



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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**FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**GN 2:7-9, 3:1-7 1ROM 5:12-19 MT 4:1-11 (Page 635 Year A)**

**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](mailto: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 LENT**

**SUNDAY** FEB 26<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30a.m.  
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

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

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:00p.m.  
 Fr. John Eudes Brohl – *Talk on Mental Prayers*

**MONDAY** FEB 27<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30a.m.  
 +Joy Taylor *by Tom & Becky Stephen*

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:00p.m.  
 Fr. John Eudes Brohl – *Talk on Luctio Divina*

**TUESDAY** FEB 28<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00a.m.  
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
 +Luella Burkhardt *by Connie Richter*

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:00p.m.  
 Fr. John Eudes Brohl – *Talk on Hidden World of Angels*

**WEDNESDAY** MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:30 p.m..  
 Paul Vensil *by Yonak Family*

**THURSDAY** MARCH 2<sup>RD</sup>  
**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg** 9:00a.m.  
 Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
 Nancy Healey *by Tom & Becky Stephen*

**FRIDAY** MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass)** 8:30a.m.  
 +Rosemary Schumacher *by Mike & Missy Knowlton*

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 6:00p.m.  
 Stations of the Cross

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 7:00p.m.  
 +William Calvert *by Samuel Seamon*

**SATURDAY** MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin Mass)** 8:30a.m.  
 Greg Schaad Family

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 5:00p.m.  
 +Kimberly Sefert

**SUNDAY** MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>  
**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield** 8:30a.m.  
 +Joy Taylor *by Lois Stephen*

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

# FISH FRY

**St. Sylvester School Cafeteria**  
**Eat In or Carry Out**

**March 10th & March 24th**  
**4:00p.m.—6:00p.m.**  
**or until sold out**

Coleman Fish Sandwich Dinner - Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw & Dessert  
 \$12.00

Coleman Fish Sandwich Only \$6.00

*Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities & St. Sylvester Central School*

**Our Sunday Offering**  
 for  
 FEB 18 - FEB 19

**St. John the Baptist**  
 Adult Collection \$ 660.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 50.00  
 School Fund \$ 60.00  
 Candle \$ 299.00  
 First Offering \$ 5.00  
 Priest Retirement \$ 120.00  
 Eastern Europe \$ 50.00  
 Propagation Faith \$ 130.00  
 Cemetery Fund \$ 100.00  
 Ozark Cemetery \$ 50.00  
 Mass Request \$ 20.00

**St. Sylvester**  
 Adult Collection \$ 2,052.00  
 Loose Collection \$ 27.00  
 School Fund \$ 275.00  
 Candle \$ 51.00  
 Religious Retire \$ 20.00  
 Starter Set Fund \$ 70.00  
 Easter Flowers \$ 10.00  
 Mass Request \$ 265.00  
 Building Fund \$ 115.00  
 In Memory of \$ 15.00  
 Eastern Europe \$ 40.00  
 Pro of Faith \$ 215.00

## DPSC Announcement...

You may have received a letter from Bishop Monforton asking you to consider your contribution to this year's DPS Campaign. Pledge Sunday that will take place on March 12th. We are called to take an active part in life and mission of the Church. Your gift to the DPSC helps to educate seminarians (your future priests), care for retired priests, offer administrative support for Catholic Schools, train catechists, fund youth ministry activities, provide a voice for news, evangelization and church teaching, promote the sanctity of life, assist those most in need through catholic charities, and much more. Please keep this in mind when donating.

*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.

### CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP

It is that time of year again. Please remove any grave blankets from the graves. Any flowers or decorations in the cemetery, should be attached to the tombstones and off the ground to make it easier for those who take care of the lawns. Thank you

Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Ozark is needing donations toward the Cemetery Lawn Care. We have not received any donations since March of 2022. If anyone would like to donate please send to our church office marked:  
*Immaculate Conception Cemetery.*

Thanks

We would like to Thank everyone for the donations toward the Care of our Cemeteries

**KEEP IT GROWING!**



### John & Blanche Mussio Scholarship

If interested 2023 applications are available in our office.

***In Loving Memory of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Deb Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Francis & Freeda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Herman Burkhart  
Hilda Burkhart  
Madeline Mellinger  
Raymond Baldwin  
Alice & Ralph Buckalew  
Grace Joyce  
Joe Fillippi  
Wes & Clara Hossman  
Cindy Miller Stevens  
Donald Miller  
Larry Krone  
Joy Taylor  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William Bolon  
Danny Betts  
Billie Jean Elliott  
Meri C. Welsh  
Norbert Burkhart  
Agnes Burkhart  
Francis Reishman  
Hazel Reishman  
Robert M. Miller Sr.  
Walter Knox  
Josephine Jack  
Terri Gordon  
Joe & Eunice Gallagher  
Cyril Burkhart  
Harry & Lucille Elliott  
Monica Long  
Francis & Edith Block  
Virgil Block  
Joe & Debbie Block  
Gladys (babe) Burkhart  
William B. Schumacher  
Michael, Bertha &  
Rebeca Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
Jim Scott  
Thelma Scott  
Harmon Scott  
Darrell Cline  
Clara Rush  
Virgil Rush  
Francis Stephen  
Carol Moore  
Roman & Clara Schumacher  
Susan Thomas Schumacher  
Rick Schumacher  
Deloris Knowlton  
Cinderella Butler  
Vernon Butler  
Wayne Forshey

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are already arriving at the end of February!! March 1<sup>st</sup> is on Wednesday of this week. We are into Lent for a week already. I hope that these special days will help us all to be renewed in our holy faith.

