

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

JULY 20, 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GN 18:1-10a COL 1:24-28 LK 10:38-42

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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 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY **JULY 20TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Deb Schumacher *by Jennifer Winkler*

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

MONDAY **JULY 21ST**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:30 p.m.
 +Connie Kavalieios *by Rich & Marsha Saul*

TUESDAY **JULY 22ND**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 +Stella Crum *by John Rosich Family*

WEDNESDAY **JULY 23RD**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 6:30 p.m.
 +Bill Calvert *by Shannon Boleer*

THURSDAY **JULY 24TH**
St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
 Living & Deceased Delmas & Irene Finnicum
by Carol Miller

FRIDAY **JULY 25TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 +Francis & Freeda Paulus
by Paulus & Rodgers Family

SATURDAY **JULY 26TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield NO MASS

St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 5:00 p.m.
 +Jim Partridge *by Don & Marlene Burkhardt*

SUNDAY **JULY 27TH**
St. Sylvester, Woodsfield 8:30 a.m.
 Living & Deceased of our Parishes

St. John The Baptist, Miltonsburg 10:30 a.m.
 +Tina Muffet Burkhardt

GETTING READY! ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Picnic Clean up & Set Up
 Saturday, July 26th beginning at
 9:30a.m.
 Everyone is Welcome to help!

Our Sunday Offering July 12 - July 13

St. John The Baptist

Adult Collection	\$ 835.00
Loose Collection	\$ 147.00
Education Fund	\$ 65.00
Candle Fund	\$ 198.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 32.50

St. Sylvester

Adult Collection	\$ 1,049.00
Loose Collection	\$ 113.00
Candle Fund	\$ 27.00
School Fund	\$ 85.00
Flood Victims	\$ 437.00
Building	\$ 5.00

*Thank You for your
continued support of
our Parishes & School*

REMINDER...

St. Sylvester Parish Council Meeting
 Church Basement
 July 26th @ 7:00 p.m.

St. John The Baptist
 Parish Council Meeting
 July 27th after the 10:30 Mass

2025 Cemetery Lawn Care

St. Sylvester Cost\$ 12,800.00
 Lawn Care Donations\$ 4,047.00

St. John The Baptist Cost.....\$ 8,400.00
 Donations\$ 3,178.48

Imm Conception Cemetery Cost.....\$ 4,200.00
 Donations\$ 2,600.00

St. Joseph/Chapel Hill Cost.....\$ 9,750.00
 Donations\$ 570.00

St. Patrick Cemetery Cost.....\$ 2,800.00
 Donations\$ 500.00

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.

PARISHIONERS...

Anyone needing
 "The Steubenville
 Register"
 mailed to your home,
 contact Jennifer
 740-472-0187

THANK YOU !!

Everyone, for the donations toward the
 Care of our Cemeteries

KEEP IT GROWING!

2025 DPSC Share Campaign

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 \$10,559
Goal Received \$5,025

In Loving Memory Of:

Emma Schumacher
Paul Ditto
Deb Schumacher
Francis (Fritz) Schumacher
Katy Madison
Paul Madison
Paul Madison Jr.
Charles & Mary Hunkler
Donald & Lois Stephen
Michael E. Koval
Norma H. Koval
Herman Burkhart
Hilda Burkhart
Madeline Mellinger
Billie Jean Elliott
Harry & Lucille Elliott
David Baker
Lowell Baker
William Bolon
Meri C Welsh
Raymond Baldwin
Alice & Ralph Buckalew
Grace Ann Joyce
Joe Fillippi
Ty A. Burkhart
Darrell & Charlotte Cline
Clara Rush
Virgil Rush
Francis & Edith Block
Virgil Block
Joe & Debbie Block
Gladys (babe) Burkhart
Jimmy Norris
Mary Ellen Barber Norris
Quinn Kahrig
Danny Betts
Edward Rensi
Vernon Butler
Cinderella Butler
Francis Stephen
Carol Moore
Imelda D. Scott
Francis Paulus
Freeda Paulus
Mary Paulus
Hilda Paulus
Michael Burkhart
Bertha Burkhart
Rebeca Burkhart
Robert Miller Sr.
Walter Knox
Josephina Jack
Lawrence Crock
Helen Burkhart
Francis Burkhart
Wes & Clare Hossman
Donald Miller
Larry Krone
Joy Taylor
Cindy Miller Stevens
Norbert Burkhart
Agnes Burkhart
Tina Burkhart Muffett
Francis Reischman
Hazel Reischman
Harold Robinson
Ellen Robinson
Cyril Burkhart
Eunice Gallagher
Joe Gallagher
Thelma Scott
Harmon Scott
Jimmy Scott
Richard Scott
Delores Quarles
Carol Lumbatis
Richard J. Sobocinski
Fr. Samuel Saprano

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

Dear parishioners,

Perhaps you, like myself, might have expected that this summer would finally be a great opportunity to kick back a little bit, relax, and enjoy some time off, and yet have now discovered that there is actually much to do and are now just as busy as before!

As busy as we find ourselves, it is important to take time for rest. It is also important to take time for prayer. Prayer and rest can often be synonymous, but often times prayer requires work, effort, concentration. If prayer was easy, I suppose everyone would do it! But though prayer is difficult at times, it is rewarding, utterly refreshing, the very necessary rest which our minds and souls long for. Jesus also longs to give us this rest in prayer: "Don't turn to the TV! Why are you scrolling endlessly on Instagram and Facebook?" Jesus says to us. Rather, "Come to ME, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" He says. So many forms of recreation, although not necessarily evil, can only make us listless, restless, more agitated... When will we begin to trust Jesus enough to go to Him in prayer for the rest we *really* need?

The question of prayer can so often be put aside in our minds when we consider the many practical concerns we have in daily life. But we can't put Jesus off forever. We must allow ourselves to be like Mary, to choose not to let work interfere with prayer. Work is good, but prayer is better! This is why Jesus in the Gospel today calls prayer "the better part"; work can sustain our bodies, but prayer is food for our souls.

Often our minds and hearts long for the "junk food" of idle thoughts and daydreams, or even the "drugs" of hateful or perverted thoughts and fantasies. Practical concerns, plans and goals are good things for us to ruminate on, but better still is contemplation and meditation of God and heavenly realities, the very best and healthiest provision for our hungry hearts.

But this type of mental prayer requires focus and determination, real spiritual discipline. It requires us to turn our minds into temples of the Holy Spirit, where spiritual realities are contemplated, adored, and glorified. Thinking this way requires a sort of "crucifixion", where we put to death ourselves so that Christ can live in us. This crucifixion of prayer is beautifully considered by St. Bonaventure in his spiritual work "The Journey of the Mind to God":

"Let us die, then, and enter into the darkness, silencing our anxieties, our passions and all the fantasies of our imagination. Let us pass over with the crucified Christ from this world to the Father."

Last week, Jesus recalled the words of Moses who urged the people to love God with all their hearts, all their minds, and with their whole soul. What else could the prophet be speaking about other than prayer? How else will we truly begin to love God unless we allow Him access to our innermost thoughts, and allow Him to live and abide there?

My prayer for all of you this week is that you be able to find the Lord in prayer, converse with Him, adore Him, and there, abide and rest with Him in love.

God bless you all,

In Christ,

Fr. Nick

TUESDAY BINGO**July 22nd**

Bev Dick
Brenda Fisher
Danielle Beaver

SUNDAY BINGO**July 20th**

Missy Knowlton
Robyn Guiler
Olivia Fisher
Evan Yoss

July 27th

Ace Guiler
Sean Edgel
Danielle Beaver

TUESDAY KITCHEN**July 22nd**

Diane Burkhart
Valerie Paulus

SUNDAY KITCHEN**July 20th**

Louise Kress
Tammy Jones

July 27th

Louise Kress
Michelle Speelman

**Scripture Reading
of the Week****Sunday****JULY 20TH
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GN 18:1-10a
COL 1:24-28
LK 10:38-42

Monday**JULY 21ST**

EX 14:5-18
MT 12:38-42

Tuesday**JULY 22ND**

SG 3:1-4b
JN 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday**JULY 23RD**

EX 16:1-5, 9-15
MT 13:1-9

Thursday**JULY 24TH**

EX 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b
MT 13:10-17

Friday**JULY 25TH**

2COR 4:7-15
MT 20:20-28

Saturday**JULY 26TH**

EX 24:3-8
MT 13:24-30

Sunday**JULY 27TH****SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

GN 18:20-32
COL 2:12-14
LK 11:1-13

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE

- July 19....Catherine Paulus
- July 20....Becky Baldwin
- July 26....Bill Frank
- July 27....Bill Long

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

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Who fell dead after he had lied about a property deal ?

ANSWER: Ananias



**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, August 6th. 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, August 13th - 7:00p.m. @ Generations