

St. Sylvester, Woodfield
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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Woodfield, Ohio 43793-1027

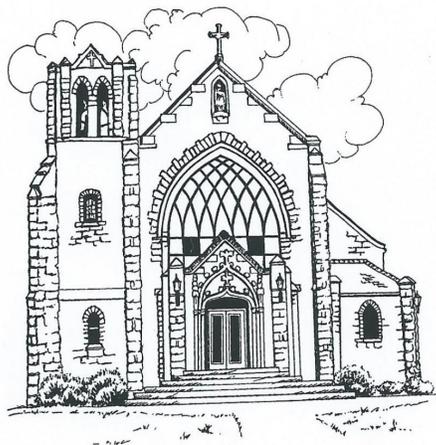
MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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: 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, Woodfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Robyn Guiler: Principal (740) 472-0321 ~ Preschool (740) 472-0420

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodfield: 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 MARCH 22ND
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Susan Thomas Schumacher
by Tony & Cindy Schumacher

MONDAY MARCH 23RD
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY MARCH 24TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Ty Burkhart *by Cathy Vinskovich*

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH
Solemnity of the Annunciation
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.
 +Joe A Dick *by Richard & Alice Piatt*

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12:15 p.m.
 +Jenny Crum *by Becky & Bob*

THURSDAY MARCH 26TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Nicholas Mercolini *by Hartwell Family*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00 p.m.
 PENANCE SERVICE

FRIDAY MARCH 27TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 School Stations of the Cross

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 12:15 p.m.
 +Mary & Hilda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 5:30 p.m.
 Soup Potluck 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

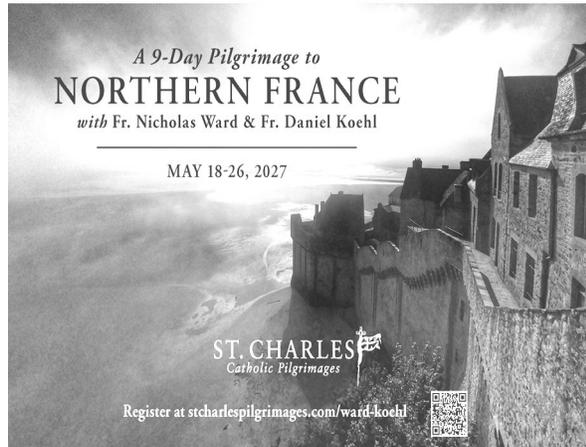
SATURDAY MARCH 28TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Martha Brown

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +James & Marie Kirkland *by Daughter's*

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29TH
Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Francis Schumacher *by Edythe Schumacher*
 (Procession from School Gym, weather permitting)

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

O CIA
 Every Thursday at 7:00p.m.
 location at St. Sylvester Church
 Basement



CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP
 It is that time of year again! Please remove any grave blankets from the graves. Any flowers or decorations in the cemetery, should be attached to the tombstones and off the ground, no later than April 5th. Thank You!

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost	\$ 21,000.00
Lawn Care Donations	\$ 430.00
St. John The Baptist Cost.....	\$ 8,400.00
Donations	\$ 759.00
Imm Conception Cemetery Cost....	\$ 4,200.00
Donations	\$ 0.00
St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....	\$ 9,000.00
Donations	\$ 1,800.00
St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....	\$ 2,400.00
Donations	\$ 0.00

Our Sunday Offering
 March 7 - March 8

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,085.00
Loose Collection	\$ 200.00
Candle Fund	\$ 114.00
Education Fund	\$ 75.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 70.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 10.00
Starter Set	\$ 200.00
Cath Relief Service	\$ 82.00
Brothers & Sisters	\$ 30.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 20.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 3,033.00
Loose Collection	\$ 245.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00
Education Fund	\$ 120.00
Cath Relief Service	\$ 250.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Mass Request	\$ 60.00
Starter Set	\$ 1.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 95.00

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

This Week
Wednesday
 St. Sylvester Church
NO ADORATION

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 2026 beginning in January. \$15 each - donation— Mark memo as: "In memory of 2026"

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:	\$	Goal Received \$
St. John The Baptist Goal:	\$	Goal Received \$

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

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

Additional Information for Confirmation & First Communion from Fr. Nick

Confirmation

Confirmation Mass with the bishop: **Thursday April 23rd 7:00 PM at St. Sylvester**

Confirmation Practice: **Wednesday April 22nd 7:00 PM at St. Sylvester**

Boys and girls receiving Confirmation should be dressed in "Sunday best." Suits and ties for boys, dresses for girls.

Boys and girls receiving Confirmation will be required to select a sponsor who is an adult actively practicing their Catholic faith (attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation and is not living in scandal (examples constituting grave scandal: cohabitation outside of marriage, association with a banned group or sect, public acts of indecency etc.). The Sponsor will be required to be present at the Confirmation Mass *and* Confirmation practice.

Each Candidate will select a Canonized Saint of the Catholic Church to be their patron Saint for Confirmation. Books of the lives of the saints for children and teens are widely available so selecting one should be no problem. Persons who are merely beatified, "Blessed" but not officially canonized yet as Saints are acceptable. Popular examples:

Boys: St. Andrew, St. Bartholomew, St. Christopher, St. Dominic, St. Edward the Confessor, St. Francis of Assisi, St. George, St. Henry, St. Isidore the Farmer, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. John the Baptist, St. Lawrence, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Nicholas, St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), St. Sebastian, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Vincent DePaul

Girls: St. Agnes, St. Brigid, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Dymphna, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Felicity, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, St. Gemma Galgani, St. Helena, St. Isabella of Portugal, St. Jacinta of Portugal, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Maria Goretti, St. Perpetua, St. Rita, St. Scholastica, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Ursula, St. Veronica

First Communion

First Communion Mass: **Sunday May 10th 8:30 AM at St. Sylvester**

First Communion Practice: **Saturday May 9th 9:30 AM at St. Sylvester**

First Reconciliation: **Saturday May 2nd at 9:30 AM**

All children receiving their First Communion must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and go to the practice the day before.

Attire for girls: white dresses and veils. White gloves optional but appropriate.

Attire for boys: white suits and ties

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
MARCH 22ND
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EZ 37:12-14
ROM 8:8-11
JN 11:1-45

Monday
MARCH 23RD
DN 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62
JN 8:1-11

Tuesday
MARCH 24TH
NM 21:4-9
JN 8:21-30

Wednesday
MARCH 25TH
IS 7:10-14; 8:10
HEB 10:4-10
LK 1:26-38

Thursday
MARCH 26TH
GN 17:3-9
JN 8:51-59

Friday
MARCH 27TH
JER 20:10-13
JN 10:31-42

Saturday
MARCH 28TH
EZ 37:21-28
JN 11:45-56

Sunday
MARCH 29TH
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MT 21:1-11
IS 50:4-7
PHIL 2:6-11
MT 26:14-27



TUESDAY BINGO

March 24th

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
John Kemp
Ashley Murphy

April 7th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Justin/Abby Friday
John Kemp

SUNDAY BINGO

March 22nd

Lori Pirl
Aaron/Kendra Hines
Missy Dean
Olivia Fisher
Ace Guiler

April 12

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
David/Kasey Block
Cody/Sam Miller
Justin Hogue
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN

March 24th

Diane Burkhart
Missy Knowlton

April 7th

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

SUNDAY KITCHEN

March 22nd

Louise Kress
Robyn Guiler

April 12th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

LECTOR READERS

March 21....Catherine Paulus

March 22....Bill Long

March 28....Bill Long & Steve Burkhart

March 29....Jill Schumacher & Becky Baldwin

EASTER FLOWERS...

IN MEMORY OF:

CLARENCE E. STEPHEN
LUZELDA E. STEPHEN
LONNIE T. STEPHEN
FRANCIS (FRITZ) SCHUMACHER
DEB SCHUMACHER
ALDEN & BETTY HUSK
EARL & DESSIE OKEY
BROTHERS & SISTERS OF CAROL KUHN
BILLY JEAN ELLIOTT
MARY MALANOWSKI
BUZZ & ENOLA RIGGS
HELEN CROCK BURKHART
LAWRENCE CROCK
FRANCIS BURKHART
WILMA BURKHART
JUDY CARPENTER
HILDA BURKHART
TY BURKHART
MADELINE MELLINGER
DELORIS KNOWLTON
ROMAN SCHUMACHER
CLARA SCHUMACHER
SUSAN SCHUMACHER THOMAS
FLOYD GRIFFIN
RICHARD & JANE RADON
JOSEPH & MARGARET PAULUS
RUTH MILLER
DAVID MILLER
VERNON & CINDERELLA BUTLER
MIKE GARTEN
RICHARD GARTEN
DON HANNING
RAPLH & MATINE KEEVERT
EMMA SCHUMACHER
PANDORA NEUHART
ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER
SUSAN THOMAS
LUCY & SARAH DICK
MICHAEL & BERTHA BURKHART
PIATT FAMILY

ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER
WALTER KNOX
THERESA GARFOLD
CAROL GARFOLD
ROBERT MILLER SR
KENNETH & RUTHANN KNOX
ALBERT & CLARA GARFOLD
DON & BESSIE ANN FREEMAN
JERRY & GOLDIE WEISS
NELSON SMITHBERGER
ELLA SMITHBERGER
SHIRLEY PERKINS
FRANICS & FREEDA PAULUS
HILDA & MARY PAULUS
VICTOR & DOROTHY DAVIDSON
KENNY, SHIRLEY & MARK KUHN
JOE, MARTHA & DAVID KUHN
LEANDER & GENNY KUHN
CAROL, PAUL & JIMMY KUHN
KATHY HANNAHS
GEORGE & MARTHA KRESS
CLARENCE & HELEN HOFF
FRED, CLEM, & GEORGE JR. KRESS
DAVE RODGERS
ARCHIBALD & LEARRENA GRIFFITH
PAUL & LEOBA ARCHER
ARTHUR MILLER
QUINN KAHRIG
GENE & MARY LOUISE WELLS
JUDY GARTEN
JOANN GARTEN
DONALD & LOIS STEPHEN
CHARLES & MARY HUNKLER
KATY MADISON
CAROLYN LOWERY
RICK SCHUMACHER
HENRY & IDA MILLER
MERI C. WELSH
PAUL & BARBARA CONNER
DIMMERLING DECEASED FAMILY

IN HONOR OF:

BARBARA STEPHEN
EMMA CARPENTER

**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, April 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, April 8th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations