

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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334 South Main Street
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

IS 42:1-4, 6-7 ACTS 10:34-38 MT 3:13-17

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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 JAN 11TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Ed Rensi *by Alberta Rensi*

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

MONDAY JAN 12TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
Special Intentions *by Someone Who Cares*

TUESDAY JAN 13TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Carolyn & Ray Lowery
by Tony & Cindy Schumacher

WEDNESDAY JAN 14TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
Members of Knights of Columbus 5009

THURSDAY JAN 15TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Lois Stephen *by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman*

FRIDAY (School Mass) JAN 16TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Ty Burkhardt *by Aunt Chris & Norma*

Westwood Place, Woodsfield 10:00 a.m.
+Martha Brown

SATURDAY JAN 17TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Ruth Dunfee *by Stephen & Janet Daley*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Doris Brooks *by Mike & Missy Knowlton*

SUNDAY JAN 18TH
Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Carol Schumacher
by Clarence & Eileen Ackerman

OCLIA

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

2025 Family Contribution List

If you have not received your Tax Contribution List
by the end of January please contact
Jennifer 740-472-0187



The Baptism of the Christ

Is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana.

Our Sunday Offering

January 3 - January 4

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 815.00
Loose Collection	\$ 83.00
Candle Fund	\$ 21.00
Education Fund	\$ 45.00
Starter Set	\$ 10.00
CWC Dues	\$ 95.00
1st Offering	\$ 85.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 120.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 92.00
Mass Request	\$ 100.00
Cemetery	\$ 50.00
DPSC	\$ 7,100.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 3,217.00
Loose Collection	\$ 318.00
Education Fund	\$ 167.00
Candle Fund	\$ 31.00
CWC Dues	\$ 650.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 740.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 165.00
1st Offering	\$ 154.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 58.00

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"

**School Cancellation or
Delayed for Snow Days
Morning Mass**

to be rescheduled
12 noon @ St. Sylvester Church



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 \$20,759
Goal Received \$10,773

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

Once Again would like to thank everyone who has been praying for my swift recovery from the flu. Please take precautions this flu season.

The Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas season to a close; the end of the last year and the beginning of the new year, liturgically speaking. It, like the birth of Jesus, ushers in a new beginning for the world. Baptism is a sacrament which symbolizes new beginnings. In beginning his ministry with being baptized by St. John in the Jordan, Jesus shows that he is "hitting a restart button." Man, who was created good, fell into sin. Jesus is the savior for this world who offers man a second chance, a new beginning. We don't have to remain in the darkness of sin; we don't have to remain in its filth. We can be cleansed; we can be reborn. Baptism offers this to us.

The celebration of the baptism of the Lord brings us to ponder not only the baptism of Jesus, but our own baptism as well. Of course, we have all fallen short of our Christian calling since baptism. But every time we repent of our sins in Reconciliation, every time we bless ourselves with holy water, every time we pray the Creed, we recall our baptism and renew our commitment to live the new life Christ has called us to.

Let us re-commit ourselves, this new year and every day, to living our those promises made at our baptism. It is a good and pious practice to renew baptismal promises on special days, such as the anniversary of our baptism. Let us renew our promises now:

Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

May each of you be renewed by the perennial newness of Christ's coming into this world and into each heart where He is welcomed, worshipped, and adored.

God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

January 13th

Missy Knowlton
Mary Atkinson
Courtney Collmar
Jake/Krysten Schuerman
Jenna Rosnick
Missy Dean
Safreed/Piatt

January 20th

Donna Robinson
Brenda Fisher
Phillip/Chelsea Masters
Missy Dean
Tim/Tiff Woodell
Carey Bott

SUNDAY BINGO

January 11th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Jess McKelvey

January 18th

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Marissa Cole
Olivia Fisher
Cody/Sam Miller
Sam/Megan Ward

TUESDAY KITCHEN

January 13th

St. John Baptist
CWC

January 20th

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

January 27th

Diane Burkhardt
Angie LaFollette

SUNDAY KITCHEN

January 11th

Louise Kress
Becky Bott

January 18th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

January 25th

Louise Kress
Catherine Paulus

Scripture Reading of the Week

Sunday

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Monday

JANUARY 12TH

1SM 1:1-8
MT 1:14-20

Tuesday

JANUARY 13TH

1SM 1:9-20
MK 1:21-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 14TH

1SM 3:1-10, 19-20
MK 1:29-39

Thursday

JANUARY 15TH

1SM 4:1-11
MK 1:40-45

Friday

JANUARY 16TH

1SM 8:4-7, 10-22a
MK 2:1-12

Saturday

JANUARY 17TH

1SM 9:4, 17-19; 10:1
MK 3:13-17

Sunday

JANUARY 18TH

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 49:3.5-6
1COR 1:1-3
JN 1:29-34

LECTOR READERS

January 10.....Steve Burkhardt

January 11....Tom Dick

January 17....Catherine Paulus

January 18....Becky Baldwin

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?

Who, carried the doors of a city gate to the top of the hill ?

ANSWER: Samson

**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, January 7th. 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, January 14th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

