

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

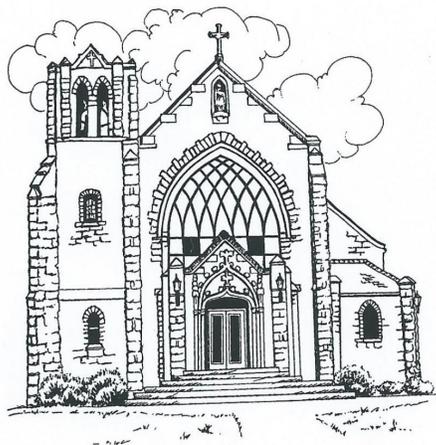
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7 ROM 5:12-19 MT 4:1-11

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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, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Phyllis Krone *by Tom & Becky Stephen*

St. Stephen's, Caldwell 7:00 p.m.
 Shroud of Turin Encounter

MONDAY FEB 23RD
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Ty Burkhart *by John & Teresa Paulus*

TUESDAY FEB 24TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
 School Penance Service

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 5:30 p.m.
 +Ruth Anne Dunfee

WEDNESDAY FEB 25TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Knights of Columbus Members 5009

THURSDAY FEB 26TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Lois Stephen *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

FRIDAY FEB 27TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.
 +Mary & Hilda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

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

SATURDAY FEB 28TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Georgia Brooks *by Lisa Russell*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Carol Schumacher *by Edythe Schumacher*

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST
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

Basilica of St. Mary, Marietta 2:00p.m.
 Rite of Election Mass

OCIA

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

Rite of Election Mass

Sunday, March 1st @ 2:00 p.m.

The Basilica of St. Mary in Marietta

OCIA Candidates, Catechumens
 and their sponsors should attend

DPSC 2026

Your gifts to the DPSC bring to life all our diocesan ministries and services that go beyond what any parish can provide on its own, including seminarian, retired priests, schools & assistance to catholic charities.

The DPSC also provides support to our parishes, as *100% of funds raised above the goal* are returned to your parish. Please prayerfully consider how to participate in this campaign.

FISH FRY

St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009

March 6
 March 20

4:00—6:00p.m. or until sold out

Serving a Coleman's Fish Dinner:
 Fried fish sandwich, baked potato,
 green beans, coleslaw & dessert

St Sylvester School Cafeteria
 Eat in or Carry out

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus charities &
 St. Sylvester Central School

Our Sunday Offering

February 14 - February 15

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,350.00
Loose Collection	\$ 64.00
Candle Fund	\$ 74.00
Education Fund	\$ 65.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 26.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 15.00
Mass Request	\$ 10.00
Propagation Faith	\$ 140.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
Hall Rental	\$ 75.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 3,233.00
Loose Collection	\$ 325.00
Education Fund	\$ 400.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 120.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 170.00
Mass Request	\$ 150.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00
Propagation Faith	\$ 150.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 100.00

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.

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"

2025 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: \$29,390

Goal Received \$21,259

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

Goal Received \$19,643

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



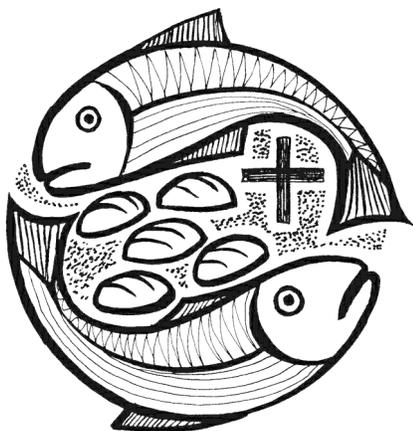
In Loving Memory Of:

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
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

*Eternal rest grant
unto them, O Lord.*

Guidelines for Fasting + Abstinence according to the Law of the Church

from fr. Nick



With Lent upon us, we are invited by Holy Mother

Church to participate in this wonderful campaign of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for healing and sanctification. We do not just prepare for the annual celebration of Easter in our homes and churches, but ultimately for that great and endless paschal feast of eternal life, where Christ, “the Lamb once slain” invites all His saints to rejoice in His victory over sin and death. In order that we might benefit more fully from the fasting we are about to undertake, here are some guidelines, based off of the law of the Church and Catholic tradition:

- Abstinence entails the total avoidance of meat, including broth made from animals. Fish and shellfish are traditionally not included in this, but for penitential reasons, it would perhaps be best to avoid seafoods which might be considered in our culture to be luxurious, such as lobster. Christians should abstain from other rich fare during Lent as well, such as sugary drinks, sweets, desserts and candies, etc. **All Fridays of Lent are mandatory days of abstinence.**
- Fasting entails limiting one’s intake of food to one average or modestly sized meal and two small meals or “snacks” that do not add up to one meal. It is unsuitable to eat one very large meal, or to not eat all day and then gorge oneself after midnight, similar to the practice of Muslims who abstain from food all day and then feast at night during Ramadan. Christian fasting is rather much more beneficial because it both teaches moderation and allows the Christian to enter more deeply into the mortification that deprivation brings, rather than just observing it for a few hours at a time.
- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are mandatory days of both fasting and abstinence.** According to the ancient law of the Church, there were many more mandatory days throughout the year of fasting and abstinence. Almost all days of Lent, for example, used to be days of fasting. Sadly, many Catholics today no longer fast or abstain regularly or adequately, outside of Lent or otherwise. However, in a spirit of freedom rather than obligation, I encourage and invite you to voluntarily choose additional days of fasting and abstinence for yourself so that, rather than a child who is commanded to do what he must, you may experience the autonomy of an adult who voluntarily does what he should. With this mindset, we discover that fasting is like a type of food in itself, nourishment for the soul which is an “acquired taste” that the mature Christian comes to prefer over many “comfort foods.” As St. Paul says: “Solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil (Hebrews 5:14).”
- According to the Code of Canon Law no. 1252, fasting is obligatory from ages 18-59. Abstinence is obligatory from ages 14 onwards. Children who have not reached the mandatory age for these laws should not be forced to observe them, but should also not be discouraged from observing them if voluntarily chosen. Parents should be firm, willing to teach their children about fasting and abstinence, but also patient and flexible according to the needs of their children and household.
- Pregnant and nursing mothers as well as the sick are exempt from the laws of fasting and abstinence.
- Lastly, do not fast so excessively that you set yourself up for failure. Another great danger exists in that those capable of hard fasting can be tempted by pride. Remember the example of the Pharisee from Luke 18:11-12. Do not let the Devil steal the fruits of your fasting! This is why fasting must also be tempered by honest prayer, in which we are invited to humble ourselves before God, like the tax collector who struggled in other areas, but was otherwise justified by his humility (Luke 18:13-14).

TUESDAY BINGO

February 24th

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Phillip/Chelsea Masters
Missy Dean
Carey Bott
Ashley Murphy

March 3rd

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Eric & Kendra Billiter

SUNDAY BINGO

February 22nd

Ace Guiler
Justin Hogue
Missy Dean
Tyler/Tiff Schumacher

March 1st

Robyn Guiler
Olivia Fisher
David/Kasey Block
Gina Ball

TUESDAY KITCHEN

February 24th

Diane Burkhart
Angie LaFollette

March 3rd

Julie Selmon
Dawn Kuhn

SUNDAY KITCHEN

February 22nd

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

March 1st

Louise Kress
Sharon Kilburn

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

Sunday

**FEBRUARY 22ND
FIRST SUNDAY OF
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GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7
ROM 5:12-19
MT 4:1-11

Monday

FEBRUARY 23RD
LV 19:1-2, 11-18
MK 25:31-46

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 24TH
IS 55:10-11
MK 6:7-15

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 25TH
JON 3:1-10
LK 11:29-32

Thursday

FEBRUARY 26TH
EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25
MT 7:7-12

Friday

FEBRUARY 27TH
EZ 18:21-28
MT 5:20-26

Saturday

FEBRUARY 28TH
DT 26:16-19
MT 5:43-48

Sunday

**FEBRUARY 29TH
SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT**

GN 12:1-4a
2TM 1:8b-10
MT 17:1-9

LECTOR READERS

February 21....Steve Burkhart

February 22....Bill Long

February 28....Bill Frank

March 1....Jill Schumacher

EASTER PRAYER FLOWERS

CLARENCE E. STEPHEN
LUZELDA E. STEPHEN
LONNIE T. STEPHEN
FRANCIS (FRITZ) SCHUMACHER
DEB SCHUMACHER



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, March 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, March 11th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations