



St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

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

December 15
2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

*Rejoice in the Lord always
Phil 4:4*



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.



As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." Pope Francis stated in his letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

Advent is a time to ready ourselves for the coming of Christ through conversion of heart, turning from creatures to the Creator, from sin to grace. Gift yourself with a good confession in preparation for Christmas.

Include the O Antiphons in your Advent prayer: **O Sapientia** (Dec. 17): O Wisdom, You govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation. **O Adonai** (Dec. 18): O Sacred Lord, who showed Yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Mt. Sinai: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free. **O Radix Jesse** (Dec. 19): O Flower of Jesse's stem, You have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in Your presence; the nations bow down in worship before You. Let nothing keep you from coming to our aid. **O Clavis David** (Dec. 20): O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel, controlling at Your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death and lead your captive people into freedom. **O Oriens** (Dec. 21): O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. **O Rex Gentium** (Dec. 22): O King of all the nations, the joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature You fashioned from the dust. **O Emmanuel** (Dec. 23): O King and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free.

Hats off to our Art & Environment Committee for our Advent decoration in and around Church. Hats off to our Social Life Committee for hosting Donuts with Santa. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Fr. Brian J. Roby



School Happenings:

Trinity High School kicked off their winter sports season last week. The boys' basketball team defeated Todd County Central at home, while the girls' basketball team defeated Dawson Springs High School at Dawson Springs. The Trinity wrestling team defeated Warren Central on a 24-24 tiebreaker and Warren East 30-6, before falling to South Warren 53-18 and Greenwood 35-24. John Hamilton, Owen Hamilton, Will Kuder and Tristen Ward all went 3-1 at that meet. The St. Mary of the Woods School 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams defeated College View Middle School, while the 6th grade girls' basketball teams defeated both Hancock County and Ohio County. Congratulations to these student-athletes!

Emily Hernandez, Principal

Scrip Program Update

Our families have earned \$17,762.41 in rebates towards Tuition and our schools have earned \$5,920.79 in rebates from the Scrip Program for the most recent scrip year (5/1/2024 – 11/30/2024). 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-Noon.** Start purchasing scrip to help with Tuition. You can even start banking your rebate now for a future student.

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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.

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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

Whitesville Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of Council #2046 will take place on **Jan. 2nd at 7:30PM at the KC Hall.**



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

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)

Christmas Flower Envelope

Reminder the envelope for Christmas Flowers will be in your December Envelope Packet. To have your loved ones listed in the bulletin, your envelope must be turned in by Sunday, December 22nd!

Please be certain to write the names legibly on the envelope.



Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	28,868.08
Building & Grounds Fund	9,651.96
Campaign Income for New School	5,727,176.87
Campaign Pledges (553) as of 12/10	11,902,426.43
Tuition Assistance	26,148.01
SMWS Endowment	114,691.87
THS Endowment	1,145,177.71
12/8 Regular Sunday Collection	52,025.54
Online Regular Sunday Collection	4,957.50
Total Regular Sunday Collection	56,983.04

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>.



Safe Environment

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1

(1-877-597- 2331) or contact your local

Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at 270-852-8380. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment

(owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information.

To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562.

Live Streaming Schedule | 9AM Mass

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

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!

Cemetery Clean Up

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 21

Lectors: David Connor, Geri Kramer

Altar Servers: Lucas Mayfield, Anne Marie Ralph, Scott York

Eucharistic Ministers: Crystal Mayfield, Laney Mills, Mark & Donna Dorth, Elizabeth Burch

Musicians: Ryan Aud & James Jarboe

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

7:00 AM Sunday—December 22

Lectors: Lane Rhodes, Charlotte Morris

Altar Servers: Scarlett Brey, Ian White, Addyson Midkiff

Eucharistic Ministers: Andrea Knott, Hope Brey, Megan Rhodes, Evan Burch, Hope Boarman

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 22

Lectors: Randall Howard, Alan Hamilton

Altar Servers: Ehan Jarboe, Nora Hamilton, Blaire Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Baker, Larry Kaelin, Julie O'Bryan, Cindy Mattingly, Deanie Midkiff

Musicians: Jarboe Family

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

11:00 AM Sunday—December 22

Lectors: DeeAnna Wathen, Parker Driskill

Altar Servers: Stella Roby, Avery Mayfield, Addy Boarman

Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Driskill, Jeanna Siddons, Emily Gipson, Paul Rhodes, Sarah Park

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—December 22

Lectors: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Musicians: Alicia Jones

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers



Sat 14	8:00am	†Charles "Dee" Payne
	4:00pm	David & Judy Connor 60th Wedding Anniversary
Sun 15	7:00am	†Katherine Roby Thomas
	9:00am	L/D Bob & Barbara Hodskins Family
	11:00am	†Sherry Mattingly 20 Year Death Anniversary
	8:00pm	Scott & Kathy Stiff Family
Mon 16	8:00am	†Sheri Ann Clark
Tues 17	8:00am	L/D Iona Simon Family
	12:05pm	†Charlotte Ralph
Wed 18	8:00am	†Larry Wayne Goetz
	12:05pm	Anna Jean Wathen Family
Thurs 19	8:00am	†John L. Beatty
	12:05pm	†Brian Storm
Fri 20	8:00am	†Doris Knott
	12:05pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sat 21	8:00am	Isiah Boarman
	4:00pm	†Mike Barnard
Sun 22	7:00am	†Martha Jennings
	9:00am	†Joe & †Dorothy Barnard
	11:00am	†Margaret "Peggy" Leggio
	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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19' Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Advent

Communal Penance Services

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



Catholicism 101



Forever Learning and Living the Faith

New Episode!

Episode 15:
 Making the Most of
 Advent & Christmas

What are the biggest themes of Advent and how can we best prepare for the coming of Christ? Why are the readings at Mass talking about the 'end times' as we anticipate the celebration of Christmas? When does the Christmas season *actually* end, and why?

Tune in to this month's episode of Catholicism 101 to not only learn more about the seasons of Advent & Christmas themselves, but also how to celebrate accordingly!



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Question Box



Schedule for upcoming Holy Days of Obligation for the Christmas Season at St. Mary

- The Solemnity of Christmas**
- Vigil Mass:** Tues., Dec. 24th at 4pm & 10pm
Mass on the Day: Wed., Dec. 25th at 8am & 10am
- New Year's Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
- Vigil Mass:** Tues., Dec. 31st at 6pm
Mass on the Day: Wed., Jan. 1st at 8am, 12:05pm, & 6pm
- The Solemnity of the Epiphany**
- Vigil Mass:** Sat., Jan. 4th at 4pm
Mass on the Day: Sun., Jan. 5th at 7am, 9am, 11am, & 8pm
- The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**
- Vigil Mass:** Sat., Jan. 11th at 4pm
Mass on the Day: Sun., Jan. 12th at 7am, 9am, 11am, & 8pm



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Wednesday, December 18th

12:30-2:30pm in the Parish Hall



hope does not disappoint

Gasper River Christmas Camp 2025

Christmas Camp starts on Sunday, December 29th at 4pm and ends January 1st at 11am. Registration is open to 8th-12th grades. Cost: \$125 (excluding tax). For more information and registration visit: <https://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/christmas-camp-1>

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