

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

www.monroecountycatholic.org

334 South Main Street
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

OCTOBER 18, 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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: Saturday 12:00pm to 12:30pm

Sunday 9:45am to 10:15am

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Infirm

Call Fr. Ward 1(740) 457-7701 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

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-CALL TO REGISTER

St. Sylvester: Jill Schumacher (740) 213-4665

St. John the Baptist: Eileen Ackerman (740) 757-2481

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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ORDINARY TIME**

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SUNDAY **OCT 18TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Ellen Biedenbach by *Linda Dick*

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

MONDAY **OCT 19TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY **OCT 20TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
 +Denver Piatt by *Tom & Becky Stephen*

WEDNESDAY **OCT 21ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Ty Burkhart by *Todd & Nicki Burkhart*

THURSDAY **OCT 22ND**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 7:00 a.m.
 Spousal Reconciliation by *Supportive Couples*

FRIDAY **OCT 23RD**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield *School Mass* 8:30 a.m.
 +Francis & Freeda Paulus by *Paulus & Rodgers*

SATURDAY **OCT 24TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12:30 p.m.
 +Ruth Dunfee by *Theresa Jurasko*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Billie Jean Elliott by *Terry Elliott*

SUNDAY **OCT 25TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Helen Miller by *Dayle Miller*

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

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18TH**

Dioceses of Steubenville World
Mission Sunday donation funds
support building churches, healthcare
and education, training future priests.

The missionary men and women
serving in over 1,150 mission
territories, we extend our heartfelt
gratitude for your generous support.
Thank you for being part of this vital
mission and for making a lasting
impact on the global church.

Our Sunday Offering
October 10 - October 11

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$	1,020.00
Loose Collection	\$	132.00
Education Fund	\$	30.00
Building Fund	\$	250.00
Cemetery Fund	\$	190.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$	2,197.00
Loose Collection	\$	521.00
Education Fund	\$	135.00
Mass Request	\$	20.00
Cemetery Fund	\$	60.00
Building Fund	\$	89.00
In Memory 2027	\$	30.00

THANK YOU!!

*for your continued
support of our
Parishes & School*

St. Paul's Church

Produce truck arriving
Tuesday, October 20th 8 a.m.

If you or anyone you know is in need
of extra food please stop in.
Everyone Welcome

***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 2027 beginning
in January.
 \$15 each - donation
 Mark memo as:
 "In memory of 2027"

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 16,200.00
 Lawn Care Donations\$ 7,789.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
 Donations\$ 6,257.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
 Donations\$ 3,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 8,620.00
 Donations\$ 2,450.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00
 Donations\$ 850.00

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 \$ 18,760.00
Goal Received \$ 8,905.00

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 Burkhardt
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 Burkhardt
Hilda Burkhardt
Ty A Burkhardt
Madeline Mellinger
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Robert M Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Paul Connor
Barbara Connor
Michael Burkhardt
Bertha Burkhardt
Rebecca Burkhardt
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Deb Block
Mary Ellen Barber
Gladys (Babe) Burkhardt
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 Burkhardt
Agnes Burkhardt
Tina Burkhardt 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
Barb Sobocinski
Bill & Carol Schumacher

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

Dear parishioners,

In our second-grade religion class, we're learning about the 10 Commandments. I have been attempting to teach them also about the word **justice**, and how the 10 Commandments teach us how to be just when it comes to dealing with both God and man.

The two greatest commandments, which we learned about this week, deals with this exact subject: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matt 22: 37-39)." All 10 Commandments are contained within these two.

Loving God involves giving Him what is due to Him. We cannot love God and be unjust towards Him at the same time. How can I deny the one from whom I have everything? This is why the first commandments all deal with justice towards God: Honoring Him above all else, never profaning His Holy Name, and giving Him the worship that is his just due on the days He asks.

So, it is fitting that in the same chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel that teaches us about giving God our love, Jesus teaches us to give God what we owe Him through justice: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God (Matt 22:21)"

I think we struggle with giving to God more than we struggle with giving to Caesar sometimes. We pay taxes out of force, and fail to tithe out of love. We hang upon the words of our favorite politician, but fail to listen to the Word of God. We have no problem whatsoever showing up to every football game of the local public school, but when it comes to volunteering time for the Catholic school, we give that a hard pass. We can travel hours for our kids' sporting events, but not to Mass when we're on vacation. We spend hours on our phones but only minutes in prayer. We gladly give our sons to fight our enemies for Uncle Sam, but not to the Seminary to bless and heal souls for Mother Church.

We can't both love God and not give to God what we owe Him as faithful sons and daughters of the Church. On the other hand, we cannot claim to love our Country and at the same time not accomplish the demands of citizenship.

We want to be good citizens and members of our local community. This should never exclude being good Catholic and a good Christian. In fact, the more we serve God, the better we will be able to serve our neighbor. This is because God teaches us how to love our family, our neighbor, our country and community. God shows us how to love. The circumstances He places us in, our family, our parish, community and country, gives us an opportunity to practice that love. His laws teach us how to love perfectly. But we cannot cease to love God because He gives us other people to love. He is the source of our love! He is the One who made us, saves us, and calls us home.

We cannot give to anyone what belongs to God. And we shouldn't deny to others what God asks us to give to them. Jesus is clear: Give to God what you owe God. Give to your neighbor what you should give to your neighbor. Do not fail in either, and you will be a good servant of both God and man: a good Citizen and a holy Christian.

God bless you all

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

October 20th

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Friday
Blackstone
Blaney

October 27th

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
Black
Russell

SUNDAY BINGO

October 18th

Missy Knowlton
Yontz

October 25th

Ace Guiler
Mary Atkinson
Block
Hogue

TUESDAY KITCHEN

October 20th

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

October 27th

Diane Burkhart
Missy Knowlton

SUNDAY KITCHEN

October 18th

Jill Schumacher
Barb Burkhart

October 25th

Louise Kress
Ace Guiler

LECTOR READERS

October 17....Catherine Paulus

October 18....Bill Frank

October 24....Bill Long

October 25....Jill Schumacher

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday OCTOBER 18TH TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 45:1, 4-6
1THES 1:1-5b
MT 22:15-21

Monday

OCTOBER 19TH

EPH 2:1-10
LK 12:13-21

Tuesday

OCTOBER 20TH

EPH 2:12-22
LK 12:35-38

Wednesday

OCTOBER 21ST

EPH 3:2-12
LK 12:39-48

Thursday

OCTOBER 22ND

EPH 3:14-21
LK 12:49-53

Friday

OCTOBER 23RD

EPH 4:1-6
LK 12:54-59

Saturday

OCTOBER 24TH

EPH 4:7-16
LK 13:1-9

Sunday

OCTOBER 25TH THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EX 22:20-26
1THES 1:5c-10
MT 22:34-40

ST JOHN CHURCH

Cleaning Schedule

October 5-19 Tom/Becky Stephen

A 9-Day Pilgrimage to **NORTHERN FRANCE**

with Fr. Nicholas Ward & Fr. Daniel Koehl

MAY 18-26, 2027

ST. CHARLES
Catholic Pilgrimages

Register at stcharlespilgrimages.com/ward-koehl



PURGATORY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Registered to be a member of our Purgatory Society. Just send in \$30 with your name and memo "Purgatory Society List" and you will be added to our membership of 3 masses in your name, after you have passed.

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