

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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AM 6:1a, 4-7 1TM 6:11-16 LK 16:19-31

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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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY

SEPT 28TH

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
Robert Miller Family Members

by Carol Miller

MONDAY

SEPT 29TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Mary & Hilda Paulus *by Paulus & Rodgers*

TUESDAY

SEPT 30TH

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Stella Crum *by Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

WEDNESDAY

OCT 1ST

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Members 5009

THURSDAY

OCT 2ND

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Carol C Kuhn *by Don & Marlene Burkhart*

FRIDAY

(School Mass)

OCT 3RD

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Judy Tamasovich *by Tom & Becky Stephen*

St. Sylvester School

Bless of Animals 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

OCT 4TH

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Agnes Firman *by Mike & Mary Boka*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Carol Schumacher *by Mary & Margie*

SUNDAY

OCT 5TH

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Lois Stephen *by Francis Block*

~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”

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Every Thursday at 7:00p.m.

**Adult Catechesis Class,
Documents of Vatican II**
Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Both locations at
St. Sylvester Church Basement

Have you ever
suffered the loss
of a child?

You are invited to
a Mass of
Remembrance

Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption Marietta, Ohio

October 4th — 9:00 a.m.

The loss of a child causes tragic suffering, no matter how old the child was at death. Please join us in praying for comfort and healing of those who mourn the loss of a child or grandchild from any cause.

Light refreshments will be offered after the Mass. For more information, please contact Joseph Schmidt (jschmidt@diosteub.org) or Heather Keimig (hkeimig@diosteub.org)

Our Sunday Offering
September 20 - September 21

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,055.00
Loose Collection	\$ 178.00
Education Fund	\$ 95.00
Starter Set	\$ 70.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,908.00
Loose Collection	\$ 197.00
School Fund	\$ 180.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Mass Request	\$ 10.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
DPSC	\$ 50.00

*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 \$13,529
Goal Received \$5,705

THANK YOU !!

For all 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 Burkhardt
Hilda Burkhardt
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. Burkhardt
Darrell & Charlotte Cline
Clara Rush
Virgil Rush
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Debbie Block
Gladys (babe) Burkhardt
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 Burkhardt
Bertha Burkhardt
Rebeca Burkhardt
Robert Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Lawrence Crock
Helen Burkhardt
Francis Burkhardt
Wes & Clare Hossman
Donald Miller
Larry Krone
Joy Taylor
Cindy Miller Stevens
Norbert Burkhardt
Agnes Burkhardt
Tina Burkhardt Muffett
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman
Harold Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Cyril Burkhardt
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,

This week's scripture carries on a theme which was begun last week, that is, the problem of material possessions and wealth. Jesus who said to us last week "You cannot serve both God and mammon" shows us how the worship of wealth leads to slavery to it. The "ivory couch" becomes a trap for those who seek too much solace in comfort; the "fine linen" a net to ensnare those enamored by opulence.

Ultimately, hell is what becomes of those utterly obsessed with material things. I didn't come up with that! Jesus clearly says so in the Gospel (Luke 16:19-31)! Jesus is trying to teach us that wealth is very deceptive: it may comfort us now, but it cannot secure for us life eternal.

Psalm 49 is particularly instructive on this issue: "No man can pay to God the ransom of his soul... indeed, the wise and the fool both die together and leave their wealth to others... Do not fear then when a man becomes rich, when the wealth of his house grows great. At his death he will not take along anything, his glory will not go down after him... In his wealth, man lacks wisdom. He is like the beasts — they perish."

Wealth is very deceptive. There is no lasting security in it. Like the foolish man who built up larger barns to store his produce (Luke 12:16-21), we can get a false sense of security from riches. The comfort that money buys us can blind us as well. It can blind us to our own spiritual needs, and it can blind us to the needs of ours.

Jesus holds the rich man personally responsible for the death of poor Lazarus. He ought to have been his brother's keeper! Because of his gross opulence, he becomes negligent to the needs of others, and himself becomes a murderer.

We are warned repeatedly of the dangers of wealth. Greed is one of the seven deadly sins for a reason; it begets all sorts of daughter vices: defrauding others, covetousness, negligence of the poor, and many others.

Practicing generosity, liberality, and charity to the poor and those in need are important for maintaining a spirit of detachment from the things of earth which can become very enticing. Fasting, abstinence, and practicing detachment is helpful for learning to not rely too heavily on worldly comforts.

If you have a hard time giving, ask yourself: Am I too attached to money? Do I have a hard time trusting that God will take care of me? Is attachment to wealth (or the pursuit of it) sometimes the cause of rifts in the life of my family (or community)?

To live fully and freely the Christian life, we have to depend entirely on Jesus and give of ourselves freely to others. This can't be accomplished while we are slaves to Mammon.

God bless you all,

In Christ,
Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**October 7th**

Missy Knowlton
Randall Sefert
Chrissy Ferguson

October 14th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Justin/Abby Friday
Robert/Steph Hartwell
Jenna Rosnick

SUNDAY BINGO**September 28th**

Ace Guiler
Sean Edgell
Nathen/Rachel Arden

October 5th

Robyn Guiler
Aaron/Brandy Lucas
Missy Dean

TUESDAY KITCHEN**October 7th**

Julie Selmon
Dawn Kuhn

October 14th

St. John CWC

SUNDAY KITCHEN**September 28th**

Louise Kress
Becky Bott

October 5th

Louise Kress
Catherine Paulus

**Scripture Reading
of the Week****Sunday**

SEPTEMBER 28TH
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TIME

AM 6:1a, 4-7
1TM 6:11-16
LK 16:19-31

Monday

SEPTEMBER 29TH
DN 7:9-10, 13-14

JN 1:47-51

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 30TH
ZEC 8:20-23

LK 9:51-56

Wednesday

OCTOBER 1ST

NEH 2:1-8

LK 9:57-62

Thursday

OCTOBER 2ND

NEH 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

MT 18:1-5, 10

Friday

OCTOBER 3RD

BAR 1:15-22

LK 10:13-16

Saturday

OCTOBER 4TH

BAR 4:5-12, 27-29

LK 10:17-24

Sunday

OCTOBER 5TH
TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

HB 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2TM 1:6-8, 13-14
LK 17:5-10



**\$5 Raffle Ticket for the victims of
the Orphan Well Disaster
Remington Weckbacher, Chazz
Bates & Christopher Pinkerton**

Prizes:

1st: Gift Card Tree

2nd: Tailgater's Cooler (Cooler filled w/Football
themed gifts)

3rd: 19.5" Stainless Steel Smokeless Wood
Burning Fire Pit

4th: Coffee Lover's Basket

Drawing On October 11th

Contact: Madison Morisco 740-213-8296
Kaitlin Kinney 740-213-3045

2025 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 12,750.00

Lawn Care Donations\$ 7,262.70

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

Donations\$ 3,808.00

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

Donations\$ 2,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 10,050.00

Donations\$ 720.00

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

Donations\$ 500.00

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?

Where did Jesus cause demons to go out of two men and into a herd of pigs ?

ANSWER: Gadarenes

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

