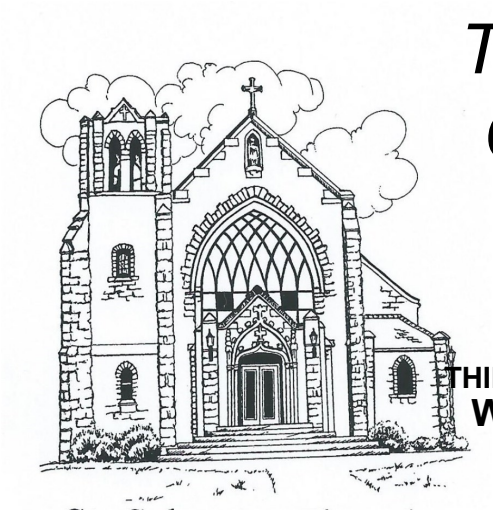
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
founded 1866

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville



The Monroe County Catholic Churches



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334 South Main Street
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NOVEMBER 8, 2026

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WIS 6:12-16 **1 THES** 4:13-18 **MT** 25:1-13
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Fr. Nicholas Ward
Administrator

Parish Contacts
New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.
Fr. Nicholas Ward (740) 457-7701
nward@diosteub.org
Jennifer Winkler (740) 472-0187
Office Hours Mon-Thurs. 9-2

Holy Matrimony, Baptism & Funeral
Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187

Confessions
St. Sylvester: Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm.
Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am.
St. John The Baptist: Saturday 12:00pm to 12:30pm
Sunday 9:45am to 10:15am

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirmed
Call Fr. Ward 1(740) 457-7701 Hospitals and Care facilities **regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

Catholic Woman's Club
***St. Sylvester*:** Diane Burkhart (740) 391-0391
***St. John the Baptist*:** Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481 or Eileen Miller (740) 472-0279

Knights of Columbus *St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009*
Meet on First Wednesday of each month at St. Sylvester Church, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass
Grand Knight: Anthony Schumacher (740) 827-3626

Purgatorial Society & Prayer Chain
To join & information contact: Jackie Kirkland at (740) 472-0338.

Catholic Youth Group
Leader: Regina Knox

Diocesan Vocation Director
Fr. Nicholas Ginnetti

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):
RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.
Contact Church Office 740-472-0187

Parish School of Religion (PSR aka. CCD)
The Parish Religion Classes children 1st—8th grade
St. Sylvester School & Public Schools-CALL TO REGISTER
St. Sylvester: Jill Schumacher (740) 213-4665
St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481

St. John The Baptist Hall
Schedule to Rent Hall for Any Occasion
Contact Jennifer Winkler 740-472-0187 or 740-213-2430

St. Sylvester Central Elementary
(PreK-8) 119 Wayne Street, Woodsfield, Ohio.
Mrs. Robyn Guiler: Principal (740) 472-0321 ~ Preschool (740) 472-0420

Catholic Cemeteries
St. Sylvester Woodsfield: Tony Schumacher (740) 827-3626
St. John the Baptist, & **Immaculate Conception Ozark**;
Tony Schumacher (740) 827-3626
St. Joseph & **Chapel Hill**, Burkhart Station: Russell Betts (740) 567-3286
St. Patrick's, New Matamoras: Parish office: (740) 472-0187

DOS Office of Family & Social Concerns & Referral
(i.e. Catholic Charities), 1-800-339-7890.

Diocesan Child Protection and Reporting of Abuse
Victim Assistance Team: email: victimassistance43952@gmail.com
Phone: 740-278-3455

Emergency Contact "When Fr. Ward is out of town"
Assumption Church, Barnesville, Ohio, Fr. David Cornett
Rectory Office:(740) 425-2181 Cell: (740) 381-4415 or St. Stephen Church, Caldwell, Ohio, Fr. Tom Nelson ~ Rectory Office: (740) 732-4129

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SUNDAY **NOV 8TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
Paul & Stella Crum *by Joanne Swearman*
To **Follow Cemetery Rosary New Section**

MONDAY **NOV 9TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY **NOV 10TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
+Pandora Neuhart *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

WEDNESDAY **NOV 11TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
+Jacob Haffner *by Catherine Paulus*

THURSDAY **NOV 12TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
+Alan & Carol Maier *by Darren Schnegg*

FRIDAY **NOV 13TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield *(School Mass)* 8:30 a.m.
+Judith Weisend *by John & Teresa Paulus*

SATURDAY **NOV 14TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12:30 p.m.
+Phyllis Krone *by Ron & Cathy Gallagher*
To Follow Cemetery Rosary Old Section

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Dar Zwick *by Donnie & Janet Zwick*

SUNDAY **NOV 15TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Norb & Ada Schumacher
by Tom & Cindy Schumacher

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

SCHOOL NEWS…

Christmas Bazaar
November 15th
$10 Raffle Tickets

1st prize- $500 cash
(Courtesy of D. Block Trucking & Woodsfield Dairy Queen)

2nd prize—Year Family Membership the Columbus Zoo
(Courtesy of Dixon Trucking)

3rd prize—Gift Cards to Various Local Business Valued $200+
(The Clair Tavern, Smigs, Beallsville Diner, Woodsfield Diner, M Doughy Delights, Buenos Amigos, George's Pizza & Riverview Restaurant)

Get your tickets today at the school between 8-3 and at the Christmas Bazaar.

