

# ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH

PO Box 7, 370 E. Main Street

Wytheville, VA 24382

Office (276) 228-3104 Fax (276) 228-3322

E-mail [officemanager@stmaryswytheville.org](mailto:officemanager@stmaryswytheville.org)

Website [www.stmaryswytheville.org](http://www.stmaryswytheville.org)

---

Rev. Francis K. Boateng, Pastor  
Kim Street, Office Manager

OFFICE HOURS: **Mon. – Closed - Call the Rectory for sacramental emergencies**  
**Please only use for sacramental emergencies (illness or death). Thanks 276-228-1019**  
**Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 am – 5 pm Fri. 9 am – 3 pm**

MASS SCHEDULE: **Fridays 12:00 pm unless otherwise posted differently; Confessions immediately following or by appointment.**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.**  
**St. Edwards: Sunday 11:00 am**

### St. Marys Weekly Calendar

<u>Saturday, December 16</u>	5:00 pm Liturgy Intentions-Henry & Shirley Asbury
<u>Sunday, December 17</u>	9:00 am Liturgy Intentions-Deacon Charles May
<u>Monday, December 18</u>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<u>Wednesday, December 20</u>	5:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
<u>Friday, December 22</u>	12:00 pm Liturgy 2:00 pm Office Closes Early
<u>Saturday, December 23</u>	5:00 pm Liturgy-4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
<u>Sunday, December 24</u>	<b>NO 9:00 AM LITURGY</b> 7:15 pm Choir Carols Begin 8:00 pm Liturgy-Vigil Nativity of the Lord
<u>Monday, December 25</u>	10:00 am Liturgy-Nativity of the Lord

*Liturgy Intentions for Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> are in loving memory of Henry & Shirley Asbury.*  
*Liturgy Intentions for Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> are in loving memory of Deacon Charles May given by Brenda May.*

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 24-25 Catholic Charities

**Please continue your prayers for our sick and homebound: Hayes Wheeler, Pete Sawyer, Jason Conrad, Elizabeth Fields, Brother John, Jeri Clarkson, Helen Conrad, JoAnn Delta, Gene Deshler, Charlotte Driggers, Yvonne Grothues, Will Franklin, George Fuderer, Shawn Ludwig, Suzanne Molloy, Bill Mutschler, Sister Mary Ellen, Elizabeth Paradise, Fran Parks, Evelyn Smith Reese, Rich Sandidge, Michele Sealander, Judith Sweeten, Joan Word. If there is anyone that you would like to add to or can be removed from the list, please email, or call the office. Thank you!**

**Thank you to Grubb Funeral Home for their continued support of our bulletins!!**

**Grubb Funeral Home**  
6<sup>th</sup> & Spring Street  
Wytheville, VA 228-3101  
*Helping families in time of need*

**UPDATED CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:** *The Choir will be singing at 7:15 pm on Christmas Eve.* Due to the way the Liturgical Calendar falls this year, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent also falls on Christmas Eve and is an obligatory Mass to be celebrated separately. To help alleviate people from having to attend Mass twice on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Father Boat has decided to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent on **Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm only with no 9 am Mass on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and encouraging everyone to attend on Saturday evening.** The Christmas Eve Vigil will be held at 8:00 pm and Christmas Day will be held at 10:00 am. Please see your insert for the rest of the holiday season schedule.

**POINSETTIA FORMS:** *The deadline is THIS Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.* The cost is \$25 each. The forms are available in the gathering space.

**2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** are now available to be picked up in the gathering space. There is a chart by the boxes and names are on the envelopes. PLEASE BE SURE TO GET THE CORRECT ONE. If you would like to begin using envelopes, please add your information on the sheet and you will be contacted when they are available. **The 2024 calendars are now available.**

**THE PASTORAL COUNCIL** will hold their next meeting on **Wed., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Pastoral Center.** All members please plan to attend.

**NEW BOOKS** have been purchased from Dynamic Catholic for the parish titled "Beautiful Eucharist". They are in the gathering space and at the Monroe Street entrance. Please help yourself.

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions are available each Friday, after Noon Mass, 1 hour before the weekend Masses and by appointment. This schedule will continue through Advent. Please see Father Boat before the Masses if you wish to see him for confession. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** Closes at 2:00 pm on Fri., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and closed through Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Messages will be checked periodically for emergencies. Father Boat will be away the week after Christmas.

### Sacrificial Offering

December 8, 2023	Operating Funds	<b>\$616.00</b>
December 9-10, 2023	Operating Funds	<b>\$2010.00</b>
	Capital Improvements	<b>\$100.00</b>
	Mission Coop	<b>\$15.00</b>
	Poinsettias	<b>\$150.00</b>

**Please see the updated financial information/meeting minutes posted on the bulletin boards.**

**HOPE PACK PROGRAM:** We continue to accept donations for the Hope Pack Program in memory of Deacon Charles May. The baskets and envelopes are in the gathering space and at the Monroe Street entrance. **Please make all checks payable to "Open Door Community". Plastic shopping bags continue to be accepted.** Thank you for your continued support.

**THE AGAPE FOOD PANTRY:** *Requested for the fourth quarter of 2023 is soup, peanut butter and macaroni & cheese. Please be sure that all donated foods ARE NOT EXPIRED. Thank you for your continued support.*

**DOG/CAT FOOD AND CAT LITTER DONATIONS: URGENT REQUEST:** Brother John is continually accepting cat and dog food donations. Please leave them at the Monroe Street entrance. He is grateful for your continued support. **Please pass the word.**