St. Mary of the Woods Parish

JUNE 23 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TUNE

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Mass Schedule:
 Monday, 8AM
Tuesday-Friday, 8AM & 12:05PM
 Saturday, 8AM & 4PM
Sunday, 7AM, 9AM, 11AM, & 8PM
 Confessions:
Saturday, 1-3PM 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.

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



Freedom





The Catholic bishops of the United States are inviting us to observe a week dedicated to prayer, reflection, and action related to religious freedom with topics such as church vandalism, blasphemy laws, and Christian persecution in India as particular areas of focus. Marking **Religious Freedom Week**, which begins June 22, the feast day of St. Thomas More and John Fisher, the bishops invited Catholics to reflect on a particular topic related to religious freedom for each day of the week.

June 22: On this day, Catholics are asked to pray that all people of faith would be free to gather in houses of worship without fear. The bishops have tracked more than 320 instances of vandalism against Catholic entities since 2020, including against Catholic churches, pro-life pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and other pro-life organizations across the country. These attacks have taken the form of vulgar graffiti, property damage, threats, theft, and arson. In addition, data show that antisemitic incidents have surged since the start of the Israel-Hamas war. "The very nature of a sacred space is that it is set apart from other spaces as a place to seek communion with the divine and thus should be treated with respect. In a pluralistic society such as ours, respect for sacred spaces is especially vital for the sake of civil peace, which is part of the common good," the bishops said.

June 23: Catholics on this day are asked to pray for all people of faith who live in fear of persecution under unjust blasphemy laws as well as those living under laws criminalizing apostasy. Blasphemy laws exist in nearly 40% of the world's countries. Christians in countries such as Pakistan and Nigeria in recent years have faced conviction and sometimes even mob violence for apparent violations of the countries' blasphemy laws, which often criminalize any criticism of Islam. "Penalties for blasphemy vary considerably, ranging from fines to prison sentences to executions. Seven countries have the death penalty for blasphemy — Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, Afghanistan, Somalia, Mauritania, and Saudi Arabia," the bishops noted. The bishops urged Catholics to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need, a papal charity that works to support persecuted Christians worldwide.

June 24: On this day, the bishops asked that Catholics pray that the Holy Spirit "would give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel, even in the face of social and legal pressure." "All baptized Christians are called to share the joy of the Gospel with others. But in numerous settings — schools, the workplace, health care — individuals are being pressured to conform to the orthodoxy of gender ideology," the bishops said. "Under the current administration, government agencies are proposing regulations that, in the name of prohibiting harassment, would chill or prohibit speech that upholds the nature of conjugal marriage, the bodily reality of human beings, and even the sanctity of life." "We certainly should approach people who disagree with us on these issues with tenderness and compassion, but that does not mean we should be forced to speak untruthfully. And in a pluralistic society, the government should afford ample space for people of different backgrounds and worldviews to be able to work together," the bishops concluded.

June 25: Catholics on this day are asked to pray that "the Lord would protect all migrants and refugees and that all those who work with people on the move would be free to serve." "As part of their duty to uphold the common good, civil authorities are responsible for ensuring public order, including by maintaining national borders. At the same time, the Church is commanded by Jesus Christ to serve vulnerable populations, including migrants and refugees, and recognize their God-given dignity," the bishops said. "The Church has long sought to serve the needs of 'people on the move,' from providing for basic needs to assisting with refugee resettlement to offering legal services to help newcomers navigate the expectations of their receiving country."



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The bishops criticized what they called "attacks" on Catholic charitable organizations helping migrants, some of which have faced public criticism in recent years. "Sadly, in recent years, Christian services to migrants have faced vile attacks by both media personalities and political leaders seeking to make a point about current immigration trends. Debates about immigration and borders are simply part of American political life, and Christians should do their part to make those discussions healthy and productive," the bishops concluded.

June 26: Catholics are urged to pray for "our Christian brothers and sisters in India, who face harassment and violent attacks." In recent years, Christians in India have decried an apparent rise in anti-Christian violence and Hindu extremism. Hindu mobs — often fueled by false accusations of forced conversions — have attacked Christians, destroyed churches, and disrupted religious worship services. A U.S. religious freedom watchdog recently urged the Biden administration to add the government of India to a list of the world's worst violators of religious freedom, citing India's "increased transnational targeting of religious minorities and those advocating on their behalf." The bishops promoted the work of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as "an instrument of love and a sign of hope for those in need scattered throughout the historic but unstable lands of the ancient Eastern churches — the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe."

June 27: Pray that business leaders would be free to promote a culture of life in their workplaces, the bishops urged. Specifically, the bishops discussed the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which requires employers to accommodate women for workplace limitations that arise from pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions and which had the full support of the USCCB when lawmakers considered the bill in 2022. However, regulations issued by President Joe Biden's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission this year have interpreted the related medical conditions covered in the law to include abortion. The U.S. bishops last month filed a lawsuit that asks a court to strike down the abortion accommodation rule. "Religious employers should honor the pro-woman, pro-life intent of the law Congress passed and grant pregnant employees reasonable accommodations that allow them to have healthy pregnancies," the bishops concluded.

June 28: On this day, Catholics are urged to pray that "God would give us the grace to remember the dignity of all and invite others to do the same." "As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. But as Pope Francis writes in *Fratelli Tutti*, we can seek 'a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good," the bishops wrote. "We can see ourselves as members of one family. We can seek to encounter and to grow. We can identify common values. We can listen to understand. We can seek the truth together. We can jointly come up with creative solutions to the problems that face our world." To this end, the bishops promoted an initiative formed in 2021 called "Civilize It," designed to promote civility amid political polarization, appealing to Pope Francis' 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.

June 29: Pray today that governments will respect the consciences of all individuals and institutions that care for the sick and vulnerable, the bishops said. "For centuries, Christians have carried on the healing ministry of Christ by building institutions dedicated to medicine and accompaniment of the dying. However, Catholic hospitals and medical professionals face numerous challenges to their mission today," the bishops said. Among these challenges, they said, are an erosion of conscience protections under the Biden administration for medical professionals who object to practices and procedures such as abortion and transgender surgeries. In the face of this, Catholics are asked to pray that governments will respect the consciences of all individuals and institutions that care for the sick and vulnerable. The bishops also asked that Catholics sign up to receive alerts on new opportunities to let government agencies know that they "support the Church's right to operate her institutions in accordance with her faith in Jesus Christ."



Easton Pedley, Ashley Johnson, Gerald Rhodes, Mildred Boarman, David Jennings, Rob Park, Martine Boarman, Debbie Mills, Stephanie Mattingly, Jamie Clark, Stella Nash, Marvin & Mary Ann Bickwermert, Monica Kassinger, Lisa Clark, Greg Howard, Kathy Bohr, Fred Keller, Joann Kauffeld, Seth Payne. To keep the list current, please call the office when names should be added or removed. Names may be removed at the Pastor or editors discretion.

Our American Men & Women who serve our country in all parts of the world.

Keep them safe O Lord & bring them home soon. Tony Burch, David Stiff, Michael Bickwermert, Robbylyn Young, Beau Knott, 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, Jackie Howard. Nursing Homes: Edith Payne, Martha Rose Hagan, Sherry Johnson, Bob Howard, Mary Ann Bickwermert. Please contact the office if there are any parishioners in nursing homes not listed above. We would like to keep our list as up to date as possible.

Parishioners in formation for Consecrated life-Sister Mary Thomas of the Open Heart of Christ (Madeline Mattingly) with the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word and Sister Bethany Marie of the Glorious Wounds of Christ (Hannah Bland) with the Passionist Nuns.

Parishioner in formation for the Diaconate - James Jarboe.

We pray for all those who are discerning their vocation in life. May they be given the wisdom to hear God's call and the courage to respond generously.

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Linda Boarman, Family Nurse Practitioner

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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: May 2025: 3/4, 31/June 1

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

Altar Care for June

Stacey Fulkerson, Patsy Mayfield, Monica Rightmyer, Charlotte Roby

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, Miah Crisp & Graci Ballard

Landscaping/Weeding Schedule

Week of June 23rd—Samantha Mills Week of June 30th—David Zoglmann

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.

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Find us on Facebook at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church Online Giving - go to website www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com and click Online Parish Giving!

St. Mary of the Woods Weddings

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

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

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

April 26, 2025 - Brenden Wathen & **Audrey Porter, 6PM**

July 19, 2025 - Logan Kloeck & Lauren Beyke, 2PM

Are you struggling in your marriage?

The Office of Marriage & Family Life has grant money to invest in marriages.

