



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

[www.monroecountycatholic.org](http://www.monroecountycatholic.org)

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**DECEMBER 4, 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**IS 11:1-10 ROM 15:4-9 MT 3:1-12**

### **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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SUNDAY** DEC 4<sup>TH</sup>

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.

+Joy Taylor by Tony & Cindy Schumacher

**MONDAY** DEC 5<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30p.m.

+Edward Rensi by Joan & Cindy Schieder

**TUESDAY** DEC 6<sup>TH</sup>

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.

Holy Hour 8:00a.m.

+Ann Hinderlong by Becky Bott

**WEDNESDAY** DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:00p.m.

Knights of Columbus

**THURSDAY** DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield(School Mass) 8:30a.m.

+Freda Dick by Yonak Family

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 6:00p.m.

Holy Hour 5:00p.m.

+Helen & Francis Burkhart, Lawrence Crock,  
Robert Crock, Wilma Burkhart, Hazel May,  
& Betty Doty by Linda Swallie

**FRIDAY** DEC 9<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30a.m.

+Mary & Hilda by Paulus & Rodgers Family

**SATURDAY** DEC 10<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin Mass) 7:00a.m.

Fr. Ty Thompson & Intentions

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.

+Darlene Zwick by Donnie & Janet Zwick Fam

**SUNDAY** DEC 11<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.

+Imelda Darlene Scott

by Eugene & Christina Scott

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.

Living & Deceased of our Parishes

## ST SYLVESTER CWC

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15th @ Generations

5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. Social Hour,

Dinner to Follow

St. John The Baptist Catholic Women are  
welcome to come celebrate also!

Reservations required...

Call Diane Burkhart 740-391-0391 or

Louise Kress 757-474-5922

Drinks, Food, Fun, Auction and don't forget to  
bring your \$20 exchange gift



## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 4th following the 10:30a.m. Mass  
@ St John's Hall

Bring Covered Dish & Bingo Prize

### POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Following 7:00 a.m. Saturday Mass @ St Sylvester  
Everyone Welcome!

## ST. SYLVESTER/ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

If interested in a copy of your church donations from 2022 for your tax de-  
duction, please sign your name on the list at the front of the church en-  
trance. Your copy will be sent to you in the beginning of January 2023

### 2022 DPSC Share Campaign

Thanks again for your participation this year DPSC. If you have not pledged, please do so. You can place your pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to the diocese using the address DPSC envelope or online at [www.Give.Diocese.org](http://www.Give.Diocese.org) Your sacrificial gifts enable the diocese 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.

St. Sylvester Goal: \$20,896 Goal Received \$ 19,195

St. John The Baptist Goal: \$11,308 Goal Received \$ 9,325

Our Sunday Offering  
for  
NOV 26-NOV 27

### St. John the Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 855.00
Loose Collection	\$ 2.00
School Fund	\$ 60.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 85.00
World Mission	\$ 10.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
Human Develop	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00

### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,992.00
Loose Collection	\$ 135.00
School Fund	\$ 190.00
Prayer Request	\$ 440.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 282.00
First Offering	\$ 5.00
Imm Conception	\$ 25.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 25.00
Nuns Retirement	\$ 25.00
Human Devel	\$ 37.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flower	\$ 45.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

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.

***In Loving Memory of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Debra Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Danny Betts  
Paul Madison  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Rosemary Schumacher  
Roman Schumacher  
Clara Schumacher  
Rick Schumacher  
Susan Schumacher Thomas  
Deloris Knowlton  
Robert M. Miller Sr.  
Walter Knox  
Francis Paulus  
Freeda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William Bolon  
Herman Burkhart  
Hilda Burkhart  
Darrell Cline  
Clara Rush  
Virgil Rush  
Norbert Burkhart  
Agnes Burkhart  
Francis Reischman  
Hazel Reischman  
Monica Long  
Michael & Bertha Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
George Block  
William B. Schumacher  
Madeline Mellinger  
Imelda Scott  
Billie Elliott  
Cindy Miller Stevens  
Donald Miller  
Arthur Biedenbach  
Amy Biedenbach  
Walter Schumacher  
Madeline Schumacher  
Ray Baldwin  
Ralph & Alice Buckalew  
Grace Ann Joyce  
Eunice Gallagher  
Joe Gallagher  
Cyril Burkhart  
Jim Scott  
Thelma Scott  
Harmon Scott  
Paul Ring  
Joe Fillippi

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

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As we travel through this holy season of Advent our hearts await with growing anticipation the solemn Feast of Christmas. Our desire is that Christ be born anew in our hearts and in the hearts of the whole world. The terrible tragedy of war and the suffering of so many people who do not have enough to eat and drink rightly distresses us. Our Christmas wish is that there be peace among the nations and a deep respect for the dignity of every human being. The fact that God chose to assume our mortal nature is a profound statement of our inherent goodness. God created our nature so that it would be compatible with His divine nature. We rejoice in the fact that He wants us to share eternal happiness with Him. And so the birth of Christ has so many implications concerning our dignity that we could spend much time contemplating this great mystery of our faith. And indeed this season of Advent affords us that opportunity if we slow down and look for quiet time in our busy lives.

Our Blessed Mother reflected profoundly on the mystery of Christ and as disciples of the Lord Jesus we too should reflect on Him Who is our Life and our Salvation. Advent is a Marian season because She gave Him his human nature. She was prepared by God in a special way to be the God-bearer of our salvation. And so even from her very conception she was kept free from the contagion of sin that every human being inherits on coming into this world. She is the Immaculate Conception and we honor her this Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate this great Feast which is a holy day of obligation. Our special Mass schedule will be as follows: On Wednesday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup> our Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. at St. Sylvester's following the all day Eucharistic Adoration that we have each Wednesday. Usually the Mass is at 6:30 p.m. but this Wednesday it will be at 6:00 p.m. The Eucharist will be reposed about ten minutes before the Mass starts. On Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> we will have the school Mass at 8:30 a.m. and then finally at 6:00 p.m. we will have Mass at St. John the Baptist. And so there are three Masses scheduled for the Holy Day of Obligation.

On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a special Latin Traditional Mass offered at 7:00 a.m. at St. Sylvester's. It is called the "rorate caeli" Mass celebrating Mary as the dawn of our salvation. The Mass is celebrated with candle light and begins when it is still dark outside. Then, as the Mass progresses and the morning sky begins to light up we are reminded that Mary brought into the world Christ Who is the Light of the world. The Mass will be sung in Latin but of course the readings will be read in English at the time of the homily. A missal is very helpful since it has all of the prayers and readings translated into English side by side with the Latin. I have a couple of new missals if anyone is interested in purchasing one. Following the Mass there will be a pot luck breakfast in the basement of St. Sylvester's.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you as you continue the journey to Christmas. May He be born anew in our lives.

Yours,

Father Timothy Davison

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**December 6th**

Sam Schumacher  
Monica Habig  
Nick Murdy  
Jenna Rosnick  
Jess Knowlton  
Jason Weiss

**December 13th**

Jason Winkler  
Monica Habig  
Jessica Knowlton  
Tyler Knowlton  
Angie LaFollette  
Tom Stephen

**December 20th**

Brenda Fisher  
Monica Habig  
Anna Lang  
Adrienne Shelton  
JC/Stacy Sharp  
Nick Murdy

**December 27th**

Brenda Fisher  
Monica Habig  
Jess Knowlton  
Jennifer Caretti  
Melissa Miller  
Angie LaFollette

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**December 4th**

Sam Schumacher  
Robyn Guiler  
Kara Dixon  
Carey Bott

**December 11th**

Jason Winkler  
Monica Habig  
Kara Dixon  
Dorothy Rentz

**December 18th**

Robyn Guiler  
Missy Knowlton  
Nathan/Rachel Arden  
Dugan/Cassie  
Demchak  
Crystal Cunningham

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**Dec 6th**

Missy Knowlton  
Angie LaFollette

**Dec 13th**

St. John CWC

**Dec 20th**

Missy Knowlton  
Becky Bott

**Dec 27th**

Missy Knowlton  
Sally LaFollette

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**Dec 4th**

Louise Kress  
Michelle Speelman

**Dec 11th**

Louise Kress  
Rita Biedenbach

**Dec 18th**

Louise Kress  
Jill Schumacher

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday**

**DEC 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF**

**ADVENT**

IS 11:1-10

ROM 15:4-9

MT 3:1-12

**Monday**

**DEC 5<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 35:1-10

LK 5:17-26

**Tuesday**

**DEC 6<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 40:1-11

MT 18:12-14

**Wednesday**

**DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 40:25-31

MT 11:28-30

**Thursday**

**DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>**

GN 3:9-15, 20

EPH 1:3-6, 11-12

LK 1:26-38

**Friday**

**DEC 9<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 48:17-19

MT 11:16-19

**Saturday**

**DEC 10<sup>TH</sup>**

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11

MT 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday**

**DEC 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**THIRD SUNDAY**

**OF ADVENT**

IS 35:1-6a, 10

JAS 5:7-10

MT 11:2-11

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

Dec 3.....Bill Frank

Dec 4.....Jill Schumacher

Dec 7.....Catherine Paulus

Dec 8.....Becky Baldwin

Dec 10.....Steve Burkhart

Dec 11.....Tom Dick

Dec 17.....Bill Long

Dec 18.....Becky Baldwin

Dec 24.....Steve Burkhart

Dec 25.....Jill Schumacher

Dec 31.....Catherine Paulus



**Christmas Flowers in Honor of:**

Deloris Knowlton  
Roman & Clara Schumacher  
Rosemary Schumacher  
Alden & Betty Husk  
Nelson & Ella Smithberger

Susan Thomas  
Rick Schumacher  
Earl & Dessie Okey  
Francis Schumacher  
Shirley Perkins



**REMINDER:** Knights of Columbus Meeting is scheduled for December 14th

**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, December 14th. Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. meeting to follow in Church basement

\*Catholic Women's Club, No December Meeting

