



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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### DECEMBER 25, 2022

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### IS 62:1-5 ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25 MT 1:1-25

#### **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

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



**Our Sunday Offering**  
for  
DEC 17 - DEC 18

**SUNDAY** DEC 25<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.  
+Joseph Gallagher *by Ron & Cathy Gallagher*

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

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (*Latin Mass*) 12:30p.m.  
Daniel Steele *by Jane Steele*

**MONDAY** DEC 26<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30p.m.  
+Kathleen Hannahs  
*by Mike & Missy Knowlton*

**TUESDAY** DEC 27<sup>TH</sup>

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
+Ann Hinderlong *by Lois Stephen*

**WEDNESDAY** DEC 28<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30p.m.  
+Edward Rensi *by Ted & Judy Tamasovich*

**THURSDAY** DEC 29<sup>TH</sup>

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
+Charles Habig *by Lowell & Judy Thomas*

**FRIDAY** DEC 30<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.  
+Mary & Hilda *by Paulus & Rodgers Family*

**SATURDAY** DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (*Latin Mass*) 8:30a.m.  
Greg Schaad Family

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 5:00p.m.  
+Quinn Kahrig *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

**SUNDAY** JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.  
+Debra Block *by Steven Hall*



**St. John the Baptist**

Adult Collection	\$ 910.00
Loose Collection	\$ 30.00
School Fund	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 45.00
Christmas offer	\$ 100.00
Imm Conception	\$ 5.00
Retired Nuns	\$ 20.00
Purgatory Society	\$ 30.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

**St. Sylvester**

Adult Collection	\$ 1,711.00
Loose Collection	\$ 62.00
School Fund	\$ 200.00
Candle Fund	\$ 43.00
Imm Conception	\$ 10.00
Retired Nuns	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flower	\$ 50.00
Christmas Offer	\$ 50.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
CNB Interest	\$ 876.00
First Offering	\$ 10.00
Mass Request	\$ 10.00

I would like to thank all those who sent me a Christmas card and gave me gifts! May God bless you most abundantly. Yours Truly, Fr. Tim Davison

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes and school !!

**TURNING TAXES INTO TUITION**

Scholarship Granting Organization, whereby donors can receive a 100% Ohio Tax credit (towards Ohio Taxes owed for 2022), by making a contribution to our "Christ the Teacher Scholarship Fund."

If needing more information or application please stop at the school office before the end of the 2022 year

**This Week**

**Wednesday**

St. Sylvester Church Adoration 8:00a.m.—6:00p.m.  
Rosary 6:00p.m.  
Mass 6:30p.m.

**ST. SYLVESTER/ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

If interested in a copy of your church donations from **2022 for your tax deduction**, please sign your name on the list at the front of the church entrance. 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 \$ 20,095
St. John The Baptist Goal:	\$11,308	Goal Received \$ 14,725



School Cancelations or Delayed because of snow A.M. Mass will be reschedule to: 12p.m. St. Sylvester Church

***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 and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas to one and all. May the Lord bless you and your family with abundant peace and great joy. Today Christ is born and the angels rejoice singing GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND PEACE TO MEN OF GOODWILL. We continue our Christmas celebration until January 9<sup>th</sup> giving us a nice time to ponder the mystery of God becoming Man for our salvation.

This week our Mass times will be the same as usual. The octave of Christmas has several beautiful Feasts and I hope you will join us at Mass on those days or on every day of the Christmas Octave. On Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrate St. Stephen, the first martyr. On Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> we remember St. John the Apostle. On Wednesday December 28<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents killed by Herod. On Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. And on Saturday we celebrate the Feast of St. Sylvester, Pope.

St. Sylvester is praying for each of us as we journey along life's highway. You might have noticed that a first class relic is placed in front of his statue in the Church. It has been there for several weeks. You can venerate it when you pass by the statue by devoutly kissing the reliquary that contains this precious relic. You might also notice the original cornerstone of the first church of St. Sylvester and the translation of the Latin phrase posted above it.

As we conclude this year of 2022 let us thank the Lord for the many blessings bestowed upon us as a community and consider ways that we might deepen our walk with the Lord in the new year about to begin next weekend. May God bless and keep us always and ever in His loving Heart.

Yours Truly,

Father Timothy Davison

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**December 27th**

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

**January 3rd**

Sam Schumacher  
Monica Habig  
Tyler Schumacher  
Justin Hogue  
Gene Hupp  
Leanne Harper

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**January 8th**

Sam Schumacher  
Robyn Guiler  
Gina Ball  
David Barnhart  
Carey Bott  
Sean/Tiff Zeakes

**January 15th**

Robyn Guiler  
Missy Knowlton  
Tony Schumacher  
Evan/Johnna Yoss  
Dorothy Rentz  
Brandy Lucas

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**Dec 27th**

Missy Knowlton  
Sally LaFollette

**January 3rd**

Missy Knowlton  
Barb Schumacher

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**January 8th**

Louise Kress  
Robyn Guiler

**January 15th**

Louise Kress  
Jill Schumacher

**January 22nd**

Louise Kress  
Catherine Paulus

**Scripture Reading of the Week**

**Sunday**

**DEC 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

IS 62:1-5  
ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25  
MT 1:1-25

**Monday**

**DEC 26<sup>TH</sup>**

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
MT 10:17-22

**Tuesday**

**DEC 27<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 1:1-4  
JN 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday**

**DEC 28<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 1:5-2:2  
MT 2:13-18

**Thursday**

**DEC 29<sup>TH</sup>**

1JN 2:3-11  
LK 2:22-35

**Friday**

**DEC 30<sup>TH</sup>**

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14  
MT 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday**

**DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>**

1JN 2:18-21  
JN 1:1-18

**Sunday**

**JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

NM 6:22-27

GAL 4:4-7

LK 2:16-21

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

Dec 24.....Steve Burkhart

Dec 25.....Jill Schumacher

Dec 31.....Catherine Paulus

Jan 1.....Bill Long

Jan 7.....Steve Burkhart

**Christmas Flowers in Honor Memory of:**

Delmas Finnicum Mary Rosmon Josephine Jack  
Clara Miller Irene Okel  
Living & Deceased of Lawrence Miller Family

Lawrence Miller Deloris Knowlton Susan Thomas Roman & Clara Schumacher  
Rick Schumacher Rosemary Schumacher Earl & Dessie Okey Alden & Betty Husk  
Francis Schumacher Nelson & Ella Smithberger Shirley Perkins Clarence Stephen  
Luzelda Stephen Lonnie Stephen Don & Bessie Freeman Jerry & Goldie Weiss  
Yonak Family James & Marie Kirkland Francis & Emma Dimmerling Everett & Ethel Piatt  
George & Martha Kress Clem, Fred, & George Jr. Kress Floyd Griffin Helen & Clarence Hoff  
Richard & Jane Radon Vernon & Cinderella Butler Gene & Marylouise Wells Don Miller  
Sam Schumacher Family Debra Schumacher Francis & Freeda Paulus Mary & Hilda Paulus  
David Rodgers Archibald & Learrena Griffith Joseph & Margaret Paulus Cindy Miller  
Jay Taylor Larry Krone Robert Welsh Family Richard Passio Sr. Tom Stephen Family  
Sarah Dick Tyler Knowlton Family Arthur Miller Ruth Miller David Miller  
Quinn Kahrig Tony & Ellen Biedenbach Thomas Doudna Joseph & Catherine Dick  
Leander & Genevieve Kuhn Elbert & Zelda Betts Kenney, Paul, & Jimmy Kuhn  
Tom Dierkes Danny Betts Chuck & Barb Pero Kathleen Hannahs Martha Kuhn  
Kenny, Shirley & Mark Kuhn Don & Ruth Lafferre Leander & Genny Kuhn Darrell Cline  
Mr & Mrs Schwartz Mr & Mrs E. Tamasovich Clara Rush Virgil Rush Hilda Burkhart  
Madeline Mellinger Gene Krone Larry Krone Wess & Clara Hossman Walter Knox  
Robert Miller Ken & Ruthann Knox Edward Rensi Joe Burris Ray Baldwin  
Billie Jean Elliott Michael & Judy Garteu Robert Miller Sr. Darlene Finnicum Irene Finnicum



**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, January 4th. 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 Meeting, Wednesday, January 11th @ Generations 7:00p.m.