Visit our webpage to view options for marriages that need some hope and healing.



Bereavement Ministry Meetings

July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, & December 7th

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.

June Outreach

The outreach for June will go to Birthright and St. Gerard Home for unwed mothers. Currently, Birthright is in need of the following, summer baby boy rompers (size newborn and 0-3mo.), boys and girls newborn sleepers and onesies, bottle brushes, and baby lotion. There is also a need for women's bathrobes (small and medium).

St. Gerard Home is in need of dish soap, dish sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags, multi -surface cleaners and bathroom cleaners.

Please place donated items inside the bins located at the entrances of church.

Thank you for your generosity. Contact person: Connie Hagan, 270-314-0717

Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	26,942.31
Building & Grounds Fund	7,081.96
Campaign Income for New School	5,157,048.94
Campaign Pledges (542) as of 6/17	10,305,449.20
Tuition Assistance	96,678.18
SMWS Endowment	108,820.90
THS Endowment	1,023,228.66
6/16 Regular Sunday Collection	15,785.15
Online Reg Sunday Collection	5,342.50
Total Reg Sunday Collection	21,127.65

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.



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

Adorer needed: Sundays, 12PM (Noon)



Praver 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

Summer 2024 Food Truck Schedule

Thursdays, June - August from 4:30-7:00PM at the Whitesville City Park

June 27—Twin Lakes Creamery & Grill July 4—No truck—Happy 4th of July July 11—Firehouse 29 July 18—Juan's July 25—J's Good Grub, 5:30PM August 1—Firehouse 29 August 8—Kooters Dog House August 15—J's Good Grub, 5:30PM August 22—Juan's August 29—Angels for Ashley Fish Fry

Hosted by Whitesville Historical Society.

Liturgical Ministries

4:00 PM Saturday—June 29

Lectors: David Connor, Bailey Onstott

Altar Servers: Collin Kurz, Lucas Mayfield,

Luke Howard

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Onstott, Delilah Higdon, Crystal Mayfield, Jaime Howard,

Cale Boarman

Musicians: Ryan Aud & James Jarboe

Min. of Hospitality: Kenny Morris—Capt., Nick & Tate Howard, Derrick Leonard, Brian &

Luke Payne

7:00 AM Sunday—June 30

Lectors: Brenda Hagan, Monica Morris

Altar Servers: Ian White, Emersyn & Harper

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Eucharistic Ministers: Hope Boarman, Pamela

Hagan, Evan Burch, Bruce Hagan, Melanie

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Musicians: Morris Family

Min. of Hospitality: Wilson Nash—Capt., Mark Hagan, Martin Montgomery, Stephen &

Gabe Kuder

9:00 AM Sunday—June 30

Lectors: Alan Hamilton, Vickie Wright

Altar Servers: Jaxen Bickett, Owen Hamilton,

Kaleb Ray

Eucharistic Ministers: Ashley Wright, Nicole

Boarman, Valerie Hiatt, Emily Mills, Stacey

Fulkerson

Musicians: David Morris & Band

Min. of Hospitality: Tony Howard—Capt., Tommy

Fulkerson, Bert Payne, Mike & Brian

Winchell, James Jarboe, Chad & Cade Mills

11:00 AM Sunday—June 30

Lectors: Parker Driskill, Bonnie Brown

Altar Serves: Carter & Avery Mayfield, EJ Stauffer

Eucharistic Ministers: Sarah Park, Emily Gipson,

Shasta Nash, Susan Driskill, Bob Cinnamond

Musicians: David Morris & Band

Min. of Hospitality: Emett Barnett, Jr.—Capt.,

Frank Clark, Jeff Mayfield, Lee Mills,

David Zoglmann, Aaron Abbott

8:00 PM Sunday—June 30

Lectors: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Musicians: Alicia Jones

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers



Sat 22	8:00am 4:00pm	†Amy Bailey †Ronald Flesch
Sun 23	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	The state of the s
Mon 24	8:00am	†Justin Clark
Tues 25	8:00am 12:05pm	†Virgil Head †Joe Wright
Wed 26	8:00am 12:05pm	†Pete & †Evelyn Howard L/D Fred & Alice Howard Family
Thurs 27	8:00am 12:05pm	†Kenny Boarman L/D Terry Hagan Family
Fri 28	8:00am 12:05pm	†Amy Bailey Ben Johnson
Sat 29	8:00am 4:00pm	†Robert Higdon Dana Roby
Sun 30	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	†Katherine Roby Thomas Byron & Delilah Higdon †Bernard Morris St. Mary of the Woods

