

St. Sylvester, Woodfield
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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334 South Main Street
Woodfield, Ohio 43793-1027

JUNE 28, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2KGS 4:8-11, 14-16a ROM 6:3-4, 8-11 MT 10:37-42

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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: 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, Woodfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Robyn Guiler: Principal (740) 472-0321 ~ Preschool (740) 472-0420

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodfield: 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 JUNE 28TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Francis & Edith Block by *Sony Block Family*

MONDAY JUNE 29TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Joe A. Dick by *Holly Dick*

TUESDAY JUNE 30TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory by *Regina Garfold*

WEDNESDAY JULY 1ST
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Knight of Columbus Members 5009

THURSDAY JULY 2ND
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Phyllis Krone by *David & Mattie Krone*

FRIDAY JULY 3RD
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Hilda & Mary Paulus by *Paulus & Rodgers Family*

SATURDAY JULY 4TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Monica Habig by *CWC*

SUNDAY JULY 5TH
Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Paul Madison by *Susan Yonak*

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

First Friday Mass & Devotions
5:30 p.m.

SCHOOL NEWS...

Religion Teacher Position

2026-2027 School Year
1st, 2nd, and 4th grade

THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE

On May 28th in the presence of God and His Sacred Minister, following a thorough examination of both parties,

Rebecca S. Baldwin & Robert P. Crum

Were solemnly betrothed at
St. Sylvester Church in Woodsfield
They will be joined in Holy Matrimony at a Nuptial Mass to be held at St. Sylvester Church on September 5th 2026.

If anyone knows of any grave reason why these two should not be joined in marriage, please present yourself to Father Ward before the date of the marriage. Otherwise, forever hold your peace!

PETER PENCE COLLECTION

A world wide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See, and charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Please be generous.

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 21,000.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 4,997.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 3,869.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
Donations\$ 3,500.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 9,000.00
Donations\$ 2,300.00

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

Our Sunday Offering
June 20 - June 21

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection \$ 1,295.00
Loose Collection \$ 124.00
Education Fund \$ 30.00
Father's Day \$ 70.00
Cemetery Fund \$ 40.00
Building Fund \$ 15.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection \$ 2,616.00
Loose Collection \$ 315.00
Education Fund \$ 120.00
Mass Request \$ 10.00
Father's Day \$ 218.00
Peter Pence \$ 20.00
Building Fund \$ 50.00
Cemetery Fund \$ 50.00

THANK YOU!!

for your continued support of our Parishes & School

**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.

Pilgrimage

Info Meeting
August 13th 7:00 p.m.
St. Sylvester Rectory

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 \$ 15,020.00
Goal Received \$ 7,125.00

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

Please know of my prayers for you while I am away on my annual canonical retreat. I have been staying with the Trappist monks of Gethsemani Abbey in Bardstown Kentucky, the former home of the famous twentieth century philosopher and priest Fr. Thomas Merton.

Merton says "Love seeks one thing only: the good of the one loved. It leaves all the other secondary effects to take care of themselves. Love, therefore, is its own reward."

This reminds me of the words of the Prophet Isaiah in our Gospel reading from this past Saturday, quoted by St. Matthew when speaking of Jesus: "He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases (Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:17)."

Jesus loves us completely unselfishly. He almost loves us to His detriment! What does Jesus get in return for his love but our constant disobedience and indifference to Him? What did He get in return except for the torments unleashed upon him in His passion? "I opened the Red Sea before you, and you opened my side with a lance..." The Lord's Most Sacred Heart, full of love for us, is truly a wounded heart; not that we could ever destroy Jesus who not even death could destroy, but we can wound Him. And how we do!

Jesus takes our infirmities from us, even at the risk of taking upon Himself the corruption of our human "diseases;" our hatred, our wickedness, our impurity and impudence. Not that he is transformed by these things, but only wounded as that Most Sacred Heart, which loves us so deeply, can be wounded.

Jesus is willing to suffer the "secondary effects," as Merton calls them, for the sake of loving us, which is its own reward for Him who seeks only to love. Jesus is only interested in loving us. Every other comfort and convenience is nothing to Him. Jesus knows that above all the treasures of this world, love is the greatest. And we, the objects of His love! How we are desired by Him.

