills, Jeanna Siddons

Musicians: David Morris & the Band

Min. of Hospitality: Travis Barnett—Capt., Blaise Barnett, Brady Barnett, Rick Russelburg, Scott Russelburg, Jake Oelze

8:00 PM Sunday—March 24

Lectors: Volunteer Servers: Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteer

Musicians: Alicia Jones

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteer



Sat 16	8:00am	†Katherine Roby Thomas
	4:00pm	•
Sun 17	7:00am	
	9:00am	Leslie Burch
	11:00am	†Joseph & †Dorothy
		Woodward
	8:00pm	St. Mary of the Woods
		Parishioners
Mon 18	8:00am	†Tonya Embry
	12:05pm	†Mike Johnson, Jr.
Tues 19	8:00am	†Mike Barnard
		†Jay Aud
Wed 20	8:00am	Mike Horn
	12:05pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thurs 21	8:00am	†Charles "Dee" Payne
	12:05pm	†Martha Jennings
Fri 22	8:00am	†Ann Bickett
	12:05pm	†Ita Belle Howard
Sat 23	8:00am	L/D Mary C. Roby Family
	4:00pm	†Tony Hagan
Sun 24	7:00am	L/D Wendell & Mary Ann Aud
		Family
	9:00am	†Joseph Donald Howard
	11:00am	L/D Merritt Family

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

8:00pm †Joe Wright

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47

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, March 20th at 6PM at

St. Mary of the Woods School. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Emily Gipson at the Parish Office.



The next Confirmation Preparation session will be today, **Sunday, March 17th at 2PM** in the Parish Hall. Both Candidates and their sponsors need to be in attendance.

If you have any questions, contact Johnny Sherfick, 270-233-4196 or 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.



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

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS

CATHOLICISM 101

ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION

What do YOU want to learn about?

As we prepare for the next year of Adult Education and Formation, we want to hear from YOU what topics you want to learn about in the Catholic Faith!

To suggest topics, please contact Emily
Gipson at the Parish Office at
emily.gipson@stmarywoods.com
or at 270-233-4196
OR Scan the QR Code and
complete the Survey!





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!

Graduation Ceremonies

Attention parents of soon to be college graduates: We invite you to reach out to Johnny Sherfick and inform him of who is graduating so that we as a parish can help to celebrate their achievement. You may call the Parish Office at 270-233-4196 or via email at johnny.sherfick@stmarywoods.com.

Congratulations to you and your graduate!





Calendar:

March 18	THS Softball vs McLean County, 6-9:30PM
March 19	THS Baseball vs Meade County, 5-8:30PM
March 19	THS Softball vs Owensboro Knights, 5:30-9PM
March 21	THS Baseball at Union County, 5:30-9PM
March 22	THS Softball at Apollo, 5:30-9PM
March 23	THS Softball vs Hopkins County Central, Noon-3:30PM

School Happenings:

The Elementary Volleyball League had 10 teams this year from St. Mary of the Woods School, Mary Carrico Catholic School and Whitesville Elementary. Whitesville 5 was the tournament runner-up this year, and the SMWS 1 team was the tournament champion, as they went undefeated through the season and tournament! All the girls improved throughout the season from start to finish! The future is bright for the Lady Raider volleyball team.

Mark 12:29-31 Jesus said, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord your God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

As the world teaches us to hate and continue with anger and hostility, Jesus teaches us to love. We are to love the person who speaks falsely about us, persecutes us and wishes harm on us. Love is always the answer! Anything else takes us away from God and the only important thing in life is getting to Heaven.

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." – Saint Augustine

Virtue = Strength

Mortification is the strength to deny oneself through penance and austerity to strengthen the will in the practice of virtue and grow in the likeness of Christ.

Emily Hernandez
Principal
St. Mary of the Woods Scho

St. Mary of the Woods School/Trinity High School





An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.

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.



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SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024

Formal prayer service will begin promptly at 5:00 pm inside the St. Mary Gym.

5:00 PM-8:00 PM: FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT (INFLATABLES & FOOD)

9:00 PM-MIDNIGHT: 21 & OVER (DANCE & CASH BAR)

ST. MARY GYM FRANKLIN STREET WHITESVILLE, KY 42378

FREE ADMISSION FOR INFLATABLE USE AND DANCE!
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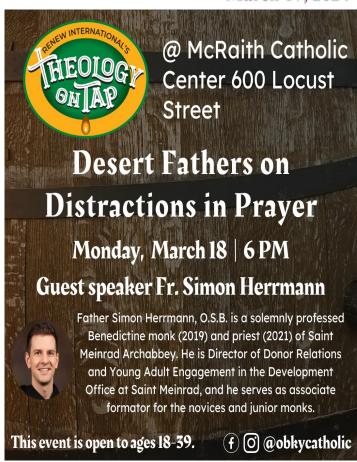
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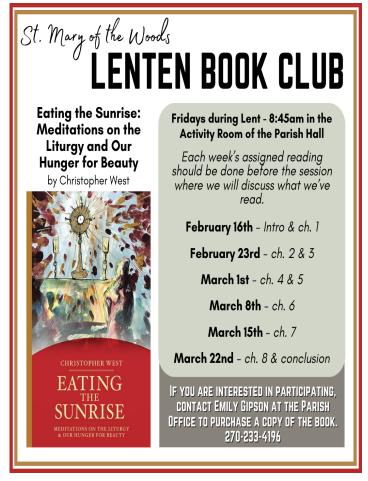
Please contact Emily Gipson at 270-233-4196 if you would like more information.

Made for More

Join Emily Gipson for an interview with President of the Theology of the Body Institute, Christopher West. His global lecturing, best-selling books, multiple audio and video programs, and popular podcast (co-hosted by his wife Wendy) have made him one of the world's most recognized teachers of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body--and he's coming to Owensboro! Listen in as Christopher and Emily discuss the profound joy and freedom that come with being exposed to the Theology of the Body, and how the Made for More event on April 18th will begin a journey towards the satisfaction of your deepest desires.

Scan the QR Code to watch the Interview!





Stewardship Bulletin Reflection | March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

JER 31:31-34; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; HEB 5:7-9; JN 12:20-33

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.



Saturday, March 23, 2024

Registration begins at 9AM Memorial Service with parents begins at 1PM

Who should attend?

The camp is for young people ages 6-16 that have experienced the death of a relative or close friend.

Purpose of the camp?

The goals of the camp are to offer an opportunity for young people to commemorate and remember loved ones and to better understand the feelings associated with grief and loss.

Where?

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall; 4029 Frederica St, Owensboro, KY 42301

How to register?

Scan the QR code below using your phone camera to be directed to our website to register.





900 Old Hartford Rd, Owensboro KY 42303

St. Mary of the Woods Parish Council Joint Meeting With the Steering Committee for the New School

Monday, February 26, 2024

Attendance: Fr. Brian Roby, Jordan Bittel, Christi Midkiff, Ashley Wright, Cory Smith, Britney Houston, Jennifer Barnett, Nick Fulkerson

Steering Committee: David Nash, Terra Knight, Chuck Hardesty, Whitney Bickett, Selena Aud, Barry Midkiff

Staff: Samantha McMichael

Absent: Corey Hall, Ryan Aud, Emily Hernandez, Anna McDaniel

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Introductions
- III. Status of pledges and donations
 - a. \$9.8M in pledges/\$4.3M cash on hand + 837K Diocesan savings = \$5.1M
 - b. Pledges are coming in as expected
 - c. \$12M- phase 1/40% on hand required
 - d. \$1M performing arts center / \$1M secondary gym these were planned initially; we are planning to wait on the performing arts center at this time. Prices are not coming down. If we add the gym to phase 1, we will need \$5.2M on hand.

IV. Finalizing site plan

- a. Diocesan building committee must approve everything before we move forward with the project, including selection of a contractor. This will be a design build and bids will go out. Given that much of the work is being donated, this will give us more flexibility.
- b. Dirt work, relocation of the sewer, and relocation of the ditch will take place once approval by the Diocese is granted.

V. Old gym

- a. April 27th is the date of the "Last Bash" at the Old Gym. The Community and alumni will be invited to attend.
- b. The building must come down this summer in order to begin the scheduled dirt work. In addition to dirt already available on the property, the owner of the land adjacent to the site is providing dirt for the construction. This is a huge savings to our parish. This will need to be drafted legally in order to protect the landowner. The plan is to take down the Old Gym after June 1st.

VI. Permits

- a. We will be paying the permit fee for the Army Corp of Engineers, the application has been approved.
- b. The sewer removal permit has been approved, along with the dirt work permit. The only permission we are waiting for is the Diocesan building committee, pending funds.
- c. The Diocese is supportive of the project. There are several items on the checklist, which is currently being reviewed and will be finalized and presented to the Diocese.

VII. Next Meeting: 3/25/24 6:00 PM

VIII. Meeting adjourned with prayer



Young at Heart

You're invited to join Young at Heart for a day out to visit Huber Farms & Winery on **Fri., March 22nd.** We plan to leave the Old Gym parking lot at 8AM and return at 5PM. Due to limited seats, please RSVP by calling Peggy, 270-903-0053, Bernie, 270-316-3525 or Mary, 270-570-0438.





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