Our Sunday Offering
October 31 - November 1

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	$	1,035.00
Loose Collection	$	175.00
Education Fund	$	50.00
All Saints	$	150.00
In Memory 2027	$	30.00
Cemetery Fund	$	245.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	$	3,616.00
Loose Collection	$	176.00
Candle Fund	$	58.00
Education Fund	$	65.00
All Souls	$	185.00
All Saints	$	155.00
Cemetery Fund	$	1,510.00
World Mission	$	5.00
Building Fund	$	90.00

THANK YOU!! for your continued support of our Parishes & School

This Week
Wednesday
St. Sylvester Church
ADORATION
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Rosary 6:00 p.m.
Mass 6:30 p.m.

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost .....$ 16,200.00
Lawn Care Donations .....$ 9,449.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....$ 8,400.00
Donations .....$ 6,672.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....$ 4,200.00
Donations .....$ 3,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....$ 8,620.00
Donations .....$ 2,450.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....$ 2,800.00
Donations .....$ 850.00

In Loving Memory of:

For the Bulletin....
Anyone that wants to insert a deceased family or friend on the memory list for the entire year of 2027 beginning in January.
$15 each - donation
Mark memo as:
"In memory of 2027"

School Cancelation or Delayed for Snow Days Morning Masses to be rescheduled 12 noon @ St. Sylvester



2026 DPSC Share Campaign—Final Balance

Your sacrificial gifts enable the dioceses to educate our seminarians, future priests, care for retired priests, oversee education of our youth through Catholic Schools, religious programs and youth ministry, assist poor and other local efforts, Please keep this in mind as you graciously consider your contribution. You can also donate online @ Give.DioSteub.Org

St. Sylvester Goal: $ 26,883.00 **Goal Received $ 19,260.00**
St. John The Baptist Goal: $ 17,726.00 **Goal Received $ 9,165.00**

In Loving Memory Of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Deb Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Shirley Pfalzgraf
Donald & Lois Stephen
Charles & Mary Hunkler
Fr. Samuel Saprano
Cyril Burkhart
Eunice Gallagher
Joe Gallagher
Billie Jean Elliott
Harry & Lucille Elliott
Danny Betts
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William Bolon
Michael Koval
Norma H Koval
Seiford & Yolanda Popkie
Herman Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Ty A Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Robert M Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Paul Connor
Barbara Connor
Michael Burkhart
Bertha Burkhart
Rebecca Burkhart
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Deb Block
Mary Ellen Barber
Gladys (Babe) Burkhart
James Norris
Judith Marie Weisend
Donny Weisend
Richard Weisend
Vernon & Cinderella Butler
Raymond Baldwin
Jenny Crum
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joseph Fillippi
Norbert Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Tina Burkhart Muffet
Harold Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman
Carlos & Doris Headley
Walter & Alberta Ackerman
Francis Stephen
Carol Moore
Meri C. Welsh
Jimmy Scott
Thelma Scott
Harmon Scott
Richard Scott
Phyllis Krone
Wes & Clara Hossman
Donald Miller
Joy Taylor
Cindy Miller Stevens
Jim & Jimmy Partridge
Barb Sobocinski
Bill & Carol Schumacher

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

From the words of Pope Francis, Angelus Address of November 12th 2017

"This Sunday, the Gospel (cf. *Mt* 25: 1-13) indicates to us the condition for entering into the Kingdom of Heaven, and it does so with the parable of the ten virgins: these are those maidens with the task of welcoming and accompanying the bridegroom to the wedding ceremony, and since in that time it was the custom to celebrate marriage at night, the maidens held lamps.

The parable says that five of these virgins were wise, and five were foolish: indeed, the wise ones brought with them oil for the lamps, whereas the foolish did not. The bridegroom arrived late and they all fell asleep. At midnight the bridegroom's arrival was announced, and at this point the foolish virgins realized they did not have oil for the lamps, and asked the wise ones for it. But the latter answered that they could not spare it, as they did not have enough for all. While the foolish were in search of oil, the bridegroom arrived; the wise virgins entered with him in the banquet hall and the door was closed. The five foolish ones arrived too late, and knocked on the door, but the answer was, "I do not know you" (v. 12), and they remained outside.

That does Jesus want to teach us with this parable? He reminds us that we must be ready for the encounter with Him. Very often, in the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to be vigilant, and He does so at the end of this account too. He says, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (v. 13). But with this parable He says that to be watchful does not mean simply not sleeping, but *being prepared*; indeed, all the virgins slept before the bridegroom arrived, but upon reawakening some are ready and others not. Here, therefore, is the meaning of being wise and prudent: it means not waiting for the last moment of our life to collaborate with the grace of God, but to do so already from now on. It would be good to think a little: one day will be the last one. If it were today, how prepared am I? But I must do this, or that… Preparing oneself as if it were the last day, this does us good.

