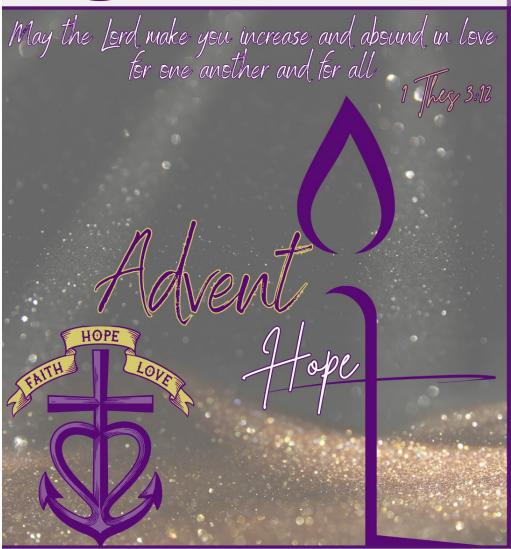


St. Mary of the Woods

Catholic Church

10534 Main Cross St. Whitesville, KY 42378 270-233-4196 December 1 **2024**

1st Sunday of Advent



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.



The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year in the Western church, and this season is a time for all of us to "begin again," as Pope Francis has said: "Just as in each of our lives we always need to begin again, to get up again, to rediscover the meaning of the goal of our lives, so also for the great human family it is always necessary to rediscover the common horizon toward which we are journeying. The horizon of hope! This is the horizon that makes for a good journey. The season of Advent restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty."

The model of this spiritual disposition, of this way of being and journeying in life, is the Virgin Mary. A simple girl from the country who carries within her heart the fullness of hope in God! In her womb, God's hope took flesh, it became man, it became history: Jesus Christ. Her Magnificat is the canticle of the People of God on a journey, and of all who hope in God and in the power of His mercy. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her during this season of active waiting and watchfulness.

Hats off to Deannie Midkiff and Cathy Roby for organizing the 20th Annual Variety Show. Thanks to all who participated in acts and skits. Donations of over \$1400. were collected to benefit our Tuition assistance program. It was a good time had by all. Well done, good and faithful servants!

We've been blessed with a marvelous collection of Bourbon to raffle. Tickets are \$10.00 a piece. We have packets of tickets to sell at the entrances of the Church. You may also buy single tickets at the office or online. The QR code is located on the flyer. We will have ten drawings on Friday, Dec. 13th. Help us by spreading the word and selling the tickets.

The parish staff will be away on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, to participate in a Diocesan Conference so the Parish and Scrip Offices will be closed. The 12:05pm Mass will not be offered on Tuesday.

Heads up! We have a Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, Dec. 9th, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass Schedule is posted in this bulletin. Plan ahead!

Fr. Brian J. Roby



School Happenings:

Congratulations to the following SMWS students of the month for November:

Henry Clark, Evie Bittel, Idaleigh Howard, Ellie Thompson, Noah Hackney, Silas Goetz, Katie Taylor, Ralph Nicolai, Jolene Mills, Farrah Fulkerson, Piper Merritt, Avery Mayfield, Paisley Merritt, Roger Nicolai, Gatlin Lindsey, Vivian Coomes, and Nina McDaniel.

We are so proud of you all!

Emily Hernandez, Principal

Calendar:

12/2: SMWS Boys Basketball vs HCMS, 5:30pm

12/2: SMWS Girls Basketball at CVMS, 5:30pm

12/2: THS Boys Basketball at ACSHS, 4:30pm

12/2: THS Girls Basketball at ACSHS, 6pm

12/4: SMWS Christmas Program in the HCC, 6pm

12/5: SMWS Boys Basketball vs HCS, 5:30pm

12/6: SMWS Boys Basketball vs DCMS, 5pm

12/6: THS Boys Basketball at DCHS, 6pm

12/7: THS Fresh Boys Basketball at MCHS, 11am

12/7: THS Girls Basketball at Dawson Springs, 3pm

12/7: THS Boys Basketball vs TCCHS, 5:30pm

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS SCHOOL PRESENTS:

LUCKY ANGELS CLUB

Drawing of \$100.00 Every Friday for 10 weeks! First drawing Oct. 4th 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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Allocated Bourbon Raffle

Tickets: \$10 Dec. 13, 2024

47 Bottles Prizes 10 Bundles

Bundle Buffalo Trace+Sazerac Rye+Weller Special Reserve+ Blanton's+Colonel E.H. Taylor+Eagle Rare+Traveller Whiskey Blend No.40

Bundle #2 5 Woodford speciality bottles

Bundle #3 5 Old Forester speciality bottles

Bundle #4 Buffalo Trace+Weller Special Reserve+ Blanton's+Eagle Rare+
Traveller Whiskey Blend No.40

Bundle #5 3 Four Roses speciality bottles

Bundle #64 New Riff speciality bottles

Bundle #7 4 Michter's speciality bottles

Bundle #8 6 Benchmark speciality bottles

Bundle Wilderness Trail+Maker's Mark+Yellowstone+Rowan's Creek+
Old Route 8+Bulleit



Buy Online



Prayer List: Easton Pedley, Ashley Johnson, Gerald Rhodes, Mildred Boarman, David Jennings, Rob Park, Martine Boarman, Debbie Mills, Stephanie Mattingly, Jamie Clark, Stella Nash, Marvin Bickwermert, Greg Howard, Fred Keller, Joann Kauffeld, Braxton Rhodes, Jenny Kassinger, Richard Flesch, Logan Simon, Frank Clark. 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, Riley Brown, Aaron Ling.

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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. 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.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week | Thank You





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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:

Aug. 2025: 9/10 **Dec. 2025:** 6/7, 20/21

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

Altar Care for December

Mary Barnett, Katie Christian

Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9th

Mass on the Day—Monday, December 9th at 8am, 12:05pm, & 6pm

** Siving ** Tree

** Child is born

to us, a son is

to us, upon his.

given to us; upon his.

shoulder dominion rests.

** Shoulder dominion rests.

** Sod-Hero, Father Forever,

** Forever,

** Frince of Beace

The Giving Tree is placed in the entrance of Church. If you would like to help a family in need this Christmas, please take a heart from the tree.

After purchasing the gift, wrap the gift & secure the heart to the gift. Return the gift to Church by Sunday, December 22nd.

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

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St. Mary of the Woods Weddings

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

October 25, 2025 - Gavan Ray & Sydney Higdon, 6PM

November 1, 2025 - Caleb Murphy & Allison Mattingly, 6PM at St. Alphonsus

Office Closed

The Parish & Scrip Offices will be **closed on Tuesday, December 3rd** for a Diocesan meeting.

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) Adorer needed: Fridays, 2pm

St. Mary Church Cleaning

Join us **Saturday, December 14th** after the 8AM Mass to clean the Church for Christmas. Both men and women are needed.

Bereavement Ministry Meetings

December 7th in the Long Trail Activity Room of the Parish Hall from 10am-Noon. Contact person: Lucy Felty, 270-826-7038

Budget News

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Weekly Parish Budget Needs	28,868.08
Building & Grounds Fund	9,352.96
Campaign Income for New School	5,708,838.87
Campaign Pledges (553) as of 11/25	11,898,096.43
Tuition Assistance	25,063.01
SMWS Endowment	110,953.47
THS Endowment	1,111,350.69
11/24 Regular Sunday Collection	17,228.55
Online Regular Sunday Collection	3,422.50
Total Regular Sunday Collection	20,651.05

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.



Christmas Flower Envelope

Reminder the envelope for Christmas Flowers will be in your

December Envelope Pack<mark>et. To have your loved ones listed</mark> in

the bulletin, your envelope must be turned in by Sunday, December 22nd!

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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

Whitesville Knights of Columbus

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

Cemetery Clean Up

Week of Dec. 1: Derek & Carrie Mills Family Week of Dec. 8: Jeff & Sarah Simmons Family Week of Dec. 15: Kateri Lambert Week of Dec. 22: Raymond Keller & Nancy Henning Week of Dec. 29: Joseph & Theresa Grimley

Liturgical Ministries

4:00 PM Saturday—December 7 Lectors: Bailey Heisler, Anne Marie Ralph Altar Servers: Hunter & Logan Jones, Henry Burch

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Onstott, Elizabeth Burch, Lisa Morris, Shirley Howard, Mary Rose Howard

Musicians: Ryan Aud & James Jarboe

Min. of Hospitality: Kenny Morris—Capt., Mike Hamilton, Will Jenkins, Nick & Tate Howard, Derrick Leonard, Brian & Luke

7:00 AM Sunday—December 8

Lectors: Pamela Hagan, Della Mitchell Altar Servers: Andrew, Caleb & Owen Aud Eucharistic Ministers: Evan Burch, Kim Howard, Hope Brey, Hope Boarman, Joyce

Higdon **Musicians**: Morris Family

Min. of Hospitality: Wilson Nash—Capt., Jason Hagan, Mark Hagan, Martin Montgomery, Stephen & Gabe Kuder, Derek Park

9:00 AM Sunday—December 8

Lectors: Vickie Wright, Krista Morris

Altar Servers: Gabe Bickett, Nora Jarboe, Tilly Rightmyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Valerie Roby, Corli Mills, Thomas Jarboe, Rita Hardesty, Stacey Fulkerson