Daily Mass Readings

Monday: Is 49:1-6; 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15;

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: 2 KGS 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36;

PS 48:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 10-11; MT 7:6, 12-14

Parishioners

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34,

35, 36, 37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9;

Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 KGS 25:1-12; PS 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;

MT 8:1-4

Saturday: Acts 3:1-10; 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20;

Jn 21:15-19

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11,

12, 13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

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!

Baptismal Prep

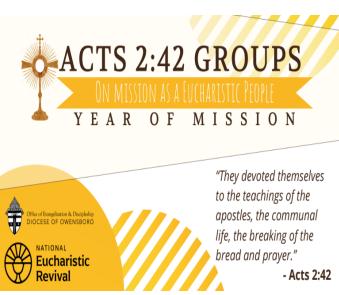
Contact the office to begin Baptismal Prep for you and your child. Parents and Godparents are asked to prepare for this important step in the faith of our children.

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Our Informal Inquiry Sessions will be on **July 2nd**, and **July 23rd** at **6PM** in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall. If you know of anyone interested in becoming Catholic please contact Emily Gipson at the Parish Office 270-233-4196 or

emily.gipson@stmarywoods.com UPDATE:

In November 2021 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops changed the name of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) as part of their movement to update all liturgical texts to reflect greater fidelity to the original Latin. We at St. Mary have chosen to adopt this change from RCIA to OCIA beginning this year.



Acts 2:42 Small Groups

Many of us have experienced a hunger for more. A hunger to deepen our faith and relationship with Christ. During this National Eucharistic Revival you are invited to join the Acts 2:42 Groups initiative from the Diocese of Owensboro. Meeting once a month from September-May these small faith sharing groups will spend time in fellowship and learning from video reflections by Bishop William Medley. To learn more and register, contact Susan

Driskill at 270-929-6522 or at psdrisk88@outlook.com

Catholicism 101 Forever Learning and Living the Faith









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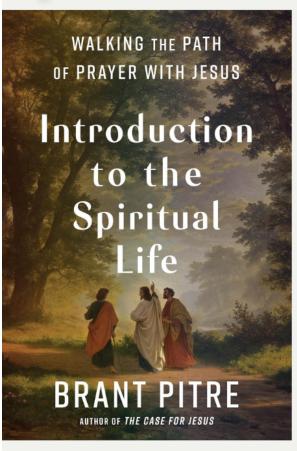
Learning the Catholic Faith is a lifelong process. For many of us, it may have had a rocky start from a lack-luster classroom experience, being a disinterested student, or a lack of exposure to the teachings of the Faith. Catholicism 101 is here to fill in the gaps from your Religious Education experience as well as serve as an aid in your lifelong learning of the Faith. Not only will we talk about WHAT the Church teaches, but WHY she teaches it. Hopefully along the way we will find ourselves falling deeper into the heart of Christ as we learn more about His heart for us.

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." 1 Peter 3:15





Summer BOOK (?LUB



Starting with the age-old belief that the path of prayer is not only informative but transformative, Dr. Pitre explores:

- the scriptural roots of the major forms of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation
 - the *purgative*, *illuminative*, and *unitive* stages of spiritual growth
- the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving
 - the Jewish roots of the Lord's Prayer
 - Lectio Divina: how to pray with the Bible
 - seven vices and their seven opposing virtues
 - the battle of prayer: how to deal with difficulty and distractions
- the "dark night of the soul" in the Scriptures

Thursdays at 6pm in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall

July 18th "Introduction & Prayer"

July 25th "The Spiritual Path"

August 1st "Vices & Virtues"

August 8th "Making Progress"

call Emily Gipson
at the Parish
Office to order
your copy of the
book for \$20 by
Monday, July 1st
at 4:00pm

Youth Group

There will be Youth Group this Sunday from 5:30-8PM in the Activity Room of the HCC.

Due to the Horn Center being closed, we will not have youth group on Sunday, June 30th.





VBS Volunteers:

If there is anyone who would like to help set up for VBS on **Sunday**, **June 23rd** we will start at **2PM** in the Horn Center.

