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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December 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MI 5:1-4a HEB 10:5-10 LK 1:39-45

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 Infirmed
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 St. Sylvester School @ 6:00p.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: Joseph Long

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) 472-5483
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. Michael Gossett: mgossett@diosteub.org

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
Father James M. Dunfee, Vicar General of the Diocese of Steubenville, (740) 282-3631 or e-mail jdunfee@diosteub.org.

Emergency Contact "When Fr. Tim Davison is out of town"
Assumption Church, Barnesville, Ohio, Fr. Dave Cornett
Rectory Office:(740) 425-2181 Cell: (740) 381-4415 or
St. Stephen Church, Caldwell, Ohio, Fr. Wayne Morris
Rectory Office: (740) 732-4129

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY **DEC 19TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.
+Debra Block *by Steven Hall*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
Vespers & Benediction

MONDAY **DEC 20TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
+Rosemary Schumacher *by Tony Schumacher*

TUESDAY **DEC 21ST**
St. John Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
+Ray & Inez Kemp *by Regina Knox*

WEDNESDAY **DEC 22ND**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (school mass) 8:30a.m.
+Williams Family *by Sandra Barnes*

THURSDAY **DEC 23RD**
St. John Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
8:00a.m. Holy Hour
+Mary Paulus *by Paulus Family*

FRIDAY **DEC 24TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
+Walter Knox *by Regina Knox*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
+Francis Schumacher *by Jennifer Winkler*

St. John Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00p.m.
+Joseph Block *by Eileen Miller*

SATURDAY **DEC 25TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
+Joe Gallagher *by Ron & Cathy Gallagher*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin Mass) 10:00a.m.
Greg Schaad Family

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
+Donald Miller *by Mary Rose Robison*

SUNDAY **DEC 26TH**
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
+Roger Elliott *by Toni Elliott*

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 2nd
St. John Baptist Church

We will have a pot-luck and Bingo following the 10:30am Mass in the St. John Hall

Please bring a covered dish as well as some prizes for the Bingo. January 2nd is the Feast of Epiphany when the three magi brought gifts to the newborn King. It seems like an appropriate day to celebrate with joy and get together as a community.

2021 Tax Deduction Statements

If interested in your tax deduction statement to be mailed to you in January you are to sign the sheet in the front entrance of the church.

Thank You!

Our Sunday Offering
for
December 11-12

St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	$ 1,320.00
Loose	$ 32.00
School Fund	$ 65.00
Building Fund	$ 20.00
Immaculate Cons	$ 58.00
Christmas Flower	$ 70.00
Retirement Nuns	$ 275.00
All Saints	$ 40.00
Christmas Offer	$ 500.00
Thanksgiving	$ 40.00
Human Develop	$ 40.00
Cemetery Fund	$ 100.00
World Mission	$ 40.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	$ 1,655.00
Loose Collection	$ 184.00
School Fund	$ 193.00
Christmas Flower	$ 90.00
Starter Set Fund	$ 50.00
Immaculate Con	$ 399.00
Retired Nuns	$ 325.00

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

This Week

Wednesday
St. Sylvester Church
Adoration
11:00a.m.—6:00p.m.
Rosary 6:00p.m.

2021 Diocesans/Parish Share Campaign

Reminder!

Thanks once again for your participation in this year's DPSC. If you've not yet turned in your pledge, please do so. You can place your pledge in the collection basket, or you can mail it directly to the diocese using the pre-addressed DPSC envelope. Additional pledge cards are available at the parish office and in the entrance to the church. You can also contribute to the **Amounts raised over the goal is returned back to the parishes.** Thank you for your support!

	Goal for 2021	Goal Received	
St. John Bosco	$ 1,942	2,955	%152
St. John the Baptist	$ 8,954	7,111	%79
St. Sylvester	$ 17,653	18,410	%104

In Loving Memory of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Debra Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Danny Betts
Billie Jean Elliott
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William H. Bolon
Robert M. Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Clarence & Dorothy Howell
Ralph & Ella Richter
Ruth Ellen Howell
Lawrence & Lucy Gallaher
James Gallaher
Andrew & Ova Howell
Clarence Smith
Thurman & Martha Smith
Charles & Susannah Richter
Lawrence M. Gallaher
Lawrence C. Gallaher
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Darrell Cline
Clara Rush
Raymond Baldwin
Grace Ann Joyce
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Imelda Scott
Herman & Hilda Burkhart
Monica Long
Roman & Clara Schumacher
Susan Schumacher Thomas
Deloris Knowlton
Cyril Burkhart
Joe Gallagher
Eunice Gallagher
William B. Schumacher
Meri C. Welsh
Ray & Rita Yontz
Vernon & Cinderella Butler
Eugene & Mary Louise Wells
Meri C Welsh
Ches & Freda Schafer
Betty Smith
Andrew & Ova Howell Family
Thurman & Martha Smith Family
Lawrenc & Lucy Gallaher Family
Charles & Suzann Richter Family
Debra Block
Jennylinde Sue Crum
Charles W. Smith
Donald W. Miller

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was pleased last Sunday, December 12th with the attendance at the Vespers service and I hope that we will have a good showing this Sunday, December 19th, the last Sunday of Advent. Vespers recited or sung together is such a nice way to round out the Sunday observance. And to top it off we have a moment after the Vespers to adore and praise the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Will you be able to be there this Sunday?

Our Mass schedule for this week is a little different. Usually I have Mass on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., but since we will be having the Christmas program at 7:00 p.m. I thought perhaps we should change the Mass to the morning at 8:30 a.m. instead. And on Wednesday, December 22nd we will have a school Mass at 8:30 a.m. since it will be the last day of school for this semester. The adoration will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday and extend until 6:00 p.m. when we will have the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and reposition in the tabernacle.

The rest of the schedule for the daily Masses will remain the same. Mass at St. John's on Tuesday and Thursday will be at 9:00 a.m. with the holy hour preceding starting at 8:00 a.m. and on Friday in the morning our Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's.

Then, in the evening before Christmas, December 24th there will be two Christmas Eve Masses. The first one will be at 5:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's and is geared toward the children. And at 8:00 p.m. the Mass will be at St. John's and the new choir will have its debut. On Christmas morning there will be two Masses as well. The first will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's and the second at 10:00 a.m. and will be a Latin sung Mass offered at St. Sylvester's as well.

In the evening of Christmas day our Saturday evening Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. and will be the Feast of the Holy Family. Confessions will also be heard as usual starting at 4:00 p.m. The Sunday Masses are at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester's and at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's.

The Octave of Christmas follows until January 1st, Feast of the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. The Mass schedule for December 27th through the 31st will be as usual but there will be a 7:00 p.m. Mass as well on December 31st to celebrate the Vigil of the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. December 31st is also the Patronal Feast of St. Sylvester's parish and so in the morning we will have some coffee and donuts down in the basement following the morning 8:30 a.m. Mass. I think it is important to celebrate Patronal Feast days as well as the anniversary of the dedication of our Churches. St.Sylvester's Feast Day falls on December 31st and it is only right that we make that day more joyful by our remembrance of his powerful intercession for the needs of our community.

On Saturday, January 1st there will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass because the Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. instead and will be celebrated in the beautiful Church of St. Joseph in Bellaire. The Mass will be a sung Latin Mass and people from Wheeling and other areas will be joining in the celebration of the Circumcision of Jesus and the official giving of His Holy Name. January 1st is one of our holy days of obligation but because it falls on a Saturday this year the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. However, I think it would be a great way to start the New Year if you were able to attend either the 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on December 31st at St. Sylvester's or the 11:00 a.m. Latin Mass at St. Joseph's in Bellaire.

I know this is a lot of information but perhaps if you just mark your calendars with these dates and times it will remind you to attend all that you can to make this a truly wonderful and spiritual experience.

Merry Christmas everyone and Happy New Year!!

Sincerely yours,

Father Timothy Davison

TUESDAY BINGO

December 14th
Monica Habig
Phillip/Chelsea Masters
James/Des Peters
Joella Urbanek
Mikey Habig

December 21st
Monica Habig
Lance LaFollette
Natalie/Chris Jeffers
Brooke Yontz
Gina Ball

SUNDAY BINGO

December 12th
Amanda Seevers
Nicole/Jon Wilson
Ted Babcock
Randall Sefert
Mickey Habig

December 19th
Amanda Seevers
Crystal/Lucas Cunningham
Casey/Natalie Bott
Tiffany/Sean Zeakes
Adam Chambers

TUESDAY KITCHEN

December 14th
Diane Burkhart
Sally LaFollette

December 21st
St John Baptist
CWC

SUNDAY KITCHEN

December 12th
Louise Kress
Sandy Barnes

December 19th
Louise Kress
Becky Bott

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Clarence Stephen	Luzelda Stephen	Lonnie Stephen	Herman Burkhart
Vernon Butler	Cinderella Butler	Eugene Wells	MaryLouise Wells
Pirl Family	Hilda Burkhart	Kenneth Robison	Leander Kuhn
Genevieve Kuhn	Elbert Betts	Zelda Betts	Delmas Betts
Lucy Betts	Carol Kuhn	Tom Dierkes	Jimmy Kuhn
Danny Betts	Martha Kuhn	Walter J Knox	Josephine Jack
Ken Knox	Ruthann Knox	Robert Miller Sr	Arba Lucas
Mary Lucas	Francis Block	Edith Block	Virgil Block
Joseph Block	Debra Block	Arthur L Miller	Ruth A Miller
David Miller	Kyle Rush	Robert Welsh	William Frank Sr.
Robert H Wilson	Richard L Frank	Blanche D Frank	Richard A Frank
Margaret H Wilson	Robert P Wilson	Virginia Wilson	Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus	Mary Paulus	Hilda Paulus	Archibald Griffith
Learrena Griffith	David Rodgers	Joseph Paulus	Margaret Paulus
George Kress	Martha Kress	Clarence Hoff	Helen Hoff
Clem Kress	Floyd Griffin	Roman Schumacher	Clara Schumacher
Deloris Knowlton	Rick Schumacher	Susan Thomas	Norma Matko
Don Freeman	Bessie A Freeman	Jerry Weiss	Goldie Weiss
Nelson Smithberger	Ella Smithberger	Shirley Perkins	Wayne Forshey
Francis Schumacher	Larry Okey	Myrna Minder	Schwartz Family
Tamasovich Family	James Kuhn	Paul Kuhn	Demes Biedenbach
Paul Conner	Barbara Conner	Cindy Miller Steven	Donald Miller
Joe Bates	Wes Hossman	Clara Hossman	Schwartz Family
Tamasovich Family			

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday
DECEMBER 19TH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MI 5:1-4a
HEB 10:5-10
LK 1:39-45

Monday
DECEMBER 20TH
IS 7:10-14
LK 1:26-38

Tuesday
DECEMBER 21ST
SG 2:8-14
LK 1:39-45

Wednesday
DECEMBER 22ND
1 SM 1:24-28
LK 1:46-56

Thursday
DECEMBER 23RD
MAL 3:1-4, 23-24
LK 1:57-66

Friday
DECEMBER 24TH
2 SM 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
LK 1:67-79

Saturday
DECEMBER 25TH
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
IS 62:1-5
ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25
MT 1:1-25

Sunday
DECEMBER 26TH
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
SIR 3:2-6, 12-14
COL 3:12-21
LK 2:41-52

St. Joseph of Monroe County,
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus
Joseph Long, 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 5th. Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. meeting to follow.

*Catholic Women's Club Meeting, Wednesday, January 12th @ 6:00 p.m. St. Sylvester School