

**St. Sylvester, Woodsfield**  
founded 1866

**St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg**  
founded 1841

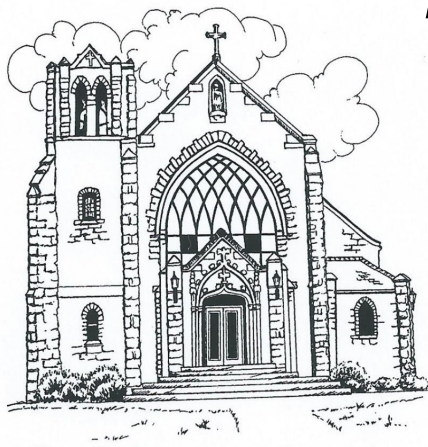
Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

# The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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334 South Main Street  
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793-1027

**JANUARY 7, 2024**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
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**Fr. Timothy Davison ~ Pastor**



## Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.  
**Fr. Timothy Davison** 1(918) 637-1774  
Jennifer Winkler (740) 472-0187  
Office Hours Mon-Thurs. 9-2

## Holy Matrimony & Baptism

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187

## Confessions

Woodsfield: Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm.  
Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

## 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 @ 7:00 p.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 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. Joshua Erickson

## 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 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](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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**SUNDAY** Page 94 **JAN 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
 +Harriet Davison by Fr. Tim Davison

**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.  
 Schwartz Family by Judy Tamasovich

**MONDAY** **JAN 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.  
 +Francis Schumacher by Jennifer Winkler

**TUESDAY** **JAN 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
 +Joe Block by Ray Robb Family

**WEDNESDAY** **JAN 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.  
 +Doug Chappell by Arla & Caden Potts

**THURSDAY** **JAN 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. John The Baptist**, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.  
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
 +Paul & Jim Crum

**FRIDAY** **JAN 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.  
 +Charles Habig by Catherine Paulus

**SATURDAY** **JAN 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
 Anne Adelle McCarter by Jane Steele

**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.  
 +Bill Calvert by Dennis & Doreen Seamon

**SUNDAY** **JAN 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**St. Sylvester**, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.  
 +Terri Gordon

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

This week we will be mailing out all the tax deductions reports for 2023.

Everyone from last years list will receive their copy for this year.

If you are a parishioner who has not received a report in the mail by the end of January, please contact me.

Thanks

## Our Sunday Offering

DEC 30 - DEC 31

### St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,270.00
Loose Collection	\$ 115.00
School Fund	\$ 85.00
Christmas	\$ 300.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
Ozark Cemetery	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
St John Cemetery	\$ 150.00
CWC Dues	\$ 20.00
1st Offering	\$ 25.00
Imm Conception	\$ 40.00
Retire Religious	\$ 40.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 117.00
In Memory of 24	\$ 225.00

### St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,627.00
Loose Collection	\$ 49.00
School Fund	\$ 335.00
Candle Fund	\$ 115.00
Christmas Offer	\$ 41.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20.00
Mass Request	\$ 430.00
In Memory 2024	\$ 15.00
CWC Dues	\$ 50.00
1st Offering	\$ 60.00
Sol of Mary	\$ 399.00
Retired Religious	\$ 31.00

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

## Blessings In A Backpack..

Would like to Thank St. Sylvester Church for their generous gift of \$100 for Kids meals across the U.S.

Bible Study begins Monday, January 8th after the 5:30 p.m. evening Mass in the basement of St. Sylvester Church

10 week series on Discovering the Mass in the Bible.

Everyone is Welcome to join.

### This Week Wednesday

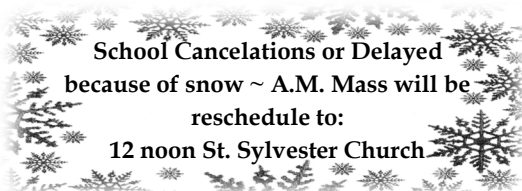
St. Sylvester Church  
 Adoration  
 8:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.  
 Rosary 6:00 p.m.  
 Mass 6:30 p.m.

## 2023 DPSC Share Campaign

Thanks again for your participation. If you have not pledged, please do so. You can place a pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to DPSC envelope or go online at [www.Give.DioSteub.org](http://www.Give.DioSteub.org). 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.

**St. Sylvester Goal: \$ 26,030.00 Goal Received \$ 19,405.00**

**St. John The Baptist Goal: \$ 13,711.00 Goal Received \$ 7,975.00**



***In Loving Memory of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Deb Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Edward Rensi  
Herman Burkhart  
Hilda Burkhart  
Madeline Mellinger  
Billie Jean Elliott  
Harry & Laeille Elliott  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William Bolon  
Cinderella Butler  
Vernon Butler  
Meri C Welsh  
Michael Burkhart  
Bertha Burkhart  
Rebeca Burkhart  
Raymond Baldwin  
Alice & Ralph Buckalew  
Grace Ann Joyce  
Joe Fillippi  
Darrell Cline  
Clara Rush  
Virgil Rush  
Wes & Clara Hossman  
Cindy Miller Stevens  
Donald Miller  
Joy Taylor  
Larry Krone  
Carol Moore  
Francis Stephen  
Walter & Alberta Ackerman  
Wayne Forshey  
Cyril Burkhart  
Eunice Gallagher  
Joe Gallagher  
Hugh & Marie Bott  
Norbert Burkhart  
Agnes Burkhart  
Francis Reischman  
Hazel Reischman  
Robert M Miller Sr.  
Walter Knox  
Josephine Jack  
Ty A. Burkhart  
Francis & Freeda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
Francis & Edith Block  
Virgil Block  
Joe & Debbie Block  
Gladys (babe) Burkhart  
Jimmy Norris  
Mary Ellen Barber Norris

