

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

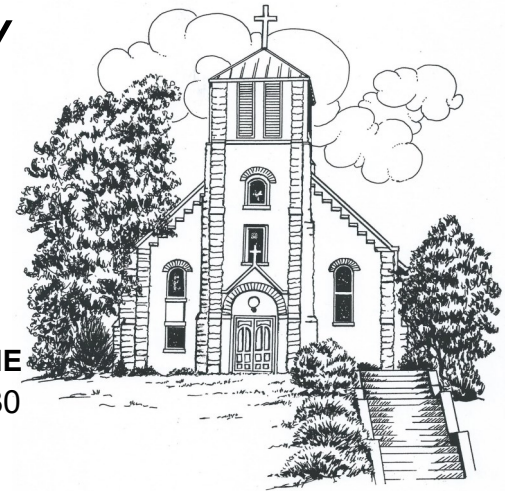
AUGUST 24, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 66:18-21 HEB 12:5-7, 11-13 LK 13:22-30

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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

AUG 24TH

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Lois Stephen *by Don & Marlene Burkhardt*

MONDAY

AUG 25TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Stella Crum *by Mark & Sonita Seminatore*

TUESDAY

AUG 26TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Jenny & Crystal Crum

WEDNESDAY

AUG 27TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
+Fred Ulrich *by Cheryle & Girls*

THURSDAY

AUG 28TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Francis & Freeda Paulus
by Paulus & Rodgers

FRIDAY

(School Mass)

AUG 29TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Paul Ring *by Paula Ring*

SATURDAY

AUG 30TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
All Souls *by David Stapleton*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 4:00 p.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

SUNDAY

AUG 31ST

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
Paul & Stella Crum Family
by Joann Swearman



~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"

ST. SYLVESTER CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DINNER — AUGUST 30TH @
GENERATIONS COMPLEX after the
4:00 MASS

2025 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 12,800.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 4,804.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 3,788.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
Donations\$ 2,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 9,750.00
Donations\$ 570.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00
Donations\$ 500.00

Our Sunday Offering
August 16 - August 17

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 585.00
Loose Collection	\$ 348.00
Education Fund	\$ 50.00
Candle Fund	\$ 62.00
DPSC	\$ 100.00
Assumption Mary	\$ 125.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 225.00
Building Fund	\$ 2.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,934.00
Loose Collection	\$ 246.00
Candle Fund	\$ 95.00
School Fund	\$ 230.00
Assumption Mary	\$ 560.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 162.00

*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.

PARISHIONERS...

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

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 \$12,309
Goal Received \$5,025

THANK YOU !!

Everyone, for the donations toward the
Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!



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,

Having lived now in world for some years and having hopefully obtained some wisdom along the way, you will have discerned that the world is full of many attractive, comforting, and at the same time utterly deceptive lies. Some of these lies are heresies, which many have either formally adopted as truths of the faith, or just casually assumed to be true (because it's easy).

The heresy of Universalism (namely, that all people will go to heaven) is attractive to us because it seeks to dispense us from the Apostolic exhortation of St. Paul to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12)." It also seeks to dispense with the image of Christ as Lord and Judge, which is a role which Jesus repeatedly assumes for Himself in the Gospel. Universalism allows us to do whatever we want, rather than to do what pleases our Lord and live lives in imitation of the saints. It is diametrically opposed to the message Jesus teaches us: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough (Luke 13:24)."

Heaven is simply not for everyone. Sorry to burst your bubble! It's actually quite an exclusive club: saints only! In order to reach up to God who reaches down to us requires of us great love, unshakeable faith – and indomitable strength.

Thank you, Jesus! You have shared with us a secret for obtaining Heaven. You want us to come to eternal life, and you have the goodness to tell us we must have strength to do it! Heaven is, after all, a fortress of strength: ruled by an omnipotent God, its narrow gate is guarded by terrifying angelic beings, and its streets are populated with the brave and the bold, the saints of God! Jesus isn't strictly speaking about physical strength – although we do need sufficient fortitude to resist the bodily temptations of impurity, laziness, and gluttony. In addition, we need also the strength to do good rather than to do nothing, the strength to love rather than to hate, the strength to endure much suffering rather than capitulate to trials and temptation.

Christ expects much from us in this life. This will require great strength, but Christ readily strengthens us with His grace in the Sacraments. With the additional fortitude that comes from meditation on the Word of God, the beautiful devotional prayers of the Church, and familiarity with the saints and angels, what is lacking to us? We Catholics have the whole spiritual gymnasium available to us: the Sacraments, the prayers, the writings and biographies of the saints, the spiritual and corporal works of mercy... **None of us have any excuse to be wimpy!**

None of us have any excuse to be a soft, weak, unfaithful Christian because we have a God who gives strength in abundance (He is so good!). These past few days, my mind has been resting upon this verse from the Prophet Isaiah, which many of you might be familiar with: "He gives power to the faint, abundant strength to the weak. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, they that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint (Isaiah 40:29-30)."

May God strengthen you in every struggle, and by the help of His grace, and the help He gives to weary souls, may He lead you safely into the Kingdom of His rest.

God bless you all, In Christ,
Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**August 26th**

Ashley Murphy
Jenna Rosnick
Missy Dean
Holly Merideth

September 2nd

Courtney Collmar
Robert/Steph Hartwell
Jake/Kristen Schuerman

September 9th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Mike Russell
Beth Black

SUNDAY BINGO**August 24th**

Ace Guiler
Sean Edgell
David/Kasey Block
Marissa Cole

September 7th

Robyn Guiler
Brooke Yontz

September 14th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Jess McKelvey

TUESDAY KITCHEN**August 26th**

Becky Baldwin
Diane Burkhart

September 2nd

Julie Selmon

SUNDAY KITCHEN**August 24th**

Louise Kress
Sandy Barnes

**Scripture Reading
of the Week****Sunday****AUGUST 24TH
TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

IS 66:18-21
HEB 12:5-7, 11-13
LK 13:22-30

Monday**AUGUST 25TH**

1THES 1:1-5, 8b-10
MT 23:13-22

Tuesday**AUGUST 26TH**

1THES 2:1-8
MT 23:23-26

Wednesday**AUGUST 27TH**

1THES 2:9-13
MT 23:27-32

Thursday**AUGUST 28TH**

1THES 3:7-13
MT 24:42-51

Friday**AUGUST 29TH**

1THES 4:1-8
MT 6:17-29

Saturday**AUGUST 30TH**

1THES 4:9-11
MT 25:14-30

Sunday**AUGUST 31ST****TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
HEB 12:18-19, 22-24a
LK 14:1, 7-14

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- Aug 23....Bill Frank
- Aug 24.....Bill Long
- Aug 30.....Tammy Jones
- Aug 31.....Jill Schumacher

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?

The Ark was made according to who's instructions?

ANSWER: GOD



**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, September 3rd. 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, September 10th - 7:00p.m. @ Generations