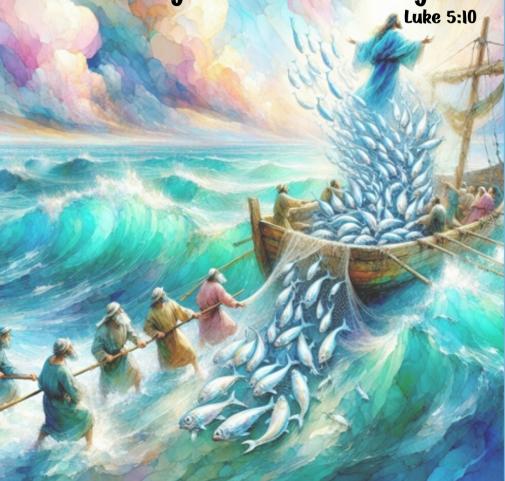


St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

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

Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.



February 9 **2025** 5th 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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Mission Statement

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

From the Pastor

I've been preaching about a few things that I've invited you to consider for your growth in holiness: 1) to go to confession as a family; 2) to embrace every Friday as a penitential day of prayer, abstinence, and fasting; 3) to set aside time, through the week, to make a visit to the Church for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 4) to consider daily Mass options through the week on your day off or if you are retired and have even more freedom to attend daily Mass – 8am and 12:05pm at St. Mary. All of this stems from the need to be more prayerful and intentional about our growth in holiness.

On this World Marriage Day, we're reminded by the Catechism of the Catholic Church that "the matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament (1601)." Scripture uses "covenant" to speak of the solemn agreements entered into between God and His creatures. Jesus established a "new and eternal covenant" through His sacrificial death and resurrection. More than simply a legal agreement (contract), marriage is a profound and deeply spiritual agreement that stems from a solemn oath (vows). For this reason, marriage establishes a lifelong bond that ends only with death. In marriage, "the partners mutually surrender themselves to each other (cf. "The Constitution on the Church in the Modern World," no. 48). This mutual giving of two persons reflects Christ's gift of Himself to us in love even to the shedding of His blood. The marriage partnership is one of total self -giving. This helps us to understand why contraception is sinful. When a married couple uses contraception, they're saying to each other, "I give you myself completely except for my fertility. Contraception contradicts the very nature of marriage. Again, from the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "By its very nature conjugal love requires the inviolable fidelity of the spouses. This is the consequence of the gift of themselves that they make to each other. Love seeks to be definitive; it cannot be an arrangement 'until further notice.' The 'intimate union of marriage, as a mutual giving of two persons and the good of children demand total fidelity from the spouses and require an unbreakable union between them'(1646)." A Blessed St. Valentine Day to all our married couples!

Tuesday, Feb. 11th is World Day of the Sick in the life of the Catholic Church. We will take advantage of this blessed occasion to offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 8am and 12:05pm Masses. I look forward to this graced opportunity!

Peace, Joy, and Love,

Fr. Brian J. Roby



School Happenings:

Congratulations to our January students of the month for St. Mary of the Woods School. They are Jake Pace, Emma Thompson, Bennett Smith, Maggie Fort, Dawson Rightmyer, Madilyn McCoy, Blake McMichael, Eli Stephens, Jackson Clark, Ellis Morris, Coy Drane, Kamri Hardesty, Nora Kate Jarboe, Sadie Morris, Aaden Roach, Hunter Jones and Grayson Rhodes.

Congratulations to our January students of the month for Trinity High School. They are Kenzie McDowell, Connor Hatfield, Ava Rhodes, Thomas Jarboe, Raeva Lindsey, Cale Boarman, Ella Morris and Levi Hall. *Emily, Hernandey*, Principal



2025-2026 Tuition for one student **Tickets are \$5 each**; Need not be present to win. **Drawing will be held Saturday, February 22, 2025 at** the Mardi Gras Gala. Tickets can be purchased from any St. Mary's student.

Tickets can be purchased from any St. Mary's student or contact the school office, 270-233-5253 Lic. # 0142 **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, 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, Richard Flesch & Glenda Roby, Donna McKinley. 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



Knights of Columbus Council #2046 New Members Welcome! Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:30PM. 7812 Haynes Station Rd., Whitesville, KY

Whitesville Knights of Columbus

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

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

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!

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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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)

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>

Budget News

Weekly Parish Budget Needs	28,868.08
Building & Grounds Fund	8,784.08
Campaign Income for New School	6,971,007.74
Campaign Pledges (557) as of 2/3	11,971,947.30
Tuition Assistance	60,805.88
SMWS Endowment	115,893.70
THS Endowment	1,413,835.22
2/2 Regular Sunday Collection	23,600.82
Online Regular Sunday Collection	5,492.50
Total Regular Sunday Collection	29,093.32

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.





"The Barn" Floor Pieces

"The Barn" floor pieces are available for
 purchase at the Parish Office. Cost: \$50
 Proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign.



February Outreach | Birthright

The outreach for February will go to Birthright. A non-profit organization that offers assistance to women with unplanned pregnancies. This program relies solely on donations of cash and supplies to operate.

The first two weekends in February (2/2 & 2/9) will be designated to the Birthright Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Please pick-up a baby bottle from the Church entrance, fill the bottle with coins, cash or a check (make checks payable to Birthright) and return the filled bottles to the Church entrance on Feb. 8/9. 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.

Liturgical Ministries

4:00 PM Saturday—February 15 Lectors: Bailey Heisler, James Jarboe Altar Servers: Hunter & Logan Jones, Anne Marie Ralph Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Onstott, Lisa Morris, Shirley Howard, Laney Mills, Delilah Higdon Children Lit.: Mallory Brant, Kylen Edge Musicians: Ryan Aud & James Jarboe Min. of Hospitality: Mark Dorth-Capt., Mike Hamilton & Will Jenkins, Brenda Hamilton, Norman Howard, Richard Howard, Gabriel Bohr 7:00 AM Sunday—February 16 Lectors: Pamela Hagan, Emmy Edge Altar Servers: Gabe & Will Kuder, Lydia Snodgrass Eucharistic Ministers: Evan Burch, Jenny Hagan, Hope Brey, Hope Boarman, Sandy Merritt **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 16 Lectors: Shelley Wilkerson, Natalie Grav Altar Servers: Jonah Gray, Thomas Jarboe, Blaire Wilson Eucharistic Ministers: John Gray, Amy & Abigail Roach, Valerie Hiatt, Sandy Baker Children Lit.: Monica Rightmyer, Heather Stephens Musicians: Janitors w/ Hannah Nash Min. of Hospitality: Bryan Hamilton-Capt., Casey Hamilton, Steve Beyke, Tim Edge, John & Noah Gray, Gerald Mattingly 11:00 AM Sunday—February 16 Lectors: Taylor Wathen, DeeAnna Wathen Altar Servers: Jasper & Stella Roby, Isaac & Samuel Johnson Eucharistic Ministers: Gracie Mills, Donna Higdon, Travis Roby, Al Wathen, Jennifer Havnes Children Lit.: Courtney West, Erin Kinsey 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 16 Lectors: Volunteers Altar Servers: Volunteers **Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteers

Musicians: Alicia Jones

Min. of Hospitality: Volunteers

Mass Intentions

	Sat 8	8:00am	L/D Hodskins Family
		4:00pm	Jimmy & Marty Johnson
			61st Wedding Anniversary
	Sun 9	7:00am	†Lisa Clark
		9:00am	†Ann Bickett
		11:00am	
		8:00pm	†Mark Shively
	Mon 10	8:00am	†Beulah Robinson
	Tues 11	8:00am	Elizabeth O'Donoghue Family
		12:05pm	
	Wed 12	8:00am	†Herman & †Edith Payne
		12:05pm	†Karen Howard
	Thurs 13	8:00am	L/D Evelyn Howard Hagan
			Family
		12:05pm	Chuck Hagan
	Fri 14	8:00am	†Shane Booker
		12:05pm	1
	Sat 15	8:00am	†Palmer Aud
	-	4:00pm	†Kenneth & †Betty Howe
	Sun 16	7:00am	†Charlotte Ralph
		9:00am	†Fred Coomes
		11:00am	1
			Woodward
		8:00pm	St. Mary of the Woods
		•	Parishioners
St. Mary & Trinity High School			

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

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

Cemetery Clean Up

Week of:

- Feb. 9: Mark & Donna Dorth; Sandy Merritt
- Feb. 16: Kenny Nash
- Feb. 23: Ballard Family & Miah Crisp

Daily Mass Readings

- Monday: Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday: Gen 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday: Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23 Thursday: Gen 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30 Friday: Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37 Saturday: Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10 Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6;
 - 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



Box



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.

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, daniel.dillard@pastoral.org

St. Mary of the Woods Parish Council Meeting Minutes | Monday, January 27, 2025

Attendance: Jennifer Barnett, Fr. Brian Roby, Cory Smith, Christi Midkiff, Britney Houston, Ashley Wright

Absent: Ryan Aud, Jordan Bittel, Corey Hall

- I. Opening Prayer led by Fr. Brian
- II. Review of October meeting minutes

a. Motion to accept made by Ashley, Motion seconded by Christi

III. New Business

a. Catholic Mutual and the Diocese require the need for licensed bartenders for receptions with alcohol and to provide security at those events. This involves the rental party purchasing insurance coverage from the diocese for the event and provide for the cost of the bartender and, in our case, the constable. Once the events have reached a certain number of guests, there are now going to be requirements for an additional bartender. The parish council had previously decided, approximately nine years ago, that the parish would not utilize licensed parishioners for bartending, but instead use an approved list of bartenders from outside the community. These approved bartenders work in tandem with the constable to ensure security and compliance. The question is now being revisited as there are interested parties, within the parish, who are willing to work, as licensed bartenders, for school fundraisers and receptions that serve alcohol. Conversation ensued and it was unanimously decided, by the Council, to allow licensed parishioners to be added to the approved list of bartenders understanding that licensed parishioners are held equally accountable to the expectations of their license.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Fr. Brian reviewed the finance meeting minutes. The Scrip program was reviewed.
 75% of what is brought in by families who participate in Scrip goes to the parents for tuition,
 25% goes to SMWS for their operational budget for rewards, t-shirts, recognition items, etc.
 This amount is \$8-\$10K annually. There will be no changes to the Scrip program payout.
- b. Worship & Spiritual Life Ashley reviewed minutes from November. The focus was on Advent, preparations for Christmas, discussion of wear and tear on the music supplements, which are holding up better than the previous versions. In the future another type of cover might be used. The Ecumenical service was discussed. Ashley noted that St. Mary had 84% Mass attendance in September which is significantly higher than both the diocesan and national averages. The parish mission will be March 10 12.
- c. **Social Life** Britney noted that the Coffee/Donut events are gaining popularity. Bourbon and Bunco was a success, with an estimated 30 people in attendance.
- d. Education/Formation Cory Nov 18th last meeting, minutes reviewed, discussion of Johnny leaving, vacancy not being filled. VBS, Young adult, youth group all being cut, 43 1st Reconciliation/Communion candidates, 26 Confirmation candidates, and 5 OCIA participants at this time. Fr. Brian noted that VBS has struggled the last few years, as well as attendance for youth and young adult groups. Therefore, the position of Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is not being back filled at this time, but may be in the future. The Awakening ministry is on hold until the participant that was interested is back from surgery. From a school standpoint, CSW discussion and planning was taking place at the last meeting. It was noted that the Color Run was a success for SMWS and would likely continue in the future. Catholicism 101 is going well.
- e. **Outreach** Christi February outreach is for Birthright, with the first two weeks as Bottles for Birthright. It was noted that generous donations of food were received for January for the Pitino Shelter.
- f. Steering Committee Sewer installation has begun. The bid package from the architect is nearly complete. Geothermal is being discussed and other institutions who use this are being looked at to determine viability. This would allow for a significant rebate, but there are other considerations including ongoing maintenance not only in terms of cost but time spent and trained volunteers. Once this has been decided and the bid package finalized, the Steering Committee will select a Contractor and receive final approval from the Diocese.
- V. Next Meeting Monday, Feb. 24 at 6pm



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