

# *St. Mary of the Woods Parish*



*First Sunday of*

# *Advent*

December 2, 2018

**Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.**

Luke 21:36

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## **Mass Schedule:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
& Friday 8:00am, 12:10pm

Wednesday 8:00am & 6:00pm

Saturday 8:00am and 4:00pm

Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 8:00pm

**Confessions:** Monday 8:30 am, Saturday 2:00  
pm, 3:00 pm, or anytime by appointment

**Marriage:** Contact the priest at the parish office  
six months before the wedding date.

**Baptisms:** Contact the office

**A.A. and Al-anon:**  
Meeting Sunday 8:00 pm, Cafeteria

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[www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.org](http://www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.org)

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[www.stmarywoods.com](http://www.stmarywoods.com)

## **Trinity High School:**

Phone 270-233-5533 [www.trinityhs.com](http://www.trinityhs.com)

## **Rectory:**

270-233-4529

## **Horn Community Center:**

270-233-5405

## *Mission Statement*

*St. Mary of the Woods is a family of faith, committed to Catholic values, centered in the Holy Eucharist and dedicated to serving the needs of the universal Church with compassion and care.*

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## Pastor's Corner

The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation by the faithful before Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation, although the last week of Advent is usually truncated because of when Christmas falls.

The celebration of Advent has evolved in the spiritual life of the Church. The historical origins of Advent are hard to determine with great precision. In its earliest form, beginning in France, Advent was a period of preparation for the Feast of the Epiphany, a day when converts were baptized; so the Advent preparation was very similar to Lent with an emphasis on prayer and fasting which lasted three weeks and later was expanded to 40 days. In 380, the local Council of Saragossa, Spain, established a three-week fast before Epiphany. Inspired by the Lenten regulations, the local Council of Macon, France, in 581 designated that from Nov. 11 (the Feast of St. Martin of Tours) until Christmas fasting would be required on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Eventually, similar practices spread to England. In Rome, the Advent preparation did not appear until the sixth century, and was viewed as a preparation for Christmas with less of a penitential bent.

The Church gradually more formalized the celebration of Advent. The *Gelasian Sacramentary*, traditionally attributed to Pope St. Gelasius I (d. 496), was the first to provide Advent liturgies for five Sundays. Later, Pope St. Gregory I (d. 604) enhanced these liturgies composing prayers, antiphons, readings, and responses. Pope St. Gregory VII (d. 1095) later reduced the number of Sundays in Advent to four. Finally, about the ninth century, the Church designated the first Sunday of Advent as the beginning of the Church year.

Despite the sketchy history behind Advent, the importance of this season remains to focus on the coming of our Lord. (Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming.) The *Catechism* stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming: When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviors first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming (No. 524). Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back and are encouraged to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's first coming into this world. We ponder again the great mystery of the incarnation when our Lord humbled Himself, taking on our humanity, and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the *Creed* that our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him.

A good, pious way to help us in our Advent preparation has been the use of the Advent wreath. The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end: So we call to mind how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of God's plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished. The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. Each family ought to have an Advent wreath, light it at dinner time, and say the special prayers. This tradition will help each family keep its focus on the true meaning of Christmas. In all, during Advent we strive to fulfill the opening prayer for the Mass of the First Sunday of Advent: Father in Heaven, ... increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.

The parish staff will be away on Tuesday for a Diocesan prayer gathering for Evangelization. Also, please be reminded that we have a Holy Day of Obligation on Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>- The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Vigil Mass on Friday at 6pm and Saturday morning: 7am and 9am. Please plan ahead!

