

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

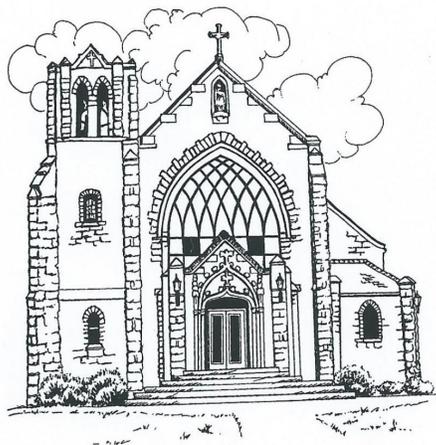
MARCH 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EX 17:3-7 ROM 5:1-2, 5-8 JN 4:5-42

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Phyllis Krone by *Ron & Cathy Gallagher*

MONDAY MARCH 9TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

TUESDAY MARCH 10TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Roger Reischman by *Tony & Cindy Schumacher*

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 All Souls in Purgatory by *John & Regina Garfold*

THURSDAY MARCH 12TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Walter Knox by *Carol Miller*

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30 a.m.
 +Helen Miller by *Richard & Alice Piatt*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 4:00 p.m.
 Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Beginning of 40hrs Eucharistic Adoration

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 5:30 p.m.
 Soup Potluck 5:30, Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:00 p.m.
 Talk by Deacon Stetson

SATURDAY MARCH 14TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:00 a.m.
 Solemn Benediction
 Gary & Teresa Beam by *Japhet Salgado*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Dar Zwick by *Donnie & Janet Zwick*

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH
Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:00 a.m.
 Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
 +Deb Schumacher by *Perry Schumacher* 8:30 a.m.

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

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

DPSC 2026

Your gifts to the DPSC bring to life all our diocesan ministries and services that go beyond what any parish can provide on its own, including seminarian, retired priests, schools & assistance to catholic charities.

The DPSC also provides support to our parishes, as 100% of funds raised above the goal are returned to your parish. Please prayerfully consider how to participate in this campaign.

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
 February 28 - March 1

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$1,850.00
Loose Collection	\$ 50.00
Education Fund	\$ 60.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 80.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 50.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 10.00
1st Offering	\$ 5.00
Brothers & Sisters	\$ 20.00
CWC Dues	\$ 10.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 195.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 200.00
Mass Request	\$ 70.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,757.00
Loose Collection	\$ 364.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 165.00
Education Fund	\$ 175.00
In Memory 2026	\$ 75.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 20.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Mass Request	\$ 40.00
Starter Set	\$ 10.00
Brothers & Sisters	\$ 20.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 20.00

*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
St. John The Baptist Goal: \$17,806

Goal Received \$21,259
Goal Received \$19,643

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



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

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

Dear Parishioners,

Last week and the week before I talked in my homilies about fasting and prayer. My preaching will focus this week on the third pillar of Lent: Almsgiving.

Almsgiving is an important aspect of the whole Christian Life year-round, but it is suitable for us to think (and act!) on it especially now when we are already engaged in the other penitential practices of fasting and prayer.

Pope Saint Leo I (called "the Great") once said in an ancient homily: "There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention. The angels sang: *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.* The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace. The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts."

As the saintly pontiff teaches, we are all capable of giving of ourselves, whether we are poor or rich or of average means. His words remind me of what our Blessed Lord points out in the Gospel of St. Mark when he spies a poor widow depositing her meagre offering of two small coins in the temple collection: "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury (Mark 12:43)."

From the poverty of the Cross, Jesus teaches that when we give all, we give much. He was not even in possession of his own clothes as he hung there, bleeding to death; yet, when his side was opened, blood and water poured forth. All He had to give us was His life; but how beneficial is this gift! As the Lord says in the Gospel today, "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life (John 4:14)."

As selfish sinners, this is the sort of generosity we must learn from God. The cross will help us learn it. Our selfishness attaches us to the things of earth. The cross of almsgiving raises us from the earth. Jesus, from the poor man's cross, was able to give more than anyone else. Embracing the cross of almsgiving will also be life-giving for ourselves and others.

In our world of greed and selfishness and avarice, Jesus teaches us another way. By his words and example, he teaches us that when we give generously, God gives to us generously as well. And when we repent by giving, we do much to heal the hurts done to ourselves by the sins of selfishness.

God bless you all,

In Christ, Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO

March 10th

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

March 17th

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

SUNDAY BINGO

March 8th

Missy Knowlton
Terry Schumacher
Justin Hogue
Missy Dean
Marissa Cole
Cody/Sam Miller
Sam/Megan Ward

March 15th

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Dugan/Cassie
Demchak

TUESDAY KITCHEN

March 10th

St John CWC

March 17th

Julie Selmon
Marcia Shipp

SUNDAY KITCHEN

March 8th

Louise Kress
Kathy Singleton

March 15th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

Scripture Reading of the Week

**Sunday
MARCH 8TH
THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT**

EX 17:3-7
ROM 5:1-2, 5-8
JN 4:5-42

**Monday
MARCH 9TH
2KGS 5:1-15ab
LK 4:24-30**

**Tuesday
MARCH 10TH
DN 3:25, 34-43
MT 18:21-35**

**Wednesday
MARCH 11TH
DT 4:1, 5-9
MT 5:17-19**

**Thursday
MARCH 12TH
JER 7:23-28
LK 11:14-23**

**Friday
MARCH 13TH
HOS 14:2-10
MT 12:28-34**

**Saturday
MARCH 14TH
HOS 6:1-6
LK 18:9-14**

**Sunday
MARCH 15TH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT
1SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
EPH 5:8-14
JN 9:1-41**

LECTOR READERS

March 7...Tammy Jones
March 8...Tom Dick
March 14....Steve Burkhart
March 15....Becky Baldwin

EASTER FLOWERS...

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

ROSEMARY SCHUMACHER
WALTER KNOX
THERESA GARFOLD
CAROL GARFOLD
ROBERT MILLER SR
KENNETH & RUTHANN KNOX
ALBERT & CLARA GARFOLD



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

**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, March 4th. 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, March 11th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations