

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

334 South Main Street
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

AUGUST 9, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 KGS 19:9a, 11-13a ROM 9:1-5 MT 14:22-33

Word of the Lord - Page 227

Fr. Nicholas Ward
Administrator



Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

Fr. Nicholas Ward (740) 457-7701

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

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Word of the Lord—Page 227

SUNDAY **AUG 9TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Ty Burkhardt *by Todd & Nicki Burkhardt*

MONDAY **AUG 10TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY **AUG 11TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg NO MASS

WEDNESDAY **AUG 12TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
+Francis Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

THURSDAY **AUG 13TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Helen Miller *by Dayle Miller*

St. Sylvester Rectory, Woodsfield 7:00p.m.
France Trip Meeting

FRIDAY **AUG 14TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00 p.m.
+Francis Schumacher *by Edythe Schumacher*

SATURDAY **AUG 15TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Ed Grantonic *by Cathy Gagliardi*

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 5:00 p.m.
+Dar Zwick *by Donnie & Janet Zwick*

SUNDAY **AUG 16TH**
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

Pilgrimage

Info Meeting
Thursday, August 13th
7:00 p.m.
St. Sylvester Rectory

THANK YOU !!

For all the donations toward the
Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!

ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Barnesville, Ohio

Annual Picnic Sunday, August 16th
Mass at 5:30pm
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Call in your reservations. Each family is
asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to
share and their own drinks.

740-425-2181

Our Sunday Offering
August 1 - August 2

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,011.00
Loose Collection	\$ 36.00
Education Fund	\$ 35.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 65.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,880.00
Loose Collection	\$ 166.00
Education Fund	\$ 145.00
Building Fund	\$ 150.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 205.00

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.

Anyone interested in attending the pilgrimage meeting should
email Fr. Ward at:

nward@diosteub.org

Anyone who wants to attend the meeting virtually should use
the link here:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82381958250#success>

Anyone who wants to contact St. Charles's Pilgrimages directly
with a question:

aduncan@stcharlespilgrimages.com

2026 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: \$ 26,883.00

Goal Received \$ 17,490.00

St. John The Baptist Goal: \$ 17,726.00

Goal Received \$ 8,055.00

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
Jenny Crum
Ralph & Alice Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joseph Fillippi
Norbert Burkhardt
Agnes Burkhardt
Tina Burkhardt Muffet
Harold Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman
Carlos & Doris Headley
Walter & Alberta Ackerman
Francis Stephen
Carol Moore
Meri C. Welsh
Jimmy Scott
Thelma Scott
Harmon Scott
Richard Scott
Phyllis Krone
Wes & Clara Hossman
Donald Miller
Joy Taylor
Cindy Miller Stevens
Jim & Jimmy Partridge
Barb Sobocinski

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

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend I am away visiting my brother and his family in Texas. Please give a warm welcome to our visiting priest, Fr. Tom Nau.

Please also keep in prayer diocesan Seminarian Aaron Pabin, who was admitted to candidacy for Holy Orders. Basically, this means that he has completed his “undergraduate” studies and is entering more intense theological and ministerial formation in preparation for ordination to the Diaconate (3 years from now) and Priesthood (4 years).

At the Annual Clergy Jubilee Mass, Bishop Lohse gave the homily, in which he spoke at length on this weeks’ gospel passage, where Our Lord saves Peter from sinking into the waters. It invites us to place our trust in Jesus, who is in control even when things seem to be chaotic. He said that priests need to recognize that even if our Lord permits that we sink as a result of our own failures and weaknesses, he won’t let us drown if we place our trust in Him. A good message, for clergy and laity alike.

In their commentary on the Gospel of St. Matthew, Drs. Mitch and Sri include a reflection which might be helpful for us, who like Peter, sometimes need a lesson when it comes to trusting in the Lord:

“Peter’s misadventure conveys an important lesson in discipleship, especially the need to stand firm in our faith in the midst of life’s trails. We all find ourselves in stormy situations from time to time. Sometimes we prevail and grow stronger in our faith, and sometimes we falter. Times of testing and adversity can show us where we are in our spiritual development and where we need to improve if we are to grow in Christian maturity. It is encouraging to recognize that Jesus did not let Peter drown in the midst of personal trail. The Lord shows himself patient with us; he will never abandon us in our struggle, allowing us to perish for our every mistake. He is Emmanuel, God-with-us, and He is always there with hand outstretched, ready to lift us up again. The challenge is to learn from our mistakes, much as Jesus wanted Peter to learn that distraction and doubt were the reasons for his failure at sea.”

Even in the difficulty of life’s storm, Jesus is there extending his hand. He reaches out to us. Are we reaching back?

I hope you all enjoy these last bits of summer.

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**August 11th****SUNDAY BINGO****August 9th****TUESDAY KITCHEN****August 11th**

St. John CWC

August 18th

Julie Selmon

Marcia Shipp

SUNDAY KITCHEN**August 9th**

Louise Kress

Becky Bott

August 16th

Jill Schumacher

Barb Burkhart

**Scripture
Reading
of the Week****Sunday
AUGUST 9TH
NINETEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

1KGS 19:9a, 11-13a

ROM 9:1-5

MT 14:22-33

**Monday
AUGUST 10TH**

2COR 9:6-10

JN 12:24-26

**Tuesday
AUGUST 11TH**

EZ 2:8-3:4

MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday
AUGUST 12TH**

EZ 9:1-7; 10-18:22

MT 18:15-20

**Thursday
AUGUST 13TH**

EZ 12:1-12

MT 18:21-19:1

**Friday
AUGUST 14TH**

EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63

MT 19:3-12

**Saturday
AUGUST 15TH**RV 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10b

1COR 15:20-27

LK 1:39-56

**Sunday
AUGUST 16TH****TWENTIETH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

IS 56:1, 6-7

ROM 11:13-15,
29-32

MT 15:21-28

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 21,000.00

Lawn Care Donations\$ 5,452.00

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

Donations\$ 4,444.00

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

Donations\$ 3,500.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 9,000.00

Donations\$ 2,300.00

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

Donations\$ 850.00

LECTOR READERS

August 8....Tammy Jones

August 9....Tom Dick

August 15....Steve Burkhart

August 16....Becky Baldwin

**A 9-Day Pilgrimage to
NORTHERN FRANCE**

with Fr. Nicholas Ward & Fr. Daniel Koehl

MAY 18-26, 2027

ST. CHARLES
Catholic PilgrimagesRegister at stcharlespilgrimages.com/ward-koehl**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

**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, Aug. 5th. 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, Aug 12th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

