

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

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Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

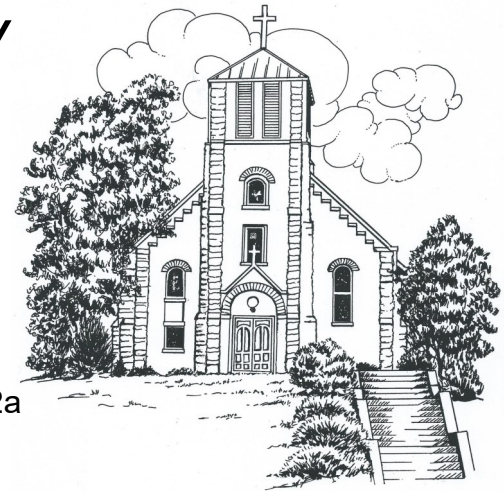
FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ZEP 2:3; 3:12-13 1COR 1:26-31 MT 5:1-12a

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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, 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

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 **FEB 1ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Ty Burkhart *by Arla & Caden Potts*

MONDAY **FEB 2ND**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Carol Schumacher *by Connie Richter*

TUESDAY (Throat Blessing) **FEB 3RD**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Crystal Crum *by Joann Swearman*

WEDNESDAY **FEB 4TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 Knights of Columbus Members 5009

THURSDAY **FEB 5TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 8:00 a.m.
 Jaimie Hallock (Health) *by Fr. Ward*

FRIDAY (School Mass) **FEB 6TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Mary & Hilda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

SATURDAY **FEB 7TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Walter & Alberta Ackerman

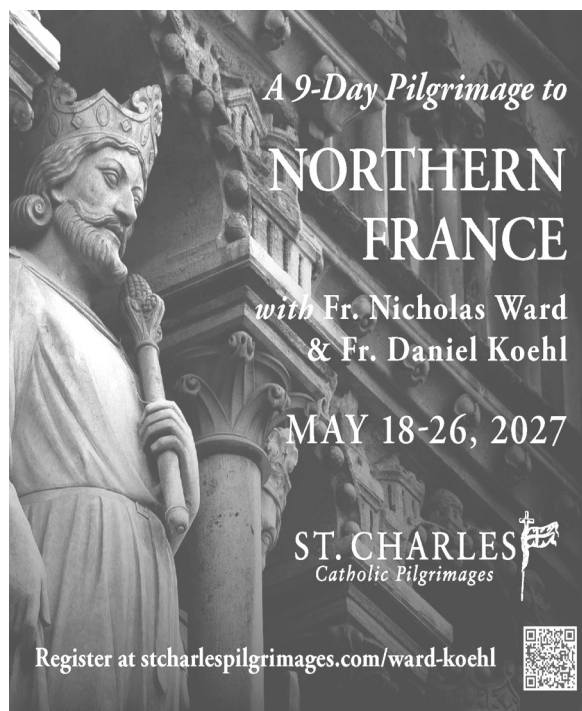
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Judy Tamasovich *by Edythe Schumacher*

SUNDAY **FEB 8TH**
Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Carol Schumacher *by Lance Lafollette*

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

OCLIA

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



Thursday Feb 5th Mass at St. John's
 moved to 8:00 a.m.

Adoration and Lauds
 (morning prayer) Canceled

If you missed mass this weekend
 and still want to have your throat
 blessed, *throat blessing* will occur
 on the feast of St. Blaise, February
 3rd daily mass.

Our Sunday Offering

January 24 - January 25

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 910.00
Loose Collection	\$ 6.00
Education Fund	\$ 50.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
1st Offering	\$ 5.00
De Paul	\$ 35.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,803.00
Loose Collection	\$ 213.00
Candle Fund	\$ 59.00
Education Fund	\$ 145.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 60.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,020.00

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"

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



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 \$20,759
Goal Received \$10,773

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 Burkhardt
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 Burkhardt
Hilda Burkhardt
Ty A Burkhardt
Madeline Mellinger
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Robert M Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Paul Connor
Barbara Connor
Michael Burkhardt
Bertha Burkhardt
Rebecca Burkhardt
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Deb Block
Mary Ellen Barber
Gladys (Babe) Burkhardt
James Norris
Judith Marie Weisend
Donny Weisend
Richard Weisend
Vernon & Cinderella Butler
Raymond Baldwin
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joseph Fillippi

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

To the Parents, Teachers, and Lay Catechists of
The Monroe County Catholic Parishes & Saint Sylvester Central School

Fr. Nicholas Ward, Parochial Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

This year Bishop Lohse (Apostolic Administrator) will celebrate a Mass of Confirmation for our youth Candidates at St. Sylvester Church on **Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a serious and important rite of full initiation into the Church, wherein the grace of the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the Candidates, completing the earlier anointing of grace which took place at baptism. St. Paul urges us "not to receive the grace of God in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1)." Therefore, it is incumbent upon the Candidates for Confirmation to seriously prepare for receiving the grace of the Sacrament so that they may consent not only to the grace they will receive, but also to the mission of living out their Catholic Faith into adulthood.

For their preparation for receiving the Sacrament, it is necessary that the Candidates commit themselves to the knowledge and understanding of their faith. I have provided below a list of important information every Candidate for Confirmation should know. This list, while not exhaustive of all the things a Catholic should know, contains basic information that will serve them in their life's journey towards Christian perfection in the Holy Spirit, who Christ promised would "Guide you into all truth (John 16:13)." Therefore, **I am requiring teachers and parents to teach the following things to the Candidates before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

The Ten Commandments (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2083-2550)

The Precepts of the Church (CCC 2042-2043)

Required Days of Abstinence (Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent)
and Fasting (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, see CCC 1434 & 1438)

Holy Days of Obligation (CCC 2177-2178)

The Seven Sacraments (CCC 1210)

The Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy (CCC 2447)

The Theological Virtues (CCC 1841)

The Human/Cardinal Virtues (CCC 1834)

The Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1831-1832)

The Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

The Hail Mary, Our Father, & Glory Be

The Apostle's Creed

The Prayer to the Holy Spirit ("Come, Holy Spirit, fill their hearts of Your faithful...")

Please ensure in the following months that the Candidates commit this information to memory. Parents, who bear the primary responsibility for educating their children in the faith, should assist teachers/lay catechists in helping their children learn this information.

God bless you all,

In Christ,



Fr. Nicholas Ward

TUESDAY BINGO**February 3rd**

Missy Knowlton
 Randall Sefert
 Courtney Collmar
 Jake/Krysten Schuerman
 Robert/Steph Hartwell
 Tyler Knowlton

February 10th

Missy Knowlton
 Mary Atkinson
 John Kemps
 Missy Dean
 Safreed/Piatt

SUNDAY BINGO**February 1st**

Robyn Guiler
 Daniel/Carrie Dick

February 8th

Missy Knowlton
 Terry Schumacher
 Brooke Yontz

TUESDAY KITCHEN**February 3rd****February 10th****SUNDAY KITCHEN****February 1st****February 8th****LECTOR READERS**

January 31....Steve Burkhart

February 1....Jill Schumacher

February 7....Tammy Jones

February 8....Tom Dick

**Scripture Reading
of the Week****Sunday****FEBRUARY 1ST
FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

ZEP 2:3; 3:12-13
 1COR 1:26-31
 MT 5:1-12a

Monday**FEBRUARY 2ND**

MAL 3:1-4
 HEB 2:14-18
 LK 2:22-40

Tuesday**FEBRUARY 3RD**

2 SM 18:9-10, 14b,
 24-25a, 30-19:3
 MK 5:21-43

Wednesday**FEBRUARY 4TH**

2 SM 24:2, 9-17
 MK 6:1-6

Thursday**FEBRUARY 5TH**

1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12
 MK 6:7-13

Friday**FEBRUARY 6TH**

SIR 47:2-11
 MK 6:14-29

Saturday**FEBRUARY 7TH**

1 KGS 3:4-13
 MK 6:30-34

Sunday**FEBRUARY 8TH****FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

IS 58:7-10
 1 COR 2:1-5
 MT 5:13-16

A 9-Day Pilgrimage to
NORTHERN FRANCE

with Fr. Nicholas Ward & Fr. Daniel Koehl

MAY 18-26, 2027

ST. CHARLES
Catholic Pilgrimages

Register at stcharlespilgrimages.com/ward-koehl

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