St. Mary of the Woods Parish

June 30

Do not be a fraid; just have

Mark 5:36

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.

Parish Office:

Phone 270-233-4196

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www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com

Rectory: 270-233-4529

St. Mary School:

Phone 270-233-5253

www.stmarywoods.com

Trinity High School:

Phone 270-233-5533

www.trinityhs.com

Horn Community Center:

270-233-5405

Mission Statement

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



This week is filled with the various observances and festivities of the Independence Day of the United States. It's a cause to celebrate, as well as to reflect, on freedom. Such reflection is needed as freedom and moral license have blurred, with many now hailing moral license as if it were freedom. The difference is found in our capacity for goodness and the distinction between good and evil. Freedom, as taught by good philosophy, biblical wisdom, and good societies through the ages, is the power to do what is right and good. Moral license, however, is the power to do whatever we want, however evil or irresponsible it might be. Freedom has always been the mark of civilization, while moral license has been the rallying cry of barbarism. There is no common good with moral license, while freedom makes civil society possible. As Christians, this is an easy one for us to grasp and understand. Our faith teaches us that moral truth is a gift given by God. It helps to order our fallen nature. It prepares our hearts for virtue. While human persons are created good, we have a fallen nature and disordered attractions to everything under the sun. We have the power to pursue these wayward attractions and can rationalize and justify all kinds of evil, and even call good things evil and evil things good. In light of this inclination, we need instruction. God, therefore provides a natural moral law, written on the human heart and discernible within the consciences of all people of goodwill. The moral law, as Saint Paul teaches, is humanity's pedagogue – its tutor. It shows us the right path to live according to our nature and sound reason. As the moral law teaches us, it clears the way for true freedom. Freedom is a maturity of our souls that empower us to act above our passions and desires. It allows us to see the proper order of things, and to do what is right. We need to grow into our freedom and safeguard it, so that our freedom itself doesn't become enslaved. St. Paul summarizes these truths when he writes: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."

This understanding of freedom from St. Paul helps to highlight the proper relationship between the moral law and freedom. Oftentimes, the moral law and freedom are falsely portrayed as being in contradiction, as if the two are in tension with one "versus" the other. The reality, however, is that there is no "versus" between the moral law and freedom, but rather a rapport of "via," meaning "by way of," which demonstrates that the moral law is in service to freedom and freedom benefits from the discipline of the law. The moral law helps the person to be free. The person who repeatedly breaks the moral law and lives by moral license is enslaving freedom. He is not free. He is a slave to his passions and whims. For the person to mature fully, he needs both the law and freedom, and together they pave the way for a virtuous life. Virtue is best understood as a good habit that governs human action, orders its passions, and guides its conduct according to faith and reason. It's the power to make the right choice, at the right time, in the right situation. As the law secures freedom, so the law and freedom become the means for grace to ennoble the person to exercise virtue and live a holy life. Examples of virtues include, faith, hope and love, as well as prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude. Other virtues include patience, compassion, gentleness, self-control, and generosity. The person of good will, who perhaps has no religious faith, can aspire to freedom and the process of exercising natural virtue in his own interior life. The natural virtues, upon which the Christian virtues flourish, are available and justly expected of every civil person by their spouse, family, society, culture, and professional association. The Christian witness can be of supreme help to others without religious faith who are trying to live up to the call for virtue and goodness.

These are important reminders as we celebrate the Independence Day of the United States. They serve as the foundation of the founding principles and ideals of the United States. While humanity is fallen, freedom is possible, but only through the moral law and virtue.

Peace, Joy, and Love,

Fr. Brian J. Roby

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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May 2025: 31/June 1

July 2025: 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27 Cost: \$60. Call Sara at the Parish

Office to schedule.

Altar Care for July

Becky Beyke, Barbara Evans

From the Editor

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

Parish Office Closed

The Parish and Scrip Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day!



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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.

