St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

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

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you adhere to the faith

in our glorious Lord

Jesus Christ

James 2:1

September 8 2024 23rd 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

Connect with us: *stmarywoodswhitesville.com*

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Mission Statement

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



Greetings! This weekend, we kick-off our annual Awakening ministry, our parish's outreach to inactive Catholics. We are asking everyone to take an invitation or two and gift it to those you know are inactive in the faith and need an invitation or welcome back to practicing the faith in the life of the Church. We have a team of parishioners who are trained and ready to facilitate a process of welcome and return to the Church. The Awakening ministry begins Thurs., Oct. 3rd at 6pm in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall.

Our Catholic schools are celebrating Grandparents. Pope Francis states: "How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogues, especially within the context of the family." We thank God for the gift and blessing of our grandparents and the fonts of wisdom that they are to us.

Deacon Gayle Rhodes will officially begin his ministry among us. The Diaconate is a Holy Order in the life of the Church. As ministers of the Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacraments, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is, that is important. Welcome to St. Mary, Deacon Gayle and his wife, Ada.

We've had several funerals as of late. Hats off to our funeral meal teams and providers of food. It's an opportunity enjoyed by all. Well done, good and faithful servants! Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

Looking forward to our picnic, Sunday, Sept. 29th! Let's sell those raffle tickets! Don't forget we will need Fall and Holiday Country Store items and lots of baked goods for the Cake stand. Save the date and let's be here in great number!

St. Mary of the Woods School ST. MARY Trinity High School

School Happenings:

Congratulations to our St. Mary of the Woods August Students of the Month: Eleanor Litzinger, Josie Cecil, Connor Starks, Cohen Marksberry, Eden Roby, Bette Roby, Forrest Payne, Hadley Houston, Wade Mayfield, Josie Rhodes, Gabe Edge, Nolan Bickett, Cassi Roby, Jaxen Bickett, Hope Ballard, Nate Terry, and Aiden Turner.

Emily Hernandez, Principal

St. Mary of the Woods School & Trinity High School **Calendar:**

9/9: SMWS Volleyball at CVMS, 5:30pm
9/9: THS Volleyball vs Edmonson, 5:30pm
9/10: SMWS Softball vs Hancock Co., 5:30pm
9/10: THS Volleyball vs Grayson Co., 5:30pm
9/11: SMWS Volleyball vs Owensboro, 5:30pm
9/12: SMWS Softball vs Catholic, 5:30pm
9/12: THS Volleyball at Owensboro, 5pm
9/13: SMWS Softball at St. Romuald, 5:30pm
9/14: THS F Volleyball Tournament at OHS
9/14: THS V Volleyball All A at Hancock Co.
9/14: SMWS/THS Cross Country at Muhlenberg Mustang Stampede, 9am



Scrip Program Update

Our families have earned \$9,168.36 in rebates towards Tuition and our schools have earned \$3,056.17 in rebates from the Scrip Program for the most recent scrip year (05/01/2024 – 07/31/2024). Thank you to all who participate.

What is Scrip Fundraising?

Scrip is fundraising while you shop! You buy gift cards for retailer brands you already shop at and earn a rebate on every gift card you purchase at face value. That rebate goes toward tuition, with a portion donated to the school.

Next Steps

Want to learn more about our scrip fundraiser? Stop by our scrip office, located in the Parish Office, during scrip hours. **Monday - Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm and Fridays, 9am-Nnoon.** Start purchasing scrip to help with Tuition. You can even start banking your rebate now for a future student.

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, 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. Nursing Homes: Martha Rose Hagan, Sherry Johnson, Bob Howard, Mary Ann Bickwermert, J.W. & Mary Morris. *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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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 Cost: \$60. Call Sara at the Parish Office to schedule.

Live Streaming Schedule | 9AM Mass

1st Sunday-Randy Howard; 2nd Sunday-John Gray; 3rd Sunday-Jennifer Barnett; 4th Sunday-Chad Mills; 5th Sunday & Sub-Lisa Edge & Daren Kinsey **Altar Care for September**

Paula Gordon & Sharon Boarman

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 9/8—Dwayne Mattingly Week of 9/15—Deanna Isbill Week of 9/22—Matthew Brant Family

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!

> Scrip Office Hours Change Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm Friday, 9am-Noon

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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

September 27, 2025 - Landon Hall & Amanda Bickett, 6PM at St. William

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

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 **Oct. 3rd at 7:30PM at the KC Hall.**

Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	28,868.08
Building & Grounds Fund	8,302.96
Campaign Income for New School	5,388,929.95
Campaign Pledges (548) as of 9/3	11,455,274.30
Tuition Assistance	1,397.00
SMWS Endowment	109,538.20
THS Endowment	1,084,278.23
Braxton Rhodes Donations	14,012.00
9/1 Regular Sunday Collection	23,265.03
Online Reg Sunday Collection	5,282.50
Total Regular Sunday Collection	28,547.53

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.



ST. MARY OF THE WOODS SCHOOL PRESENTS:

LUCKY ANGELS

CLUB

Drawing of \$100.00

Every Friday for 10 weeks!

Grand prize drawing

Dec. 13th (2) - \$250

(2) - \$500

Tickets are \$30 each.

Tickets can be purchased from any

St. Mary's student or contact the school office at 270-233-5253.

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Daily Bible Readings

Monday: 1 COR 5:1-8; PS 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-

Thursday: 1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13; PS 139:1B-3, 13-

Friday: 1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27; PS 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12;

Saturday: NM 21:4B-9; PS 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37,

14AB, 23-24; LK 6:27-38

38; PHIL 2:6-11; JN 3:13-17

Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;

9b; Lk 6:12-19

17; Lk 6:20-26

Lk 6:39-42

Liturgical Ministries

4:00 PM Saturday—September 14

- Lectors: David Connor, Lucy Felty Altar Servers: Scott York, Nora Leonard, Lucas Mayfield Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Howard, Emily McDaniel, Sherry Bickett, Emily Payne, Leslie Leonard Children's Liturgy: Sheena Jones, Chelsey Brown, Bernie Barnard Musicians: Connie Hagan & Cantor Min. of Hospitality: Kenny Nash—Capt., Mark Bickett, Wade Burch, Jeremy McDaniel, Drew Preston, Linny & Dalton Howard 7:00 AM Sunday—September 15 Lectors: Emmy Edge, Maranda Ward Altar Servers: Caleb & Owen Aud, Scarlett Brey Eucharistic Ministers: Hope Brey, Pamela Hagan, Hope Boarman, Joyce Higdon, Evan Burch **Musicians**: Morris Family Min. of Hospitality: Scott Crisp—Capt., Stephen & Gabe Kuder, Charles Mattingly, Kavin Merritt, Dwayne Mattingly 9:00 AM Sunday—September 15 Lectors: Karen Stiff, Jarrod Rhodes Altar Servers: Kellen Henson, Blaire Wilson, Jeremy Merritt Eucharistic Ministers: Will & Amy Jenkins, Marlene Hamilton, Vickie Wright, Ashley Wright Children's Liturgy: Monica Rightmyer, Heather Stephens **Musicians:** The Janitors with Hannah Nash Min. of Hospitality: Keith Roby—Capt., Floyd Edge, Kevin Morris, Adam Roby, Nathan Roby, Charlotte Speer, Travis Rightmyer 11:00 AM Sunday—September 15 Lectors: Mary Barnett, DeeAnna Wathen Altar Serves: Isaac & Samuel Johnson, Stella Roby Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Rhodes, Sarah Park, Taylor Pedley, Bob Cinnamond, Chris Coomes Children's Liturgy: Natalie Mayfield, Jeanna Siddons Musicians: David Morris & the Band Min. of Hospitality: Travis Barnett-Capt., Blaise & Brady Barnett, Rick Russelburg, Scott Russelburg 8:00 PM Sunday—September 15 Lectors: Volunteers Altar Servers: Volunteers
- Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers Musicians: Alicia Jones
- Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

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
Mon 9	8:00am	†Tonya Embry
Tues 10	8:00am 12:05pm	Jennifer Blandford †Patricia Cecil
Wed 11	8:00am 12:05pm	Clement Burch †Lou Boarman
Thurs 12	8:00am 12:05pm	†Gerald & †Wanda Mattingly †Debbie Norris
Fri 13	8:00am	L/D Bob & Barbara Hodskin Family
	12:05pm	†Charles "Dee" Payne
Sat 14	8:00am	†Charlotte Ralph
	4:00pm	†Francis & †Vivian Roby
Sun 15	7:00am	L/D Floyd & Jean Fitzgerlad Family
	9:00am	[†] Joseph Donald Howard
	11:00am	
	8:00pm	St. Mary of the Woods
		Parishioners

St. Mary & Trinity High School **Mass Days 2024-2025**

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



St. Mary of the Woods Parish Council Meeting Minutes | 8/26/24

Attendance: Fr. Brian Roby, Ryan Aud, Britney Houston, Ashley Wright, Cory Smith, Christi Midkiff, Jordan Bittel

Absent: Corey Hall

I. Opening Prayer

II. Committee Reports

a. Finance – Father Brian on behalf of Corey Hall – We are a month and a half into the new budget, which is tight, but being closely monitored. \$27,102.79 in past due tuition from grade school; \$4,520.00 in past due tuition for Trinity.

b. Worship/Spiritual Life – Ashley Wright – New supplement books, more durable and child friendly, also includes new songs. Acts 2:42 small groups established, and Month of Remembrance preparations are being made.

c. Social Life – Britney Houston – Margaritas and Bunco was a success; making plans for Oct 4 ice cream social and blessing of animals immediately after school; Dec 8- Donuts with Santa; Jan 10- Bourbon and Bunco; Feb 8- World Marriage Day celebration after 4:00pm Mass.

d. Education/Formation – Cory Smith – Sonya Beyke new chair. 43 1st Communicants; 6 OCIA inquirers; Catholicism 101 podcast established with 11 episodes thus far, 668 downloads; Sep-Morality, Oct. The Occult; Grace Marriage cancelled due to lack of registrations. Made for More event was held end of last school year, 400 tickets sold, considering adding specific podcast episodes for Theology of the Body, Families of Faith- 40 families and 79 kids and will use Gospel weekly curriculum. Awakening, our ministry to Inactive Catholics, will begin this Fall. Young Adult ministry- Theology on Tap coming up; 28 Confirmation candidates, Youth ministry will split between high school and middle school groups. School update – seniors had retreat at Gasper. Ring Day Mass- Aug 28; Rainbow Mass- Sep 18. Virtue = Strength curriculum was discussed. Currently coaches are praying with teams, but students can also lead the teams in prayer. Current enrollment at schools: 103 at Trinity and 267 at SMWS.

e. Outreach – Christi Midkiff – Sept outreach goes to St Vincent de Paul; need participants for Pitino teams; all other outreach going smoothly, Birthright, Crossroads, St Gerard, Buddy Bags, Cards of Care. Deacon assigned will oversee outreach, so this transition will begin after the Appointment is effective.

f. Steering Committee – Terra's notes reviewed. Rendering of new plan reviewed. We will be able to begin the second round of Capital Campaign pledges while construction is ongoing.

III. Next Meeting: 9/23/24 6:00 PM IV. Meeting adjourned with prayer

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An Invitation to Come Home to The Catholic Church

Potential Topics of Discussion:

- What is the Meaning of Life? Death?
- Faith as Gift & Guide
- Why does Jesus matter, and what does He want with me?
- All about the Holy Spirit & Life in the Spirit
- Our Need for the Church
- What does the Church *really* teach regarding Marriage, Divorce, & Annulments?
- Mercy & Forgiveness Who is it *really* for and why is it so important?
- Scripture in General/Salvation History
- The Mass/Personal Prayer
- The Power of the Sacraments

Our Schedule - Fall 2024

All sessions will be from <u>6-7pm</u> and take place in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall (The door to the right of the Parish Office)

Session I

Thursday, October 3rd

Session 2

Thursday, October 10th

Session 3

Thursday, October 17th Session 4

Thursday, October 24th

Break for All Saints Day

Session 5

Thursday, November 7th Session 6

Thursday, November 14th



Youth Group

Next Sunday, September 15th, we will have Middle School Youth Group from 5:30-8pm in the Horn Center.

THS Class of 1999 | 25th Class Reunion Saturday, September 28th

Gather for the 4PM Mass at St. Mary's followed by a walk-through of THS. Reunion begins at 6pm at 6566 Herbert Rd. BBQ pork will be served. Please bring a side dish.

Families of Faith

Our next meeting for Families of Faith will be Wednesday, September 18th from 6-7:30pm at St. Mary of the Woods School. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Emily Gipson at the Parish Office.



St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville





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