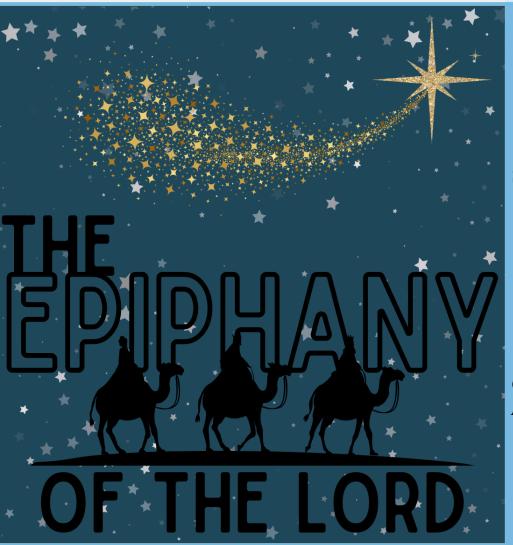


St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

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

January 5 **2025**

The Epiphany of the Lord



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.



Merry Christmas on this Solemnity of the Epiphany! If you ask yourself what's the difference between the lives of the saints and some of the stars we see on Twitter, the difference is this: the saints are stars that actually lead us someplace. The saints lead heroic and virtuous lives, accomplish great deeds, God works miracles through them, and many of them died in defense of what we believe. They are stars that lead us someplace. If we become inspired by their lives, learn to live as they lived, the saints are stars that lead us to Jesus. How about a mother, father, grandparent or a wise friend, they, too, will lead you someplace.

There are lots of people who worship stars that don't lead us to Christ. In fact, there are stars that lead people nowhere. There are false stars that if you follow them, they'll ultimately lead you to destruction. And I'm not just talking about people. I'm also talking about materialism, egotism, self-pity, the list goes on. The question becomes who or what are the stars we follow? Will they lead us to Christ or into a black hole? This could be an interesting question when we consider the politics we support, the websites we follow, the circle of friends we keep, the lifestyle we lead. Question for our young people: what kind of person do you want to be like when you reach adulthood? A good indicator: What stars do you follow?

On a clear, brisk night, you can look up into the heavens and see millions of stars. On Earth, there are millions of stars that can be followed. Some of these stars lead our souls to Jesus. Some of these stars lead us nowhere. By the grace of God, the Magi were able to choose the right star, strip themselves of paganism, kneel before Jesus, giving Jesus the gift of themselves. When this happened, an interesting reversal occurred. The Magi discovered that, from God's perspective, we are the stars God wants to pursue. God passionately follows every moment of our lives. This is why God became man. Jesus wants to be as close to us as food and drink- the Eucharist. We're souls not only worth pursuing, but souls worth entering, worth saving, worth dying for. That's how much God loves you. Pick a star that leads you to Jesus.

Next Sunday, the Christmas Season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Fr. Brian J. Roby



School Happenings:

Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone for the love, prayers and support for St. Mary of the Woods School and Trinity High School throughout this year. I am grateful God entrusted me to work with the staffulty and students of these schools to continue His mission of developing future leaders of our Church and community. I am forever blessed, and I firmly believe we can never underestimate the impact these schools have, not only in our own community but also throughout the world! What a beautiful mission, and please continue to pray for our schools in 2025!

Over Christmas Break, the Trinity High School girls defeated Northeast High School, while falling to East Robertson High School at the H & H Holiday Hoopfest at Logan County High School. Sarah Payne was the player of the game for the East Robertson game and Rylynne Meserve was player of the game for the Northeast game. Meanwhile, the Trinity High School boys defeated Carroll County High School and Casey County High School, while falling to Marion County High School at the Marion County High School Tournament. Will Hernandez was player of the game for the Carroll County game, and Hayden Aull was player of the game for both the Marion County and Casey County games. Congratulations to both teams on their success so far this season.

Emily Hernandez, Principal

Calendar:

1/7: THS Girls & Boys Basketball All A vs Catholic at HCHS, 6pm

1/9: THS Wrestling, 6pm

1/10: THS Girls & Boys Basketball vs ECHS, 6pm 1/11: THS Freshman Girls at McLean Co., 11am 1/11: THS Boys Basketball at Meade Co., 4:30pm

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

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

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, Jennifer Stinnett, Tim Mattingly. 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



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:

Jan. 2026: 17/18, 24/25, 31/Feb.1

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

Altar Care for January

Cindy Mattingly & Joan Payne

Whitesville Knights of Columbus

The next monthly meeting of Council #2046 will take place on Feb. 6th at 7:30PM at the KC Hall.

Grief Ministry Support



You're invited to a 6-week Grief Ministry program. Sessions will take place at 10AM in the Long Trail Activity Room of the Parish Hall on

Jan. 11 & 18, Feb. 1, 8, 15, & 22. All are welcome!

Contact person: Lucy Felty, 270-826-7038

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!

January Outreach

The outreach for January will go to the Pitino Soup Kitchen. They are currently in need of canned vegetables of all kinds. Please place donations in the bins located at the entrances of church.

Thank you for your generosity!

If you have Celiac Disease and/or are gluten intolerant, please see Fr. Brian before Mass so you may fully participate in Holy Communion with our parish family.

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

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Online Giving - go to website www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.com and click Online Parish Giving!

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

Are you struggling in your marriage?

The Office of Marriage & Family Life has grant money to invest in marriages.

Visit our webpage to view options for marriages that need some hope and 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)

Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	28,868.08
Building & Grounds Fund	176,392.96
Campaign Income for New School	6,870,204.87
Campaign Pledges (554) as of 12/30	11,908,392.43
Tuition Assistance	27,845.88
SMWS Endowment	114,691.87
THS Endowment	1,145,177.71
12/29 Regular Sunday Collection	49,521.50
Online Regular Sunday Collection	4,177.50
Total Regular Sunday Collection	53,699.00

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.



Giving Tree

St. Mary's Giving Tree supported 27 children & 10 families this Christmas season!

Thank you to those who took a heart from the Giving Tree.

ATTENTION

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St. Mary of the Woods Church wants to send you messages. Reply YES to confirm, STOP to opt-out. Review the opt-in policy at:

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Thank you!



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Cemetery Clean Up

Week of Jan. 5: Mark Bickett Week of Jan. 12: Sheila Montgomery Week of Jan. 19: Jacob & Kylen Edge Week of Jan. 26: Wayne Castlen

Liturgical Ministries		
4:00 PM Saturday—January 11		
Lectors: Lucy Felty, Bailey Heisler		
Altar Servers: Henry Burch, Luke Howard,		
Collin Kurz		
Eucharistic Ministers: Elizabeth Burch, Jaime		
Howard, Alicia Kurz, Lisa Morris, Karen		
Onstott		
Children's Liturgy: Sheena Jones, Chelsey		
Brown, Bernie Barnard		
Musicians: Connie Hagan & Dana Roby		
Min. of Hospitality: Linny Howard—Capt.,		
Dalton Howard, Matt Ralph, Kenny Nash,		
Keith Morris, Mike Roby, BJ Starks		
7:00 AM Sunday—January 12		
Lectors: Emmy Edge, Pamela Hagan		
Altar Servers: Will & Gabe Kuder, Lydia		
Snodgrass		
Eucharistic Ministers: Logan & Avery Goetz,		
Evan Burch, Joyce Higdon, Sandy Merritt		
Musicians: Morris Family		
Min. of Hospitality: Billy Brey—Capt., Travis		
Brey, Logan Beyke, Joey Wilson, David		
O'Bryan, Darin Kinsey		
9:00 AM Sunday—January 12		
Lectors: Brandon Coomes, Anne Coomes		
Altar Servers: Maggie & Mason Greer, Noah &		
Marci Aud		
Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Greer, Valerie		
Roby, Allie & Harrison Barnett, Levi Hall		
Children's Liturgy: Sonya Beyke, Rachel Wilson		
Musicians: Natalie & Noah Gray w/ Sheila		
Hansbrough		
Min. of Hospitality: Randy Howard—Capt.,		
Ron O'Bryan, Darrell Hagan, Richard		
Hagan, Zachary Boarman, Jordan & Beckett		
Bittel, Martin Rhinerson		
11:00 AM Sunday—January 12		
Lectors: Carter Mayfield, Taylor Wathen		
Altar Servers: Keaton & Luke Abbott, Jasper &		
Stella Roby		
Eucharistic Ministers: Bridget Abbott, Travis		
Roby, Al & DeeAnna Wathen, Shelly Aull		
Children's Liturgy: Peggy Duvall, Laura Castlen		
Musicians: Johnson Family		
Min. of Hospitality: George Howard—Capt.,		
Frank Clark, Emett Barnett, Jr., Lee Mills,		
Jeff Mayfield, David Zoglmann, Aaron		
Abbott		
8:00 PM Sunday—January 12		
Lectors: Volunteers		
Altar Servers: Volunteers		
Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers		
Musicians: Alicia Jones		

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

Sat 4	8:00am 4:00pm	I and the second
Sun 5	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	†Fred Coomes
Mon 6	8:00am	†Bobby Hamilton
Tues 7	8:00am 12:05pm	†Stephanie Bickett L/D Richard & Rita Stiff Family
Wed 8	8:00am 12:05pm	†Francis & †Vivian Roby †Charles & †Shirley Edge
Thurs 9	8:00am 12:05pm	†Jay Aud Souls in Purgatory
Fri 10	8:00am 12:05pm	Randall Leon Roby †Marvin Wells
Sat 11	8:00am 4:00pm	†Eugene Mayfield †Kenny Boarman
Sun 12	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	L/D Patricia Harralson Family †Evelyn Howard Hagan
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Mass Schedule

No Masses or confessions January 13th-17th. Fr. Brian will be away to the Presbyteral Convocation.

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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22–4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4; Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



SAVE THE DATE FEB 8, 2025

8:00AM | DOORS OPEN 9:00AM - 2:30PM | RETREAT

REGISTRATION COST: \$30

ST. ANN PARISH HALL

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Or contact Kelly Joiner: 270-952-0696, Kejoiner3@gmail.com

Jackie Angel KEYNOTE SPEAKER featuring local speakers MORGANFIELD, KY 42437 **OLIVIA BURKE &**

SARAH LILLY MALONE



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Join us with our speakers David Anders (Catholic Media personality & author of "The Catholic Church Saved My Marriage") & John Edwards (Founder & Executive Director of Pew Ministries) for a faith-enriching day.

• Saturday Feb 8, 2025 9:30am-4:00pm Doors open 8:30am



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• RiverPark Center 101 Daviess Street

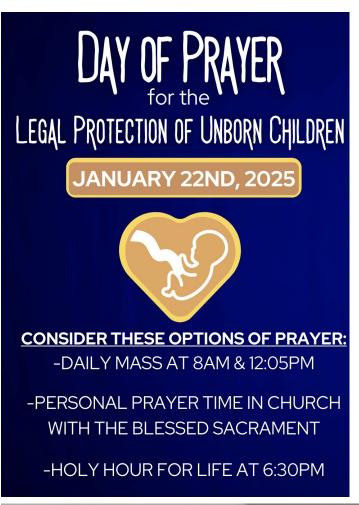
Owensboro KY 42303

• Cost: \$30

4:30pm Mass with Bishop Medley @ St. Stephen Cathedral







Families of Faith

Our next meeting for Families of Faith will be Wednesday, January 8th 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.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOURBON RAFFLE WINNERS!

PRIZE 1 - BRYSAN WILKERSON

PRIZE 2 - DAMIAN RICE

PRIZE 3 - JOE HARDESTY

PRIZE 4 - DAVID HOWE

PRIZE 5 - ADAM RANBURGER

PRIZE 6 - RYAN & ANDREA AUD

PRIZE 7 - RICKY DEVINS

PRIZE 8 - SANDI RAFFERTY

PRIZE 9 - ROSE LEONARD

GRAND PRIZE - BLAKE MEACHAM



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