



St. Sylvester, Woodsfield
founded 1866

St. John the Baptist, Miltonsburg
founded 1841

Parishes of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville

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JANUARY 1, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

NM 6:22-27 GAL 4:4-7 LK 2:16-21

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, Miltonsburg & **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

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

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HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, THE
OCTAVE DAY OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

SUNDAY JAN 1ST
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30a.m.
+Debra Block by *Steven Hall*

MONDAY JAN 2ND
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield No Mass

TUESDAY JAN 3RD
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
+Kenny Kuhn by *Karl & Donna Robinson*

WEDNESDAY JAN 4TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
Living & Deceased CWC Members

THURSDAY JAN 5TH
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00a.m.
Holy Hour 8:00a.m.
+Nelson & Ella Smithberger
by *Nina Highman*

FRIDAY JAN 6TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (School Mass) 8:30a.m.
+Leoba Archer

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 7:00p.m.
Williams Family by *Sandra Barnes*

SATURDAY JAN 7TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield (Latin Mass) 8:30a.m.
+Harriet Davison by *Fr. Tim Davison*

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00p.m.
+Kathleen Hannahs
by *Dan & Barb Schumacher*

SUNDAY JAN 8TH
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30a.m.
+Francis Schumacher by *Jennifer Winkler*

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



Our Sunday Offering
for
DEC 24 - DEC 25

St. John the Baptist
Adult Collection \$3,420.00
Loose Collection \$ 72.00
School Fund \$ 65.00
Christmas offer \$ 420.00
In Memory Of \$ 30.00

St. Sylvester
Adult Collection \$ 1,561.00
Loose Collection \$ 300.00
School Fund \$ 463.00
Candle Fund \$ 80.00
Retired Nuns \$ 50.00
Christmas Flower \$ 30.00
Christmas Offer \$2,625.00
CWC Dues \$ 10.00
First Offering \$ 5.00
Mass Request \$ 410.00

**ST. SYLVESTER
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
If interested in a copy of your church donations from 2022 for your tax deduction, 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

In Loving Memory of: listed on next page of bulletin is \$15.00 each if interested. This list is for the entire year of 2023.

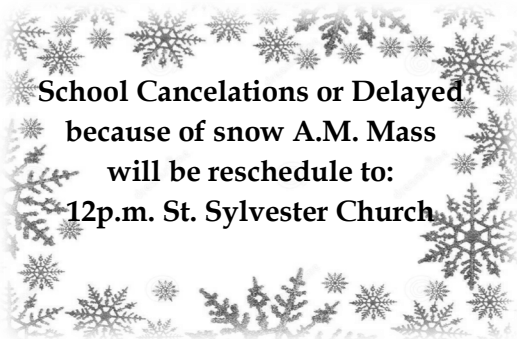
*Thank you
for your
continued
support of
our parishes
and school !!*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
During our January 4th meeting we will be installing new members. The meeting will be held in Room 6 (Mr. Schumacher's Classroom) of the school so that we have access to the internet. As usual, we will start the meeting at approximately 7:00p.m. or as soon as we can after the 6:30p.m. Mass. We have two young men joining our group and it would be nice to see a large turnout to welcome them to the K of C

This Week
Wednesday
St. Sylvester Church
Adoration
8:00a.m.—2:00p.m.
Mass 8:30a.m.

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 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 \$ 14,725



In Loving Memory of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Debra Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Herman Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger

*Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New year to one and all!! May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly throughout the New Year.

I came across several quotes from holy people regarding the value of suffering. I thought it might be a good idea to include one of these quotes in each of my letters in the weekly bulletin. Here is the first one: "As iron is fashioned by fire and on the anvil, so in the fire of suffering and under the weight of trials, our souls receive that form which our Lord desires them to have." (St. Madeline Sophie Barat)

This Sunday I will go down to Gallipolis to see some of my family members and stay overnight. On Monday January 2nd I will offer the Mass at St. Louis church for my family and then have a little get together with some of my siblings. We rarely get together without the kids and grandkids so we'll see if this works. I will cancel the Mass on Monday at St. Sylvester's this week. The rest of the week's daily Masses will be offered as usual except for Wednesday. The adoration on Wednesday will be shortened due to the fact that I will be travelling to Marietta to participate in the annual priests' dinner that Bishop hosts at St. Mary's Basilica. Adoration will begin after the 8:30 a.m. Mass that I will offer at St. Sylvester's and will be closed at 2:00 p.m. And so there are two changes in the daily Mass schedule: No Mass on Monday and the Wednesday Mass will be offered at 8:30 a.m. followed by the adoration beginning at 9:00 a.m.

On Thursday, January 5th I will bless water with a special Epiphany Blessing at 4:00 p.m. The ceremony of blessing takes about 45 minutes and will be done at St. Sylvester's Church. It will be done in Latin. If anyone is interested in having water blessed that day please bring a container of water to set on the table in front of the first pew. Salt may also be brought to be blessed. The salt can be used then for cooking or for sprinkling around the house. Both blessings include exorcisms. The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated in the traditional calendar on January 6th but in the new calendar it is moved to Sunday, January 8th.

School will resume on Wednesday, January 4th and the first school Mass will be on Friday, January 6th at 8:30 a.m. Since that is the First Friday we will also celebrate a Mass at 7:00 p.m. for those who would like to go in the evening. Following the 7:00 p.m. Mass there is a period of Eucharistic Adoration in company with the choirs of angels. Please feel free to attend if you wish.

On Saturday, January 7th, the First Saturday of January we will continue with our First Saturday devotions. There will be a rosary prayed in Latin at 7:30 a.m. followed by a period of meditation at 8:00 a.m. and then finally Mass at 8:30 a.m. and potluck afterwards in the basement of St. Sylvester's Church. All are welcome to attend. Our Lady promises us that if we observe the Five First Saturdays as she has requested we will receive the grace to die in sanctifying grace. Confessions will be heard starting at 7:30 a.m.

I hope everyone will have a good week as we begin 2023!!

Yours Sincerely,
Father Timothy Davison

TUESDAY BINGO

January 3rd

Sam Schumacher
Monica Habig
Tyler Schumacher
Justin Hogue
Gene Hupp
Leanne Harper

January 10th

Jason Winkler
Monica Habig
Brooke Yontz
Angie LaFollette
Jess Knowlton
Nick Murdy

January 17th

Brenda Fisher
Monica Habig
Jenna Rosnick
Tom Stephen
Linda Piatt
Jason Weiss

January 24th

Brenda Fisher
Monica Habig
Anna Lang
Angie LaFollette
Adrienne Shelton
Jennifer Caretti

January 31st

Randy/Jo Sefert
Monica Habig
Tyler Knowlton
Uriah Wilson
JC/Stacy Sharp
Tyler Schumacher

SUNDAY BINGO

January 8th

Sam Schumacher
Robyn Guiler
Gina Ball
David Barnhart
Carey Bott
Sean/Tiff Zeakes

January 15th

Robyn Guiler
Missy Knowlton
Tony Schumacher
Evan/Johnna Yoss
Dorothy Rentz
Brandy Lucas

January 22nd

Sean Edgell
Ashley Guiler
John/Casey Kemp
Charity J
Aaron Brown
Crystal Cunningham

January 29th

Randy/Jo Sefert
Monica Habig
David Barnhardt
Marissa Cole
Jeff Dean
Chrissy Ferguson

TUESDAY KITCHEN

January 3rd

Missy Knowlton
Barb Schumacher

January 10th

St John CWC

January 17th

Missy Knowlton
Jeannie Dixon

January 24th

Missy Knowlton
Angie Hooper

January 31st

Missy Knowlton
Tammy Jones

SUNDAY KITCHEN

January 8th

Louise Kress
Robyn Guiler

January 15th

Louise Kress
Jill Schumacher

January 22nd

Louise Kress
Catherine Paulus

January 29th

Louise Kress
Kathy Singleton

**Scripture Reading
of the Week**

Sunday

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1JN 2:22-28

JN 1:19-28

Tuesday

JAN 3RD

1JN 2:29-3:6

JN 1:29-34

Wednesday

JAN 4TH

1JN 3:7-10

JN 1:35-42

Thursday

JAN 5TH

1JN 3:11-21

JN 1:43-51

Friday

JAN 6TH

1JN 5:5-13

MK 1:7-11

Saturday

JAN 7TH

1JN 5:14-21

JN 2:1-11

Sunday

JAN 8TH

**THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**

IS 60:1-6

EPH 3:2-3a, 5-6

MT 2:1-12

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- Jan 1.....Bill Long
- Jan 7.....Steve Burkhart
- Jan 8.....Jill Schumacher
- Jan 14.....Catherine Paulus
- Jan 15.....Tom Dick
- Jan 21.....Steve Burkhart
- Jan 22.....Becky Baldwin
- Jan 28.....Catherine Paulus
- Jan 29.....Bill Long



**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, January 4th. Adoration at 6:00 p.m. Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m. meeting to follow at the school

*Catholic Women's Club Meeting, Wednesday, January 11th @ Generations 7:00p.m.

