

Cursed is the one

who trusts in

human beings,

who seeks his

strength in flesh, whose heart turns

away from the

Lord.



10534 Main Cross St. Whitesville, KY 42378 270-233-4196 February 16 **2025** 6th 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

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Blessed is the one

who trusts in the

Lord, whose hope

is the Lord.

Jeremiah 17:5-8

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Mission Statement

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



It's time to devise your personal plan for Lent! Identify the demons in your life that you need to go to battle against and then fortify yourself with the ancient remedies of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that, doing Lent well, you arrive at Easter a new creation in Christ.

Before Jesus began His public ministry, He spent forty days in the desert. He prayed, fasted, confronted temptation, and prepared for the journey that was to come. **During Lent, we imitate Jesus in self-denial.** We pray, fast, and give alms. In faith, we set aside what distracts and harms us, open our lives to deep conversion, and emerge ready to enter into the lasting joy of life with the Risen Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Mar. 5th- Ash Wednesday Mass schedule- 8am; 12:05pm; and 6pm.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT-

Catholics, age 14 and older are to **abstain** from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics age 18-59 must also **fast**, limiting themselves to one full meal.

PRAYER DURING LENT- Catholics are encouraged to take on additional prayer, i.e.- daily Mass, daily devotions, Liturgy of the Hours, Holy Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, Scripture reading, rosary, and spiritual reading. The Season of Lent is a graced opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PARISH PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES- Daily **Mass-** 8am and 12:05pm; **Sacrament of**

Reconciliation- Saturday from 1pm-3pm; Penance Service- Mon. Apr. 7th at 6pm; **Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-** consider a daily or weekly holy hour; **Stations of the Cross-** Friday's of Lent at 3pm; **Parish Mission-** Monday through Wednesday, Mar.10th-12th at 6:30pm.

<u>ALMSGIVING-</u> We give to various charities the money we saved by eating, drinking or buying less as we rely more upon God's abundant grace: Operation Rice Bowl; Food Pantry; Parish Mission Trip-May 28-June 4; Sister Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica- Mar. 5; Sick and Infirm Priests- Mar. 23; Parish Easter Flowers; Catholic Relief Services-Mar. 30; Holy Land- Apr. 18; Education of Diocesan Seminarians- Apr. 20; Catholic Home Missions- Apr. 27.

BUILDING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST OF THE WOODS



School Happenings:

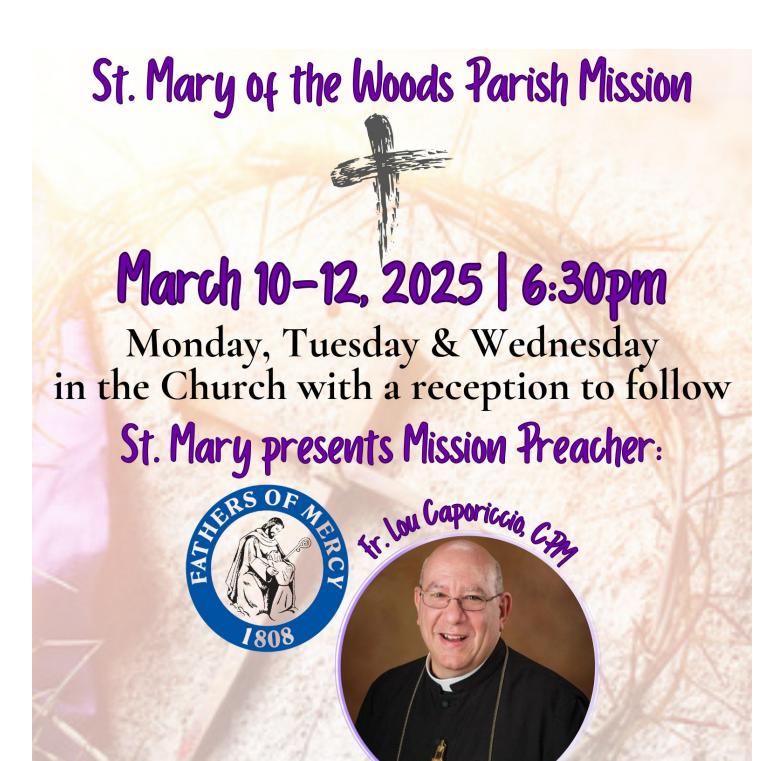


Tickets can be purchased from any St. Mary's student or contact the school office, 270-233-5253 Lic. # 0142

