

**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

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 COL 3:12-21 LK 2:22-40**

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**Fr. Timothy Davison ~ Pastor**



## Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

**Fr. Timothy Davison** 1(918) 637-1774

Jennifer Winkler (740) 472-0187

Office Hours Mon-Thurs. 9-2

## Holy Matrimony & Baptism

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187

## Confessions

Woodsfield: Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm.

Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

## Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm

Call 1 (918) 637-1774 Hospitals and Care facilities

**regularly do not notify** the parish unless specific request is made.

## Catholic Woman's Club

Meet on Second Wednesday of each month  
at Generation's Building @ 7:00 p.m.

**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. Joshua Erickson

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

RCIA is an adult preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.

Mr. Joseph Long, Coordinator.

## Parish School of Religion (PSR aka. CCD)

The Parish Religion Classes children 1st – 8th grade

(not enrolled in a Catholic School)

**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

**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](mailto:victimassistance43952@gmail.com)

Phone: 740-278-3455

## Emergency Contact "When Fr. Tim Davison 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

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**SUNDAY** Page 89 DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>  
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

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

**MONDAY** JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>  
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
+Joe Kuhn by Matt & Shannon Kuhn

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.  
+Charles Smith by Connie Richter

**TUESDAY** JAN 2<sup>ND</sup>  
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
+Charles Habig by Tom & Becky Stephen

**WEDNESDAY** JAN 3<sup>RD</sup>  
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.  
+William Calvert by Tim & Lori Seamon

**THURSDAY** JAN 4<sup>TH</sup>  
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
+Paul & Jim Crum

**FRIDAY** JAN 5<sup>TH</sup>  
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00 p.m.  
+Deb Block by Regina Schocking

**SATURDAY** JAN 6<sup>TH</sup>  
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
Greg Schaad Family

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.  
+Donald Biedenbach by Knights of Columbus

**SUNDAY CHRISTMAS EVE** JAN 7<sup>TH</sup>  
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
+Harriet Davison by Fr. Tim Davison

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.  
+Schwartz Family by Judy Tamasovich

Don't Forget. . .

## St Sylvester Feast Day

Coffee & Donuts  
December 31st  
after the 8:30 a.m. Mass  
in Church Basement

### New Year's Prayer

Surely your goodness and love will  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6

### Our Sunday Offering

DEC 23 - DEC 24

#### St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,035.00
Loose Collection	\$ 131.00
School Fund	\$ 50.00
Christmas	\$ 1,840.00
St John Cemetery	\$ 100.00

#### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 5,337.00
Loose Collection	\$ 200.00
School Fund	\$ 175.00
Candle Fund	\$ 84.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 2,445.00
Mass Request	\$ 310.00
Imm Conception	\$ 41.00
Building Fund	\$ 150.00
In Memory 2024	\$ 75.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
1st Offering	\$ 5.00

*Thank you for  
your continued  
support of our  
parishes and  
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.

**Thanks everyone who  
gave me cards and gifts  
for Christmas.**

**May the good Lord  
richly reward you for  
your kindness!**

**Your Truly,  
Fr. Tim Davison**

#### 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 2024 beginning in January.  
\$15 each - donation  
Mark memo as: "In memory of 2024"

### 2023 DPSC Share Campaign

Thanks again for your participation. If you have not pledged, please do so. You can place a pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to DPSC envelope or go online at [www.Give.Dioстеub.org](http://www.Give.Dioстеub.org). 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.

St. Sylvester Goal: \$ 26,030.00 Goal Received \$ 19,405.00

St. John The Baptist Goal: \$ 13,711.00 Goal Received \$ 7,975.00

School Cancellations or Delayed  
because of snow ~ A.M. Mass will be  
reschedule to:  
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.  
Edward Rensi  
Herman & Hilda Burkhart  
Madeline Mellinger  
Billie Jean Elliott  
Harry & Laelle Elliott  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William Bolon  
Vernon & Cinderella Butler  
Meri C Welsh  
Michael Burkhart  
Bertha Burkhart  
Rebeca Burkhart  
Raymond Baldwin  
Alice & Ralph Buckalew  
Grace Ann Joyce  
Joe Fillippi  
Darrell Cline  
Clara Rush  
Virgil Rush  
Wes & Clara Hossman  
Cindy Miller Stevens  
Donald Miller  
Joy Taylor  
Larry Krone  
Carol Moore  
Francis Stephen  
Walter & Alberta Ackerman  
Wayne Forshey  
Cyril Burkhart  
Joe & Eunice Gallagher

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

Dear Brothers & Sister in Christ,

The last day of 2023!! I hope that everyone is grateful for the blessings bestowed by God upon us this year that is ending. For some this has been a challenging year. For others a year of happiness and peace. But for all God has been a refuge and strength. I hope that as the New Year begins this Sunday night each and everyone of us will experience in an even deeper and profound way the love God has for us. May we grow even more in love with God Who is our Father and Who sent His Divine Son to rescue us and His Spirit to sanctify us. Happy New Year everyone!!

Our New Year will begin with two Masses on Monday morning. The first Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's and the second will begin at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist. The Feast we will be celebrating is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. It is also the World Day of Prayer for peace. Even though the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted from this Holy Day because it falls on a Monday, I hope that each of us will do our best to attend one of the two Masses being offered. It will be a very good way to begin the year 2024.

And I just wanted to encourage those who belong to St. Sylvester's Parish to attend the coffee and donuts social in the church basement after the Mass this Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. it is the Patronal Feast of St. Sylvester. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the coffee and donuts and they ask only for a donation to the Knights so that they can continue doing the charitable things that they do. St. Sylvester was Pope from 314 to 335 AD. He was the first Pope to reign after the Edict of Constantine granting permission for the Catholic Church to legally exist in the Roman Empire. He began the work on some of the major basilicas and some say that he actually baptized Constantine. St. Sylvester, pray for us!!

The Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week are as usual but the Mass on Friday, since it will be the First Friday of the month, will be at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's with a holy hour preceding it at 6:00 p.m. The Holy Hour and the Mass will be offered in reparation for the sins committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially the sins against the Holy Eucharist. In a small way we will try to make up for the neglect and disregard for the tremendous gift of the Body and Blood of the Lord offered to us at Mass. Come and join us if you can.

On Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, traditional date of the Epiphany and this year, the First Saturday of the month, there will be Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's but no pot luck breakfast this time. I will be going to St. Alphonsus Church in Wheeling, W.Va. to bless Epiphany Water at 11:00 a.m. The blessing involves exorcism of the salt and water and lengthy prayers invoking God's love and mercy. Everyone is invited to attend and there will be a reception after the Blessing in the parish hall of St. Alphonsus.

Again Happy New Year to one and all!!

Sincerely yours,

Father Timothy Davison

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**Jan 2nd**

Monica Habig  
Robyn Guiler  
Sam Schumacher  
Andy Schumacher  
Angie LaFollette  
Stacey Sharp  
Missy Dean

**Jan 9th**

Monica Habig  
Terry  
Dustin Wheeler  
Tom Stephen  
Steve Burkhart  
Gene Hupp

**Jan 16th**

Monica Habig  
Brenda  
Dustin Wheeler  
James/Des Peters  
Stacey Sharp

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**Jan 7th**

Monica Habig  
Robyn Guiler  
Sam Schumacher  
Dustin Wheeler  
Marissa Cole  
Adam Chambers  
Carey Bott

**Jan 14th**

Monica Habig  
Terry  
Dustin Wheeler  
Gina Ball  
Adam Chambers  
Missy Dean

**Jan 21st**

Missy  
Brenda  
Robyn Guiler  
Cassie Demchak

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**Jan 2nd**

Missy Knowlton  
Diane Burkhart

**Jan 9th**

Carol Kuhn  
Diane Burkhart

**Jan 16th**

Nancy Schenk  
Diane Burkhart

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**Jan 7th**

Becky Bott  
Louise Kress

**Jan 14th**

Kathy Singleton  
Louise Kress

**Jan 21st**

Jill Schumacher  
Louise Kress

**Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday  
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**Monday  
JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>**

NM 6:22-27  
GAL 4:4-7  
LK 2:16-21

**Tuesday  
JAN 2<sup>ND</sup>**

1JN 2:22-28  
JN 1:19-28

**Wednesday  
JAN 3<sup>RD</sup>**

1JN 2:29-3:6  
JN 1:29-34

**Thursday  
JAN 4<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 3:7-10  
JN 1:35-42

**Friday  
JAN 5<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 3:11-21  
JN 1:43-51

**Saturday  
JAN 6<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 5:5-13  
MK 1:7-11

**Sunday  
JAN 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE EPIPHANY OF  
THE LORD**

IS 60:1-6  
EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6  
MT 2:1-12

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

Dec 30.....	Catherine Paulus
Dec 31.....	Becky Baldwin
Jan 1.....	Becky Baldwin
Jan 6.....	Steve Burkhart
Jan 7.....	Bill Long



Winfield & Mary McFarland	Wes Hossman
Don & Bessie Ann Freeman	Clara Hossman
Jerry & Goldie Weiss	Marin Hossman
Leander & Genevieve Kuhn	Theresa Garfold
Elbert & Zelda Betts	Donald Miller
Kenny, Joe, Paul & Jimmy Kuhn	
Dennis Biedenbach	Ruthann Knox
Martha & Shirley Kuhn	Robert Miller Sr.
Clara & Albert Garfold	Kenneth Knox
Herb Acord	Joy Taylor
Delmas & Irene Finnicum	Lawrence Miller
Clara Miller	Josephina Jack
Arlo & Mary Lucas	Ray & Thyez Kemp
Mary Rosmon	

Larry Okey	Myrna Minder	Mary Malanowski
Albert Riggs	Enola Riggs	Arthur L Miller
Ruth A Miller	David Miller	Quinn Kahrig
Elmer Tamasovich		Elsie Tamachovich
Hank Schwartz		Eleanor Schwartz
Robert Miller Sr.	Michael Gerten	Judy Gerten
Walter Knox	Meri C Welsh	Michaela Neuhart
Bob Wallace	Ella Brubach	Lil Calvert
Louise O'Connell	Clara Hall	Jim Partridge
Jimmy Partridge	Ruth Hall	Dean Hall
Deb Schumacher	George Kress	Martha Kress
Clarence Hoff	Helen Hoff	Fred Kress
Clem Kress	George Kress	Floyd Griffin
Richard Radon	Jane Radon	David Rodgers
Frances Paulus	Freeda Paulus	Hilda Paulus
Mary Paulus	Archibald Griffith	Learrena Griffith
Joseph Paulus	Margaret Paulus	Rich Schumacher
Roman Schumacher		Clara Schumacher
Susan Schumacher	Thomas	Deloris Knowlton
Rosemary Schumacher		Vernon Butler
Cinderella Butler		Ulrich & Dick Family
Victor & Dorothy Davison		Tom Dierkes
Marion & Gertrude Stephen		Walter Knox



**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, January 3rd. 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 Wednesday, January 10th 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