Peace, joy and love,  
Fr. Brian J. Roby  
Pastor

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Christine Westerfield, Easton Pedley, Ashley Johnson, Lafern Ling, Mary C Roby, James Evans, Imogene Fitzgerald, Ellen Roby, Dick/Genevieve Boarman, Margaret Beyke, Mary Howard, Darlene Dickens, Blaise Mills, Stewart Payne, Augie Cecil, Donna McKinley, Geri Higdon, Tony/Bernadine Dean, Marcella Schepers, Cindy Ward, David Hamilton, Joseph Morris, Janet Aud, Ben Cecil, Brittney Lindsey, Joe P Payne, Laken Tucker, Ruth Anderson, Lou Boarman, Dorothy Barnard, Denise Wilson, Mary Jane Whittaker, Karen Logsdon, Bonnie Glenn, Arthur Clark, Charles D Payne, Emma Burch Parker, Garnett Beatty, Nash Hamilton, Florence Brown, Brandon Church, Jeff Hardesty, Betty L Thompson, Larry Shouse, Keaton Barnes, Sheri Clark, Margaret Aud, Mike Barnard, Tammy Velcher, Betty Mayfield Clark, Lisa Mayfield, Donna Moore, Robert/Mary Jo Haynes, Lisa Case, Mary Edge, Bud/Mildred Boarman, Joe Hardesty, Jordan McIntosh, Britney Gray Houston, Paul Vincent Brown, Emily Payne, Ben Thompson, Bryce Roberts, Brynnan Boarman, Leon Rhodes

**ALTAR CARE DECEMBER**

Mary Barnett/Rose Bemboom

**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: **2019:**June 22-23; July 27-28; Aug 31/Sept 1; September 7-8, 21-22; October 19-20, 26-27; November 2-3, Nov30/Dec 1, December 7-8, 14-15, 21-22. Cost \$50. Call Debbie at the Parish Office to schedule 270-233-4196.

**To put a Prayer Request  
On the Parish Telephone Prayer Line  
Call one of the following:**

Norma Kaelin 270-315-8642  
Alice Howard 270-233-5941, 270-314-7675  
Katie Christian 270-233-5081

**Bulletin Sponsor of the Week**

St Mary of the Woods would like to say  
Thank You to one of our Bulletin Sponsors -  
Freddie Morris Plumbing  
270-233-5719

**Tuesday, December 4th Mass**

Parish staff will be attending a Diocesan meeting on Tuesday, Dec 4th so the Office will be closed and there will not be Mass.

**DEC 2 - 9 READINGS**

Sun: Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14  
1Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
Mon: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11  
Tue: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Lk 10:21-24  
Wed: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37  
Thur: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Fri: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Mt 9:27-31  
Sat: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38  
Sun: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Lk 3:1-6

**Holy Day of Obligation**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception

Vigil Mass Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
Mass on the day Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 7am and 9am

**Christmas Flower Envelopes**

Reminder the envelope for Christmas Flowers will be in your December Envelope Packet. In order to have your loved ones listed in our bulletin, your envelope must be turned in by December 16th! Please be sure to write those names legibly on the envelope.

**Please pray for our American Men & Women who serve our country in all parts of the world. Keep them safe O Lord & bring them home soon.** Casey Brey, Tony Burch, Greg Roby, David Stiff, Adam Roberts, Scott Connor, Michelle Roberts, Jody Roberts, Heath Conder, James S. Hunt, Phillip Mills, Todd Jump, Michael Bickwermert, Jacob Mills, Vanessa Clark, Robbylyn Young, Emily Merritt, Kathryn Dezember, Jared Ransome, Evan Isbill.

### MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**6:00 PM FRIDAY - DECEMBER 7**

**LECTORS:** Larry O'Bryan/Carrie Howard  
**SERVERS:** Jacob Simon/Lilly Simon/  
William Messer  
**MUSICIANS:** David  
**USHERS:** Tom Fulkerson/Bryan Hamilton/  
David Zogleman/Fred Barr/Randall  
Hagan/Randall Hamilton  
**EUCH MIN:** Daniel Morris/JW Morris/Judy  
Connor/Karen Onstott/Shirley Howard

**7:00 AM SATURDAY - DECEMBER 8**

**LECTORS:** Paula Ward/Lane Rhodes  
**SERVERS:** Xavier Morris/Blaise Morris/  
Jeremiah Millay  
**MUSICIANS:** David  
**USHERS:** Johnny Aud/Bill Boarman/Wilson  
Nash/Mike Barnard/Lewis Jean/David O'Bryan  
**EUCH MIN:** Alice Howard/Bruce Hagan/  
Calra Odom

**9:00 AM SATURDAY - DECEMBER 8**

**LECTORS:** Natalie Gray/Shelley Wilkerson  
**SERVERS:** Easton Howard/Bransen  
Howard/Ava Coomes  
**MUSICIANS:** Connie  
**USHERS:** Chuck Hardesty/William Payne/  
Lou Mattingly/Emett Barnett Jr/Chad  
Mills/Frank Hagan  
**EUCH MIN:** Brittney Booker/Cara Smith/  
Cindy Mattingly/Julie O'Bryan/Rachel  
Crabtree

