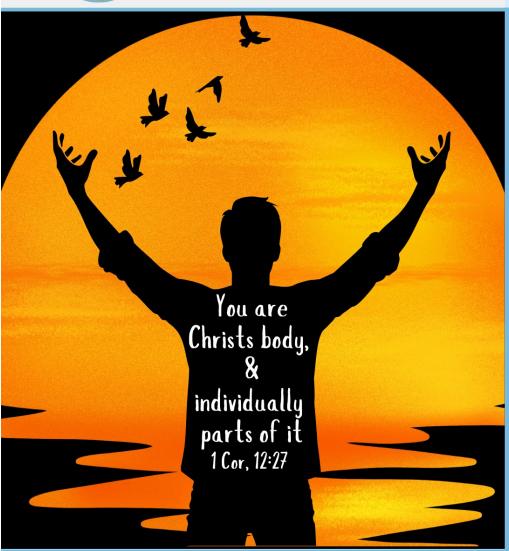


St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

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

January 26 **2025**

3rd 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



Parish Staff:

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Mission Statement

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



The New Year, 2025, is a Jubilee Year! In the Diocese of Owensboro, to embrace our spirit in "Pilgrimage of Hope" for this Jubilee year, we have created a list of pilgrimage sites where one can gain an indulgence: St Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro; St. Romuald, Hardinsburg; St. Leo, Murray; St. Francis de Sales, Paducah; Marian Shrine, Bowling Green; Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam. At these designated locations, you will find a passport booklet to be stamped at each location, along with prayer cards and scavenger hunts for children to also be able to participate. A plenary indulgence may be gained once daily by each member of the faithful who, renouncing any personal attachment to sin, even venial sin, and desiring to obtain the indulgence, makes a pilgrimage to any of the 6 pilgrimage sites during the Jubilee Year and fulfills the following conditions: makes a sacramental confession while on pilgrimage or within a few days before or after; participates at Mass and receives Holy Communion at pilgrimage site; offers one Our Father and one Hail Mary or any other prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father; while on pilgrimage, devoutly assists at a liturgical celebration or other pious exercise (e.g. stations of the cross, rosary), or spends time in pious meditation ending with the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed, and prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consider making a pilgrimage.

Hats off to our Art and Environment Committee for preparing our Church for the celebration of Christmas. Well done! Hats off to our Social Life Committee for hosting Bunco Night. It was a good time!

I look forward to our parish's celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Our parish has been in the business of Catholic School education for 146 years and what a marvelous mission it is. We are blessed with two very fine schools that exist to form disciples for God and His Church. Thanks to all who faithfully assist the parish in this noble endeavor. Thanks to all our parents who choose our Catholic schools for the formation and education of your children. Thanks to our Administrators, Faculty, and Staff, for serving the Church's mission of Catholic Schools. God be praised as we prepare for our 150th anniversary of Catholic education at St. Mary with a new school.

Peace, Joy, and Love,

Fr. Brian J. Roby





School Happenings:

We are excited to kick off Catholic Schools Week 2025. Catholic Schools Week is a week set aside to celebrate Catholic Education in the United States. Catholic education was started 146 years ago in our area and we have continued that tradition and kept it alive and thriving. There was a time that I believed we at St. Mary of the Woods School and Trinity High School, should try to do everything that other schools were doing. We thought we should keep up, but we shifted our focus six or seven years ago to concentrating on what makes us different, our faith. SMWS and THS pray every morning, afternoon and at lunch as a school, and pray many other times throughout the day in class. We go to Mass weekly to receive the Eucharist, our nourishment for our souls. We attend confessions twice a year and retreats/prayer days annually. As we went through accreditation a few years back, all the of the people assessing us stated that we really do seem different! They all acknowledged that it is the way the culture of Trinity and St. Mary's is infused with our Catholic faith. They stated that everything we do is based around our faith. It really is a way of life for us. For several years in row, we have had students, or students and their families decide to become members of the Catholic faith and many stated that the schools are the reason they have decided to become Catholic. When people say Catholics are not evangelizing, I disagree! We evangelize in our schools daily, every time we start our events with a prayer, every time our logos are displayed. The secular world tells us that faith is not needed! In fact, the Christian worldview is trying to be silenced by the cultural elites telling us we are wrong by acting as though the immoral revolution is normal and justified. In an ever-changing secular world, we will continue to base what we do on our faith, help build students who are faith-based critical thinkers and facilitate parents in developing Disciples for Christ. It is the most important thing we do! I cannot imagine a more important job than helping develop people who are Christ's army on earth.

Thank you for supporting our schools and know that we feel your prayers and together we will keep God First. Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Emily Hernandey, Principal



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, Ann Greer. 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, Aaron Ling.

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Homebound receiving visits from the parish. Bernadine Dean, Genevieve Boarman, Ruth Anderson, Mildred Boarman, David Jennings, Gordon Millay, Richard Flesch & Glenda Roby.

