

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield**  
founded 1866

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg**  
founded 1841

*Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville*

# **The Monroe County Catholic Churches**

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

334 South Main Street  
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**NM 21:4b-9 PHIL 2:6-11 JN 3:13-17**

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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](mailto: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, Woodsfield, Ohio.

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

## **Catholic Cemeteries**

**St. Sylvester** Woodsfield: 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](mailto: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

SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
+Ray Baldwin by Becky Baldwin

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

### MONDAY

SEPT 15<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
+Irene & Delmas Finnicum by Regina Garfold

### TUESDAY

SEPT 16<sup>TH</sup>

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
+Bill Miller by David & Mattie Krone

### WEDNESDAY

SEPT 17<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus 5009 Members

### THURSDAY

SEPT 18<sup>TH</sup>

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
+Lois Stephen by Carolyn Miller

### FRIDAY

(School Mass)

SEPT 19<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
+Bill Calvert by Shannon Boleer

West Wood Place, Woodsfield 10:00 a.m.  
+Betty Gdovin

### SATURDAY

SEPT 20<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
Salvations of our Souls

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.  
+Deb Schumacher by Perry Schumacher

### SUNDAY

SEPT 21<sup>ST</sup>

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.  
+Ty Burkhart by Todd & Niki Burkhart

## ~SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE~

Former St. Sylvester Graduates, applying to  
Ohio University Eastern:  
The CRUM FAMILY Appreciation Scholarship.

1. Attended St. Sylvester Central
2. Request consideration from CRUM Family Scholarship  
On application, provide this  
"other information"

## OCIA

Every Thursday at 7:00p.m. beginning  
September 18th in the Rectory

### Adult Catechesis Class, Documents of Vatican II

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning  
September 16th in the Rectory:  
38867 Briar Ridge Rd

Our Sunday Offering  
September 6 - September 7

### St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,077.00
Loose Collection	\$ 99.00
Education Fund	\$ 110.00
Oil Royalties	\$ 11.88

### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,917.00
Loose Collection	\$ 258.00
School Fund	\$ 240.00
Building Fund	\$ 136.00
Starter Set	\$ 200.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1,958.70

*Thank You for  
your continued  
support of our  
Parishes & School*

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

All school children 1st—8th grade  
St. Sylvester and Public schools  
Religion Classes

*Sign up begins now.*

### St. Sylvester Church

Classes begin in September  
Contact Jill Schumacher  
740-213-4665

### St. John The Baptist

Classes begin September 21, 2025  
at the Church on Sunday's — 9:30a.m.  
Contact Eileen Ackerman  
740-757-2481

### 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.

## PARISHIONERS...

Anyone needing  
"The Steubenville  
Register"  
mailed to your home,  
contact Jennifer  
740-472-0187

THANK YOU !!

For all the donations toward the  
Care of our Cemeteries

**KEEP IT GROWING!**

## 2025 DPSC Share Campaign

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 \$13,529  
Goal Received \$5,705

***In Loving Memory Of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Deb Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Charles & Mary Hunkler  
Donald & Lois Stephen  
Michael E. Koval  
Norma H. Koval  
Herman Burkhart  
Hilda Burkhart  
Madeline Mellinger  
Billie Jean Elliott  
Harry & Lucille Elliott  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William Bolon  
Meri C Welsh  
Raymond Baldwin  
Alice & Ralph Buckalew  
Grace Ann Joyce  
Joe Fillippi  
Ty A. Burkhart  
Darrell & Charlotte Cline  
Clara Rush  
Virgil Rush  
Francis & Edith Block  
Virgil Block  
Joe & Debbie Block  
Gladys (babe) Burkhart  
Jimmy Norris  
Mary Ellen Barber Norris  
Quinn Kahrig  
Danny Betts  
Edward Rensi  
Vernon Butler  
Cinderella Butler  
Francis Stephen  
Carol Moore  
Imelda D. Scott  
Francis Paulus  
Freeda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Michael Burkhart  
Bertha Burkhart  
Rebeca Burkhart  
Robert Miller Sr.  
Walter Knox  
Josephina Jack  
Lawrence Crock  
Helen Burkhart  
Francis Burkhart  
Wes & Clare Hossman  
Donald Miller  
Larry Krone  
Joy Taylor  
Cindy Miller Stevens  
Norbert Burkhart  
Agnes Burkhart  
Tina Burkhart Muffett  
Francis Reischman  
Hazel Reischman  
Harold Robinson  
Ellen Robinson  
Cyril Burkhart  
Eunice Gallagher  
Joe Gallagher  
Thelma Scott  
Harmon Scott  
Jimmy Scott  
Richard Scott  
Delores Quarles  
Carol Lumbatis  
Richard J. Sobocinski  
Fr. Samuel Saprano

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

Dear Parishioners,

It is very hard sometimes not to get caught up in the news cycle, which can often depress and frustrate us more than actually inform us, but I can't help but be shaken by all the violence happening around us in our country, with the school shooting in Minneapolis, to the bus stabbing in Charlotte, and now the assassination of conservative pundit Charlie Kirk.

The increase of violence is a sad but predictable outcome of the polarization of our society. It is also the result, I firmly believe, of the abandonment of faith.

Our Country was established on rational principles: limited government, responsible use of freedom, freedom of expression and belief. But our country was established also on principles which were enshrined in Christianity long before they were written in our Constitution, such as the belief in the dignity of every human being, the importance of love of neighbor, the essential requirements of mercy and justice.

As was sadly discovered our ancient progenitors in faith, i.e. the Israelites, there are consequences for abandoning God. This isn't just on account of God's wrath: the simple truth is, if we remove God from society, our society will collapse.

I think we are witnessing a great deal with this, not just in society, but also in its microcosm, the family. We wonder why families are so disjointed and dysfunctional, but no one thinks to blame the lack of prayer, the lack of faith, the lack of reverence, the lack of appreciation for even basic duties with regard to worship. We have taken God for granted, or otherwise have chosen to live without Him. Should we be surprised when all around us is chaos?

And yet in the midst of chaos, Christ calls us to be a light in the darkness. He never promised us an easy go of life; on the contrary! He told us to be salt and light to the world; that He was sending us out as lambs among wolves, and that we would have to carry our crosses after Him.

On this Sunday the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, let us pray that Christ's own example of selfless love demonstrated on the Cross may be our inspiration for loving and serving others as well, especially in the face of murderous hatred and persecution.

"Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, 'Peace to you' – please grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all". – Prayer for peace, Pope St. John XXIII

God bless you all!

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

**TUESDAY BINGO****September 16th**

Donna Robinson  
Brenda Fisher  
Christy Ferguson

**September 23rd**

Susie Cunion  
Brenda Fisher  
Uriah/Lindee Wilson

**SUNDAY BINGO****September 14th**

Missy Knowlton  
Terry Schumacher  
Jess McKelvey

**September 21st**

Missy Knowlton  
Robyn Guiler  
Aaron/Brandy Lucas  
Missy Dean

**TUESDAY KITCHEN****September 16th**

Marcia Shipp  
Julie Selmon

**September 23rd**

Missy Knowlton  
Louise Kress

**SUNDAY KITCHEN****September 14th**

Louise Kress  
Mary Bolon

**September 21st**

Louise Kress  
Jill Schumacher

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week****Sunday****SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
THE EXALTATION OF  
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**Monday****SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

1TM 2:1-8  
JN 19:25-27

**Tuesday****SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

1TM 3:1-13  
LK 7:11-17

**Wednesday****SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

1TM 3:14-16  
LK 7:31-35

**Thursday****SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

ITM 4:12-16  
LK 7:36-50

**Friday****SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

1TM 6:2c-12  
LK 8:1-3

**Saturday****SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

1TM 6:13-16  
LK 8:4-15

**Sunday****SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>****TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

AM 8:4-7  
1TM 2:1-8  
LK 16:1-13

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

Sept 13.....Catherine Paulus  
Sept 14.....Becky Baldwin  
Sept 20.....Tammy Jones  
Sept 21.....Bill Long

**\$5 Raffle Ticket for the victims of  
the Orphan Well Disaster  
Remington Weckbacher, Chazz  
Bates & Christopher Pinkerton**

**Prizes:**

1st: Gift Card Tree

2nd: Tailgater's Cooler (Cooler filled w/Football  
themed gifts)

3rd: 19.5" Stainless Steel Smokeless Wood  
Burning Fire Pit

4th: Coffee Lover's Basket

**Drawing On October 11th**

Contact: Madison Morisco 740-213-8296  
Kaitlin Kinney 740-213-3045

**2025 Cemetery Lawn Care**

St. Sylvester Cost .....\$ 12,750.00

Lawn Care Donations .....\$ 7,212.70

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00

Donations .....\$ 3,808.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00

Donations .....\$ 2,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 10,050.00

Donations .....\$ 720.00

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

Donations .....\$ 500.00

**PURGATORY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

Registered to be a member of our Purgatory Society. Just send in \$30 with your name and memo "Purgatory Society List" and you will be added to our membership of 3 masses in your name after you have passed.

**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

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?**

This city's walls fell on 27,000 men ?

ANSWER: Aphaek

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