

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

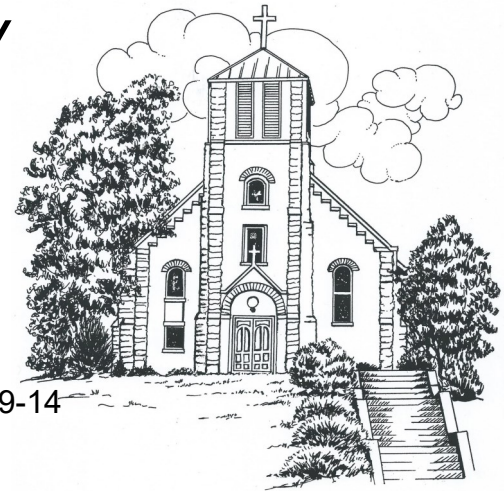
OCTOBER 26, 2025

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIR 35:12-14, 16-18 2TM 4:6-8, 16-18 LK 18:9-14

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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 **OCT 26TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Helen Miller *by Catherine Paulus*

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

MONDAY **OCT 27TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Ruth Dunfee *by Joe & Teresa Hamrock*

TUESDAY **OCT 28TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Jack Brown *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

WEDNESDAY **OCT 29TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 Kirk Lafferre (*Health*) *by Edythe Schumacher*

THURSDAY **OCT 30TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Msgr. George Adams
by Tony & Cindy Schumacher

FRIDAY (*School Mass*) **OCT 31ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Billie Jean Elliott *by Terry Elliott*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 All Saints Day
 +David & Carol Ward *by Fr. Nick*

SATURDAY **NOV 1ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 All Souls Day Living & Deceased

SUNDAY **NOV 2ND**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 All Souls Day Living & Deceased

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 All Souls Day Living & Deceased

SCHOOL NEWS...

Luminary Orders \$5

Luminaries to Remember or Honor
 Will be displayed at the church for
 All Saints Day Vigil on October 31st
 through November 3rd. All money and
 requests are due no later than
 October 24th

Our Sunday Offering
 October 18 - October 19

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,055.00
Loose Collection	\$ 32.00
Education Fund	\$ 60.00
World Mission	\$ 299.00
Starter Set	\$ 20.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 100.00
Mass Request	\$ 20.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,496.00
Loose Collection	\$ 136.00
Education Fund	\$ 165.00
World Mission	\$ 30.00
Human Devel	\$ 10.00
All Souls/Saints	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 20.00
Mass Request	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 254.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 20.00
Starter Set	\$ 30.00

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

OCIA

Every Thursday at 7:00p.m.

**Adult Catechesis Class,
 Documents of Vatican II**
 Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Both locations at
 St. Sylvester Church Basement

2025 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 12,750.00
 Lawn Care Donations\$ 8,132.70

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
 Donations\$ 4,038.00

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

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 \$17,389
Goal Received \$8,073

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
Rebecca 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 best reasons to read scripture is that it teaches us how to pray. Many of us struggle with prayer. How do we approach God? What do we say to Him? What can we even ask for that we hope to gain? How does man close the vast distance between him and his God by the mere utterances of his lips and the affections of the heart?

Scripture shows, in the various presented examples of prayerful persons, who to align body and soul, heart, mind, and lips in supplication to the Creator. Humility is the first step. If one is to approach God in prayer, one must approach with humility. This is how God welcomes us into His presence. He will not turn away the humble: "A humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn (Psalm 51)."

The utterly humble and simple prayer of the tax collector is presented to us by Christ as a model for prayer. While other more elaborate, more eloquent expressions can arise from this point, the bedrock and foundation of our prayer must always be the posture of humility. If we start anywhere else, our prayer is doomed to become vain, disoriented, distracted. We have to begin in prayer always with an admission of our profound need, our insufficiency, our reliance at all times upon the providence of God.

This is why the Eastern Catholic/Orthodox "rosary" or "chotki" contains the multiple repetitions of what is known now as "the Jesus prayer": "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." We always have to return to the basics, even if we manage to ascend the highest heights of meditation.

The process of re-humbling ourselves, even daily, is a necessary process of re-orientation as we continually lose ourselves in prideful thoughts and actions. This is how we return to the Father: Much like the case with the prodigal son, the path of humility always brings us back home.

Hear what the late Pope Francis had to say about Our Gospel passage from Luke's Gospel and the prayer of the tax collector from his General Audience of June 1st, 2016: "If God prefers humility, it is not to dishearten us: rather, humility is the necessary condition to be raised by Him, so as to experience the mercy that comes to fill our emptiness. If the prayer of the proud does not reach God's heart, the humility of the poor opens it wide. God has a weakness for the humble ones. Before a humble heart, God opens his heart entirely. It is this humility that the Virgin Mary expresses in the Cantic of the *Magnificat*: "he has regarded the low estate of his handmaid-en... His mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation" (Lk 1:48, 50). Let her help us, our Mother, to pray with a humble heart. And we, let us repeat that beautiful prayer three times: "Oh God, be merciful to me a sinner."

How has our pride distanced ourselves from God? From others? Are we afraid of being humbled? Not just before God, but in front of others? Can we bear to be proven wrong, or bear wrongs patiently? Has pride kept us from apologizing, or offering forgiveness? Has it kept us from seeking forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession, where humility and mercy meet in a profound, and beautiful way? Can we admit to ourselves, to God, to the priest, that we are in fact sinners?

Stay humble my friends! "With pride comes disgrace, but with humility there is wisdom (Proverbs 11:2)."

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

October 28th

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Mike Russell
Beth Black

November 4th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Tyler Knowlton
Beckey Russell
Robert/Steph Hartwell
Jake/Krysten Schuerman

SUNDAY BINGO

October 26th

Ace Guiler
Sean Edgell
Marissa Cole
Lori Pirl
Justin Hogue
Missy Dean

November 2nd

Robyn Guiler
Mike & Kara Dixon

TUESDAY KITCHEN

October 28th

Diane Burkhardt

November 4th

Julie Selmon
Jess Knowlton

SUNDAY KITCHEN

October 26th

Louise Kress
Michelle Speelman

November 2nd

Louise Kress
Robyn Guiler

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday

OCTOBER 26TH

THIRTIETH

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TIME**

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2TM 4:6-8, 16-18

LK 18:9-14

Monday

OCTOBER 27TH

ROM 8:12-17

LK 13:10-17

Tuesday

OCTOBER 28TH

EPH 2:19-22

LK 6:12-16

Wednesday

OCTOBER 29TH

ROM 8:26-30

LK 13:22-30

Thursday

OCTOBER 30TH

ROM 8:31b-39

LK 13:31-35

Friday

OCTOBER 31ST

ROM 9:1-5

LK 14:1-6

Saturday

NOVEMBER 1ST

RV 7:2-4, 9-14

1JN 3:1-3

MT 5:1-12a

Sunday

NOVEMBER 2ND

**THE COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED**

ALL SOULS DAY

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Edward Rensi
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Deb Schumacher

October 25...Bill Frank
October 26...Jill Schumacher
October 31...School Children...8:30am
October 31...Steve Burkhardt...5:30pm
November 1..Steve Burkhardt
November 2..Tom Dick

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?

Who was carried by a whirlwind up to heaven?

ANSWER: Elijah

**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, November 5th. 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, November 12th - 7:00p.m. @ Generations

