



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield  
founded 1866

St. John the Baptist, Miltonburg  
founded 1841

*Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville*

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## The Monroe County Catholic Churches

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**DECEMBER 11, 2022**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**IS 35:1-6a, 10 JAS 5:7-10 MT 11:2-11**

### **Bulletin Information**

Must be in to the office by Thursday at 10:00am.

### **Parish Registration** New Parishioners are always welcome!

Please contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to register.

### **Infant Baptism**

Contact the parish office (740) 472-0187 to schedule.

### **Confessions**

Woodsfield: Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm.

Sunday 7:45am to 8:15am. and by appointment.

### **Weddings**

No date may be reserved for a wedding until the couple meet with the priest.

### **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 @ 7:00p.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 6:30pm Mass ~ Grand Knight: Sam Schumacher

### **Parish Prayer Chain**

Call: Jackie Kirkland (740) 472-0338

**Purgatorial Society** Founded in the 1780's to pray for those holy souls in Purgatory. To join or more information contact: Jackie Kirkland at (740) 472-0338.

**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 ~ 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 Youth Group** Leader: Regina Knox

**Diocesan Vocation Director** Fr. Joshua Erickson

### **Catholic Cemeteries**

**St. Sylvester** Woodsfield: Donald & Rita Biedenbach (740) 472-1849

**St. John the Baptist**, Miltonburg & **Immaculate Conception**, Ozark;

Jason Weiss 740-472-1210

**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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SUNDAY** DEC 11<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.  
+Imelda Darlene Scott  
by Eugene & Christina Scott

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

**MONDAY** DEC 12<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30a.m.  
+Francis Paulus by Paulus & Rodgers Family

**TUESDAY** DEC 13<sup>TH</sup>

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
+Francis Paulus by Paulus & Rodgers Family

**WEDNESDAY** DEC 14<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30p.m.  
Living & Deceased CWC Members

**THURSDAY** DEC 15<sup>TH</sup>

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.  
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.  
+Charles Habig by Cathy Vinskovich

**FRIDAY** DEC 16<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30p.m.  
+Leoba Archer

**SATURDAY** DEC 17<sup>TH</sup>

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin Mass) 8:30a.m.  
Kara Stapleton

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

**SUNDAY** DEC 18<sup>TH</sup>

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

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.  
+Debra Block by Denise Scherrbaum

## ST SYLVESTER CWC

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15th @ Generations  
5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. Social Hour,  
Dinner to Follow

St. John The Baptist Catholic Women are  
welcome to come celebrate also!

Reservations required...

Call Diane Burkhart 740-391-0391 or  
Louise Kress 757-474-5922

Drinks, Food, Fun, Auction and don't forget to  
bring your \$20 exchange gift

Our Sunday Offering  
for  
DEC 3-DEC 4

St. John the Baptist	
Adult Collection	\$ 931.00
Loose Collection	\$ 22.00
School Fund	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 125.00
Christmas offer	\$ 5.00
Imm Conception	\$ 3.00
D. Baker Estate	\$ 420.89
St. Sylvester	
Adult Collection	\$ 1,786.00
Loose Collection	\$ 21.00
School Fund	\$ 125.00
Prayer Request	\$ 155.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flower	\$ 229.00
D. Baker Estate	\$ 420.89

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

### TURNING TAXES INTO TUITION

Scholarship Granting Organization,  
whereby donors can receive a 100% Ohio  
Tax credit (towards Ohio Taxes owed for  
2022), by making a contribution to our  
"Christ the Teacher Scholarship Fund."

If needing more information or applica-  
tion please stop at the school office  
before the end of the 2022 year

**REMINDER:** Knights of Columbus Meeting is  
scheduled for December 14th

### This Week

#### Wednesday

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

### ST. SYLVESTER/ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

If interested in a copy of your church donations from **2022 for your tax de-  
duction**, please sign your name on the list at the front of the church  
entrance. Your copy will be sent to you in the beginning of January 2023

### 2022 DPSC Share Campaign

Thanks again for your participation this year DPSC. If you have not pledged, please  
do so. You can place your pledge in the collection basket or mail it directly to the  
diocese using the address DPSC envelope or online at [www.Give.Diocese.org](http://www.Give.Diocese.org) Your  
sacrificial gifts enable the diocese 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:	\$20,896	Goal Received \$ 20,095
St. John The Baptist Goal:	\$11,308	Goal Received \$ 11,325

## CONGRATULATIONS

CHRIS WALLACE  
*Baptism*  
BAPTISM

DECEMBER 17, 2022

***In Loving Memory of:***

Emma Schumacher  
Paul Ditto  
Debra Schumacher  
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher  
Danny Betts  
Paul Madison  
Katy Madison  
Paul Madison Jr.  
Rosemary Schumacher  
Roman Schumacher  
Clara Schumacher  
Rick Schumacher  
Susan Schumacher Thomas  
Deloris Knowlton  
Robert M. Miller Sr.  
Walter Knox  
Francis Paulus  
Freeda Paulus  
Mary Paulus  
Hilda Paulus  
David Baker  
Lowell Baker  
William Bolon  
Herman Burkhart  
Hilda Burkhart  
Darrell Cline  
Clara Rush  
Virgil Rush  
Norbert Burkhart  
Agnes Burkhart  
Francis Reischman  
Hazel Reischman  
Monica Long  
Michael & Bertha Burkhart  
Paul & Barbara Conner  
George Block  
William B. Schumacher  
Madeline Mellinger  
Imelda Scott  
Billie Elliott  
Cindy Miller Stevens  
Donald Miller  
Arthur Biedenbach  
Amy Biedenbach  
Walter Schumacher  
Madeline Schumacher  
Ray Baldwin  
Ralph & Alice Buckalew  
Grace Ann Joyce  
Eunice Gallagher  
Joe Gallagher  
Cyril Burkhart  
Jim Scott  
Thelma Scott  
Harmon Scott  
Paul Ring  
Joe Fillippi

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have arrived at the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday in Latin. It is a call to rejoice because the Lord is near, even at the door of our hearts. The vestments worn at Mass may be a rose color signifying an increase in anticipation and joy at the thought that our Savior is about to be born anew in our hearts. I hope that this Sunday will indeed find you full of expectation and hope that Christ is about to come to you. The preceding weeks of Advent have offered us a time to deepen our prayer and perform some sacrifices to cleanse our hearts of sin and many of you have celebrated the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation. There is still time to do so if you have not yet had the opportunity. Remember that I hear confessions from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. every Saturday and on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and as soon as I can get out to St. John's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. And, of course if none of those times work for you just give me a call and we'll set up a special time at your convenience. It would be good if we all took advantage of this season of grace and confess our sins before we celebrate the beautiful Feast of the Nativity of the Lord.

This Monday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. with the school community at St. Sylvester's. But, of course everyone is welcome to come. At 5:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Sylvester's I will give a talk on the miracle of Our Lady's visit to St. Juan Diego and how she has left us her own image on St. Juan Diego's tilma. First we'll pray a rosary (bi-lingual) in the Church and then go downstairs for the talk. After the talk I have asked Amalia from across the street to bring some tamales and hot chocolate. As you know the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a very important Feast not only for those of Mexican descent but for everyone who lives in the Americas. When Our Lady appeared in 1531 there were basically no firm borders between the countries of the Americas and so she is Queen of all the Americas. Please feel welcome to come and share a little of the love we have as Catholics for our Mother and Queen.

On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> the Women's Club will be having their annual Christmas Party. It will be held at Generations and will start with a social hour from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner. Reservations are required. You may call either Diane Burkhart at 740-391-0391 or Louise Kress at 757-474-5922. I hope to see you there.

This coming Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> I moved the Mass to 5:30 p.m. because I will be hearing the confessions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Congratulations to James and Christine Wallace for their new baby who will be baptized on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>!!

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting this Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Have a good week everyone!! Sincerely yours, Father Timothy Davison

**TUESDAY BINGO**

**December 13th**

Jason Winkler  
Monica Habig  
Jessica Knowlton  
Tyler Knowlton  
Angie LaFollette  
Tom Stephen

**December 20th**

Brenda Fisher  
Monica Habig  
Anna Lang  
Adrienne Shelton  
JC/Stacy Sharp  
Nick Murdy

**December 27th**

Brenda Fisher  
Monica Habig  
Jess Knowlton  
Jennifer Caretti  
Melissa Miller  
Angie LaFollette

**SUNDAY BINGO**

**December 11th**

Jason Winkler  
Monica Habig  
Kara Dixon  
Dorothy Rentz

**December 18th**

Robyn Guiler  
Missy Knowlton  
Nathan/Rachel Arden  
Dugan/Cassie  
Demchak  
Crystal Cunningham

**TUESDAY KITCHEN**

**Dec 13th**

St. John CWC

**Dec 20th**

Missy Knowlton  
Becky Bott

**Dec 27th**

Missy Knowlton  
Sally LaFollette

**SUNDAY KITCHEN**

**Dec 11th**

Louise Kress  
Rita Biedenbach

**Dec 18th**

Louise Kress  
Jill Schumacher

**Scripture Reading  
of the Week**

**Sunday  
DEC 11<sup>TH</sup>  
THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

IS 35:1-6a, 10  
JAS 5:7-10  
MT 11:2-11

**Monday  
DEC 12<sup>TH</sup>**

ZEC 2:14-17

**Tuesday  
DEC 13<sup>TH</sup>**

ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13  
MT 21:28-32

**Wednesday  
DEC 14<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25

LK 7:18b-23

**Thursday  
DEC 15<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 54:1-10

LK 7:24-30

**Friday  
DEC 16<sup>TH</sup>**

IS 56:1-3a, 6-8

JN 5:33-36

**Saturday  
DEC 17<sup>TH</sup>**

GN 49:2, 8-10

MT 1:1-17

**Sunday  
DEC 18<sup>TH</sup>  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

IS 7:10-14

ROM 1:1-7

MT 1:18-24

**LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE**

- Dec 10.....Steve Burkhart
- Dec 11.....Tom Dick
- Dec 17.....Bill Long
- Dec 18.....Becky Baldwin
- Dec 24.....Steve Burkhart
- Dec 25.....Jill Schumacher
- Dec 31.....Catherine Paulus



**Christmas Flowers in Honor Memory of:**

Deloris Knowlton	Susan Thomas	Roman & Clara Schumacher	Rick Schumacher
Rosemary Schumacher	Earl & Dessie Okey	Alden & Betty Husk	Francis Schumacher
Nelson & Ella Smithberger	Shirley Perkins	Clarence Stephen	Luzelda Stephen
Lonnie Stephen	Don & Bessie Freeman	Jerry & Goldie Weiss	Yonak Family
James & Marie Kirkland	Francis & Emma Dimmerling	Everett & Ethel Piatt	
George & Martha Kress	Clem, Fred, & George Jr. Kress	Floyd Griffin	Helen & Clarence Hoff
Richard & Jane Radon	Vernon & Cinderella Butler	Gene & Marylouise Wells	Don Miller
Sam Schumacher Family	Debra Schumacher	Francis & Freeda Paulus	Mary & Hilda Paulus
David Rodgers	Archibald & Learrena Griffith	Joseph & Margaret Paulus	Cindy Miller
Jay Taylor	Larry Krone	Robert Welsh Family	Richard Passio Sr.
Sarah Dick	Tyler Knowlton Family	Arthur Miller	Ruth Miller
Quinn Kahrig			David Miller



**St. Joseph of Monroe County,  
Council 5009 of the Knights of Columbus  
Sam 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, December 14th. Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. meeting to follow in Church basement

\*Catholic Women's Club, No December Meeting

