

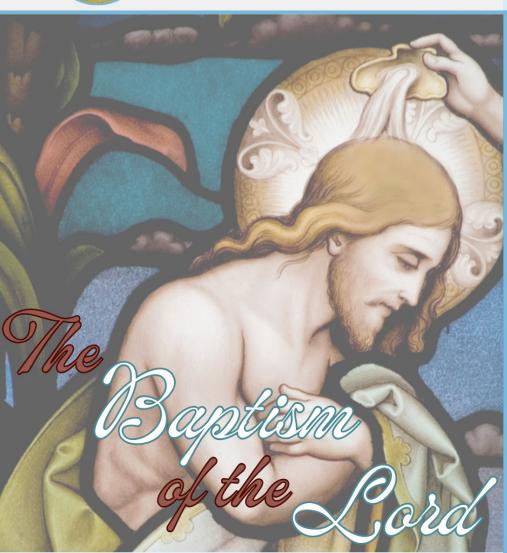
St. Mary of the Woods

Catholic Church

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

# January 12 2025

# The Baptism 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



#### Parish Staff:

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# Mission Statement

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



Merry Christmas on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord! During the rite of baptism, after the parents request the sacrament of baptism for their child, the priest or deacon states, "You are accepting the responsibility of raising your child in the practice of the faith." Then, before the pouring of water, the instruction to the parents is repeated: "Make it your constant care to bring your child up in the practice of the faith." To raise one's child in the Catholic faith may be a responsibility, duty or obligation, but it really is a privilege, joy and honor. Our faith is our single greatest treasure, and to pass on the gift of faith is the greatest gift parents could ever give their child. This responsibility flows from the understanding of who is the ultimate owner of the child. Most parents realize that their newborn child is a miracle. God is the Creator who gives life and forms the child in the mother's womb. God is the original parent and owner of the child, while the mother and father are biological parents and have the child on loan from God.

The parents are the leaders of the house church, the basic unit and foundation of the Church, and their full, active and conscious practice of their faith is an ongoing lesson on how to be a dynamic Catholic. The child learns the faith through assimilation. Because the parents love God, the child learns to love God. Because the parents pray each day, the child learns to pray. Because the parents go to Mass each Sunday, the child learns the importance of going to Mass, the value of communal liturgical prayer and how to behave in church. And because the parents practice the virtues in their daily living, the child learns how to live a Christian lifestyle. Parents teach their children to pray. This should not begin in second grade as part of their preparation for the sacraments, but as the child learns how to talk. When a child learns to say mommy and daddy, colors and numbers, it's time to learn the Sign of the Cross and meal prayers. When a child is old enough to converse with mom and dad, the child is old enough to say morning and night prayers, and when a child is old enough to memorize a home address or telephone number, the child is old enough to memorize the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. Parents should have a children's Bible and other spiritual books and videos to teach their child about Jesus and the Gospel, the great people in Scripture and Bible stories. Parents should enroll their children in religious education programs- Children's Liturgy, Catholic school or Families of Faith. The parents' pledge at baptism also includes ensuring that their child completes the sacraments through the reception of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Passing on the faith is a privilege!

I will be away this week for the annual presbyteral convocation at St. Meinrad Archabbey.

Fr. Brian J. Roby



### **School Happenings:**

The Trinity High School wrestling team had an impressive showing at the Robertsdale Invitational in Alabama over Christmas Break. John and Owen Hamilton placed fourth in their weight classes, while Luke Hamilton and Tristen Ward finished fifth in their weight classes. The Lady Raiders hosted St. Mary Paducah defeating the Lady Vikings 46-39. The Lady Raider freshman team defeated Daviess County High School 40-23 and Webster County High School 59-25. The Raider freshman team defeated Owensboro High School 43-41 and the JV boys defeated Hancock County High School 49-41 in an overtime win. Congratulations to all these student-athletes.

Emily Hernandey, Principal

#### Calendar:

1/13: THS Girls Basketball at Ohio Co., 5:30pm 1/17: THS Girls & Boys Basketball at GCHS, 6pm 1/18: THS Fresh Boys vs BCHS, 9am; vs HCHS, 11am

1/18: THS Girls & Boys Basketball vs Hart Co.,

5:30pm

1/20: NO SCHOOL—MLK Day

# **Scrip Program Update**

Our families have earned \$24,195.62 in rebates towards Tuition and our schools have earned \$8,065.23 in rebates from the Scrip Program for the most recent scrip year (5/1/2024 – 12/31/2024). 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-Noon. Start purchasing scrip to help with Tuition. You can even start banking your rebate now for a future student.

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.

To keep the list current, please call the office when names should be added or removed.

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**

Linda Boarman, Family Nurse Practitioner
Open Monday—Friday

6071 Hwy. 54, Philpot, KY 270-713-0177

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#### YOUR HEALTH IS OUR TOP PRIORITY!

#### Office Closed

The Parish & Scrip Offices will be closed Monday, January 20th in observance of MLK Day.

#### 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

#### **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. 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!

# Whitesville Knights of Columbus

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

\*\* 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 7, 2025 - Calvin Johnson & Olivia Hamilton, 6PM at St. William

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**

Total Regular Sunday Collection	36,161.59
Online Regular Sunday Collection	6,557.50
1/5 Regular Sunday Collection	29,604.09
THS Endowment	1,145,177.71
SMWS Endowment	112,922.68
Tuition Assistance	58,100.88
Campaign Pledges (554) as of 1/6	11,911,872.43
Campaign Income for New School	6,881,246.87
Building & Grounds Fund	176,373.21
Weekly Parish Budget Needs	28,868.08
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# **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.



# **ATTENTION**

WE WILL NO LONGER BE USING ONECALL (NO MORE VOICEMAILS)

# YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS TEXT:

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:

# **REPLY WITH "YES"**

ENSURE THAT WE ARE TEXTING THE CORRECT NUMBER BY SCANNING THE QR CODE AND CREATING YOUR PROFILE

Thank you!



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\*YOU ALSO MIGHT RECEIVE AN EMAIL ASKING YOU TO SET UP YOUR PROFILE

# **Cemetery Clean Up**

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

# Liturgiaal Ministria

Liturgical Ministries		
4:00 PM Saturday—January 18 Lectors: James Jarboe, Geri Kramer		
Altar Servers: Nora Leonard, Henry Burch,		
Luke Howard		
Eucharistic Ministers: Leslie Leonard, Emily		
Payne, Mark & Donna Dorth, Sherry Bickett		
Children's Liturgy: Elizabeth Burch, Krissy		
Willett		
Musicians: Ryan Aud & James Jarboe		
Min. of Hospitality: Linny Howard—Capt.,		
Dalton Howard, Matt Ralph, Kenny Nash,		
Keith Morris, Mike Roby, BJ Starks		
7:00 AM Sunday—January 19		
Lectors: Brenda Hagan, Lane Rhodes		
Altar Servers: Scarlett Brey, Tylen Mattingly,		
Addain Midkiff		
Eucharistic Ministers: Hope Brey, Bruce Hagan,		
Emmy Edge, Kim Howard, Megan Rhodes		
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 19		
Lectors: Jennifer Barnett, Vickie Fulkerson		
Altar Servers: Blaise & Simon Mills, Jeremy		
Merritt		
Eucharistic Ministers: Tommy Fulkerson,		
Kylen Edge, Amy & Abigail Roach,		
Cindy Mattingly		
Children's Liturgy: Ashley Oakley, Nicole		
Boarman		
Musicians: Janitors w/ Hannah Nash		
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 19		
Lectors: Mary Barnett, Wendy Lane		
Altar Servers: Samuel & Isaac Johnson, Caasi		
Roby		
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Rhodes, Ian Roby,		
Sarah Park, Shasta Nash, Vickie Morris		
Children's Liturgy: Emily Shelton, Tara Dickens		
Musicians: David Morris & Band		
Min. of Hospitality: George Howard—Capt.,		
Randall Hagan, Logan & Owen Boarman,		
Richard Duvall, Darren & Nicholas Ward		
8:00 PM Sunday—January 19		
Lectors: Volunteers		
Altar Servers: Volunteers		
Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers		
Musicians: Alicia Jones		
Min of Hospitality, Valuations		

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers

# Mass Intentions

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	
Mon 13	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues 14	8:00am 12:05pm	No Mass No Mass	
Wed 15		No Mass No Mass	
Thurs 16	8:00am 12:05pm	No Mass No Mass	
Fri 17	8:00am 12:05pm	No Mass No Mass	
Sat 18	8:00am 4:00pm	1	
Sun 19	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	John Kirkpatrick †Joseph Donald Howard †Virgil Head St. Mary of the Woods Parishioners	
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#### Mass Schedule

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

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

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

1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11





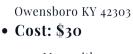
Join us with our speakers David Anders (Catholic Media personality & author of "The Catholic Church Saved My Marriage") & John Edwards (Founder & Executive Director of Pew Ministries) for a faith-enriching day.

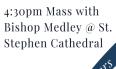
• Saturday Feb 8, 2025 9:30am-4:00pm Doors open 8:30am



• RiverPark Center www.kycatholic.com

101 Daviess Street









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SAVE THE DATE FEB 8, 2025

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

**REGISTRATION COST: \$30** 

ST. ANN PARISH HALL featuring local speakers MORGANFIELD, KY 42437

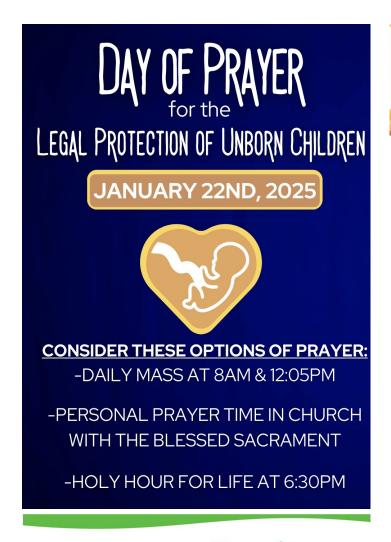
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Jackie Angel

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**OLIVIA BURKE &** 

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







Join us for strength training classes!

These classes are designed for mid-life to older adults and include progressive resistance training, balance training and flexibility exercises. Classes are three times a week-Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:45 - 9:45am at the Horn Center.

Classes will be led by Lucy Felty, certified StrongPeople leader.

Benefits of strength training include:

- ~improved balance and reduction of falls
- ~strengthening of bones and reduced risk of fractures
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- ~improved physical fitness
- ~arthritis relief
- ~weight control
- ~improved glucose control
- ~improved sleep
- ~improved heart health

There is no charge for the classes but you may need to provide your own hand and ankle weights. (Don't purchase until we determine what you need.)

Need more information? Call Lucy at 270-826-7038

# February 14-16, 2025 Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center

Who: All High School Youth (9th-12th Grades)

What: As we journey through the story of the raising of Lazarus, we truly see what it means to be dead in this world and called to life in Jesus. This retreat is an intentional invitation of life to Christ.

Where: Boone Lodge at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp outside of Bowling Green, KY. A packing list will be provided upon registration.

**When:** Friday, February 14 arrival begins at 5:30pm, pickup Sunday, February 16 at 12:00pm

Cost: \$65 per youth participant (scholarships are available through the Office of Youth Ministry) Further Details: We are limited to 20 boys and 20 girls for the retreat. **Deadline to sign up is Monday, February 3, 2025.** 

**To Sign Up:** Please send your registration Sheet, as well as Form A and the Youth Code of Conduct to the Office of Youth Ministry (600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301) with your \$65 payment before the deadline. Registration forms can be located at

https://owensborodiocese.org/lazarus-retreat/ We will work on a first come, first serve basis, so please send in registrations asap. Confirmation of your sign up will arrive in a couple of weeks after registration.

**Questions:** Contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 270-683-1545 or Robin Tomes at robin.tomes@pastoral.org

#### **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

(<u>owensborodiocese.org/safe</u>) 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.



# **Sponsorship Opportunities for the Bulletin**

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- Advertising in the Weekly Parish Bulletin is one of the best returns for your advertising dollar.
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- Parishioners feel secure dealing with bulletin sponsors.
- The Parish and the Businesses both benefit.
- We spotlight a sponsor each week.

If you do not have a business, but personally know of someone who does, please help the Parish by referring that person or business.

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