**4:00 PM SATURDAY - DECEMBER 8**

**LECTORS:** Krista Morris/Martha Jennings  
**SERVERS:** Tate Howard/Jacob Howard/  
Kaden Coons  
**MUSICIANS:** Ryan  
**USHERS:** Kenny Morris - Captain/Mike  
Hamilton/Luke Payne/Norbert Howard/  
Derrick Leonard/Brian Payne  
**EUCH MIN:** Mark & Donna Dorth/Mary  
Linda Kreisle/Ralph & Rose Bemboom

**7:00 AM SUNDAY - DECEMBER 9**

**LECTORS:** Pamela Hagan/Sam Coomes  
**SERVERS:** Audrey Jackson/Gabe Kuder/  
Nathan Tinsley  
**MUSICIANS:** David  
**USHERS:** Wilson Nash - Captain/Kenny  
Boarman/Christopher Jackson/Stephen  
Kuder/Buddy Mattingly/Martin  
Montgomery/Derek Park  
**EUCH MIN:** Debbie Peters/Joyce Higdon/  
Larry Goetz

**9:00 AM SUNDAY - DECEMBER 9**

**LECTORS:** Karen Stiff/Vickey Fulkerson  
**SERVERS:** Hunter O'Bryan/Peyton O'Bryan  
Harrison Barnett  
**MUSICIANS:** Katie  
**USHERS:** Tony Howard - Captain/Tom  
Fulkerson/Jason Hagan/Mike Winchell/  
Brian Winchell/Trevor Crabtree  
**EUCH MIN:** Tammy Hagan/Teresa Smith/  
Theresa Greer/Tommy & Vickey Fulkerson

**11:00 AM SUNDAY - DECEMBER 9**

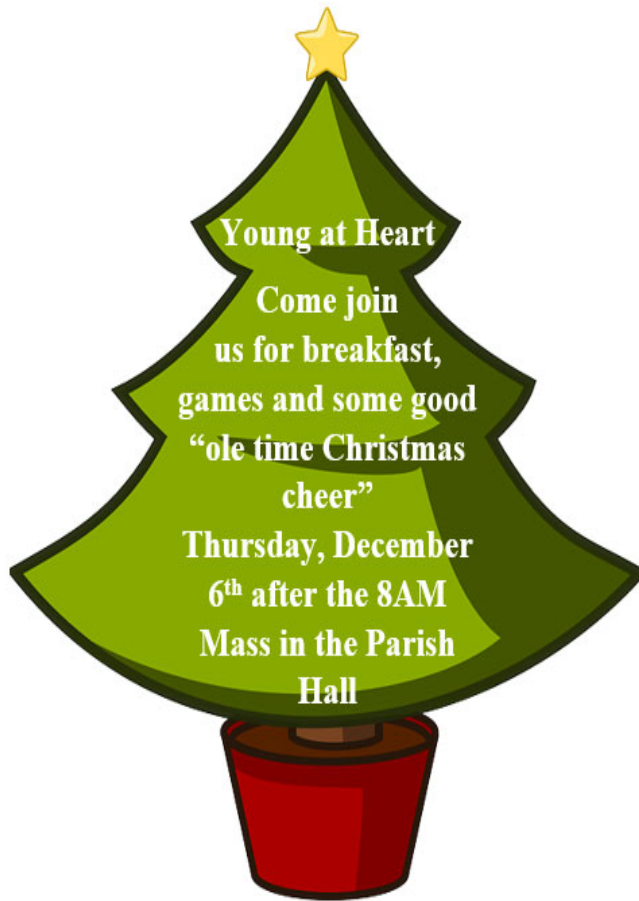
**LECTORS:** Monica Kassinger/Dee Anna  
Wathen  
**SERVERS:** Hope Turner/Keily Mills/Peyton  
Edge  
**MUSICIANS:** Laura & Choir  
**USHERS:** Emett Barnett Jr - Captain/Jeff  
Mayfield/Lee Mills/David Payne/David  
Zoglmann/Jake Nash  
**EUCH MIN:** Travis Roby/Mary Kate  
Aguilar/Sarah Park/Shelly Aull/Susan  
Gossett