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany!! May the mystery of God's appearing on earth so touch your hearts that you are filled with the most profound thanksgiving and praise of our merciful God.

School starts this Monday. Hopefully the kids and teachers and parents are ready and had a good Christmas. On Monday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the Christmas season. In the traditional calendar, however, the season ends on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. So some people will leave the decorations up until then but most will take them down or have already done so. Ordinary Time begins then this week and it will last until February 14<sup>th</sup>, which will be Ash Wednesday.

During this time, I would like to invite everyone to participate in an adult learning experience. We will be looking at the videos of Brant Pitre on the Eucharist. The series is called: Eucharist, discovering the Mass in the Bible. Brant Pitre is an amazing scripture scholar and is extremely good at helping others to appreciate the Bible's riches. The classes will begin this Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> right after the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Sylvester's and will last for ten sessions. As you know we are in a three-year cycle of the National Eucharistic revival and so I thought it was appropriate that we delve more deeply into the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

I have been considering retirement from active ministry for several years and recently have decided to do so with Bishop Bradley's permission. I will be moving to the Greenville, South Carolina area and living with one of my sister and her husband. I plan to be active at their parish called Prince of Peace. It is a large parish and I have been there several times for weddings and baptisms of my nephews and nieces and their children. My sister has 13 children and 39 grandchildren so she and her husband keep very busy and it will be great living with them. The date of my retirement will be July 1st 2024 and I will be moving on that date.

It came to my attention that since coming to St. Sylvester's and St. John's parishes in August of 2019 we had not been paying the monthly retirement assessment. Each parish is assessed a certain amount for the priest's retirement. We owed \$18,000.00 for this assessment. Rather than obliging the parish to pay the full amount, Bishop Bradley has authorized the Diocese to provide half of the amount from a designated fund, leaving the parish's responsibility to be only \$9,000.00.

Bishop Bradley will make sure that our parishes will receive the pastoral care they need from another priest. It has not yet been announced who that priest will be. In the meantime I will continue to serve our parishes to the best of my ability until July 1st.

Please keep me and all priests in your prayers.

Yours Truly,

Father Timothy Davison

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**Jan 9th**

Monica Habig  
Terry  
Dustin Wheeler  
Tom Stephen  
Steve Burkhart  
Gene Hupp

**Jan 16th**

Monica Habig  
Brenda  
Dustin Wheeler  
James/Des Peters  
Stacey Sharp

**Jan 23rd**

Monica Habig  
Brenda  
Tiffany Woodell  
Missy Dean  
Mary Atkinson

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**Jan 7th**

Monica Habig  
Robyn Guiler  
Sam Schumacher  
Dustin Wheeler  
Marissa Cole  
Adam Chambers  
Carey Bott

**Jan 14th**

Monica Habig  
Terry  
Dustin Wheeler  
Gina Ball  
Adam Chambers  
Missy Dean

**Jan 21st**

Missy  
Brenda  
Robyn Guiler  
Cassie Demchak

**Jan 28th**

Ace Guiler  
Shaun  
Cassie Demchak

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**Jan 9th**

Carol Kuhn  
Diane Burkhart

**Jan 16th**

Nancy Schenk  
Diane Burkhart

**Jan 23rd**

Missy Knowlton  
Diane Burkhart

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**Jan 7th**

Becky Bott  
Louise Kress

**Jan 14th**

Kathy Singleton  
Louise Kress

**Jan 21st**

Jill Schumacher  
Louise Kress

**Jan 28th**

Michelle Speelman  
Louise Kress

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday  
JAN 7<sup>TH</sup>  
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IS 60:1-6  
EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6  
MT 2:1-12

**Monday**

**JAN 8<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 55:1-11  
MK 1:7-11

**Tuesday**

**JAN 9<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Wednesday**

**JAN 10<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Thursday**

**JAN 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Friday**

**JAN 12<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Saturday**

**JAN 13<sup>TH</sup>**

1SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a  
MK 2:13-17

**Sunday**

**JAN 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

1SM 3:3b-10, 19  
1COR 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
JN 1:35-42

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Jan 6.....Steve Burkhart
- Jan 7.....Bill Long
- Jan 13.....Julian Licht
- Jan 14.....Jill Schumacher

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS MASS  
REQUEST...**

Just a reminder, 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



**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 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 Wednesday, January 10th 7:00 p.m. @ Generations

