

ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 23</u>	5:00 pm Liturgy-4 th Sunday of Advent
<u>Sunday, December 24</u>	<u>NO 9:00 AM LITURGY</u> 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
<u>Mon. – Fri. Dec. 25-29</u>	<i>Office Closed</i>
<u>Friday, December 29</u>	NO NOON LITURGY
<u>Saturday, December 30</u>	5:00 pm Liturgy
<u>Sunday, December 31</u>	9:00 AM LITURGY
<u>Monday, January 1</u>	10:00 am Liturgy-Solemnity of Mary

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 24-25	Catholic Charities
December 30-31	Holy Land Emergency Appeal

AT THE BISHOP'S REQUEST there will be a second collection held on December 30-31 to help with emergency needs and long-term needs in the key regions of Jerusalem, Gaza, Beirut and Amman. These funds will be distributed through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Please be generous.

Please continue your prayers for our sick and homebound: Angelo Faraci, Brother John, Jeri Clarkson, Helen Conrad, Jason Conrad, JoAnn Detta, Gene Deshler, Charlotte Driggers, Elizabeth Fields, Will Franklin, George Fuderer, Yvonne Grothues, Shawn Ludwig, Suzanne Molloy, Bill Mutschler, Sister Mary Ellen, Elizabeth Paradise, Fran Parks, Evelyn Smith Reese, Rich Sandidge, Pete Sawyer, Michele Sealander, Judith Sweeten, Hayes Wheeler, 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
6th & Spring Street
Wytheville, VA 228-3101
Helping families in time of need

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL has voted unanimously to install a votive stand area at the Monroe Street entrance. Donations are being requested to cover the costs before anything is purchased. Please see the display in the gathering space with the details and envelopes for your donations. There is a box to leave your donations, or they can be mailed back to the parish. Thank you for your support.

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.**

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. 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: Closed through Jan. 1st, 2024. Messages will be checked periodically for emergencies. Father Boat will be away the week after Christmas.

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED: Please remember that the parish is always looking for volunteers to be ushers, lectors, choir members and where you may see a need. We are a small parish and there is always a need for help.

POINSETTIAS: Thank you for your generosity. This is a big help to the parish.

Sacrificial Offering

December 16-17, 2023

Operating Funds	\$1520.00
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00
Mission Coop	\$125.00
Poinsettias	\$275.00
Catholic Charities	\$65.00
Christmas Offering	\$70.00

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.**