The lamp is the symbol of the faith that illuminates our life, while the oil is the symbol of the charity that nourishes, that makes fruitful and credible the light of faith. The condition for being ready for the encounter with the Lord is not only faith, but a Christian life rich in love and charity for our neighbor. If we let ourselves be guided by what seems easiest to us, by the pursuit of our own interests, our life becomes sterile, incapable of giving life to others, and we do not accumulate any spare oil for the light of our faith; and this – faith – will be extinguished at the moment of the coming of the Lord, or even before. If instead we are watchful and seek to do good, with gestures of love, of sharing, of service to our neighbor in difficulty, we can remain at peace as we await the coming of the bridegroom: the Lord will be able to come at any moment, and even the sleep of death does not make us afraid, as we have a reserve of oil, accumulated with the good works of every day. Faith inspires charity and charity safeguards faith.

May the Virgin Mary help us make our faith ever more operative through charity, so that our lamp may shine already here, on our earthly journey, and then in heaven, at the wedding feast in paradise."

TUESDAY BINGO

November 10th
Robyn Guiler
Kitty Lowler
Hartwell
Woodell

November 17th
Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Missy Dean
Bott
B. Russell
J/M Schumacher

SUNDAY BINGO

November 8th
Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Missy Dean
Dixon

November 15th
Ace Guiler
Missy Knowlton
Dick

TUESDAY KITCHEN

November 10th
St. John CWC

November 17th
Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

SUNDAY KITCHEN

November 8th
Louise Kress

November 15th
Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

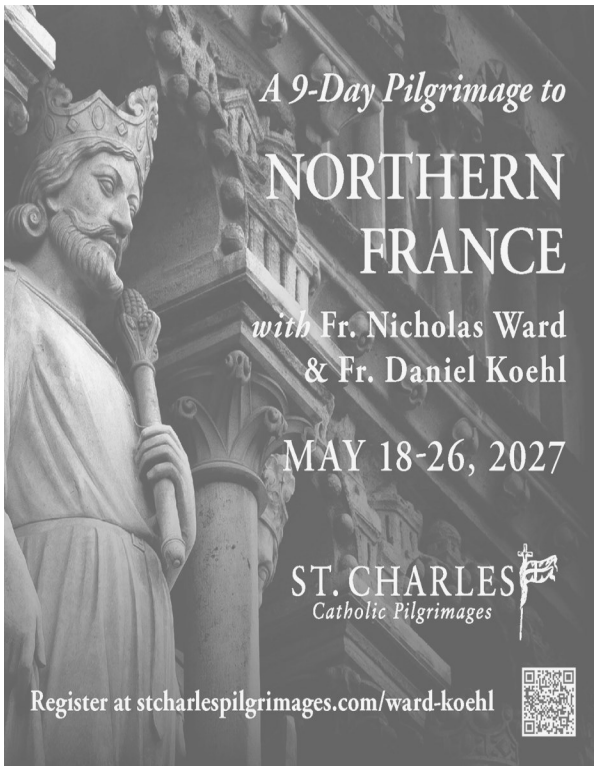
Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
NOVEMBER 8TH
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WIS 6:12-16
1THES 4:13-18
MT 25:1-13
Monday
NOVEMBER 9TH
EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1COR 3:9c-11, 16-17
JN 2:13-22
Tuesday
NOVEMBER 10TH
TI 2:1-8, 11-14
LK 17:7-10
Wednesday
NOVEMBER 11TH
TI 3:1-7
LK 17:11-19
Thursday
NOVEMBER 12TH
PHLM 7-20
LK 17:20-25
Friday
NOVEMBER 13TH
2JN 4-9
LK 17:26-37
Saturday
NOVEMBER 14TH
3JN 5-8
LK 18:1-8
Sunday
NOVEMBER 15TH
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 THES 5:1-6
MT 25:14-30



ST. SYLVESTER LECTOR READERS

November 7….Tammy Jones
November 8…. Tom Dick
November 14….Steve Burkhart
November 15….Becky Baldwin



ST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

Cleaning Schedule

November 7—Fr. Nick Ward
November 14—Fr. Nick Ward

November 21—Shannon & Lori Pirl
November 28—Shannon & Lori Pirl

December 5—Tony Schumacher
December 12—Tony Schumacher

December 19—Carson Kuhn
December 26—Carson Kuhn

PURGATORY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Registered to be a member of our Purgatory Society. Just send in $30 with your name and memo "Purgatory Society List" and you will be added to our membership of 3 masses in your name, after you have passed.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASS REQUEST…

If interested in requesting mass for a loved one send in $10 each with name of deceased and name of person requesting the mass. On envelope write "Mass Request". If wanting a specific date, write the date on request and I will schedule it unless someone else requested the same date first. Thanks

St. Joseph of Monroe County,
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus
Anthony Schumacher, Grand Knight

Leading by Example—Our council seeks to develop a culture of charity, unity, and fraternity in faithful service to the Church and community. New members are welcome to join us!

Next Meetings- *Knight's of Columbus Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4th. Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Church Basement.

*Catholic Women's Club Meeting is Wednesday, November 11th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations