

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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Woodfield, Ohio 43793-1027

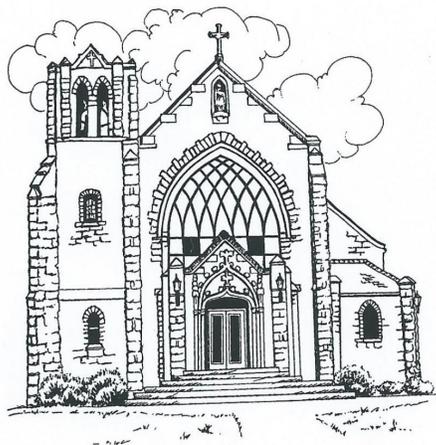
MARCH 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GN 12:1-4a 2TM 1:8b-10 MT 17:1-9

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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, 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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SUNDAY MARCH 1ST
 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

MONDAY MARCH 2ND
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Ray Baldwin by 5 Surviving Spouses

TUESDAY MARCH 3RD
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:30 a.m.
 +Kay Flowers by 5 Surviving Spouses

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
 School Penance Service 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Carol Schumacher by Knights of Columbus

THURSDAY MARCH 5TH
 St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Robert Higby by Hartwell Family

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 School Mass & Stations of the Cross
 +Judith Carpenter by John & Teresa Paulus

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 7TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Ruth Dunfee by Mary Karovic

St. Stephen Church, Caldwell
 Diocesan Men's Day of Renewal 8a.m.-3p.m.

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Danny Betts by Betts Family

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Phyllis Krone by Ron & Cathy Gallagher

OCIA

Every Thursday at 7:00p.m.
 location at St. Sylvester Church
 Basement

DPSC 2026

Your gifts to the DPSC bring to life all our diocesan ministries and services that go beyond what any parish can provide on its own, including seminarian, retired priests, schools & assistance to catholic charities.

The DPSC also provides support to our parishes, as 100% of funds raised above the goal are returned to your parish. Please prayerfully consider how to participate in this campaign.

Rite of Election Mass

Sunday, March 1st @ 2:00 p.m.

The Basilica of St. Mary in Marietta

OCIA Candidates, Catechumens and their sponsors should attend

FISH FRY

St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009

March 6
 March 20

4:00—6:00p.m. or until sold out

Serving a Coleman's Fish Dinner:
 Fried fish sandwich, baked potato,
 green beans, coleslaw & dessert

St Sylvester School Cafeteria
 Eat in or Carry out

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus charities & St. Sylvester Central School

Our Sunday Offering
 February 21 - February 22

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 915.00
Loose Collection	\$ 31.00
Education Fund	\$ 50.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 150.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 183.00
Mass Request	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 400.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,437.00
Loose Collection	\$ 291.00
Candle Fund	\$ 42.00
Education Fund	\$ 40.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 35.00
Propagation Faith	\$ 12.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 85.00
Mass Request	\$ 50.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 50.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 468.00

*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.

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 2026 beginning in January. \$15 each - donation— Mark memo as: "In memory of 2026"

2025 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: \$29,390
St. John The Baptist Goal: \$17,806

Goal Received \$21,259
Goal Received \$19,643

School Cancellation or Delayed for Snow Days Morning Masses to be rescheduled 12 noon @ St. Sylvester Church



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
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

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

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend I would like to focus on the second "Pillar of Lent," which is prayer. How can I reasonably write only a one-page letter on prayer? So much of scripture is dedicated to this topic and purpose, the communication and communion of God and man in prayer: "Let my prayer be like incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering (Psalm 141)," "O Lord, hear my prayer. In Your faithfulness, give ear to my supplications (Psalm 143)," "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith (Matt. 21:22)," "pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17)." When we pray humbly and simply, petitioning God for His graces and mercies, He hears us and delights in us.

Prayer is not only an opportunity to ask God for the various good things we need, and the things we desire for others. It is an opportunity to draw close to Him, to be *with* Him. Through **meditation**, we are invited to use our imagination to contemplate the glory of God, his majesty, the goodness of His law and His truth. In **contemplation**, we concentrate not so much on what we seek in prayer, but open ourselves up to receiving what God wants to show us. This requires us to approach God in humility and simplicity, to remove the barriers of concern and distraction and enter into the silence where God meets us. Not that the Lord always speaks to us: contemplation more often than not seeks as its goal, more than the answer to any petition of ours, the first basic and last perfect end of our whole being; simple union with God. Prayer does not need a utilitarian purpose, such as asking something from Him: Often, just being with Him is sufficient. Sometimes, we do not even need words! Consider what the great St. John Chrysostom has to say on prayer: "Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: "We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings."

This is the glory of the Transfiguration. Jesus and his friends ascend Mount Tabor to pray. The disciples receive a vision, and the voice of God is heard: "This is my beloved Son: Listen to Him."

I think most of us can testify to a point or time in our life where our prayers were answered, or how prayer changed our life or thinking in some way. Miraculous visions do happen, but they are rare: such revelations often serve a specific purpose and are entrusted to special recipients, such as the Apostles and mystic visionaries. But God does not need to manifest himself in his glory before us in order to speak with us or be with us. Often times he speaks to our hearts in whispers, as He once communicated with Elijah in "a still, silent sound (1 Kings 19:11)."

Especially in the context of Lent, prayer allows us to humble ourselves before God, rather than puff ourselves up before others. It allows us to focus on Him rather than on ourselves. It helps us to reorient our souls, which sin knocks off balance and off course. I hope that each of you take some time this Lent (and after) to experience this reorientation of mind and soul, to place yourself before God. Allow Him love and transform and heal you in the silence where you meet Him. Grant to him access to your innermost thoughts. Make Him the special and permanent guest of your soul. Let us place our focus on the Lord, and enter into His presence, so that even if he shows us no visions on earth, he will grant us our heart's desire by showing us the vision of His glory in Heaven.

God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

March 3rd

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Eric & Kendra Billiter

March 10th

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

SUNDAY BINGO

March 1st

Robyn Guiler
Olivia Fisher
David/Kasey Block
Gina Ball

March 8th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Justin Hogue
Missy Dean
Marissa Cole
Cody/Sam Miller
Sam/Megan Ward

TUESDAY KITCHEN

March 3rd

Julie Selmon
Dawn Kuhn

March 10th

St John CWC

SUNDAY KITCHEN

March 1st

Louise Kress
Sharon Kilburn

March 8th

Louise Kress
Kathy Singleton

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

**Sunday
MARCH 1ST
SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT**

GN 12:1-4a
2TM 1:8b-10
MT 17:1-9

**Monday
MARCH 2ND**
DN 9:4b-10
LK 6:36-38

**Tuesday
MARCH 3RD**
IS 1:10, 16-20
MT 23:1-12

**Wednesday
MARCH 4TH**
JER 18:18-20
MT 20:17-28

**Thursday
MARCH 5TH**
JER 17:5-10
LK 16:19-31

**Friday
MARCH 6TH**
GN 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a
MT 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday
MARCH 7TH**
MI 7:14-15, 18-20
LK 15:1-3, 33-32

**Sunday
MARCH 8TH
THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT**
EX 17:3-7
ROM 5:1-2, 5-8
JN 4:5-42

LECTOR READERS

February 28....Bill Frank

March 1....Jill Schumacher

March 7...Tammy Jones

March 8...Tom Dick

EASTER FLOWERS...

CLARENCE E. STEPHEN
LUZELDA E. STEPHEN
LONNIE T. STEPHEN
FRANCIS (FRITZ) SCHUMACHER
DEB SCHUMACHER

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