

St. Sylvester, Woodfield
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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Woodfield, Ohio 43793-1027

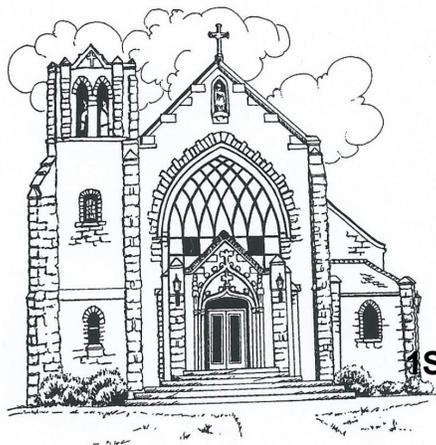
MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 Burkhardt (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, Woodfield, Ohio.

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

Catholic Cemeteries

St. Sylvester Woodfield: Tony Schumacher (740) 827-3626

St. John the Baptist, & Immaculate Conception Ozark:

Tony Schumacher (740) 827-3626

St. Joseph & Chapel Hill, Burkhardt 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 MARCH 15TH
 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

MONDAY MARCH 16TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Edward Carroll Templeton by *Catherine Paulus*

TUESDAY MARCH 17TH
 St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 Special Intentions by *Someone Who Cares*

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Jack Brown

THURSDAY (School Mass) MARCH 19TH
 Solemnity of St. Joseph
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Phyllis Krone by *Don & Marlene Burkhart*

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12:15 p.m.
 +Richard Weisend by *Sony Block*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:00 p.m.
 +Francis & Freeda Paulus by *Paulus & Rodgers*

FRIDAY MARCH 20TH
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 School Stations of the Cross

West Wood Place, Woodsfield 10:00 a.m.
 +Joe A. Dick by *Robert Spangler*

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 12:15 p.m.
 +Bill Calvert by *Dennis & Dorene Seamon*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST
 St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Daniel Steele by *Jane Steele*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Donald Biedenbach by *Mary Stephen*

SUNDAY MARCH 22ND
 Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Susan Thomas Schumacher

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



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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This collection is to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

FISH FRY
 St. Joseph of Monroe County Council 5009
 March 20
 4:00—6:00p.m. or until sold out
 Serving a Coleman's Fish Dinner:
 Fried fish sandwich, baked potato,
 green beans, coleslaw & dessert
 St Sylvester School Cafeteria
 Eat in or Carry out
 Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus charities &
 St. Sylvester Central School

CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP

It is that time of year again! Please remove any grave blankets from the graves. Any flowers or decorations in the cemetery, should be attached to the tombstones and off the ground, no later than April 5th. Thank You!

Our Sunday Offering
 March 7 - March 8

St. John The Baptist

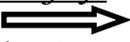
Adult Collection	\$ 1,216.00
Loose Collection	\$ 110.00
Education Fund	\$ 65.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 175.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 20.00
Brothers & Sisters	\$ 81.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 115.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Mass Request	\$ 50.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 20.00
Rental Hall	\$ 75.00
Oil Royalties	\$ 144.36

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,536.00
Loose Collection	\$ 86.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 500.00
Education Fund	\$ 270.00
Candle Fund	\$ 41.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 20.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Mass Request	\$ 15.00
Starter Set	\$ 1.00
Brothers & Sisters	\$ 225.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 262.00

*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"

2025 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:	\$29,390	Goal Received	\$21,259
St. John The Baptist Goal:	\$17,806	Goal Received	\$19,643

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 Burkhart
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 Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Ty A Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Robert M Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Paul Connor
Barbara Connor
Michael Burkhart
Bertha Burkhart
Rebecca Burkhart
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Deb Block
Mary Ellen Barber
Gladys (Babe) Burkhart
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 Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Tina Burkhart 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

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

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you have been able to benefit from this weekend's 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration. In a noisy world, it is so important to find quiet time to pray. Of course, this can be accomplished in many ways; we can go into the "inner chamber (Matthew 6:6)," a quiet space in our homes, as our Lord suggests, or maybe even go out in nature (tree stands are great places to pray). Nothing beats Eucharistic adoration, however. The presence of Our Lord in the monstrance often encourages us to do the difficult work of orienting ourselves to Him and humbling ourselves in His presence. It might be intimidating for us to be so alone with God in this way; perhaps this is why so many avoid eucharistic adoration. But the frequent guest of Our Lord in the Eucharist knows what joy and peace can be found in the presence of the One who loves us so much. God wants us to know here on this earth the joy of being in His presence; a taste of the joy of Heaven. "Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with rejoicing (Psalm 100)!"

Speaking of rejoicing, today is the **Sunday of Rejoicing**, or "**Lætare Sunday**." Together with "Gaudete Sunday," these are two Sundays where we re reminded to be joyful in the midst of penitential seasons.

It may seem strange to rejoice while doing penances. How can I have joy in my heart while fasting? Beyond the Lenten observance, there are other things that can get in the way of our rejoicing (if we let them): so much pain and hatred and sickness and death and sin and suffering in this world. What do we have to be joyful about? Every pleasure in this life is so fleeting, and joy is often mixed with grief or pain. Why should I rejoice, when life makes me so miserable?

The greatest cause for joy in this broken world is the love that God has for us. Jesus entered into the brokenness and sadness of this world to heal us and save us. The pains of this life are all the more bearable knowing that Jesus bears this pain with and for us. The grief of this life's torment is endurable because of His grace, and promise He offers us of unending joys in Heaven.

As the Psalmist says, "Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing (Psalm 126)." In this "valley of tears" we suffer, we pray, and we do penances. We are able to do this because we have hope that the love of God will not disappoint us (Romans 5:5). God wants to wipe every tear from our eyes (Revelation 21:4) and show us the never-ending joys of heaven. We know deep within us that this joy is what we were made for. But we must embrace our crosses on earth before we can know the joys of Heaven. The consolations of joy and peace in this life help us to do this, because they give us a foretaste of the life of heaven even here in this sorrowful world.

Whatever we are dealing with here, we can always know the joy of being close to God. Sure, there are many things in life that are painful, and there are lots of things in life that can bring us pleasure. But to borrow the words of King David, "As for me, to be near God is my happiness (Psalm 73:28)."

Rejoice! For whatever you suffer in this life, God is never far away. Go to Him, even if it means going to the cross to share his pain! Because even if God asks us to suffer with him for a short time, "Rejoice, and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven (Luke 6:23)."

God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

March 17th

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Tyler Knowlton
Beckey Russell
Courtney Collmar
Marcus/Allie Schumacher

March 24th

Susie Cunion
Brenda Fisher
John Kemp
Ashley Murphy

SUNDAY BINGO

March 15th

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Dugan/Cassie
Demchak

March 22nd

Lori Pirl
Aaron/Kendra Hines
Missy Dean
Olivia Fisher
Ace Guiler

TUESDAY KITCHEN

March 17th

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

March 24th

Diane Burkhart
Missy Knowlton

SUNDAY KITCHEN

March 15th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

March 22nd

Louise Kress
Robyn Guiler

LECTOR READERS

March 14....Steve Burkhart
March 15....Becky Baldwin
March 21....Catherine Paulus
March 22....Bill Long

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

Sunday
MARCH 15TH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT
1SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
EPH 5:8-14
JN 9:1-41
Monday
MARCH 16TH
IS 65:17-21
JN 4:43-54
Tuesday
MARCH 17TH
EZ 47:1-9,12
JN 5:1-16
Wednesday
MARCH 18TH
IS 49:8-15
JN 5:17-30
Thursday
MARCH 19TH
2SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22
MT 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday
MARCH 20TH
WIS 2:1a, 12-22
JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday
MARCH 21ST
JER 11:18-20
JN 7:40-53
Sunday
MARCH 22ND
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
EZ 37:12-14
ROM 8:8-11
JN 11:1-45



EASTER FLOWERS...

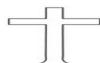
IN MEMORY OF:

CLARENCE E. STEPHEN
LUZELDA E. STEPHEN
LONNIE T. STEPHEN
FRANCIS (FRITZ) SCHUMACHER
DEB SCHUMACHER
ALDEN & BETTY HUSK
EARL & DESSIE OKEY
BROTHERS & SISTERS OF CAROL KUHN
BILLY JEAN ELLIOTT
MARY MALANOWSKI
BUZZ & ENOLA RIGGS
HELEN CROCK BURKHART
LAWRENCE CROCK
FRANCIS BURKHART
WILMA BURKHART
JUDY CARPENTER
HILDA BURKHART
TY BURKHART
MADELINE MELLINGER
DELORIS KNOWLTON
ROMAN SCHUMACHER
CLARA SCHUMACHER
SUSAN SCHUMACHER THOMAS
FLOYD GRIFFIN
RICHARD & JANE RADON
JOSEPH & MARGARET PAULUS
RUTH MILLER
DAVID MILLER
VERNON & CINDERELLA BUTLER
MIKE GARTEN
RICHARD GARTEN
DON HANNING
RAPLH & MATINE KEEVERT
EMMA SCHUMACHER
PANDORA NEUHART
ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER
SUSAN THOMAS

ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER
WALTER KNOX
THERESA GARFOLD
CAROL GARFOLD
ROBERT MILLER SR
KENNETH & RUTHANN KNOX
ALBERT & CLARA GARFOLD
DON & BESSIE ANN FREEMAN
JERRY & GOLDIE WEISS
NELSON SMITHBERGER
ELLA SMITHBERGER
SHIRLEY PERKINS
FRANICS & FREEDA PAULUS
HILDA & MARY PAULUS
VICTOR & DOROTHY DAVIDSON
KENNY, SHIRLEY & MARK KUHN
JOE, MARTHA & DAVID KUHN
LEANDER & GENNY KUHN
CAROL, PAUL & JIMMY KUHN
KATHY HANNAHS
GEORGE & MARTHA KRESS
CLARENCE & HELEN HOFF
FRED, CLEM, & GEORGE JR. KRESS
DAVE RODGERS
ARCHIBALD & LEARRENA GRIFFITH
PAUL & LEOBA ARCHER
ARTHUR MILLER
QUINN KAHRIG
GENE & MARY LOUISE WELLS
JUDY GARTEN
JOANN GARTEN
DONALD & LOIS STEPHEN
CHARLES & MARY HUNKLER
KATY MADISON
CAROLYN LOWERY
RICK SCHUMACHER

IN HONOR OF:

BARBARA STEPHEN
EMMA CARPENTER



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