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 30th—David Zoglmann Week of July 7th—Emma Whistle & Brandon Coomes

Week of July 14th—Jeff & Maranda Ward Week of July 21st—Karen Stiff Week of July 30th—Stephen Morris



Live Streaming Schedule

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

Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	26,942.31
Building & Grounds Fund	7,126.96
Campaign Income for New School	5,158,910.94
Campaign Pledges (542) as of 6/24	10,305,449.20
Tuition Assistance	96,678.18
SMWS Endowment	108,820.90
THS Endowment	1,023,228.66
6/23 Regular Sunday Collection	17,104.66
Online Reg Sunday Collection	3,402.50
Total Reg Sunday Collection	20,507.16

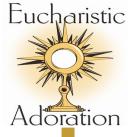
Online Giving

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



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)



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

July Outreach

St. Mary's Outreach for July will go to our local St. Vincent de Paul. They are currently in need of canned vegetables, canned fruits, peanut butter and breakfast foods. Please place items in the bins located near the entrances of Church.

Thank you for your generosity!

Contact person: Becky Beyke, 270-233-5884

Pitino Soup Kitchen:

July 6 - Captains: Eric & Teri Fulkerson Volunteers: Vicki Fulkerson, Ashley Oakley July 20 - Captains: Larry & Evonne Higdon Volunteers: Tom & Susie Mattingly, Beverly Roberts



4:00 PM Saturday—July 6

Lectors: Lucy Felty, Larry O'Bryan

Altar Servers: Henry Burch, Georgia McDaniel,

Corbin Tarrance

Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Burch, Rachel & Piper Crabtree, Bonnie Hamilton, Camryn

Preston

Musicians: Ryan Aud & James Jarboe

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

Morris, Mike Roby, BJ Starks

7:00 AM Sunday—July 7

Lectors: Pamela Hagan, Lane Rhodes

Altar Servers: Scarlett Brey, Will & Gabe Kuder Eucharistic Ministers: Hope Brey, Megan Rhodes, Ina Mattingly, Kim Howard, Jenny Hagan

Musicians: Morris Family

Min. of Hospitality: Billy Brey—Capt., Logan Beyke, Joey Wilson, Travis Brey, David

O'Bryan, Dwayne Mattingly

9:00 AM Sunday—July 7

Lectors: Terra Knight, Randall Howard

Altar Servers: Ehan & Nora Jarboe, Gabe Bickett Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Jarboe, Amy &

Will Jenkins, Marlene Hamilton, Sandy

Baker

Musicians: David Morris & the Carpenter Band

Min. of Hospitality: Randy Howard—Capt.,

Ron O'Bryan, Darrell Hagan, Richard Hagan, John Jones, Martin Rhinerson

11:00 AM Sunday—July 7

Lectors: DeeAnna Wathen, Mary Barnett

Altar Serves: Luke & Keaton Abbott, Caasi Roby Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Abbott, EJ Stauffer,

Will Mills, Connor & Sophie Hatfield

Musicians: David Morris & the Janitor Band with

Emily Shelton

Min. of Hospitality: George Howard—Capt.

Randall Hagan, Richard Duvall, Darrin &

Nicholas Ward

8:00 PM Sunday—July 7

Lectors: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Musicians: Alicia Jones

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers



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
Mon 1	8:00am	†Martin Howard
Tues 2	8:00am 12:05pm	†Mike Barnard †Henry & †Mary Joe Higdon
Wed 3	8:00am 12:05pm	Mike Horn †Edna Lucille Payne
Thurs 4	8:00am 12:05pm	†Aaron Igleheart No Mass
Fri 5	8:00am 12:05pm	†Patricia Cecil L/D Evan & Florence McDaniel Family
Sat 6	8:00am	L/D David & Karen Howard Family
	4:00pm	†Bernard & †Mary Hagan
Sun 7	7:00am 9:00am	Thomas & Stacey Johnson Family
	11:00am	†Ann Bickett

Daily Mass Readings

8:00pm St. Mary of the Woods

Parishioners

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19,

20-21, 22-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12; PS 5:4B-6A, 6B-7, 8;

MT 8:23-27

Wednesday: EPH 2:19-22; PS 117:1BC, 2;

JN 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40,

131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: AM 9:11-15; PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12,

13-14; MT 9:14-17

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10;

Mk 6:1-6

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

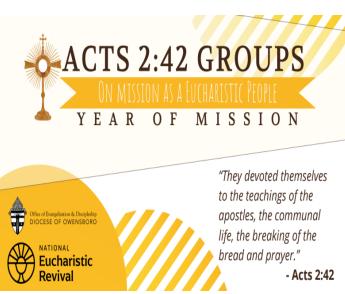
Contact the office to begin Baptismal Prep for you and your child. Parents and Godparents are asked to prepare for this important step in the faith of our children.

