

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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Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

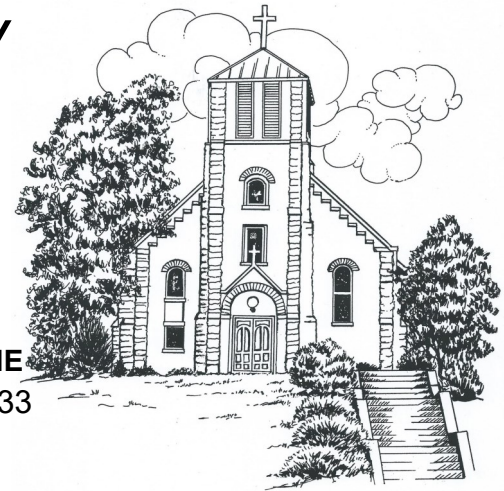
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WIS 9:13-18b PHLM 9:10, 12-17 LK 14:25-33

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Fr. Nicholas Ward
Administrator



Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

Fr. Nicholas Ward (740) 457-7098

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: Sunday 9:45am to 10:15am

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm

Call Fr. Ward 1(740) 457-7098 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

740-432-7609

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

St. Sylvester: Jill Schumacher (740) 213-4665

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481 **Call to Register**

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

SEPT 7TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Donald Biedenbach

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

MONDAY

SEPT 8TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Francis & Freeda Paulus
by Paulus & Rodgers

TUESDAY

SEPT 9TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Donald Miller *by Connie Richter*

WEDNESDAY

SEPT 10TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Sick & Distressed *by Knights of Columbus*

THURSDAY

SEPT 11TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Walter J. Knox *by Regina Garfold*

FRIDAY

(School Mass)

SEPT 12TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Ty Burkhardt *by Arla & Caden Potts*

SATURDAY

SEPT 13TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Greg Schaad Family

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Lois Stephen *by Catherine Paulus*

SUNDAY

SEPT 14TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Ray Baldwin *by Becky Baldwin*

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

~SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE~

Former St. Sylvester Graduates, applying to
Ohio University Eastern:
The CRUM FAMILY Appreciation Scholarship.

1. Attended St. Sylvester Central
2. Request consideration from CRUM
Family Scholarship
On application, provide this
"other information"

OCLIA

Every Thursday at 7:00p.m. beginning
September 18th in the Rectory

Adult Catechesis Class, Documents of Vatican II

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning
September 16th in the Rectory:
38867 Briar Ridge Rd

Our Sunday Offering
August 30 - August 31

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 2,650.00
Loose Collection	\$ 283.00
Candle Fund	\$ 132.00
Education Fund	\$ 60.00
Assumption Mary	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00
St Joseph Cemetery	\$ 150.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,835.00
Loose Collection	\$ 133.00
School Fund	\$ 105.00
Candle Fund	\$ 52.00
Starter Set	\$ 200.00
Mass Request	\$ 100.00
Assumption Mary	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 150.00

*Thank You for your
continued support of
our Parishes & School*

**\$5 Raffle Ticket for the victims of the
Orphan Well Disaster
Remington Weckbacher, Chazz Bates
& Christopher Pinkerton**

Prizes:

- 1st: Gift Card Tree
- 2nd: Tailgater's Cooler
(Cooler filled w/Football themed gifts)
- 3rd: 19.5" Stainless Steel Smokeless
Wood Burning Fire Pit
- 4th: Coffee Lover's Basket

Drawing On October 11th

Contact: Madison Morisco 740-213-8296
Kaitlin Kinney 740-213-3045

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.

PARISHIONERS...

Anyone needing
"The Steubenville
Register"
mailed to your home,
contact Jennifer
740-472-0187

THANK YOU !!

For all the donations toward the
Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!

2025 DPSC Share Campaign

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: \$29,390
St. John The Baptist Goal: \$17,806

Goal Received \$12,309
Goal Received \$5,025

In Loving Memory Of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Deb Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Charles & Mary Hunkler
Donald & Lois Stephen
Michael E. Koval
Norma H. Koval
Herman Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger
Billie Jean Elliott
Harry & Lucille Elliott
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William Bolon
Meri C Welsh
Raymond Baldwin
Alice & Ralph Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joe Fillippi
Ty A. Burkhart
Darrell & Charlotte Cline
Clara Rush
Virgil Rush
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Debbie Block
Gladys (babe) Burkhart
Jimmy Norris
Mary Ellen Barber Norris
Quinn Kahrig
Danny Betts
Edward Rensi
Vernon Butler
Cinderella Butler
Francis Stephen
Carol Moore
Imelda D. Scott
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Michael Burkhart
Bertha Burkhart
Rebeca Burkhart
Robert Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Lawrence Crock
Helen Burkhart
Francis Burkhart
Wes & Clare Hossman
Donald Miller
Larry Krone
Joy Taylor
Cindy Miller Stevens
Norbert Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Tina Burkhart Muffett
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman
Harold Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Cyril Burkhart
Eunice Gallagher
Joe Gallagher
Thelma Scott
Harmon Scott
Jimmy Scott
Richard Scott
Delores Quarles
Carol Lumbatis
Richard J. Sobocinski
Fr. Samuel Saprano

***Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord.***

Dear Parishioners,

One of the nice aspects of school being back in session is that I get to pick on students in my free time, and obtain from them fresh material for my homilies (and bulletin letters). For example, I asked some students at lunch the other day what they were learning in their religion classes, and one of the 8th graders at lunch told me that they were learning about the concept of “mystery” in the faith. They had some good explanations, and I had some of my own as well.

We proclaim the Eucharist to be “the Mystery of Faith” at Mass. What do we mean by this? Well, things which are “mysterious” to us are things we do not comprehend completely but accept nonetheless as fact. Why should we do this? Well, there are things revealed to us that may escape our human comprehension. As our first reading teaches us, “Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans (Wisdom 9:1).” There are even realities yet to be revealed to us that are more mysterious still! Such as, for example, the reality of eternal life, a dimension of existence which is strange and incomprehensible to mortal, earthly beings like us. As St. Paul says, quoting the prophet Isaiah: “What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him (1 Corinthians 2:9).” As the Catechism suggests, there is only so much that fallible human reasoning and language can do to grasp divine truths: “God transcends all His creatures. We must continually purify our language of everything in it that is limited, image-bound or imperfect, if we are not to confuse our image of God – the inexpressible, the incomprehensible, the invisible, the ungraspable – with our human representations. Our human words always fall short of the mystery of God (CCC 42).”

Images, analogies, symbols and representations are useful, but limited when speaking about things which are eternal, complex, and mysterious. Some **humility** is then useful for us, to be able to recognize that some truths are beyond our understanding, yet worthy of belief nonetheless because they are revealed to us by God. This is why the Church and the magisterium is so helpful for us Catholics; many Christians assume that anything they cannot understand must be untrue. This is why there are hundreds of thousands of protestant, heretical, and schismatic sects of Christianity, because many people assume that anything they themselves cannot grasp rationally is unworthy their assent. This why so many people abandoned Jesus when he revealed the “Mystery of Faith” to them, and why Peter’s response of limited understanding but strong faith is so important for us: “Master, to whom [else] shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:66-68).”

While we will always fall short of the mind of God and the intelligence of angelic beings, we may yet grow in understanding of the mysteries if we open ourselves up to them in prayer and study. This is how the Saints grew in wisdom and understanding, and we will too if we imitate their faith, their trust in God, and their desire to know and receive the hidden riches of the love and knowledge of God.

God bless you all,
In Christ,
Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

September 9th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Mike Russell
Beth Black

September 16th

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Christy Ferguson

September 23rd

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Uriah/Lindee Wilson

SUNDAY BINGO

September 7th

Robyn Guiler
Brooke Yontz

September 14th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Jess McKelvey

September 21st

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Aaron/Brandy Lucas
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN

September 9th

St. John CWC

September 16th

Marcia Shipp
Julie Selmon

September 23rd

Missy Knowlton
Louise Kress

SUNDAY KITCHEN

September 7th

Louise Kress
Helen Strahl

September 14th

Louise Kress
Mary Bolon

September 21st

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday

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LK 14:25-33

Monday

SEPTEMBER 8TH

MI 5:1-4a
MT 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 9TH

COL 2:6-15
LK 6:12-19

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 10TH

COL 3:1-11
LK 6:20-26

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 11TH

COL 3:12-17
LK 6:27-38

Friday

SEPTEMBER 12TH

1TM 1:1-2, 12-14
LK 6:39-42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 13TH

1TM 1:15-17
LK 6:43-49

Sunday

**SEPTEMBER 14TH
THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS**

NM 21:4b-9
PHIL 2:6-11
JN 3:13-17

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- Sept 6.....Steve Burkhart
- Sept 7.....Tom Dick
- Sept 13.....Catherine Paulus
- Sept 14.....Becky Baldwin

2025 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 12,750.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 5,254.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 3,808.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
Donations\$ 2,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 10,050.00
Donations\$ 720.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00
Donations\$ 500.00

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

All school children 1st—8th grade
St. Sylvester and Public schools
interested in religion classes

Sign up begins now.
Classes begin in September
Contact Jill Schumacher 740-213-4665

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

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

What two men stopped and washed their hands and feet in a wash basin at the entrance to the tabernacle whenever they neared the altar?

ANSWER: Moses & Aaron

**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, October 1st. 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, September 10th - 7:00p.m. @ Generations