How greatly we should love and desire Him whose Most Sacred Heart loves us so tenderly. We ought to, as St. Cyprian says, "Prefer nothing to Him who prefers nothing to us." Nothing is as precious in this world as the love of God. How can we fail to love Him in return?

The glory revealed to Christians is beyond words. God loves us! His heart overflows with compassion for sinners. There is nothing that our Jesus would not suffer for love of us, who did not fail even to descend to the netherworld for our sake.

And so, our gaze is still fixed on Our Lord's Sacred Heart, with wonder at the great love He has for us sinners. Help us to love you in return, Lord Jesus!

God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

July 7th

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Tyler Knowlton
Marcus/Alli Schumacher
Missy Dean

July 14th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
John Kemp
Missy Dean

SUNDAY BINGO

June 28th

Ace Guiler
Lori Pirl
Olivia Fisher
David/Jess Murphy

July 12th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Tyler/Tiff Schumacher
Heather Monroe
David/Jess Murphy

TUESDAY KITCHEN

July 7th

Julie Selmon

July 14th

St. John CWC

SUNDAY KITCHEN

June 28th

Louise Kress

July 12th

Louise Kress

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

Sunday

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ROM 6:3-4, 8-11

MT 10:37-42

Monday

JUNE 29TH

ACTS 3:1-10

GAL 1:11-20

JN 21:15-19

Tuesday

JUNE 30TH

AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12

MT 8:23-27

Wednesday

JULY 1ST

AM 5:14-15, 21-24

MT 8:28-34

Thursday

JULY 2ND

AM 7:10-17

MT 9:1-8

Friday

JULY 3RD

EPH 2:19-22

JN 20:24-29

Saturday

JULY 4TH

AM 9:11-15

MT 9:14-17

Sunday

JULY 5TH

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

ZEC 9:9-10

ROM 8:9, 11-13

MT 11:25-30

FATHER'S DAY...

IN MEMORY OF:

Francis "Fritz" Schumacher

Clarence E. Stephen

Harry Elliott

Francis Paulus

Arthur L. Miller

Joe Kuhn

Kenny Kuhn

Vernon Butler

Eugene Wells

Paul Madison, Sr

Walter Knox

Robert Miller, Sr

Kenneth Knox

Albert Garfold

Francis L. Block

Richard Passio, Sr

Joseph R. Pirl, Sr

Delmas Finnicum

Robert M Miller, Sr

Delmas Finnicum, Jr

Lawrence Miller

Walter Knox

Jim Partridge

Nelson Smithberger

Francis Stephen

Bill Schumacher

Roman Schumacher

George Demchak

Ernest Kachel

Clarence Hoff

George Kress

Francis Dimmerling

Everett Piatt

Francis Paulus

Victor Davidson

Donald Freeman

Jerry Weiss

Anthony Biedenbach

Joseph Dick

Earl Okey

Alden Husk

Paul Archer

Leander Kuhn

Elbert Betts

Herman Burkhart

Ty A. Burkhart

Leander Kuhn

Chavncey Coss

Clarence Clause

John S. Welsh

John Howard King

Norbert Burkhart

Harold Robinson

Kenneth L Meyer Sr.

Harmon Scott

Cletus Dick

IN HONOR OF:

George Richardson

Jeffrey Richardson

Dan Selmon

Kevin Lafferre

John Garfold

Tony Knox

Kyle Pitt

Justin Jack

Robert M Miller, Jr

Kiven Smithberger

Tom Schumacher

Brent Dick

Mike Knowlton

Delmas Betts

Keith Coss

Bob Crum

Mike Laubert

Matt Rehfus

Cody Lindeman

Dustin Brown

John Yocca

Mike Rehfus Sr.

Robert Haffner

Robert P Wilson

Raymond Baldwin

Ralph Buckalew

William Frank Sr.

Richard A Frank

Robert H Wilson

Richard L Frank



**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, July 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, July 8th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations