

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 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HB 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2TM 1:6-8, 13-14 LK 17:5-10

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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 5TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Lois Stephen *by Francis Block*

MONDAY **OCT 6TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY **OCT 7TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 5:30 p.m.
 Holy Hour 4:30 p.m.
 +Fred Ulrich *by Keith & Cindy Coss*

WEDNESDAY **OCT 8TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 Sick & Distressed *by Knights of Columbus*

THURSDAY **OCT 9TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Stella Crum *by Mary A. Crum*

FRIDAY (School Mass) **OCT 10TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Francis & Freeda Paulus
by Paulus & Rodgers

SATURDAY **OCT 11TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Barbara Duska *by Leslie Vrotney*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Dar Zwick *by Donnie & Janet Zwick*

SUNDAY **OCT 12TH**
St. 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

~SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE~

Former St. Sylvester Graduates, applying to
 Ohio University Eastern:
 The CRUM FAMILY Appreciation Scholarship.

1. Attended St. Sylvester Central
2. Request consideration from CRUM
 Family Scholarship
 On application, provide this
 "other information"

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7:00p.m. St. Sylvester Basement

**Adult Catechesis Class,
 Documents of Vatican II**

7:00 p.m.

This Week at St. John's Hall

Our Sunday Offering
 September 27 - September 28

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 500.00
Loose Collection	\$ 203.00
Education Fund	\$ 55.00
Starter Set	\$ 70.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 25.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 10.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 3,133.00
Loose Collection	\$ 176.00
Candle Fund	\$ 64.00
School Fund	\$ 195.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Seminar Retreat	\$ 200.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Starter Set	\$ 210.00

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

**\$5 Raffle Ticket for the victims of the
 Orphan Well Disaster
 Remington Weckbacher, Chazz
 Bates & Christopher Pinkerton**

Prizes:

- 1st: Gift Card Tree
- 2nd: Tailgater's Cooler (Cooler filled w/Football
 themed gifts)
- 3rd: 19.5" Stainless Steel Smokeless Wood Burning
 Fire Pit
- 4th: Coffee Lover's Basket

Drawing On October 11th

Contact: Madison Morisco 740-213-8296
 Kaitlin Kinney 740-213-3045

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 \$14,329
Goal Received \$6,209

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
Rebeca 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,

I want to thank those of you who have already updated your giving in response to the Increased Offertory Parish Campaign. Some of you have responded very generously. But many parishioners, sadly have not responded at all. In fact, those who haven't responded are, in many cases, those who have not been giving currently. And it is to those who have not been giving in particular that I address this note.

On the one hand, we all have expectations of the Church: The Church, like any institution we benefit from, provides goods and services. The Church should also provide a priest whenever we need one, for Mass, confessions, counseling, sacramental preparation, Christian burial, anointing of the sick, communion calls etc. etc. The Church should also be a center of community activity and serve as the host for community functions, the most important of these being the Sacred Liturgy.

We want our church to give to us. Can we reasonably expect this without giving back?

St. Paul, in innumerable places in the New Testament, compares the Church to "the Body of Christ (see Colossians 1:8, Ephesians 1:22, etc.)." How is a body supposed to function when some of its parts are numb? The head may want to go somewhere, but if the feet are asleep, the body won't go far!

I don't want to criticize those who are already giving and have pledged to give more. The difficulty is with those who are not giving at all. I don't want to be mean, but I do have to be frank. This is a problem. And it is a problem that these parishes face in a profound way compared with other parishes. As I have alluded to before, I would not have been approached by the Diocese to start this campaign if we weren't having issues!

I want to encourage you, as a father to his children, as to the importance of giving and "giving back." I once overheard my own father speaking to his younger brother on this subject. My uncle Scott was asking my dad for advice on raising his own children. My dad told him that one of the most important things he tried to instill into his children was the concept of "giving back."

This left a lasting impression on me. For this reason, I have quoted to you often the Psalm which is closest to my heart: "How can I make a return to the Lord, who has done so much for me?... I will sacrifice and make my offering to you (Psalm 116)."

God wants to do much for us. The Church wants to do much for us too. I personally would like to do much for you. But we need your help. These parishes, which I have come to love, and which are God's chosen instruments for the sanctification of His people in Monroe County, need your help. I know that the Diocese and the parishes often operate imperfectly, and are led by imperfect people. For many people, this is often cited as an excuse to withhold support, along with other grievances real or perceived. But our Lord, who Himself criticized the temple elite, also praised the example of the poor widow who gave money for the temple's upkeep (Mark 12:41-44). In light of Our Lord's example, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, as one of the precepts of the Church, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities (CCC 2043)."

It's your church, folks. If you want to keep it, you gotta keep it up.

Sincerely, In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

October 7th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Chrissy Ferguson

October 14th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Justin/Abby Friday
Robert/Steph Hartwell
Jenna Rosnick

SUNDAY BINGO

October 5th

Robyn Guiler
Aaron/Brandy Lucas
Missy Dean

October 12th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Aaron/Brandy Lucas
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN

October 7th

Julie Selmon
Dawn Kuhn

October 14th

St. John CWC

SUNDAY KITCHEN

October 5th

Louise Kress
Catherine Paulus

October 12th

Louise Kress
Kathy Singleton

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday OCTOBER 5TH TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HB 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2TM 1:6-8, 13-14
LK 17:5-10

**Monday
OCTOBER 6TH**
JON 1:1-2:2, 11
LK 10:25-37

**Tuesday
OCTOBER 7TH**
JON 3:1-10
LK 10:38-42

**Wednesday
OCTOBER 8TH**
JON 4:1-11
LK 11:1-4

**Thursday
OCTOBER 9TH**
MAL 3:13-20b
LK 11:5-13

**Friday
OCTOBER 10TH**
JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2
LK 11:15-26

**Saturday
OCTOBER 11TH**
JI 4:12-21
LK 11:27-28

Sunday OCTOBER 12TH TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2KGS 5:14-17
2TM 2:8-13
LK 17:11-19

2025 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 12,750.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 7,312.70

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 3,818.00

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

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- October 4....Steve Burkhart
- October 5....Tom Dick
- October 11...Catherine Paulus
- October 12...Becky Baldwin

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

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Who encouraged her husband, the king, to do every sort of evil?

ANSWER: Jezebel



**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, October 1st. 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, October 8th - 7:00p.m. @ Generations

