

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

AUGUST 23, 2026

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
IS 22:19-23 ROM 11:33-36 MT 16:13-20**

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Fr. Nicholas Ward
Administrator



Parish Contacts

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please contact the office.

Fr. Nicholas Ward (740) 457-7701

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) 457-7701 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 **AUG 23RD**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
+Ty Burkhart by Todd & Nicki Burkhart

MONDAY **AUG 24TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
+Phyllis Demchak by Denise Kachel

TUESDAY **AUG 25TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Lois Stephen by Ron & Cathy Gallagher

WEDNESDAY **AUG 26TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
+Tom Randall by Tony & Cindy Schumacher

THURSDAY **AUG 27TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
+Judith Marie Weisend by Sony Block

FRIDAY **AUG 28TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Francis & Freeda Paulus by Paulus & Rodgers

SATURDAY **AUG 29TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Ruth Dunfee by Tom & Beth Malanzo

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
+Freeda Paulus by Paulus & Rodgers

SUNDAY **AUG 30TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
+Phyllis Demchak by Edythe Schumacher

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

SCHOOL NEWS...

School to begin September 1st.
Remember to look at our bulletin
for changes, to the daily mass
schedule

Our Sunday Offering
August 15 - August 16

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 1,085.00
Loose Collection	\$ 50.00
Assumption	\$ 90.00
Education Fund	\$ 30.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 200.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 2,955.00
Loose Collection	\$ 343.00
Education Fund	\$ 200.00
Assumption	\$ 427.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 240.00
In Memory of 2027	\$ 60.00

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.

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BEGINING SEPT 10TH
MORE INFORMATION
CALL FR. WARD

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

All school children 1st—8th grade
St. Sylvester and Public schools
Religion Classes

Sign up begins now.

St. Sylvester Church
Classes begin in September
Contact Jill Schumacher
740-213-4665

St. John The Baptist
Classes begin September 21, 2025
at the Church on Sunday's — 9:30a.m.
Contact Eileen Ackerman
740-757-2481

2026 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 21,000.00
Lawn Care Donations\$ 6,154.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
Donations\$ 4,647.00

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
Donations\$ 3,500.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 9,000.00
Donations\$ 2,300.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00
Donations\$ 850.00

~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"

**HAVE FUN AT
THE FAIR
AUG 24-29!**

THANK YOU !!

For all the donations toward the
Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!

2026 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: \$ 26,883.00
St. John The Baptist Goal: \$ 17,726.00

Goal Received \$ 18,240.00
Goal Received \$ 8,065.00

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 Burkhardt
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 Burkhardt
Hilda Burkhardt
Ty A Burkhardt
Madeline Mellinger
Francis & Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Robert M Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Paul Connor
Barbara Connor
Michael Burkhardt
Bertha Burkhardt
Rebecca Burkhardt
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Deb Block
Mary Ellen Barber
Gladys (Babe) Burkhardt
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 Burkhardt
Agnes Burkhardt
Tina Burkhardt 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
Phyllis Krone
Wes & Clara Hossman
Donald Miller
Joy Taylor
Cindy Miller Stevens
Jim & Jimmy Partridge
Barb Sobocinski

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

Dear Parishioners,

I know that many of you are looking forward to the fair and other end-of-summer activities, as am I. We have much to be grateful for in the fruits of spring and summer which we are now enjoying. It is important to be grateful for Gods blessings.

Our scripture readings this weekend heavily favor our treatment of the papacy as a subject for contemplation. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the Kingdom of Heaven," which, as we hear proclaimed in our first reading from the prophet Isaiah, clearly parallels the relationship which King Hezekiah had with his own "second in command." In the Davidic kingdom, the keys of the palace were symbols of authority: it is also so in the Kingdom of God that is the Church: "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:19)."

We may not think of the papacy as something to be grateful for. We may very well take it for granted that the Church has had a chief shepherd on earth for the past 2,000 years. We've been without a bishop now for years... at least we aren't without a pope!

Well, I don't want to write more without totally spilling my homily. And I'm tired of writing! (I write to you on Thursday... all this rain is making me drowsy). Here is an indulgenced prayer for the Holy Father from the *Raccolta*, the traditional collection of Indulgences:

“O Lord, we are the millions of believers, humbly kneeling at Thy feet and begging Thee to preserve, defend and save the Sovereign Pontiff for many years. He is the Father of the great fellowship of souls and our Father as well. On this day, as on every other day, he is praying for us also, and is offering unto Thee with holy fervor the sacred Victim of love and peace. Wherefore, O Lord, turn Thyself toward us with eyes of pity; for we are now, as it were, forgetful of ourselves, and are praying above all for him. Do Thou unite our prayers with his and receive them into the bosom of Thine infinite mercy, as a sweet savor of active and fruitful charity, whereby the children are united in the Church to their Father. All that he asks of Thee this day, we too ask it of Thee in union with him. Whether he weeps or rejoices, whether he hopes or offers himself as a victim of charity for his people, we desire to be united with him; nay more, we desire that the cry of our hearts should be made one with his. Of Thy great mercy grant, O Lord, that not one of us may be far from his mind and his heart in the hour that he prays and offers unto Thee the Sacrifice of Thy blessed Son. At the moment when our venerable High Priest, holding in His hands the very Body of Jesus Christ, shall say to the people over the Chalice of benediction these words: "The peace of the Lord be with you always," grant, O Lord, that Thy sweet peace may come down upon our hearts and upon all the nations with new and manifest power. Amen.”

God bless you all,

In Peace! Fr. Nick

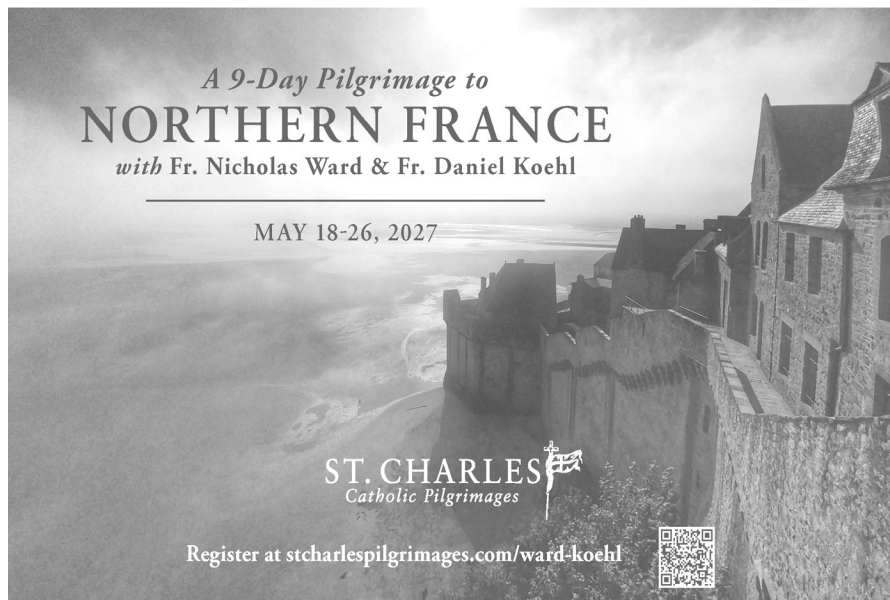
TUESDAY BINGO**August 25th****SUNDAY BINGO****August 23rd****TUESDAY KITCHEN****August 25th**Diane Burkhart
Ace Guiler**September 1st**Diane Burkhart
Julie Selmon**SUNDAY KITCHEN****August 23rd**Louise Kress
Helen Strahl**September 6th****Scripture
Reading
of the Week****Sunday
AUGUST 23RD
TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**IS 22:19-23
ROM 11:33-36
MT 16:13-20**Monday
AUGUST 24TH**
RV 21:9b-14
JN 1:45-51**Tuesday
AUGUST 25TH**
2THES 2:1-3a, 14-17
MT 23:23-26**Wednesday
AUGUST 26TH**
2THES 3:6-10, 16-18
MT 23:27-32**Thursday
AUGUST 27TH**
1COR 1:1-9
MT 24:42-51**Friday
AUGUST 28TH**
1COR 1:17-25
MT 25:1-13**Saturday
AUGUST 29TH**
1COR 1:26-31
MT 6:17-29**Sunday
AUGUST 30TH
TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
JER 20:7-9
ROM 12:1-2
MT 16:21-27**LECTOR READERS**

August 22....Catherine Paulus

August 23....Bill Frank

August 29....Bill Long

August 30....Jill Schumacher

**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

**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, Sept 2nd. 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, Sept 9th - 7:00 p.m. @ Generations