The youth and adult VBS volunteers need to arrive to the Horn Center at 8AM on Monday morning.

** Vacation Bible School Summer Feeding Program **

The summer feeding program will be offered in the drive-thru 11:00AM-Noon **ONLY!** Each day you will pick up that days lunch and the following breakfast. We will not be eating at VBS, so please make sure that your child has been fed breakfast prior to drop off each day.

We will have water available at the fountains but due to the hot weather, please have your child bring a water bottle.



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The Woman at the Well | Drawing Closer to God: Lent | Episode 4

In this episode, Ms. Kim draws Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well from John 4. Through this scene, Ms. Kim explains how Jesus is the living water that quenches our thirst and gives us eternal life.





School Happenings:

Jaycee Higdon finished 5th at the S3DA State Archery Tournament. Way to go Jaycee! Also, congratulations to Sophie Hatfield for being named to the Owensboro Times 2024 All-County Softball Team. Also, making the Owensboro Times 2024 Honorable Mention are Georgia Howard, Madison McDaniel and Sarah Payne. Way to go girls!

St. Mary of the Woods School

July 28: Registration Day in the Parish Hall from 8AM-12:30PM. You may pick up uniforms and pay tuition/fees. One parent/guardian should attend. **Deadline to receive 5% discount for paying tuition in full.**

August 5: Meet your Teacher Night/Drop off School Supplies

New students 5:30PM/Returning students 6PM

August 7: First Day of School for K-8 Students

August 8: Preschool Orientation

August 12: First Day for Preschool Students

September 1: First payment due for those signing up for Blackbaud Tuition

Trinity High School

July 28: Registration Day in the Parish Hall from 8AM-12:30PM. You may pick up uniforms and pay tuition/fees. One parent/guardian should attend. **Deadline to receive 5% discount for paying tuition in full.**

August: First payment due for those signing up for Blackbaud Tuition Management

August 2: Freshman/New Student Orientation 9-11AM followed by Freshman Picnic at Whitesville Park

August 7: First Day of School

August 28: Ring Day BBQ/Ring Day Mass at 6PM

Summer Hours for the Admissions/Advancement Office: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00AM - 2:00 PM

If you have any questions or would like more information about the school, please call 270-233-5927 or email Anna McDaniel at anna.mcdaniel@trinityhs.com.

2024-2025 VOUCHER INFORMATION



In lieu of vouchers for the 2024-2025 school year, every family will receive an itemized tuition invoice in the mail by the end of June. Parish-sponsored families of St. Mary of the Woods School & Trinity High School will have a \$1,000 credit reflected on their statement.

If your statement does not reflect the parish-sponsored credit, and you believe it should, please reach out to Samantha McMichael at the Parish Office at 270-233-4196

Horn Community Center Closed





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If you would like to become a volunteer with our scrip program, please contact Andrea Aud at andrea.aud@trinityhs.com

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection | June 23, 2024 | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JB 38:1, 8-11; PS 107:23-24, 24-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 COR 5:14-17; MK 4:35-41

Our readings today remind us that God always has our best interests in mind. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is with us.

In our Gospel today, Jesus and His disciples are traveling in a boat when heavy winds and violent waves begin to overwhelm the boat. Jesus was there sleeping in the boat in the midst of this horrific storm.

The disciples woke Jesus and questioned Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus calms the wind and the waves, and then asks them in return, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

Think back to a time that you endured great suffering, a hard trial or felt overwhelmed with life. How did you respond?

In moments of trial, we often live our days in a panic. We see the water coming into our boat and we do all that we can in our power to stay afloat. We are frantic, so we fail to stop and recognize that our Savior is in the same boat with us. Although it might feel like He is sleeping and His presence is lacking, He is right there suffering with us.



God won't allow anything that we cannot handle. In a moment of suffering, we might feel trapped. Yet, He sees the moment of peace and still waters.

During our trials, cling to Jesus. Know that there is an end, and whether we see the end in this life or the next, God allows it all for our salvation.

Today, let us thank God for His presence in our lives, and ask for the eyes of faith to see that He is right here with us always.

Welcome to St. Mary of the Woods Parish

If you would like more information about our Parish and Schools or would like to join, please complete the following and put in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office at St. Mary of the Woods, P.O. Box 1, Whitesville, KY 42378.

Name:	
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