

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, March 16</u>	5:00 pm Liturgy
<u>Sunday, March 17</u>	9:00 am Liturgy
<u>Monday, March 18</u>	OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Wednesday, March 20</u>	6:00 pm LAST Soup Supper – All Are Welcome
<u>Friday, March 22</u>	12:00 pm Liturgy Confession available after Mass <u>5:00 pm LAST Stations of the Cross</u>
<u>Saturday, March 23</u>	5:00 pm Liturgy
<u>Sunday, March 24</u>	9:00 am Liturgy

April 6-7 SECOND COLLECTIONS
St. Mary's Capital Improvement

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, you can still give at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY: Requested for the first quarter of 2024 is *rice, vegetables, spaghetti sauce/noodles (no glass please)*. 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.*

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

PARISH SURVEY: Together, both councils and Father Boat have put together a Parish Survey that was mailed to all parishioners. If you did not receive one and wish to complete one, please contact the office. Please carefully read and answer honestly. It is respectfully requested that they be returned in the provided envelope by **April 3rd**. Thank you.

LENT 2024:

- **Soup Suppers** are being held at 6 pm each Wednesday through March 20th. Everyone is welcome.
- **Noon Mass** each Friday – confession is available following Mass, before weekend Masses, let Father Boat know you would like to see him, or by appointment.
- **Stations of the Cross** prayed each Friday at 5 pm through March 22nd.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION is scheduled for Thursday, March 28th from 8:00 – 10:00 pm immediately following the 7 pm Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

COMMUNION IN BOTH FORMS: Beginning on Holy Thursday, Communion in both forms will be offered at the weekend Masses only, not the Friday Noon Masses. This will continue from that time going forward.

EASTER LILIES: Once again, we invite you to purchase an Easter Lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$23 per lily and the deadline is Sunday, March 24th. The forms are in the gathering space.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Elections for new members to the Council will be held on the weekends of April 27-28 and May 4-5. If you are interested, you must be a registered parishioner in the parish. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm, except during the summer months or due to weather or other scheduled events. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

HOPE PACK PROGRAM: A gentle reminder that the Hope Packs are the Lenten alms giving project for the Lenten season. 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.

2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: If you missed the in-pew weekends, there are envelopes available in the office. The parish target for this year is \$7,040.00. Please prayerfully consider donating to the appeal as the parish receives 50% of all donations back in tax free funds. The parish has received back over \$5,000.00 from the 2023 Appeal. When you support the Appeal, you will help to build up the Church and answer the Call to *Share His Love with Others* and help transform the lives of people who, like you, seek to be united in God's love and mercy. Thank you for your consideration to make a commitment to this effort.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN ACTIVITIES: "Soup and the Word" lunches are being held at different churches on Tuesdays from 12 – 1 pm and all are invited to attend. Hosts: Wytheville Presbyterian on March 19th, and St. Paul United Methodist on March 26th.

Sacrificial Offering

March 9-10, 2024

Operating Funds	\$1,790.00
Capital Improvement	\$53.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$297.00

Please continue your prayers for our sick and homebound: Lori Francis, Keesha Arnold, James Biertzer, Kevin Biertzer, Brother John, Helen Conrad, Jason Conrad, Gene Deshler, Charlie Dix, Charlotte Driggers, George Fuderer, Suzanne Molloy, Bill Mutschler, Sister Mary Ellen, Elizabeth Paradise, Yungho Park, Fran Parks, Evelyn Smith Reese, Judith Sweeten, Larry Wise. 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!