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:

Jan. 2026: 17/18, 31/Feb.1 **Feb. 2026:** 7/8, 14/15

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

Altar Care for February

Veda Mattingly & Valerie Roby

Donut Sunday

Join the Social Life Committee for donuts, coffee, milk or orange juice in the Parish Hall after the 7AM & 9AM Masses on Sun., Feb. 2nd.



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

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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 Ouarterly 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)

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!

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 Feb. 1, 8, 15, & 22, Mar. 1

All are welcome!

Contact person: Lucy Felty, 270-826-7038

Budget News

Total Regular Sunday Collection	30,004.26
Online Regular Sunday Collection	4,912.50
1/19 Regular Sunday Collection	25,091.76
THS Endowment	1,145,177.71
SMWS Endowment	112,922.68
Tuition Assistance	60,280.88
Campaign Pledges (555) as of 1/20	11,968,944.80
Campaign Income for New School	6,956,058.24
Building & Grounds Fund	176,468.21
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

The secure site for parishioners to create an account is https://www.osvhub.com/stmaryofthewoodswhitesville/funds.



Families of Faith

Our next meeting for Families of Faith will be **Wednesday, February 5th 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.

1st & 7th Grade Parents

You should receive a letter from the Parish Office this week regarding the receptions for First Communion and Confirmation this week. Please be on the lookout for this letter and let Emily Gipson at the Parish Office know if you do not receive one.



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

Cemetery Clean Up

Week of:

Jan. 26: Wayne Castlen

Feb 2: Donnie Howard

Feb. 9: Mark & Donna Dorth; Sandy Merritt

Feb. 16: Kenny Nash

Feb. 23: Ballard Family & Miah Crisp



Liturgical Ministries

4:00 PM Saturday—February 1

Lectors: Lucy Felty, Geri Kramer Altar Servers: Collin Kurz, Henry Burch, Nora

Leonard

Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica, Ava & Camryn

Preston, Alicia Kurz, Laney Mills

Children's Lit.: Jennifer Ralph, Janice Smith

Musicians: Ryan Aud & James Jarboe

Min. of Hospitality: Mark Dorth—Capt., Mike Hamilton & Will Jenkins, Brenda Hamilton, Norman Howard, Richard Howard, Gabriel

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7:00 AM Sunday—February 2

Lectors: Charlotte Morris, Emmy Edge Altar Servers: Addison Midkiff, Paisley & Presley Merritt

Eucharistic Ministers: Ina Mattingly, Sandy Merritt, Logan & Avery Goetz, Evan Burch

Musicians: Morris Family

Min. of Hospitality: Rodney Rhodes—Capt., Lucas & Clayton Rhodes, Shawn & Debbie Aud, Mark Hagan, Jeff, Logan & Jack Goetz

9:00 AM Sunday—February 2

Lectors: Krista Morris, Rebecca Hodskins Altar Servers: Ehan Jarboe, Noah & Marci Aud Eucharistic Ministers: Valerie Hiatt, Mason & Theresa Greer, Larry Kaelin, Brittney Houston

Children's Lit.: Brooklyn Hagan, Terra Knight

Musicians: Carpenter Band

Min. of Hospitality: Bryan Hamilton—Capt., Casey Hamilton, Steve Beyke, Tim Edge, John & Noah Gray, Gerald Mattingly

11:00 AM Sunday—February 2

Lectors: DeeAnna Wathen, Parker Driskill
Altar Servers: Carter & Avery Mayfield, Sam &
Ava West, Isaac Johnson

Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Driskill, Taylor Wathen, Lilly Kassinger, Raeva Lindsey, Samuel Johnson

Children's Lit.: Natalie Mayfield, Jeanna Siddons Musicians: Janitor Band w/ Emily Shelton Min. of Hospitality: Joey Hatfield—Capt., Pat Bickett, Carter Castlen & Bryson Oliver, Chuck Hagan, Ben Zuerner & Archer Higdon, Garrett, Ian & Cole Roby, Hayden

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8:00 PM Sunday—February 2

Lectors: Volunteers
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Musicians: Alicia Jones

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

Sat 25	8:00am 4:00pm	Fr. Brian Roby L/D Charles & Catherine Hamilton Family
Sun 26	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	†J.W. "Stub" Morris †Amy Bailey †John Atkinson St. Mary of the Woods Parishioners
Mon 27	8:00am	†Doris Knott
Tues 28	8:00am 12:05pm	†Lou Boarman L/D Gerald & Hannah Howard Family
Wed 29	8:00am 12:05pm	Jennifer Hagan Stinnett †Charles & †Theresa Wedding
Thurs 30	8:00am 12:05pm	†Eugene Mayfield †Michael Loney
Fri 31	8:00am 12:05pm	†Katie Williams †Dorothy Higdon
Sat 1	8:00am 4:00pm	Souls in Purgatory Jenny Kassinger
Sun 2		†Leon Rhodes †Janice Morton Randall Leon Roby 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

Whitesville Knights of Columbus

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

Daily Mass Readings

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

75; IVIK 4:55-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-32



LIVING THE MISSION OF JESUS

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 Owensboro KY 42303

• Cost: \$30

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



REGISTER YOUR TEAM

All teams must be registered and entry fee paid by February 27 ,2025 by 6:00p.m.

TRINITY ALUMNI BASKETBALL



TOURNAMENT

MARCH 13TH, 14TH, & 15TH

At the Horn Community Center

This year there will be two separate divisions.

One division will be any age over the age of 18 years old.

The second division will be 40 years of age and older.

Contact Renee @ 270-233-5405 to get your team's packet

OY LAUGHTER, & HOLINESS Women's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE FEB 8, 2025

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

REGISTRATION COST: \$30

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ST. ANN PARISH HALL

featuring local speakers MORGANFIELD, KY 42437

To register scan our QR code

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







2024-2025 Quarter 2 Report

	Actual	Budget	YTD Difference	2024-2025 Annual Budget
ST. MARY SCHOOL INCOME	ouly - Sept	ouly - Sept	Difference	Annual Budget
TUITION (CURRENT & PRIOR YEAR) & FEES	599,928	609,062	-9,134	899,829
TUITION ASSISTANCE	35,898	35,898	0	35,898
FUNDRAISING & OTHER REVENUE	230,745	227,041	3,704	783,500
TOTAL SCHOOL INCOME	866,571	872,001	-5,430	1,719,227
PARISH INCOME	000,071	072,001	3,100	1,712,227
REGULAR COLLECTIONS	796,158	750,570	45,588	1,501,140
BEQUEST INCOME/DRF REFUND	0	0	0	0
CHARITIES, REIMBURSEMENTS & INT	11,857	3,750	8,107	7,500
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	2,525	5,001	-2,476	10,000
PARISH HALL & CAFETERIA RENTAL	2,734	2,074	660	4,144
RELIGIOUS ED / FAMILIES OF FAITH	4,387	2,175	2,212	2,875
PICNIC	62,830	93,750	-30,920	187,500
CANDLES, FLOWERS, MISC.	16,746	16,500	246	31,000
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	897,238	873,820	23,418	1,744,159
TOTAL INCOME		1,745,821	17,988	3,463,386
PARISH EXPENSES	1,700,000	1,7 10,021	17,500	2,102,200
SALARIES	162,509	170,362	7,853	340,124
BENEFITS	58,618	62,068	3,450	119,861
UTILITIES & PHONE	14,760	14,002	-758	28,000
PROPERTY-LIABILITY INSURANCE	12,545	15,002	2,463	30,018
MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS CARE	17,091	20,500	3,409	35,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES	10,110	14,719	4,609	27,668
TECHNOLOGY & DATA SUPPORT	6,953	7,870	917	15,548
CHURCH SUPPLIES	12,126	12,500	374	20,000
MINISTRIES	9,360	9,284	-76	18,072
SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	211,316	210,916	-400	795,000
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	68,675	68,675	0	137,351
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	0	5,002	5,002	10,000
PARISH HALL EXPENSE	399	998	599	2,000
PICNIC EXPENSE	27,513	58,000	30,487	116,000
RELIGIOUS ED / FAMILIES OF FAITH	4,517	6,426	1,909	11,775
CANDLES, FLOWERS, MISC.	7,430	9,060	1,630	18,120
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES	623,922	685,390	61,468	1,724,536
ST. MARY SCHOOL EXPENSES	,	,	,	, ,
SALARIES	576,643	581,479	4,837	1,165,750
BENEFITS	158,683	169,072	10,389	335,160
COMMUNICATION & ADVANCEMENT	644	3,000	2,356	6,000
PROPERTY-LIABILITY INSURANCE	10,895	10,534	-361	21,067
LEARNING COTTAGE RENT	7,080	5,955	-1,125	17,865
UTILITIES, PHONE & TECH	14,382	20,191	5,809	37,750
MAINTENANCE - SCHOOL	11,955	9,000	-2,955	18,000
TUITION ASSISTANCE	35,898	35,898	0	35,898
OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,170	5,575	405	11,150
TUITION EXPENSE	2,107	0	-2,107	0
FUNDRAISING	16,662	18,010	1,348	23,000
CURRICULUM & SCHOOL EXPENSES	27,199	34,660	7,461	67,210
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES	867,318	893,373	26,055	1,738,850
PARISH & SMWS EXPENSES	1,491,240	1,578,763	87,523	3,463,386
NET INCOME / (DEFICIT)	272,569	167,057	105,511	0



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