Musicians: Natalie & Noah Gray w/ Sheila Hansbrough

Min. of Hospitality: Tony Howard—Capt., Bert Payne, Tommy Fulkerson, Mike & Brian Winchell, Chad & Cade Mills, James Jarboe

11:00 AM Sunday—December 8

Lectors: Taylor Wathen, Emily Gipson

Altar Servers: Carter Mayfield, Jude Shelton, Jasper Roby

Eucharistic Ministers: Raeva Lindsey, Lilly Kassinger, Travis Roby, Connor & Sophie Hatfield

Musicians: The Johnson Family

Min. of Hospitality: Emett Barnett, Jr.—Capt., Frank Clark, Jeff Mayfield, Lee Mills, David Zoglmann, Aaron Abbott

8:00 PM Sunday—December 8

Lectors: Volunteers **Altar Servers:** Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Musicians: Alicia Jones

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers

6:00 PM Monday—December 9 **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Lectors: Vickie Wright, Jennifer Barnett Altar Servers: Thomas & Nora Jarboe, Scott York

Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Howard, Sandy Merritt, Vickie Wright, Valerie Roby, Thomas Jarboe

Musicians: Connie Hagan & Dana Roby

Min. of Hospitality: Chuck Hardesty, Shawn & Debbie Aud, Corbin & Jack Mills

Mass Intentions

Sat 30	8:00am 4:00pm	Logan Goetz Clara McDaniel Family
Sun 1		†Jeanetta Ballard †Lucas Mills †Tina Morris Roby †Joseph Donald Howard
Mon 2	8:00am	Jack & Mattie Goetz 6 mo. Wedding Anniversary
Tues 3	8:00am 12:05pm	†Anna Horn No Mass
Wed 4	8:00am 12:05pm	†Coke Hamilton L/D Evelyn Howard Hagan Family
Thurs 5	8:00am 12:05pm	Rick & Karen Stiff Family †Danny Edge
Fri 6	8:00am 12:05pm	†Angelita Salas Head †Robert Higdon
Sat 7	8:00am	L/D George & Louise Miles Family
	4:00pm	†Charles Hamilton
Sun 8	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	L/D Clara Rearden Family †Randy Nash †Anthony Eugene Roberts St. Mary of the Woods
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Daily Mass Readings

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

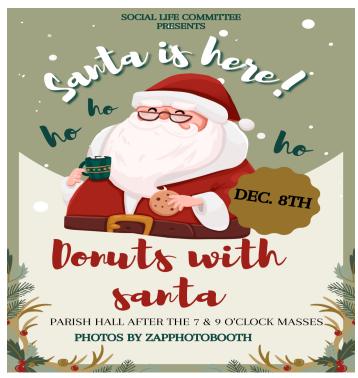
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Congratulations to all of our 2nd Graders who made their First Reconciliation last weekend!

Ella Allen, Sebastian Bennett, Beckett Bittel, Gabby Brant, Luke Brant, Will Brant, Beau Brasher, Jackson Clark, Corinne Coomes, Laila Dickens, Henry Fisher, Becklyn Fulkerson, Josephine Grant, Hannah Gray, Ruth Hamilton, Ellie Hardesty, Hadley Houston, Julia Howard, Mason Howard, Lyla Howe, Jamison Jones, Grace Lamb, Wade Mayfield, Holden McBride, Jolene Mills, Katie Morris, Madeline Morris, Carter Nash, Ellie Oliver, Mason Payne, Zoey Payne, Memphis Pogue, Jacob Ralph, Sydney Rhodes, Gus Riney, Even Riney, Lilah Riney, Abel Roach, Eva Shelton, Eli Stephens, Declan Wilson, and Ireland York



11th Annual Whitesville Community Christmas Tree Lighting

December 7, 2024 | 6pm | Whitesville City Park
Performances by: St. Mary of the Woods School &
Whitesville Elementary. Come sing Christmas
Carols & enjoy hot chocolate & cookies.
It's a great way to begin your Christmas Season!

Families of Faith

Our next meeting for Families of Faith will be **Wednesday, December 11th from 6-7:15pm** at St. Mary of the Woods School. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Emily Gipson at the Parish Office.

Communal Penance Services

Thursday, December 5th - Sts. Joseph & Paul, 6pm Sunday, December 8th - Our Lady of Lourdes, 2pm Sunday, December 15th - Blessed Mother, 2pm Tuesday, December 17th - St. Lawrence, 7:15pm Wednesday, December 18th - St. Mary, Whitesville, 6pm Thursday, December 19th - St. Pius X, 6pm





Contact:



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For more information on sponsorship, please contact Samantha McMichael at the Parish Office, 270-233-4196 or samantha.mcmichael@stmarywoods.com