**PARISH MISSION**

Speaking of renewal of the faith, this weekend (Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>) Father Eudes will be with us at each of the weekend Masses and will preach the homily. Father Eudes is a member of the Canons of the Holy Cross located in Carrollton, Ohio. I invited him to come to our parishes here in Monroe County and help us as we begin Lent. In addition to the homilies at our weekend Masses Father Eudes will also give a series of talks starting on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. His talk will be about mental prayer. And then on Monday and Tuesday he will give an additional two talks, on Monday the theme will be Lectio Divino and on Tuesday evening, the hidden world of the angels. These talks will also be at 6:00 p.m. and will occur at St. Sylvester's parish. We have provided a flier in the bulletin for the last couple of Sundays for your convenience. Father Eudes will also celebrate Mass on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at St. Sylvester and on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Miltonsburg. After each of the talks confessions will be available. This is a great opportunity and I'll be sorely disappointed if we don't take advantage of it.

**Quote on Suffering**

"If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint." (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

**Quote on the Eucharist**

"The best example of participation at the Holy Sacrifice is given us at the foot of the cross by the most Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Evangelist and St. Mary Magdalene with the pious women. To assist at Mass is very much like being at Calvary. The Servant of God, Pope John Paul II, in a discourse to youth, made this simple, moving statement: 'to go to Mass means to go to Calvary to meet Him, our Redeemer.' A meeting of love and sorrow with Jesus Crucified----this is participation at Holy Mass."

**First Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

This coming Friday will be the First Friday of March. We will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. and the Mass of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 p.m. followed by prayers of adoration until about 9:00 p.m. Come and join us, please.

**First Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

First Saturday is this coming Saturday and as usual we will have a Mass at 8:30 a.m. in Latin. Preceding the Mass at 7:30 a.m. we will pray the rosary in Latin and have a time of meditation afterwards. Confessions will be held during that time as well. Please come and join us.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Timothy Davison

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**February 28th**

Brenda Fisher  
Monica Habig  
Anna Lang  
Tom Stephen  
Jenna Rosnick  
Angie LaFollette

**March 7th**

Sam Schumacher  
Monica Habig  
Jennifer Caretti  
Jess Knowlton  
Gene Hupp  
Melissa Miller

**March 14th**

Jason Winkler  
Monica Habig  
Brooke Yontz  
Jani Wheeler  
Adrienne Shelton  
Nick Murdy

**March 21st**

Brenda Fisher  
Monica Habig  
Jenna Rosnick  
Andy Schumacher  
Tyler Schumacher  
JC/Stacey Sharp

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**February 26th**

Sean Edgell  
Ashley Guiler  
Crystal Cunningham  
Aaron Brown  
Marissa Cole  
Adam Chambers

**March 5th**

Sam Schumacher  
Robyn Guiler  
Gina Ball  
Brandy Lucas  
Dugan/Cassie Demchak  
John/Casey Kemp

**March 12th**

Sam Schumacher  
Robyn Guiler  
Carey Bott  
Tony Schumacher  
Sean/Tiff Zeakes  
David Barnhardt

**March 19th**

Robyn Guiler  
Missy Knowlton  
Crystal Cunningham  
Evan/Johnna Yoss  
Nicole Wilson  
Brandy Lucas

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**February 28th**

Missy Knowlton  
Susie Yonak

**March 7th**

Missy Knowlton  
Sara Yonak

**March 14th**

St John CWC

**March 21st**

Missy Knowlton  
Tammy Jones

**March 28th**

Missy Knowlton  
Dawn Dierkes

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**February 26th**

Louise Kress  
Jess Knowlton

**March 5th**

Louise Kress  
Phyllis Demchak

**March 12th**

Louise Kress  
Michelle Speelman

**March 19th**

Louise Kress  
Jill Schumacher

**March 26th**

Louise Kress  
Sandy Barnes

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday**

**FEB 26<sup>TH</sup>**

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ROM 5:12-19

MT 4:1-11

**Monday**

**FEB 27<sup>TH</sup>**

LV 19:1-2, 11-18

MT 25:31-46

**Tuesday**

**FEB 28<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 55:10-11

MK 6:7-15

**Wednesday**

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

JON 3:1-10

LK 11:29-32

**Thursday**

**MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25

MT 7:7-12

**Friday**

**MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

EZ 18:21-28

MK 5:20-26

**Saturday**

**MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

DT 26:16-19

MT 5:43-48

**Sunday**

**MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**SECOND SUNDAY**

**OF LENT**

GN 12:1-4a

2 TM 1:8b-10

MT 17:1-9

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

Feb 25.....Robert Blatt

Feb 26.....Bill Long

March 4.....Bill Frank

March 5.....Jill Schumacher

March 11.....Steve Burkhart

March 12.....Tom Dick

March 18.....Catherine Paulus

March 19.....Becky Baldwin

March 25.....Robert Blatt

March 26.....Bill Long

**EASTER FLOWERS**



Clarence Stephen  
Luzelda Stephen  
Lonnie T. Stephen  
Katy Madison

Billie Elliott



**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, March 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, Wednesday, March 8th @ Generations 7:00p.m.