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

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

Fr. Brian J. Roby



March 10: God, a Father Rich in Mercy (Eph. 2:4-7) March 11: We are a Treasure in Earthen Vessels (2Cor. 4:6-8) March 12: The Healing Power of Forgiving Others (Col. 3:12-15) "O unchanging God, let me know myself; let me know you, this is my prayer" (St. Augustine, Soliloquies 2.1.1) **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, 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, 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, Mildred Boarman, David Jennings, 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



Confirmation

Our first Confirmation Prep session will be on Sunday, February 23rd at 2-4pm. Both the candidates and their sponsors need to be in attendance. If you have questions please contact Emily Gipson

at the Parish Office 270-233-4196 or at <u>emily.gipson@stmarywoods.com</u>

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: 31/Feb.1 Cost: \$60. Call Sara at the Parish Office to schedule.

Altar Care for February

Veda Mattingly & Valerie Roby

The Jubilee Year of Hope

Began December 24, 2024 and will conclude on Sunday, December 28, 2025.

A plenary Indulgence can be gained by visiting one of the following sites that have been designated by Bishop William Medley as pilgrimage sites:

- 1. St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
- 2. Holy Redeemer Church, Beaver Dam
- 3. Marian Shrine at St. Joseph Church, Bowling Green
- 4. St. Francis de Sales Church, Paducah
- 5. St. Leo Church, Murray
- 6. St. Romuald Church, Hardinsburg

In addition to visiting one of these pilgrimage sites one must:

- Make a sacramental confession either while on pilgrimage or within a few days before or after making the pilgrimage.
- Participate at Mass and receive Holy Communion, preferably on the same day as the pilgrimage; pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
- While on pilgrimage devoutly assist at a liturgical celebration or other pious exercise such as the rosary, stations of the cross, etc., or spend some time in pious meditation ending with the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed, or the Nicene Creed, and prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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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 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)

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!

February Outreach | Birthright

Please return your filled baby bottles to the bins located at the entrances of Church. Your change can change a life!

Annual Outreach Committee Meeting

The next annual Outreach Committee meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30pm** in the Long Trail Activity Room of the Parish Hall. All current outreach members and those interested in joining are invited to attend.

Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	28,868.08
Building & Grounds Fund	8,744.08
Campaign Income for New School	6,975,979.74
Campaign Pledges (557) as of 2/10	11,971,947.30
Tuition Assistance	60,950.88
SMWS Endowment	115,893.70
THS Endowment	1,413,835.22
2/9 Regular Sunday Collection	19,947.25
Online Regular Sunday Collection	5,677.50
Total Regular Sunday Collection	25,624.75

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"The Barn" Floor Pieces

"The Barn" floor pieces are available for purchase at the Parish Office.

Cost: \$50

Proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign.



Scrip Program Update

Our families have earned \$26,678.84 in rebates towards Tuition and our schools have earned \$8,893.04 in rebates from the Scrip Program for

the most recent scrip year (5/1/2024 –

1/31/25). 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.

Cemetery Clean Up

Week of:

Feb. 16: Kenny Nash Feb. 23: Ballard Family & Miah Crisp

Thank You From Angels for Ashley

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Jude's. Another successful year for the "kids". We raised \$117,202.

Liturgical Ministries

4:00 PM Saturday—February 22 Lectors: Lucy Felty, Larry O'Bryan Altar Servers: Henry Burch, Luke Howard, Collin Kurz Eucharistic Ministers: Cale Boarman, Bonnie Hamilton, Jaime Howard, Elizabeth Burch, Mary Linda Kreisle Children Lit.: Sheena Jones, Chelsey Brown, Bernie Barnard **Musicians:** Morris Family Min. of Hospitality: Mark Dorth-Capt., Mike Hamilton & Will Jenkins, Brenda Hamilton, Norman Howard, Richard Howard, Gabriel Bohr 7:00 AM Sunday—February 23 Lectors: Maranda Ward, Lane Rhodes Altar Servers: Parker Aud, Ian White, Tylen Mattingly, Addain Midkiff Eucharistic Ministers: Megan Rhodes, Andrea Knott, Joyce Higdon, Kim Howard, Ina Mattingly **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 23 Lectors: Randall Howard, Jarrod Rhodes Altar Servers: Lydia Merritt, Jacob Aud, Luke Hamilton Eucharistic Ministers: Allie & Harrison Barnett, Amy & Will Jenkins, Marlene Hamilton Children Lit.: Amy Roach, Jamie Hayden **Musicians:** The Jarboe Family Min. of Hospitality: Bryan Hamilton-Capt., Casey Hamilton, Steve Beyke, Tim Edge, John & Noah Gray, Gerald Mattingly <u>11:00 AM Sunday—February 23</u> Lectors: Carter Mayfield, Miah Crisp Altar Servers: Avery Mayfield, Jude Shelton, Addy Boarman, Keaton Abbott Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Coomes, Shelly Aull, Paul Rhodes, Sarah Park, Will Mills Children Lit.: Peggy Duvall, Laura Castlen Musicians: David Morris & Band Min. of Hospitality: Joey Hatfield—Capt., Pat Bickett, Carter Castlen & Bryson Oliver, Chuck Hagan, Ben Zuerner & Archer Higdon, Garrett, Ian & Cole Roby, Hayden Aull 8:00 PM Sunday—February 23 Lectors: Volunteers Altar Servers: Volunteers Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers Musicians: Alicia Jones Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

Sat 15	8:00am 4:00pm	†Palmer Aud †Kenneth & †Betty Howe
Sun 16	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am	†Charlotte Ralph †Fred Coomes
	8:00pm	St. Mary of the Woods Parishioners
Mon 17	8:00am	L/D Justin & Minnie Clark Family
Tues 18	8:00am	L/D Carroll & Barbara Shively Family
	12:05pm	†Katie Lee Boarman
Wed 19	8:00am 12:05pm	†J.W. "Stub" Morris †Mary Elb Edge
Thurs 20	8:00am 12:05pm	†Doris Knott †Joseph Donald Howard
Fri 21	8:00am 12:05pm	†Virgil Head †Patricia Cecil
Sat 22	8:00am 4:00pm	†Ita Belle Howard †Chad Roberts
Sun 23	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 8:00pm	David & Monica Morris Family †Martin Howard

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

March 5th—8am; 12:05pm; and 6pm

Young at Heart

Join Young at Heart for lunch & Bunco on Wednesday, February 26th from 12:30-2:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring \$2 for games and a snack.

Daily Mass Readings

Monday: Gen 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1,8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

- Wednesday: Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gen 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gen 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: 1 Pet 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3 -4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38





Location: Sarto Retreat Center, Evansville, IN Cost: \$175 (\$85 for college students) For more information, scan the QR code or visit https://owensborodiocese.org/life-giving-wounds/

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship, and is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, which couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. It is primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. The Louisville Community will be having a Retrouvaille Weekend February 14-16, 2025. For more information and to register please contact 502-479-3329 or email 3012@helpourmarriage.org The Nashville community is having a Retrouvaille weekend February 28-March 2, 2025. For more information, email 3043@helpourmarriage.org, visit https://retrouvaille.org or call (931) 820-2115.

Are you struggling in your marriage?

Visit the Diocese webpage to view options for marriages that need hope & healing.



Vocations | "Come & See"

The Diocese of Owensboro Vocations Office has two upcoming "Come & See" events:

- 1. **March 13-16** at Simon Brute seminary for juniors in high school to sophomores in college or men who are older than this but have no college degrees.
- 2. March 27-30 at Saint Meinrad for men who are college juniors or older.

If you're interested, contact Fr. Daniel Dillard, <u>daniel.dillard@pastoral.org</u>



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.
- The advertising expense is tax deductible.
- It is localized advertising; it's in the area that you serve.
- Advertising helps promote your business throughout the community.
- The bulletin gives excellent exposure to the business person because it's reaching more clients.
- 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 <u>samantha.mcmichael@stmarywoods.com</u>