

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

10534 Main Cross St. Whitesville, KY 42378 270-233-4196

September 1

2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time





Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm

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 one year before the wedding date.

Baptisms:

Contact the Parish Office **A.A & Al-Anon Meetings:** Sunday, 8pm in SMWS

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday by 10am to Sara Schrecker

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Mission Statement

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



Catholic teaching has long upheld the dignity of work as central to the human experience. Work is not simply a means to earn a livelihood but a vital part of our vocation as God's children. Through work, we participate in God's creation, cooperating with His divine plan and contributing to the common good. "It is only by the labor of working men that States grow rich. Justice, therefore, demands that the interests of the working classes should be carefully watched over by the administration, so that they who contribute so largely to the advantage of the community may themselves share in the benefits which they create." (*Rerum Novarum*, 34) This teaching is rooted in the understanding that man, created in the image and likeness of God, fulfills his vocation through honest and diligent work. Work is not merely a burden but a means of sanctification, a way to imitate Christ, who Himself labored as a carpenter.

The right to just wages, safe working conditions, reasonable hours, and rest are not simply privileges but are essential to respecting the dignity of the human person. These rights are closely linked to our duties—to work honestly, to respect the common good, and to use our talents in service to others. The Church has always called for a balance between labor and capital, emphasizing that economic systems must serve the human person, not the other way around. "Every effort must be made that providers of families receive a wage sufficient to meet adequately ordinary needs. (*Quadragesimo Anno*, 71)

The rhythm of work and rest, as ordained by God, is a pattern for human life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us of this sacred rhythm: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body." Let us pray that our labors may always be pleasing to God, that we may find joy and purpose in our work, and that we may contribute to the building of a more just and charitable society. As we rest on Labor Day, may we do so with hearts full of gratitude, mindful of our call to serve God and our neighbor through the work of our hearts and our hands.

Fr. Brian J. Roby



School Happenings:

Trinity High School has a new program this season, girls' golf. Both Olivia Ward and Rylie Hayden advanced to the All-A State Championship that will be played September 7th in Richmond, KY. Way to go girls! The Trinity High School boys' golf team defeated McLean County at Panther Creek last week and Hayden Aull won the match. Way to go boys! The Trinity volleyball team started strong this year defeating Hancock County last week and finishing 3-0 in pool play for the Apollo Summer Slam defeating University Heights, Green County and Northeast (Clarksville). They advanced to the gold division where they finished in 4th place. Congratulations on a great start girls. The Trinity High School cross country team kicked off this weekend in the Kentucky-Indiana Border Clash. Our leading runners for Trinity were Wade Burch, Jacob Aud, Ehan Jarboe and Ian White.

The SMWS middle school volleyball team had a successful week. The 8th grade team competed in the DCMS Summerfest tournament and defeated Henderson South Middle School. There was a lot of good competition there and our athletes represented us well. On Monday 8/19, the 6th/7th grade team came up short against Oak Ridge Christian Academy but our 8th grade won in two straight sets. On Wednesday 8/21, both our 6th/7th grade team and 8th grade team beat Mary Carrico. Middle School Softball won both games on 8/22. The A game was 15-6. All of the girls hit well (13 hits total for the team) and Michaela Knight pitched a great game. The outfielders really showed their strengths as well. The B game won 2-1. Several girls were in new positions and each held their own! The SMWS Cross Country teams kicked off this weekend in the Kentucky/Indiana Border Class. Hugh Williams, Jasper Roby, Luke Howard and Carter Mayfield led the SMWS middle school team. The SMWS girls' elementary was led by Paisley Merritt, Remi McDaniel, Ellis Morris, and Blair Wilson. The SMWS boys' elementary was led by Gabe Bickett, Jude Shelton, Griffin Hatfield, and James Morris.

Congratulations to all of our student athletes!

We are proud of you!

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Emily Hernandey

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

Together We Can! Capital Campaign

Together We Can Presentation **Summary** to Parish on 08-25-2024 by Terra Knight, Chair of the Steering Committee

Quick Review: When we started planning, if you remember the picture boards that were in the back of church, that was the idea of what we could build for the new school. It was labeled to be built in 2 phases – Phase 1 being the school and Phase 2 being a gym and auditorium to be added at a later time. Estimated cost was \$12 million for the school (Phase 1) and an additional \$2 million for the gym and auditorium (Phase 2) (\$1 million each). Those were the goals that we started with when we kicked off the Capital Campaign and started trying to raise the money for the project. Fast forward to August 2024: Current pledges: apx \$11.4 million; Current money on hand: apx \$5.5 million. Of course those cost estimates were provided 3 years ago. Since then there has been this thing called "inflation" that has come around – So once our architect provided us updated numbers on the original building plan (the one that was shown on the boards in the back of church) of course due to inflation its now way over the original budget numbers. So... back to the drawing board.

The best alternative for this was to cut out the "wings" which eliminates several exterior walls and roof lines – that eliminates quite a bit of cost. We've also made some changes to the materials of the exterior walls – only having full brick on the front of the building, going up only a portion on the sides and back, things like that. So again, instead of having 3 separate wings and a separate gym and auditorium jutting off the side and back, you'll have one large square/rectangle building. Once we saw that design we realized there is actually an upside to changing to that design – now the gym will be enclosed within the main building and there will enough space for an auditorium.

After making some design changes, full cost for this new layout – turn key, fully furnished, all site work completed, etc is \$16.9 million. Well Terra, you say, that is more than the original budget of \$14 million. Yes it sure is. Thank you, inflation. BUT again, that is to complete the entire project in one full go – one phase. So, using the money we have pledged at this point, we go back to the Phase 1/Phase 2 idea. Again, working with the architect and the amount pledged for the project (pledged amounts is what the Diocese is looking at for purposes of approving a project) we have been able to break down a phase 1 that we can start on now with the pledges that we have.

Phase 1 will include: The full finished exterior of the entire building, everything all enclosed under 1 roof. All of the interior of the SMWS side completed including the spaces to be shared with THS like the cafeteria, media center/storm shelter, admin offices, etc. Also included in that figure is the full finished site work, including extra paved parking off to the side (which we may not need and could probably leave as a grassy area, but again, those talks are still being had). **Phase 1 will cost \$11.2 million.** We have \$11.4 million pledged – mission accomplished!! We're ready to move forward with Phase 1 as soon as we present to the Diocesan Building Committee and get their approval. **Phase 2** would then consist of finishing the interior of the THS side of the building and finishing the interior of the gym and auditorium, and any additional/final site work. **Phase 2 would be at a total cost of \$5.7 million.**

What happens if we can't get the high school interior finished and moved in when St Mary's moves in? That was my first question when I heard this proposal from the architect. We do have a contingency plan for that BUT – it shouldn't have to happen if we stay on the original course of having our 2nd round of capital campaign and ask donors renew their pledges. We, just us in this parish alone (excluding the large donors), pledged \$4.5 million. That will more than cover the THS interior being finished.

Our architect estimates it would take 18-24 months to complete construction. We can still bring in pledges during that time period to reach our Phase 2 goal. If we get enough pledges to complete Phase 2 while construction for Phase 1 is still going on, then just keeps right on going and finishes the inside of THS and both schools move in together. We are rolling into year 3 of our pledge period, construction won't finish for 2 years once it does start. So round 2 of the Capital Campaign will still be coming at the end of the first 5 year period. This is your heads up! Round 2 will be coming...

Next step – head to Diocesan Building Committee for approval; then we'll be able to start the site work, and move forward with construction of this new Phase 1.





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, Greg Howard, Fred Keller, Joann Kauffeld, Braxton Rhodes, Jenny Kassinger. 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, Gordon Millay, Betty Howe. Nursing Homes: 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; Parishioner in the Seminary - Kevin Foster 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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Altar Care for September

Paula Gordon & Sharon Boarman

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:

August 2025: 2/3, 9/10

Sept. 2025: 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 Cost: \$60. Call Sara at the Parish Office to schedule.

September Outreach

The outreach for September will go to our local food pantry at St. Vincent de Paul. They are in need of the following: ramen noodles, crackers, peanut butter, canned peas, carrots, corn, green beans, carrots, breakfast foods and canned fruit. Please place items inside the bins located near the entrances of the church. Thank you for your generosity. Contact person: Becky Beyke, 270-233-5884

Landscaping/Weeding Schedule

Week of 9/1—Janice Mattingly & Sarah James Family Week of 9/8—Dwayne Mattingly Week of 9/15—Deanna Isbill Week of 9/22—Matthew Brant Family

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 – Miah Crisp & Graci Ballard

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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

May 10, 2025 - Ethan Boehmann & Alexia Barnett, 6PM

June 21, 2025 - Aaron Sanders & Amanda Merritt, 6PM

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

September 20, 2025 - Landon Huff & Maddie Logsdon

October 4, 2025 - Collin Coomes & Abby Booker, 6PM

Are you struggling in your marriage?

The Office of Marriage & Family Life has grant money to invest in marriages. Visit the Diocese webpage to view options for marriages that need hope & healing.



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 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)

Bereavement Ministry Meetings

Sept. 7th, Oct. 5th, & Dec. 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.

Whitesville Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of Council #2046 will take place on **Sept. 5th at 7:30PM at the KC Hall.**

Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	28,868.08
Building & Grounds Fund	8,198.96
Campaign Income for New School	5,373,654.95
Campaign Pledges (547) as of 8/26	11,446,274.30
Tuition Assistance	1,077.00
SMWS Endowment	109,538.20
THS Endowment	1,084,278.23
8/25 Regular Sunday Collection	21,176.61
Online Reg Sunday Collection	4,007.50
Total Regular Sunday Collection	25,184.11

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.





Cemetery Dues will be included in your September envelope packet. For those with plots in our cemetery, dues are \$25 per year. Donations for upkeep of the cemetery are welcome as well.

If you have any questions regarding your dues, please call Samantha McMichael 270-233-4196

Daily Bible Readings

Monday: 1 COR 2:1-5; PS 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; LK 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 COR 2:10B-16; PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 COR 3:1-9; PS 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; LK 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; PS 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 COR 4:1-5; PS 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; LK 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 COR 4:6b-15; PS 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; LK 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Liturgical Ministries

4	4:00 PM Saturday—September 7
Lectors:	Bailey Onstott, Camryn Preston
Altar Sei	rvers: Collin Kurz, Henry Burch, Corbin
T	arrance

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Rose Howard, Mark & Donna Dorth, Alicia Kurz, Karen Onstott

Musicians: Ryan Aud & James Jarboe

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

7:00 AM Sunday—September 8

Lectors: Della Mitchell, Pamela Hagan
Altar Servers: Ian White, Addyson Midkiff,
Andrew Aud

Eucharistic Ministers: Megan Rhodes, Jenny Hagan, Andrea Knott, Ina Mattingly, Sandy Merritt

Musicians: Morris Family

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

9:00 AM Sunday—September 8

Lectors: Maggie Greer, Natalie Howard

Altar Servers: Mason Greer, Tilly Rightmyer,
Nora Jarboe

Eucharistic Ministers: Valerie Roby, Deanie Midkiff, Larry Kaelin, Cindy Mattingly, Sandy Baker

Musicians: David Morris, Natalie & Noah Gray, Sheila Hansbrough

Min. of Hospitality: Keith Roby—Capt., Floyd Edge, Kevin Morris, Adam Roby, Nathan Roby, Charlotte Speer, Travis Rightmyer

11:00 AM Sunday—September 8

Lectors: Emily Gipson, Parker Driskill
Altar Serves: Jasper Roby, Caasi Roby, Owen
Boarman

Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Driskill, Donna Higdon, Gracie Mills, Lilly Kassinger, Christy Reed

Musicians: David Morris & the Johnson Family Min. of Hospitality: Travis Barnett—Capt.,
Blaise & Brady Barnett, Rick Russelburg,
Scott Russelburg

8:00 PM Sunday—September 8

Lectors: Volunteers
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Musicians: Alicia Jones

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

Sat 31	8:00am 4:00pm	†Joe Wright †Eric Edge
Sun 1	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	Dan & Geri Kramer Family Michael Rhodes †Joyce Merritt St. Mary of the Woods Parishioners
Mon 2	8:00am	†Shirley Edge
Tues 3	8:00am 12:05pm	†Warren Lanham †Owen Mills
Wed 4	8:00am 12:05pm	†Tommy Hamilton †Dorothy Higdon
Thurs 5	8:00am 12:05pm	†Justin Clark †Kevin Howard
Fri 6	8:00am 12:05pm	†Ann Bickett †Betty Poole
Sat 7	8:00am 4:00pm	Souls in Purgatory L/D James & Marcella Aud Family
Sun 8	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	†Earl & †Mary Mattingly † Louis & †Rita Szemethy †Kenny Higdon St. Mary of the Woods Parishioners
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St. Mary & Trinity High School Mass Days 2024-2025

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



Youth Group

No Youth Group this Sunday due to the holiday weekend.

Next Sunday, September 8th will be the Youth Group High School Kickoff in the Long Trail Activity Room of the Parish Office from 5:30-8pm.

First Communion/Confirmation

Sacramental Letters with important dates and forms for those due to receive First Communion or Confirmation this year have been mailed out. If you did not receive one of these letters and believe you should have, please contact Emily or Johnny at the Parish Office.

If your child is set to receive First Communion or Confirmation this year or next, please be aware of the following policy: Any child receiving a Sacrament of Initiation must have been in formal religious education for both the year they are to receive the Sacrament and the year before.

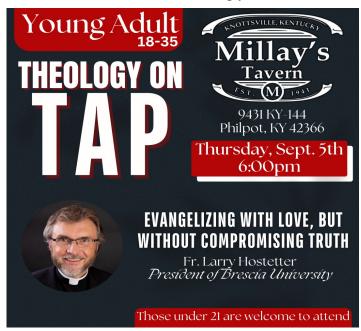
St. Mary's Prayer Bible Study Group

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:15PM in St. Mary's Cafeteria Studying the New Testament, Singing, Praying & Sharing Together!

THS Classes of 1987 & 1989 - 35th and 37th Class Reunions

Saturday, September 7th

We will gather for the 4PM Mass at St. Mary's. Reunion at 6PM at Scott & Christina Howard's home, 6375 Little Hickory Rd., Philpot, KY. Boston butt will be provided. Please bring a dish, drinks, chairs & yearbooks if you have them. We look forward to seeing you there.







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