**8:00 PM SUNDAY - DECEMBER 9**

**LECTORS:** Volunteers  
**SERVERS:** Volunteers  
**MUSICIANS:** Alicia Jones  
**USHERS:** Volunteers  
**EUCH MIN:** Volunteers

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY DEC 8-9**

**4:00PM** - Amy Starks/Jamie Howard                      Bailey Millay/Brianna Park  
**9:00AM** - Cindy Mattingly/Mary Messer                      Mary Hardesty/Jeri Reynolds  
**11:00 AM** - Jennifer Haynes/Laura Castlen                      Calvin Haynes/Paige Crabtree



**Opening for St. Mary of the Woods School – Administrative Assistant**

St. Mary of the Woods School in Whitesville, KY has an opening for an Administrative Assistant. This person should have highly developed human relations, communication skills, writing skills, ability to multi-task, be organized and attentive to detail. The applicant should be proficient in Microsoft Office, typing and filing. This person should have a willingness to assist others and maintain confidentiality at all times. Applicants should email a cover letter, updated resume and three references to Christina Huff at [Christina.huff@stmarywoods.com](mailto:Christina.huff@stmarywoods.com) or St. Mary of the Woods School, 10521 Franklin St., Whitesville, KY 42378. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

1 Sat	8:00am	L/D Clara Rearden Family
	4:00pm	L/D Louis & Nora Edge Family
2 Sun	7:00am	†Jimmy Aud
	9:00am	†Pauline Aud
	11:00am	†Garry Pike
	8:00pm	†Irene Burch
3 Mon	8:00am	†Judith Ann Phelps
	12:10pm	†M C & †Barbara Roberts
4 Tues	8:00am	No Mass
	12:10pm	No Mass
5 Wed	8:00am	L/D T J Wedding Family
	6:00pm	†John L Beatty
6 Thurs	8:00am	†June Evans
	12:10pm	†Audry Dit Hagan
7 Fri	8:00am	L/D V T Sapp Family
	12:10pm	†Porter Rogers
	6:00pm	†Patsy & †Wilber Phelps Jr.
8 Sat	7:00am	L/D Clara Rearden Family
	9:00am	Family
	4:00pm	†Anna Faye Keller Martine Boarman
9 Sun	7:00am	†Abigail Brey
	9:00am	†Coke Hamilton
	11:00am	†Adrian J Payne
	8:00pm	†Martha Jane Westerfield

**Financial Peace University  
FREE LESSON**

Applying God’s Word to your money……. With Dave Ramsey’s *Financial Peace University*, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, spend and save wisely, and more. If you’re interested in learning more about this 9 lesson class, there will be an introductory **free lesson starting at 2 PM** (45 minute duration) **on Sunday December 2, 2018 in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall**. The classes will begin at St. Mary of the Woods in January 2019. For more information text (270) 316-3106 or email: [bob4davis@att.net](mailto:bob4davis@att.net)

## HORN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

### Fitness Membership Available

Contact Janetta Booker, Director, at booker-janetta58@gmail.com or 270-233-5405. Cost \$10 Month - \$20 off if prepay for one year!

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE NOW! What better GIFT CAN YOU GIVE, than to get the person you care about, a Horn Center Fitness Membership for Christmas!!!!

### Alumni Volleyball Tournament

January 4th & 5th 2019

Rules posted on Facebook. Registration deadline is Monday December 10th.

### “CHRISTMAS TIMES A COMIN”



Christmas Concert in the Horn Community Center, Sunday, December 2nd at 5:00PM  
Featuring The Morris Family Band, The Janitors and Special Guests!!!!  
No Admission Charge  
What a beautiful way to prepare for the Christmas Season.

**Open Gym will resume on December 9th 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

### Parish Grief Ministry

Our Parish Grief Ministry will facilitate a once a month gathering on Saturday mornings. The next session is scheduled for Saturday, **Jan 5th** at 10:00AM in the Activity Room of the Parish Hall. The sessions will be directed by Martha Crabtree, a retired Counselor, who is from our parish. You may RSVP by calling the parish office at 270-233-4196.

### March for Life

Those attending the March for Life trip are pre-selling Boston butts and ribs that will be cooked by Jerry Morris and ready for pickup on parade day (December 8th). The money helps those participating to pay their way for their trip. Thanks for all your support!

