



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
founded 1866

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

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The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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NOVEMBER 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
IS 2:1-5 ROM 13:11-14 MT 24:37-44

Bulletin Information

Must be in to the office by Thursday at 10:00am.

Parish Registration New Parishioners are always welcome!

Please contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to register.

Infant Baptism

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to schedule.

Confessions

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

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

Weddings

No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest.

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 @ 7:00p.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 6:30pm Mass ~ Grand Knight: Sam Schumacher

Parish Prayer Chain

Call: Jackie Kirkland (740) 472-0338

Purgatorial Society Founded in the 1780's to pray for those holy

souls in Purgatory. To join or more information contact: Jackie Kirkland at (740) 472-0338.

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 ~ 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 Youth Group Leader: Regina Knox

Diocesan Vocation Director Fr. Joshua Erickson

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach (740) 472-1849

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg & **Immaculate Conception**, Ozark;

Jason Weiss 740-472-1210

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. 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY NOV 27TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
 +Freeda Paulus by *Paulus & Rodgers Family*

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

MONDAY NOV 28TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30p.m.
 +Yolonda & Seiford Popkie
 by *Edwin & Teresa Paulus*

TUESDAY NOV 29TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
 +Kathleen Hannahs
 by *Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

St Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:00p.m.
 Confessions – Penance Service

WEDNESDAY NOV 30TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30p.m.
 +Jim Partridge by *Margie Partridge*

THURSDAY DEC 1ST
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
 +Luella Burkhart by *Meredith & Linda Kahrig*

FRIDAY DEC 2ND
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (*School Mass*) 8:30a.m.
 +Joseph Dick (health)
 by *Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00p.m.
 +Freda Dick by *Lance & Angie LaFollette*

SATURDAY DEC 3RD
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (*Latin Mass*) 8:30a.m.
 Holy Rosary @ 7:30a.m.
 Greg Schaad Family

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
 +Edward Rensi by *Joan & Catherine Schnieder*

SUNDAY DEC 4TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.
 +Joy Taylor by *Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

ST SYLVESTER CWC

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15th @ Generations
 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. Social Hour,
 Dinner to Follow

St. John The Baptist Catholic Women are
 welcome to come celebrate also!
 Reservations required...
 Call Diane Burkhart 740-391-0391 or
 Louise Kress 757-474-5922

*Drinks, Food, Fun, Auction and don't forget to
 bring your \$20 exchange gift*



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 4th following the 10:30a.m. Mass
 @ St John's Hall

Bring Covered Dish & Bingo Prize

POT LUCK BREAKFAST

Following 8:30a.m. Saturday Mass @ St Sylvester
 Everyone Welcome!

ST. SYLVESTER/ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

If interested in a copy of your church donations from 2022 for your tax deduction, please sign your name on the list at the front of the church entrance. Your copy will be sent to you in the beginning of January 2023

2022 DPSC Share Campaign

Thanks again for your participation this year DPSC. If you have not pledged, please do so. You can place your pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to the diocese using the address DPSC envelope or online at www.Give.Diocese.org Your sacrificial gifts enable the diocese 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.

We have almost reached our goal!

St. Sylvester Goal: \$20,896 Goal Received \$ 19,195

St. John The Baptist Goal: \$11,308 Goal Received \$ 9,325

Our Sunday Offering
 for
 NOV 19-NOV 20

St. John the Baptist
 Adult Collection \$2,905.00
 Loose Collection \$ 92.00
 School Fund \$ 75.00
 Human Devel \$ 145.00
 Cemetery Fund \$ 150.00

St. Sylvester
 Adult Collection \$ 2,558.00
 Loose Collection \$ 54.00
 School Fund \$ 185.00
 All Saints/Souls \$ 15.00
 Prayer Request \$ 250.00
 Cemetery Fund \$ 20.00
 Candle Fund \$ 159.00
 Thanksgiving \$ 70.00
 Human Devel \$ 393.00

*Thank you
 for your
 continued
 support of
 our parishes
 and school !!*

This Week

Wednesday

St. Sylvester Church
 Adoration
 8:00a.m.—6:00p.m.
 Rosary 6:00p.m.
 Mass 6:30p.m.

In Loving Memory of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Debra Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Danny Betts
Paul Madison
Katy Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Rosemary Schumacher
Roman Schumacher
Clara Schumacher
Rick Schumacher
Susan Schumacher Thomas
Deloris Knowlton
Robert M. Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William Bolon
Herman Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Darrell Cline
Clara Rush
Virgil Rush
Norbert Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman
Monica Long
Michael & Bertha Burkhart
Paul & Barbara Conner
George Block
William B. Schumacher
Madeline Mellinger
Imelda Scott
Billie Elliott
Cindy Miller Stevens
Donald Miller
Arthur Biedenbach
Amy Biedenbach
Walter Schumacher
Madeline Schumacher
Ray Baldwin
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Eunice Gallagher
Joe Gallagher
Cyril Burkhart
Jim Scott
Thelma Scott
Harmon Scott
Paul Ring
Joe Fillippi

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday begins the Advent season of prayer and penance to help us prepare for one of the greatest Christian feasts, that of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is customary to celebrate this holy season by spending more time in prayerful meditation and by making sacrifices such as refraining from eating our favorite foods or abstaining from spending so much time on social media. Each person can privately determine the penance and prayer that he or she chooses to do during the four weeks of Advent. Advent is not as severe as Lent but it is still a penitential season and for that reason the priest wears purple vestments, symbolic of penance. The Church remains undecorated until right before Christmas as our houses should be as well. Most people tend to skip over Advent and begin to celebrate Christmas even in November!! But, this is not respecting the character of Advent. Christmas songs and parties should not be heard or experienced during this penitential season if at all possible. It remains one of my favorite seasons but admittedly rather challenging to observe in our culture today. Advent is also a very Marian time of the year and we celebrate one of the most beautiful Marian Feasts of the whole year on December 8th, that of the Immaculate Conception. It is one of our Catholic holy days of obligation. Related to it is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe who appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531 in Mexico and asked him to get permission from the Bishop to build a chapel in her honor on Tepeyac Hill near present day Mexico City. Our readings during the last week of Advent point not only to Christ but also to His most Blessed Mother Mary. We go through Advent with Mary and indeed with the Old Testament prophets awaiting the coming of the Messiah. I hope you each will have a very good and holy Advent season to help you prepare for Christmas.

During Advent parishes world-wide offer Penance Services to help the faithful reconcile with God as part of their preparation for Christmas. I have invited Father Tim Kozak and Father Dan Huesel to join me in hearing confessions on Tuesday evening of this week. Our service will begin at 6:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's Church. I will continue to offer confessions every Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at St. Sylvester's and before the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist Church. I usually arrive and begin confessions around 10:00 a.m. I am also available after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. In addition I will also schedule a confession for anyone who cannot make it to the usual times set aside as indicated above.

This next weekend is the first weekend of December and so we will have Mass on the First Friday, December 2nd both in the morning at 8:30 a.m. for the school and at 7:00 p.m. for those who would like to go in the evening. After the 7:00 p.m. Mass we will have a period of Eucharistic adoration until about 9:00 p.m. Come and join us if you can. Then, on the First Saturday, December 3rd we will pray a rosary at 7:30 a.m. followed by a guided meditation at 8:00 a.m. and then Mass at 8:30 a.m. Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass we will have a pot luck breakfast in the basement of St. Sylvester's. I hope you will join us.

Let us pray for each other and include in our prayers all the fallen away Catholics of Monroe County.

Yours Truly,

Father Timothy Davison

TUESDAY BINGO

November 29th

Randy/Jo Sefert
Linda Piatt
Justin Hogue
Monica Habig
Uriah Wilson
Leanne Harper

December 6th

Sam Schumacher
Monica Habig
Nick Murdy
Jenna Rosnick
Jess Knowlton
Jason Weiss

December 13th

Jason Winkler
Monica Habig
Jessica Knowlton
Tyler Knowlton
Angie LaFollette
Tom Stephen

December 20th

Brenda Fisher
Monica Habig
Anna Lang
Adrienne Shelton
JC/Stacy Sharp
Nick Murdy

December 27th

Brenda Fisher
Monica Habig
Jess Knowlton
Jennifer Caretti
Melissa Miller
Angie LaFollette

SUNDAY BINGO

November 27th

Sean Edgell
Nathan/Rachel Arden
Justin/Abby Friday
Ashley Guiler
Nicole Wilson

December 4th

Sam Schumacher
Robyn Guiler
Kara Dixon
Carey Bott

December 11th

Jason Winkler
Monica Habig
Kara Dixon
Dorothy Rentz

December 18th

Robyn Guiler
Missy Knowlton
Nathan/Rachel Arden
Dugan/Cassie
Demchak
Crystal Cunningham

TUESDAY KITCHEN

Nov 29th

Missy Knowlton
Dawn Kuhn

Dec 6th

Missy Knowlton
Angie LaFollette

Dec 13th

St. John CWC

Dec 20th

Missy Knowlton
Becky Bott

Dec 27th

Missy Knowlton
Sally LaFollette

SUNDAY KITCHEN

Nov 27th

Louise Kress
Kathy Singleton

Dec 4th

Louise Kress
Michelle Speelman

Dec 11th

Louise Kress
Rita Biedenbach

Dec 18th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

**Sunday
NOV 27TH
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IS 2:1-5
ROM 13:11-14
MT 24:37-44

**Monday
NOV 28TH**

IS 4:2-6
MT 8:5-11

**Tuesday
NOV 29TH**

IS 11:1-10
LK 10:21-24

**Wednesday
NOV 30TH**

ROM 10:9-18
MT 4:18-22

**Thursday
DEC 1ST**

IS 26:1-6
MT 7:21, 24-27

**Friday
DEC 2ND**

IS 29:17-24
MT 9:27-31

**Saturday
DEC 3RD**

IS 30:19-21, 23-26
MT 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday
DEC 4TH
SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

IS 11:1-10
ROM 15:4-9
MT 3:1-12

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- Nov 26.....Bill Long
- Nov 27.....Bob Blatt
- Dec 3.....Bill Frank
- Dec 4.....Jill Schumacher
- Dec 7.....Catherine Paulus
- Dec 8.....Becky Baldwin
- Dec 10.....Steve Burkhart
- Dec 11.....Tom Dick
- Dec 17.....Bill Long
- Dec 18.....Becky Baldwin
- Dec 24.....Steve Burkhart
- Dec 25.....Jill Schumacher
- Dec 31.....Catherine Paulus

REMINDER: Knights of Columbus Meeting is scheduled for
December 14th



**St. Joseph of Monroe County,
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus
Sam 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, December 14th. Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. meeting to follow in Church basement

*Catholic Women's Club, No Meeting in December