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:

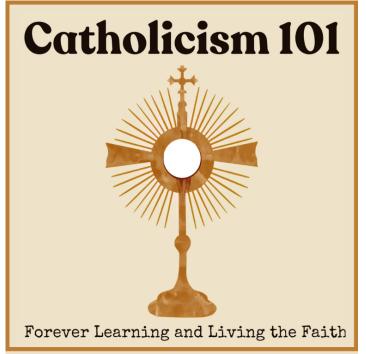
In November 2021 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops changed the name of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) as part of their movement to update all liturgical texts to reflect greater fidelity to the original Latin. We 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







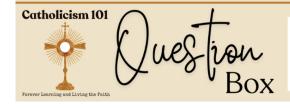






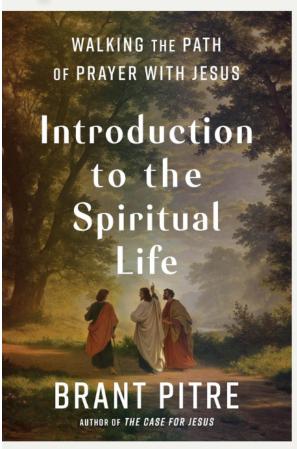
Learning the Catholic Faith is a lifelong process. For many of us, it may have had a rocky start from a lack-luster classroom experience, being a disinterested student, or a lack of exposure to the teachings of the Faith. Catholicism 101 is here to fill in the gaps from your Religious Education experience 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

School Happenings:

St. Mary of the Woods School and Trinity High School are two of the 84 Josten's Schools of Distinction for the 2024 school year! The God Squad, the staffulty and the students at SMWS and THS have much to celebrate! A positive school culture takes everyone and we are so proud of our staffulty and students on this huge accomplishment!

Speaking of positive culture, Dana Roby and the cafeteria staff are a prime example of positive vibes with her fun songs on Facebook and their friendly faces feeding the children this summer. Remember, anyone 18 and under can receive a free lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday through July 24. Thank you to our awesome cafeteria staff for all their hard work this summer feeding the children in our community!

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:34-40

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: **Tue., Wed., and Thurs. 9:00AM - 2:00PM** 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

Vacation Bible School—Thank You

Thank you to all those who put in the time and effort to make VBS 2024 a great time. We want to especially thank the youth and adult volunteers for the week, as well as those who purchased needed supplies.

Horn Community Center Gym & Fitness Center Closed

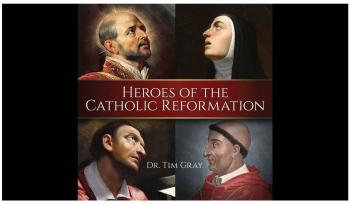
The HCC gym & fitness center will be closed June 30th—July 7th for floor maintenance.

Youth Group

Due to the Horn Center being closed, we will not have youth group this Sunday.







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Summer 2024 Food Truck Schedule

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



July 4—No Food 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.



Stewardship Bulletin Reflection | June 30, 2024 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 OR 5:21-24, 35b-43 Our readings today remind us that our God is a tender and loving God.

In our Gospel, Jesus heals an ill child. An anxious and loving father sought after Jesus so that his daughter might be cured of her illness. As Jesus was traveling to heal her, they got word that the daughter had died. In that deeply painful moment, a moment no parent wants to experience, Jesus turned and said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

Recall a moment when you felt like you hit rock bottom. Maybe you received devastating news, someone died, you lost your job, you were fighting addiction, or you were suffering mentally, spiritually or physically.

Maybe you are living that moment or maybe that moment is yet to come.

In that time, imagine Jesus looking at you and saying, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Remember this verse. May it bring you peace and comfort. Recall that in our First Reading, God does not rejoice in our suffering and death. He rejoices in our faith and our trust in His glorious plan for our lives.

Whether we are healed like the little girl in our Gospel in this life, or we carry our suffering with us until we reach the next, if we remain faithful, Jesus will one day say to us, "Little girl or little boy, I say to you, arise!"

Today, let us reflect on how much our Good and Gracious God loves us. Remember that whatever we are suffering in this life, do not be afraid, God is right there with us.



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