### Youth Group

December 9th High School Youth Group  
Grades 8-12 - 5-7 PM

December 16th High School Youth Group  
Grades 8-12 – 1 PM - ?  
Caroling and Christmas Party

### PREP

December 5th – 6:45-8PM - household essentials drive for Christmas  
December 12th – 6:45-8PM - household essentials drive for Christmas  
December 19th - 6:45-8PM

### RCIA

December 4th – 6:30-8:00 PM  
December 11th - 6:30-8:00 PM  
December 18th - 6:30-8:00 PM

### Safe Environment

The Catholic Church teaches that sexual abuse is a grave moral evil. In addition to reporting incidents of sexual abuse to civil authorities, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator to report any instance of sexual abuse by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. Please use the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380.

A full explanation of the diocese’s response to sexual abuse concerns can be found in the sexual abuse policy, which can be found on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).



# St. Mary of the Woods School & Trinity High School



## Calendar of Events

December 4	Trinity Basketball vs Edmonson - Girls/Boys Double Header Horn Community Center 6:00pm
December 5	St. Mary Basketball vs St. Romuald 7B/8G/8B Horn Community Center 5pm
December 6	St. Mary Basketball vs Owensboro Catholic 7B/8B 5:30pm
December 7	Trinity Basketball vs Butler G/B Double Header Horn Community Center 6pm
December 9	St. Mary Christmas Program, Horn Community Center 2pm

## Scrip Hours

Our Scrip hours are Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday evenings from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday following the 4:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday following the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m. Please know that if you plan to send your child to St. Mary of the Woods School or Trinity High School you may begin banking your Scrip now.

## School Happenings

Congratulations to **Jeff Goetz** and **Justin Nash**, our two most recent Lucky Angel Winners. The big drawings are coming on December 14 so if you have not purchased your Lucky Angel ticket stop in at the school office.

There have been some administrative changes within the schools recently. Emily Hernandez will be the Principal of both Trinity High School and St. Mary of the Woods School. Ben Morris will be the Assistant Principal for both schools and another administrator will be added to the team in the coming months. Also, we will be adding a few other positions to add much needed support so that we can continue to function as a highly reliable organization with sustainable administration. This is an investment in our schools and our people. This will be a positive change for all. We pray for your trust and continued prayers and support. The biggest investment we make is in the children at St. Mary of the Woods, St. William, and St. Lawrence!

God Bless You All,  
Emily Hernandez  
Principal  
St Mary of the Woods School & Trinity High School



## Communal Penance Services for Advent

Wed. Dec. 5 - St. Anthony at 6pm  
 Mon. Dec. 10 - Lourdes at 6pm  
 Tues. Dec. 11 - St. William at 6pm  
 Sun. Dec. 16 - Blessed Mother at 2pm  
 Mon. Dec. 17 - St. Mary at 6pm  
 Tues. Dec. 18 - St. Lawrence at 6pm  
 Wed. Dec. 19 - Sts. Joseph and Paul at  
 6:30pm  
 Thurs. Dec. 20 - St. Pius X at 6pm

## Whitesville Christmas Parade

Saturday December 8, 2018

Time: 11:00 AM

Sponsored by: The Whitesville Lion's Club  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prizes will be awarded  
 For more information, please call  
 Lion Sandy Fitzgerald, Committee Chair  
 303-981-3611  
 Or Lion Lewis Jean 270-929-0724

## Best Advent Ever

Free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with.....

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hung, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

To sign up, visit [Bestadventever.com/Christmas18](http://Bestadventever.com/Christmas18)

## Marriage Help – Retrouvaille

(pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the Jan program beginning with a weekend on Jan 11, 2019, call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545, visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.



## St Mary of the Woods Weddings 2019

**May 11 - Rachel Myers &  
Skyler Dickens 6PM**

**May 18 - Jeff Mayfield &  
Becky Mullen 6PM**

**June 1 - Aaron Ward &  
Katie Wathen 6PM**

**June 8 - Keith Dickens &  
Tara Medcalf 6PM**

**June 15 - Luke Merritt &  
Jenna Haynes 6PM**

## Men's Discernment Retreat

The Diocese of Owensboro Vocations Office invites you to participate in The Men's Discernment Retreat, a retreat for men ages 18-30 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life, receive guidance for the discernment process, learn the tools of discernment, and sharpen your discerning skills.

There will be time for prayer, reflection, and rest. The Men's Discernment Retreat will be held on December 14-16 at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. There is no cost to participate in this retreat but registration is necessary. Registration deadline is December 10th. You may register online at [www.owensborovocations.com](http://www.owensborovocations.com)

For more information and to register, contact the vocations office 270-683-1545 [Jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:Jason.mcclure@pastoral.org)

## Giving Tree

The Giving tree is up! If you take a heart from the tree, you are responsible for the Christmas present(s) for that heart. Please attach the heart **securely** to the gift(s) you purchased. All gifts must be returned to the church no later than noon on Sunday, December 23rd. We must get the gifts delivered to the families before Christmas Eve.



## Lesson 6: Jesus, the Eucharist

Thursday, December 6, 2018

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Activity Room of the Parish Hall

For more information contact  
Susan Driskill 270-929-6522 or  
Cindy Mattingly 270-316-8434



walking with purpose

## Want to participate in Perpetual Adoration

Overall Coordinator  
Majella Mills 233-5481

Quarterly Division Leaders:

Sandy Merritt 233-4009 Midnight - 6AM  
Hope Brey 314-1638 6AM - Noon  
Sharon Boarman 233-9697 Noon - 6PM  
Dottie Pogue 233-4943 6PM - Midnight

Here are hours that needs adorers. Please prayerfully consider spending 1 hour with "Him" in adoration.

**Tues 1AM; Wed 1AM; Fri 2 PM**



**St Mary's Prayer Bible Study Group**

7:15-8:30PM Tuesdays

St Mary's Cafeteria

Studying New Testament - Singing - Praying - Sharing Together

**St. Mary's Community Outreach News**

**Pitino Shelter Dec 15, Jan 5**

**Please pray for the sick and shut-ins/ persons in nursing homes associated with our parish.**

**SHUT-INS:** Tony/Bernadine Dean, Ellen Roby, Stewart Payne, Donna McKinley, James Cecil, Dick/Genevieve Boarman, Joe P Payne, Margaret Aud, Ruth Anderson, Mary Ann Wright, Mary C Roby, Anselm Bickett, Joseph Donald Howard, Bill Rhoades, Thomas Wathen, J Edgar Evans, Doris Knott

**NURSING HOMES:** Cecelia Lafern Ling, Joseph Jody Morris, Mary Imogene Fitzgerald, Margaret Beyke, Marcella Schepers, Edith Payne, Martha Rose Hagan, Dorothy Higdon, Elizabeth Hamilton, Barbara Sue Morris, Cecil Payne, Lucille Evans, H C Higdon

**Diocese of Owensboro 2018 YTD Collections**

Brescia University.....	298.00
Catholic Communication Campaign.....	258.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	497.00
Diocesan Good Works.....	50.00
Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.....	863.00
Good Friday - Holy Land.....	590.00
Home Missions Appeal.....	250.00
Human Development.....	532.00
Opportunities for Life.....	360.00
Peter's Pence.....	385.00
Rice Bowl.....	552.58
Seminary.....	965.00
Sick and Infirm Priests.....	1,237.00
World Mission Sunday.....	489.00



**ONLINE GIVING**

Are you interested in Automatic Withdrawal? Any questions call Lane at the Parish Office 233-4196. The secure site for parishioners to create an account is <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1674>. **You can now set up automatic withdrawal for your Build it Now pledge.**

**BUDGET NEWS**

Checking Balance	216,902.52
Weekly Parish Budget Needs	21,432.69
Building & Grounds Fund	7,728.22
Cemetery Checking	11,892.51
Cemetery Savings	82,043.00
Tuition Assistance	32,424.60
THS Endowment Fund	739,971.00
SMWS Endowment Fund	10,000.00
Build It Now Balance Due	901,838.65
Stained Glass Restoration	8,050.23

11/18 Regular Sunday Collection	22,578.54
Online Regular Sunday Collection	2,625.00
<b>Total Regular Sunday Collection</b>	<b>25,203.54</b>

11/18 Buildings & Grounds	127.00
Online Buildings & Grounds	0.00
<b>Total Building &amp; Grounds Collection</b>	<b>127.00</b>

11/25 Regular Sunday Collection	18,904.00
Online Regular Sunday Collection	2,105.00
<b>Total Regular Sunday Collection</b>	<b>21,009.00</b>

Buildings & Grounds	80.00
Online Buildings & Grounds	10.00
<b>Total Building &amp; Grounds Collection</b>	<b>90.00</b>

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