

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

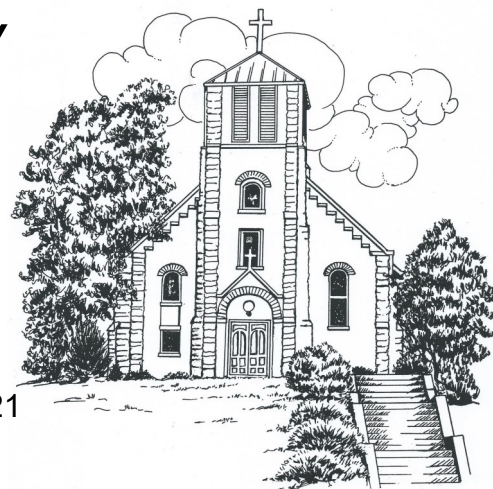
MAY 10, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17 1PT 3:15-18 JN 14:15-21

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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 MOTHER'S DAY MAY 10TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Deb Schumacher by *Perry Schumacher*

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

MONDAY MAY 11TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Mary & Hilda Paulus by *Paulus & Rodgers*

TUESDAY MAY 12TH
 St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Jim Crum by *Joanne Swearman*

WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Joe A. Dick by *Keith & Cindy Coss*

THURSDAY MAY 14TH
 St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Lawrence Crock by *Linda Swallie*

FRIDAY MAY 15TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.
 Special Intentions by *Bernard & Linda Dick*

West Wood Place, Woodsfield 10:00a.m.
 +Stella Crum

SATURDAY MAY 16TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Fr. Timothy Davidson

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

SUNDAY MAY 17TH
 Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Ty Burkhart by *Todd & Nicki Burkhart*

Pilgrimage Info Meeting
 August 13th 7:00 p.m.
 St. Sylvester Rectory

SCHOOL NEWS...

Secretary Position

2026-2027 School Year

St. Sylvester Central School is seeking a friendly and efficient secretary to join our school family. Duties include managing daily administrative tasks with strong organizational skills, greeting and assisting visitors, student, staff and parents with a positive attitude, maintaining student files, attendance, tuition, and lunch records. If interested or would like more details, please call the school office 740-472-0321

Religion Teacher Position

2026-2027 School Year

1st, 2nd, and 4th grade
 Please call office 740-472-0321

Our Sunday Offering
 May 2 - May 3

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,582.00
Loose Collection	\$ 61.00
Education Fund	\$ 45.00
Home Mission	\$ 20.00
Mother's Day	\$ 135.00
Mass Request	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 70.00
Oil Royalties	\$ 518.67

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,865.00
Loose Collection	\$ 296.00
Candle Fund	\$ 41.00
Education Fund	\$ 90.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,195.00
Oil Royalties	\$ 2,081.49
Cemetery Fund	\$ 60.00
Home Mission	\$ 50.00
Mother's Day	\$ 145.00



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.

CWC CONVENTION
 Holy Family Church
 2608 Alexander Ave,
 Steubenville, Ohio
 Wednesday, June 3rd
 Registration begins
 8:15a.m. at the Holy
 Family Church Social
 Hall

Register by May 18th
 Call Eileen Ackerman

THANK YOU !!
 For all the donations toward the
 Care of our Cemeteries
KEEP IT GROWING!

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
• St. John The Baptist Goal:	\$ 17,726.00
• Goal Received	\$ 10,150.00
• Goal Received	\$ 3,190.00

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

First of all, I would like to extend a very happy Mother's Day to all our mothers in the parish. Being a mother is a difficult and often thankless job, which is regrettable. In this age of abortion and artificial contraception, Motherhood and the important responsibilities associated with it are seen as something to avoid rather than a vocation to be embraced. With the unfortunate rise in so-called "surrogate pregnancies," motherhood is now a commodity that can be bought and sold, and the wombs where children are grown can be rented and labor outsourced. Satan hates motherhood and mothers, and he hates our Mother Mary most of all, because she, the most perfect of all God's creatures, is the greatest mother of all. And besides being God's Mother, she is ours too! "Behold, your mother!"

We have Mary for our mother, and she is that most perfect and excellent symbol of our Holy Mother the Church. The second Vatican Council teaches: "The Church indeed, contemplating Mary's hidden sanctity, imitating her charity and faithfully fulfilling the Father's will, by receiving the word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By her preaching she brings forth to a new and immortal life the sons who are born to her in baptism, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of God. She herself is a virgin, who keeps the faith given to her by her Spouse whole and entire. Imitating the mother of her Lord, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, she keeps with virginal purity an entire faith, a firm hope and a sincere charity (*Lumen Gentium* no. 64)."

With our mother the Church to guide us by her teaching and nourish us with the sacraments, with our Mother Mary to comfort and intercede for us, with God our Father to guard and provide for us, how can we say that we are alone in this world? Jesus, our brother and our Lord, speaks truthfully in our gospel reading today when he says: "I will not leave you orphans." Though he will ascend into heaven, he will not leave us alone. God is with us always; He has given us His Spirit to dwell among us, has given us the Church to be our mother in this present age.

As we gratefully love, honor and remember our mothers this weekend, let us not forget our Mother the Church and our Mother Mary, whom we should honor and respect no less than our earthly mothers. Thank you Lord, for not leaving us orphans!

*O Mary Immaculate, the precious name of Mother of Confidence, with which we honor Thee, fills our hearts to overflowing with the sweetest consolation and moves us to hope for every blessing from Thee. If such a title has been given to Thee, it is a sure sign that no one has recourse to Thee in vain. Accept, therefore, with a mother's love our devout homage, as we earnestly beseech Thee to be gracious unto us in our every need. Above all do we pray Thee to make us live in constant union with Thee and Thy divine Son Jesus. With Thee as our guide, we are certain that we shall ever walk in the right way; in such wise that it will be our happy lot to hear Thee say on the last day of our life those words of comfort: "Come then, my good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Amen. (From the *Raccolta*, Prayer to our Lady by Pope Benedict XV, with an indulgence of 300 days).*

God bless you all, in Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

May 12th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Tim/Tiff Woodell
Jenna Rosnick
Missy Dean
Holly Merideth

May 19th

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Phillip/Chelsea Masters
Missy Dean
Carey Bott
John Kemp

SUNDAY BINGO

May 10th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Aaron/Kendra Hines
Missy Dean
Gina Ball
Sam/Megan Ward
Cody/Sam Miller

May 17th

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Gina Ball
Heather Monroe
David/Jess Murphy
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN

May 12th

St. John CWC

May 19th

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

SUNDAY KITCHEN

May 10th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

May 17th

Louise Kress
Becky Bott

LECTOR READERS

May 9....Steve Burkhart
May 10....Jill Schumacher
May 16....Catherine Paulus
May 17...Tom Dick

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

**Sunday
MAY 10TH
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**
ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17
1PT 3:15-18
JN 14:15-21
**Monday
MAY 11TH**
ACTS 16:11-15
JN 15:26-16:4a
**Tuesday
MAY 12TH**
ACTS 16:22-34
JN 16:5-11
**Wednesday
MAY 13TH**
ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1
JN 16:12-15
**Thursday
MAY 14TH**
ACTS 1:1-11
EPH 1:17-23
MT 28:16-20
**Friday
MAY 15TH**
ACTS 18:9-18
JN 16:20-23
**Saturday
MAY 16TH**
ACTS 18:23-28
JN 16:23b-28
**Sunday
MAY 17TH
THE ASCENSION OF
THE LORD**
ACTS 1:1-11
EPH 1:17-23
MT 28:16-20

MOTHER'S DAY...

IN MEMORY OF:

DEB SCHUMACHER
LUZELDA STEPHEN
FREEDA PAULUS
RUTHANN KNOX
CLARA GARFOLD
THERESA GARFOLD
IDA COSS
ZELDA BETTS
MADELINE MELLINGER
DOROTHY DAVIDSON
ETHEL PIATT
COLLEEN KACHEL
GOLDIE A WEISS
CINDERELLA BUTLER
BILLIE JEAN ELLIOTT

IRENE FINNICUM
MARY LUCAS
CLARA MILLER
INEZ KEMP
EDITH BLOCK
HELEN BURKHART
GENEVIEVE KUHN
HILDA BURKHART
FREEDA PAULUS
EMMA DIMMERLING
PHYLLIS DEMCHAK
BESSIE ANN FREEMAN
KATY MADISON
MARY LOUISE WELLS
LEOBA ARCHER

IN HONOR OF:

EDYTHE SCHUMACHER
CAROLYN MILLER
ANASTASIA JACK
CECELIA PIATT
EMILY KNOX
SHIRLEY CLOUSE
LUCY BETTS
EILEEN PASSIO
REGINA GARFOLD
ROBIN YARNALL
KRIS MILLER
RENA MCCLAIN
IRENE OKEL
MARY ROSMON
BRITTANI CHRISTMAN
PAM PIRL



**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, May 6th. 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, May 13th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations